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The ideal translation of the Bible — or any other work — should accurately preserve the words and thoughts expressed in the original languages; it should also be understandable and in as familiar wording as accuracy allows. Translating should precede interpreting and not be circumscribed by interpretations. These are the goals of this edition, the Revised Version Improved and Corrected, AD 2016, or RVIC 2016.

Why another version, when there are already about fifty Bible translations and revisions in English? No work of man is perfect, including this edition. But this should be no excuse for not trying to approach perfection.

A manifest limitation of the translator(s)/editor(s) is dependence, financially or otherwise, upon the group(s) with which he associates. It was recognition of this that commended waiting for others no longer and finally prompted work to begin on this edition in 1999.

How then should one proceed? Experience shows that starting Bible translation from scratch has rarely resulted in a new standard of accuracy. (Rotherham may constitute an exception.) Therefore, it is better to select one of the most accurate translations and then improve it.

Among the best Bibles from which to choose are Rotherham, RV (Revised Version, 1885), ARV (American edition of the Revised Version, or American Standard Version, ASV, 1901) and NASB (New American Standard Bible, 1971). The latter three deliberately adhere to the most familiar wording of the AV (Authorized Version, or King James Version, 1611), except where accuracy or archaism requires a change. With NASB still under copyright, it was decided to begin from the American edition of the Revised Version, altering the wording where the ancient manuscripts and versions seem to require it, or, in occasional places, where the Hebrew (or Chaldee, or Aramaic) language mandates a correction of the English. The manuscript evidence for change is usually given in the footnotes. Most footnotes are preserved from the ARV, with additions as appropriate, to indicate where the Hebrew is more specific than good English allows, or where it is more ambiguous than can be expressed simply in English. Correlations with science and archaeology are also given in the footnotes. There has been little effort to update 19th century English to 21st century style; that is left to others.

Notations in Text

*Italics*  
Italics are used to indicate words needed to make good sense in English, but which are not in the original language. (If the reader can understand a text without the italicized words, he is encouraged to omit them.)

17 (word)  
A superscript number in the Bible text refers to a footnote of the same number. The number is placed before the word or phrase to be clarified or replaced; the number is placed at the end of a word only if there is significant manuscript evidence for adding words.
### Notations in Footnotes

**So**
Where manuscripts differ significantly for English translation, a footnote attempts to give a balanced summary of the best evidence for each reading. The word *So* introduces the manuscript evidence for the reading in the text. After the period (.), the evidence for other readings is given. When one or two other readings are comparably well attested, readings are introduced by *But ...* or *But ... And ...*

**() (( )) {} []**
Where manuscripts differ slightly from the given reading, but are clearly related to it, parentheses () so indicate. Other similar variations may be indicated by different parentheses/brackets.

**Massoretic**
Standard Hebrew text of the Old Testament, standardized 2nd century AD in Judea. Ketib (written) in the text, Hebrew\textsuperscript{txt}. Qere (to be read aloud) in the margin, Hebrew\textsuperscript{mg}.

**Dead Sea Scrolls:**
(Designated by cave, location, contents, and manuscript designation, if any), e.g.
- 1QGen: Cave 1, at Qumran, contains part of Genesis
- 4QGen\textsuperscript{b}: Cave 4, at Qumran, contains part of Genesis, manuscript “b”
- 4QpaleoGen-Exod\textsuperscript{l}: Cave 4, at Qumran, contains part of Genesis and Exod. in ancient script, ms “l”
- MasGen: Masada, contains part of Genesis
- MurGen: Wadi Murabba’at, contains part of Genesis
- 8HevXII gr.: Cave 8, at Nahal Hever, contains part of minor prophets, in Greek

**Sam.**
Samaritan Pentateuch, perhaps ca. AD 400.

**Sept.**
Greek translation, Pentateuch mid-3rd century BC in Alexandria, followed by the rest of the Old Testament before the Christian era.

**Aq.**
Other later Greek translations re known: Aquila (2nd century, tortuously literal), Theodotian (late 2nd century, Hebrew-Christian), Symmachus (ca. 200, good idiomatic Greek), and three other Jewish translations known only as Quinta, Sexta, Septima (ca. 2nd century).

**Aram.**
Aramaic version of ca. 1st to 5th century. Derived early from the Massoretic and other Hebrew texts. The Lamsa Version is translated from the Aramaic Peshitta.

**Vg.**
Latin Vulgate version of ca. AD 400. Derived early from the Massoretic text. The Douay Version is translated from the Vulgate.

**ch.**
In the same book, but a different chapter.

**vs., vss.**
In the same book and chapter, but a different verse, or verses.

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To determine the original text, a priority is assigned to the Massoretic text, fixed in Judea in the 2nd century AD, with best access to many Hebrew manuscripts. Massoretic is from the scribes of the Pharisees. The Dead Sea Scrolls, which came from Zadokites (Sadducees) who walked out on the Jewish community, are divided about equally between Massoretic Text, those closer to the Septuagint, and various modified (“free”) texts. (The influence of the Jerusalem Sadducees ended with the destruction of the Temple in AD 70.) Third priority has usually been given to the Samaritan Pentateuch (Sam.), originating probably after the destruction of the ten-tribe Northern Kingdom of Israel, and perhaps ca. BC 400. Next is the Greek translation, the
Septuagint (Sept.), begun in the mid-3rd century BC, though subtle differences in the Hebrew text from which it was translated are sometimes masked by big differences in the languages. The somewhat later Greek translations of Aquila, Theodotian, and Symmachus are also worthy of note, where they are known to us.

Substantially lower confidence is assigned to the Aramaic Peshitta and the Latin Vulgate. The Aramaic Version seems to show progressive revisions from 1st to 5th centuries AD, but as a Semitic language Aramaic often well-preserves the Hebrew. The Latin language is least well matched to Hebrew, and was translated relatively late, ca. AD 400, though some of its readings apparently preserve earlier Old Latin translations. For convenience, the Aramaic and Vulgate readings are taken from the Lamsa and Douay translations into English, although sometimes imprecision may be thereby introduced. ARAM and VG are shown in smaller type size in the footnotes to indicate their lesser import.

The Sopherim recorded just over 200 changes which they made between the 5th century BC and the 1st century AD, and which have been transmitted by the Massoretes. C.D. Ginsberg’s collection of these is listed in The Companion Bible, Appendices 31-33. About 160 of these changes are from Jehovah to Lord (adonai) or to God (elohim). The RVIC2016 text reverts to the original wording, everywhere it is known with confidence.

Few languages match word-for-word. For clarity, English often requires extra words which are simply understood in Hebrew or Greek. These words are shown in the RVIC2016 text by italics, even if italicizing only part of a word.

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Unlike English, Hebrew and Greek do not require a verb for every complete sentence. The absence of the verb “to be” (in any of its tenses) usually implies an identity, equality, or closer relationship, than the verb “to be” expresses.

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Use of the verb “to be” in Hebrew and Greek may be as in English, or may imply metaphor (to signify, or to represent). It commonly implies a change of condition, before or after.

(1) For example, Latin does not distinguish definite and indefinite articles, such as “the prophet” versus “a prophet.”
The older-style language preserves a distinction between “thou” (singular) and “you” (plural). The pronoun forms “my, thy” usually become “mine, thine” when preceding a vowel.

The Revised Version has improved much of the terminology for the tabernacle. The expression “the tent of meeting” and “the tabernacle of the tent of meeting” have replaced the AV expressions “the tabernacle of the congregation” and “the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation” (in which the word for “tent” had been translated two different ways). Also, the word “veil” applies only to the divider between the Holy and Most Holy rooms of the tent. The words “sanctuary” (שְׁנֵי קָדָשׁ), “holy” (שֵׁרֶם), and “holy place” seem similar but not quite interchangeable; the wordings are only partly standardized in the RVIC2016 text.

The expression “the children of Israel” in the RVIC2016 text is literally “sons of Israel.”

The Hebrew word commonly translated “soul,” nefesh (נפש), is used more broadly than any English equivalent: of animals in Genesis 1:20,21,24, of man in Genesis 2:7, etc., of both in Numbers 31:28, and even of dead bodies in Leviticus 21:1,11, Numbers 9:6-7,10. Perhaps the word “being” is the closest English equivalent for all occurrences of the word, although “soul” or “life” may seem more suitable in many places. In this edition, nefesh is translated “soul” almost consistently, and when otherwise it is so footnoted.

There is no simple English word to fully express the Hebrew olam (עולם) and the Greek aionian (αιωνιαν). Olam signifies to a vanishing point, as the two sides of a straight road disappearing on a flatland horizon. Geographically, Elam was the most distant of peoples, that is, the Chinese in Genesis 10:22 (and possibly including the Navajos of America). In terms of time, olam implies open-ended time, without scheduled termination, whether “from everlasting to everlasting” (Psalms 90:2), or as Jonah says, “the earth with its bars closed upon me forever,” though it lasted but three days and nights (Jonah 1:17, 2:6). The word olam is here commonly translated “forever,” though whether terminating or eternal should be determined by context.

Another word, qedem (קדם), means “that which is before.” It is usually translated “of the east” pertaining to space, but “of old” or “ancient” pertaining to time. It is here corrected from “eternal” in Deuteronomy 33:27, and from “everlasting” in Habakkuk 1:12, though the distinctions seem minimal.

Three Hebrew words, ga’al (לאנ), kaphar and kopher (רפכ), and padah (הדפ), are now more consistently translated “ransom,” “make atonement and payment,” and “freed” or “redeemed.”

Alternative words to the text are footnoted in the same font style as the text, while explanations are given in italics (the reverse of the RV and ARV practice, which at times has been a source of confusion). Hebrew words (transliterated) are usually shown in different typeface when it seems they would seldom be used in the text of an English translation. Punctuation is often given also in the footnotes to clarify which words are being substituted, and which are not; similarly for repeated words.
Appendices

In further detail, see Appendix I on use of manuscripts and Appendix II on translation. Appendix III summarizes two lines of chronology.


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*NIV Interlinear Hebrew-English Old Testament*, editor John R. Kohlenberger, Grand Rapids, Zondervan, 1987. (Leningrad Massoretic text with interlinear English text beneath, more precise with articles than J. Green, but not especially consistent with nouns.)

*The Interlinear Hebrew/Greek English Bible*, editor Jay Green, 4 volumes, Lafayette, Indiana, Associated Publishers and Authors, Inc., 1979 (BFBS Massoretic text with interlinear English text beneath, larger print than Kohlenberger’s.)


Variorum Teacher’s edition of the Holy Bible, London, Eyre and Spottiswoode, 1893. “With various renderings (translation) and readings (in ancient manuscripts) from the best authorities.” Readings are given from most of the important uncial manuscripts (block-letter manuscripts, 4th-10th centuries), and some less important uncial.s.


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James Strong, *Strong’s Exhaustive Concordance*. 

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.  
And the earth was waste and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters.  
And God said, Let there be light: and there was light.  
And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness.  
And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, one day.  
And God said, Let there be a sky in the midst of the waters, and let it divide the waters from the waters.  
And God made the sky, and divided the waters which are under the sky from the waters which are above the sky: and it was so.  
And God called the sky Heavens. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.  
And God said, Let the waters under the heavens be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land appear: and it was so.  
And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters called he Seas: and God saw that it was good.  
And God said, Let the earth put forth grass, herbs yielding seed, and fruit-trees bearing fruit after their kind, wherein is the seed thereof, upon the earth: and it was so.  
And God said, Let there be lights in the sky of the heavens to divide the day from the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days and years: and let them be for lights in the sky of the heavens to give light upon the earth: and it was so.  
And God made the two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night: he made the stars also.  
And God set them in the sky of the heavens to give light upon the earth, 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.  
And there was evening and there was morning, a fourth day.  
And God said, Let the waters swarm with swarms of living souls, and let birds fly above the earth in the open sky of the heavens.  
And God created the great sea-monsters, and every living soul that moveth, wherewith the waters swarmed, after their kind, and every winged bird after its kind, and God saw that it was good.  
And God blessed them, saying, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the birds multiply on the earth.  
And there was evening and there was morning, a fifth day.  
And God said, Let the earth bring forth the living soul after its kind, and cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth after their kind: and it was so.  
And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and everything that creepeth upon the ground after its kind: and God saw that it was good.  
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 heavens, and over the cattle, and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 And God created the man in his own image, in the image of God created he him; 28 male and female created he them. 29 And God blessed them: and God said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth, and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the heavens, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth. 30 And God said, Behold, I have given you every herb yielding seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree, in which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food: 31 and to every beast of the earth, and to every bird of the heavens, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is a living soul, I have given every green herb for food: and it was so. 32 And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, the sixth day.

2 And the heavens and the earth were finished, and all the host of them. 2 And on the seventh day God finished 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 hallowed it; because that in it he rested from all his work which God had created toward making it good. 4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, in the day that Jehovah God made earth and the heavens.

5 And no plant of the field was yet in the earth, and no herb of the field had yet sprung up; for Jehovah God had not caused it to rain upon the earth: and there was not a man to till the ground; 6 but there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. 7 And Jehovah God formed the man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and the man became a living soul. 8 And Jehovah God planted a garden eastward, in Eden; and there he put the man whom he had formed. 9 And out of the ground made Jehovah God to grow every tree 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 the knowledge of good and evil. 10 A river went out of Eden to water the garden; and from thence it was parted, and became four heads. 11 The name of the first is Pishon: that is it which compasseth 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: the same is it that compasseth the whole land of Cush. 14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel: that is it which goeth in front of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 And Jehovah God took the 34man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. 16 And Jehovah God commanded the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden shalt thou surely eat of every good; 17 but of the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it: for in the day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die.

18 And Jehovah God said, It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a help answering to him. 19 And out of the ground Jehovah God formed every beast of the field, and every bird of the heavens; and brought them unto the man to see what he would call them: and whatsoever the man called every living soul, that was the name thereof. 20 And the man gave names to all the cattle, and to the birds of the heavens, and to every beast of the field; but for man there was not found a visible help. 21 And Jehovah God caused a deep sleep to fall upon the man, and he slept; and he took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh thereof instead thereof: 22 and the rib, which Jehovah God had taken from the man, 23 made he a woman, and brought her unto the man. 24 And the man 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. 25 Therefore shall a man leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave unto his wife: and they shall be one flesh. 26 And they were both naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed.
Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which Jehovah God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yes, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? And the woman said unto the serpent, Of the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat: but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall not eat of it, neither shall ye touch it, lest ye die. And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall surely not begin to die: for God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be as God, knowing good and evil. And when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was a delight to the eyes, and that the tree was to be desired to make one wise, she took of the fruit thereof, and did eat; and she gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. 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. And they heard the voice of Jehovah God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and the man and his wife hid themselves from the face of Jehovah God amongst the trees of the garden.

And Jehovah God called unto the man, and said unto him, Where art thou? And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself. And he said, Who told thee that thou wast naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? And the woman said, The serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. And Jehovah God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done this, cursed art thou from among all cattle, and above every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: and I will put enmity between thee and the woman, and between thy seed and her seed: he shall bruise thy head, and thou shalt bruise his heel. Unto the woman he said, Unto thy husband shalt thou hear; and hast eaten of the tree, of which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat of it: cursed is the ground for thy sake; in toil shalt thou eat of it all the days of thy life: thorns also and thistles shalt it bring forth unto thee; and thou shalt eat the herb of the field; in the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken; for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return.

And the man called his wife's name Eve; because she was the mother of all living. And Jehovah God made for Adam and for his wife coats of skins, and clothed them.

And Jehovah God said, Behold, the man is become as one of us, to know good and evil; and now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the tree of life, and eat, and live for ever – therefore Jehovah God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, to till the ground from whence he was taken. So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flame of a sword which turned every way, to keep the way of the tree of life.

And the man knew Eve his wife; and she conceived, and bare Cain, and said, I have gotten a man with the help of Jehovah. And again she bare his brother Abel. And Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto Jehovah. And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And Jehovah had respect unto Abel and to his offering: but unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell. And Jehovah said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen? If thou dost well, shall it not be lifted up? And if thou dost not well, sin coucheth at the door; and unto thee shall be its desire; but do thou rule over it. And Cain told 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.

And Jehovah said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not: am I my brother's keeper? And he said, What hast thou done? The voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. And now cursed art thou from the ground, which hath opened its mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand: when thou tilllest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield unto thee its strength: a fugitive and a wanderer shalt thou be in the earth. And Cain said unto Jehovah, My punishment is greater than I can bear. Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the ground; and from thy face shall I be hid; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer in the earth; and it will come to pass, that whosoever findeth me will slay me. And Jehovah said unto him, Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him sevenfold. And Jehovah appointed a sign for Cain, lest any finding him should smite him.

And Cain went away from the face of Jehovah, and dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. And Cain knew his wife; and she conceived, and bare Enoch: and he built a city, and called the name of the city, after the name of his son, Enoch. And unto Enoch was born Irad: and Irad begat Mehujael; and Mehujael begat Methushael; and
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and Methusael begat Lamech. And Lamech took unto him two wives: the name of the one was Adah, and the name of the other Zillah. And Adah bare Jabal: he was the father of such as dwell in tents and have cattle. And his brother's name was Jubal: he was the father of all such as handle the harp and pipe. And Zillah, she also bare Tubal-cain, the soaper of every cutting instrument of copper and iron: and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. And Lamech said unto his wives:

Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; Ye wives of Lamech, hearken unto my speech: For I have slain a man five to my wounding, And a young man to my hurt.

If Cain shall be avenged seven-fold, Truly Lamech seventy and seven-fold.

And Adam knew his wife again; and she bare a son, and called his name Seth: For, said she, God hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel; for Cain slew him. And to Seth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh. Then began men to call upon the name of Jehovah.

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. In the day that God created man, in the likeness of God made he him; 2 male and female created he them, and blessed them, and called their name Adam, in the day when they were created. And Adam lived a hundred thirty years, and begat a son in his own likeness, after his image; and called his name Seth; 4 and the days of Adam after he begat Seth were eight hundred years: and he begat sons and daughters. And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years: and he died.

And Seth lived a hundred five years, and begat Enosh:

And Seth lived after he begat Enosh eight hundred seven years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Seth were nine hundred twelve years: and he died.

And Enosh lived ninety years, and begat Kenan:

And Enosh lived after he begat Kenan eight hundred fifteen years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enosh were nine hundred five years: and he died.

And Kenan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalalel: And Kenan lived after he begat Mahalalel eight hundred forty years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Kenan were nine hundred ten years: and he died.

And Mahalalel lived sixty-five years, and begat Jared: and Mahalalel lived after he begat Jared eight hundred thirty years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Mahalalel were eight hundred ninety-five years: and he died.

And Jared lived a hundred sixty-two years, and begat Enoch: and Jared lived after he begat Enoch eight hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Jared were nine hundred sixty-two years: and he died.

And Enoch lived six hundred-five years, and begat Methuselah: and Enoch walked with God after he begat Methuselah three hundred years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Enoch were three hundred sixty-five years: and Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him.

And Methuselah lived one hundred eighty-seven years, and begat Lamech: and Methuselah lived after he begat Lamech seven hundred eighty-two years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Methuselah were nine hundred sixty-nine years: and he died.

And Lamech lived a hundred eighty-two years, and begat a son: and he called his name Noah, saying, This same shall comfort us in our work and in the toil of our hands, which cometh because of the ground which Jehovah hath cursed. And Lamech lived after he begat Noah five hundred ninety-five years, and begat sons and daughters: and all the days of Lamech were seven hundred seventy-seven years: and he died.

And Noah was five hundred years old: and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

And it came to pass, when man began to multiply on the face of the ground, and daughters were born unto them, that the sons of God saw the daughters of man that they were fair; and they took them wives of all that they chose. And Jehovah said, My spirit shall not strive in man for ever, in their going astray they are flesh: his days shall be seven hundred twenty years. And the Nephilim were in the earth in those days, and also after that, when the sons of God came...
in unto the daughters of man, and they bare children to them: the same were the mighty men that were of old, the men of renown.

5 And Jehovah 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 it repenteth Jehovah that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart. 7 And Jehovah said, I will destroy man whom I have created from the face of the ground; both man, and beast, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; for it repented me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found favor in the eyes of Jehovah.

9 These are the generations of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, and perfect in his generations: Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begat three sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 And the earth was corrupt before the face of God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 And God saw the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

13 And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth. 14 Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. 15 And this is how thou shalt make it: the length of the ark three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 16 A light shalt thou make to the ark, and to a cubit shalt thou finish it upward; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. 17 And I, behold, I do bring the flood of waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is the breath of life, from under heaven; everything that is in the earth shall die. 18 But I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt come into the ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' wives with thee. 19 And of every living thing of all flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee; they shall be male and female. 20 Of the birds after their kind, and of the cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the ground after its kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive. 21 And take thou unto thee of all food that is eaten, and gather it to thee; and it shall be for food for thee, and for them.

22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God commanded him, so did he.
that creeth upon the earth, and every man: 22 all which breathed in their nostrils the breath of life, of all that seas on the dry land, died. 23 And every living thing was destroyed that was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle, and creeping things, and birds of the heavens; and they were destroyed from the earth: and Noah only was left, and they that were with him in the ark. 24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth a hundred fifty days.

8 And God remembered Noah, and all the beasts, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark: and God made a wind to pass over the earth, and the waters assuaged; 2 the fountains also of the deep and the windows of the heavens were stopped, and the rain from heaven was restrained; 3 and the waters returned from off the earth continually: and after the end of a hundred fifty days the waters decreased. 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, and it went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. 8 And he sent forth a dove, from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked, and, behold, the face of the ground was dried up from off the earth: and Noah removed the covering of the ark. 9 And Noah waited yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove; and it returned not any more unto him, until the seventh day, and he sent forth the dove; and it returned not any more unto him any more.

10 And it came to pass in the six hundred 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 dried. 11 And in the second month, on the twenty-seventh day of the month, was the earth dry. 12 And God spake unto Noah, saying, 13 Go forth from the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons’ wives with thee. 14 Bring forth with thee every living thing that is with thee of all flesh, both birds, and cattle, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth; that they may breed abundantly in the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons’ wives with him: 15 every beast, every creeping thing, and every bird, whatsoever moveth upon the earth, after their families, went forth out of the ark.

9 And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and fill the earth. 2 And the fear of you and the dread of you shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every bird of the heavens; with all that moveth upon the earth, and with every fish of the sea; into your hand are they delivered. 3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be food for you; and the green herb have I given you all. 4 But flesh with the soul thereof, which is the blood thereof, shall ye not eat. 5 And surely your blood, the blood of souls, will I require; at the hand of every beast will I require it: and at the hand of man, even at the hand of every man’s brother, will I require the soul of the man. 6 Whoso sheddeth man’s blood, by man shall his blood be shed: for in the image of God made he man. 7 And you, be ye fruitful, and multiply; bring forth abundantly in the earth, and multiply therein.

8 And God spake unto 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 soul that is with you, the birds, the cattle, and every beast of the earth with you; of all that go out of the ark, every beast of the earth. 11 And I will establish my covenant with you; neither shall all flesh be cut off any more by the waters of the flood; neither shall there any more be a flood to destroy the earth. 12 And God said, This is the token of the covenant which I make between me and you and every living soul that is with you, for perpetual generations: 13 I set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token 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, and I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living soul of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. 15 And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living soul 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 soul of all flesh that is upon the earth. 17 And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

18 And the sons of Noah, that went forth from the ark, were Shem, and Ham, and Japheth: and Ham is the father of Canaan. 19 These three were the sons of Noah: and of these was the whole earth overspread.

87 Thus, fish and vegetation are not necessarily included; birds of the sea may be in question.
88 Hb. blotted out (both times)
89 Comparing with ch. 7:11, 5 months = 150 days; so there had evidently been 30 days to the month.
90 Or, Urartu (archaeology).
91 The flying range of a dove is short; that of the raven is relatively much longer.
92 Or, a fresh olive-leaf
93 It is thus evident that the window of the ark permitted no downward view.
94 Or, sake; for the imagination.
95 Or, replenish the earth.
96 Or, creeth,
97 Hb. ֶנֶפֶשׁ nephesh or, breathing being. And so elsewhere.
98 Or, I have set my bow in the cloud,
And Noah began to be a husbandman, and planted a vineyard: and he drank of the wine, and was drunken; and he was uncovered within his tent. And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father, and told his two brethren without. 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. And Noah awoke from his wine, and knew what his 99 younger son had done unto him. 25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan! A servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren.

And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Shem; And let Canaan be the 100 servant.

27 God enlarge Japheth, And 101 let him dwell in the tents of Shem; And let Canaan be his servant.

28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred fifty years: and he died.
Colchis, (An. Dead Sea, per Jerusalem, Not related to the Sea of Galilee. SW Iran.
Numerous of Semites 157 two years younger than Japheth. Jeremiah 15:8, 19:24-25. Chaeology 148 Bashan 151 and the 149Girgashite, 17 and the 150Hivite, and the 151Arkite, and the Sinite, 18 and the 152Arvadite, and the Zemarite, and the 153Hamathite: and afterward were the families of the Canaanite spread abroad. 19 And the border of the Canaanite was from Sidon, as thou goest toward Gerar, unto Gaza; as thou goest toward 154Sodom and Gomorrah and Admah and Zeboim, unto 155Lasha. 20 These are the sons of Ham, after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, in their nations. 

21 And unto Shem, the father of all the children of Eber, the 156brother of Japheth the elder, to him also were children born. 22 The sons of 157Shem: 158Elam, and 159Asshur, and 160Arphaxad, and 161Lud, and 162Aram. 23 And the sons of Aram: 163Uz, and 164Hul, and 165Gether, and 166Mash. 24 And Arphaxad begat Shelah; and Shelah begat 167Eber. 25 And unto Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was 168Peleg; for in his days was the earth divided; and his brother’s name was 169Joktan. 26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and 170Hazzarmaveth, and 171Jerah, 27 and 172Hadoram, and 173Uzal, and 174Diklah, 28 and 175Obal, and Abimael, and 176Sheba, 29 and 177Ophir, and 178Havilah, and 179Jobab: all these were the sons of Joktan. 30 And their dwelling was from 180Mesha, as thou goest toward 181Sephar, a 182mountain of the east. 31 These are the sons of Shem, after their families, 183after their tongues, in their lands, after their nations.

156 Speculation: Colonized the coasts of Turkey; later subjected by, and absorbed into, Lydia. Cf. vs. 22.
157 Possibly Cyrine in NW Libya.
158 Libya.
159 Possibly Noph (=Menfre, Gk. Memphis) and most of the Nile Delta (called Lower Egypt).
160 Pathros, whose dominant city was Thebes, or Luxor.
161 Meaning Fortified (so Wm. Smith). Possibly the E. Delta. Bochart/Gesenius think they also colonized Colchis, on the E. coast of the Black Sea.
162 Or, (whence went forth the Philistines and Caphtorim). per Rotherham and Companion Bible. T.J. Meek says and Caphtorim, from whom the Philistines sprang. (though A.R. Gordon differs in 1Chr 1:12; An American Translation, 1931).
164 Crete. Meaning a crown (so Wm. Smith). The Minoan civilization. The Peoples of the Sea, who came to Philistia and may have been absorbed. See Dt 2:23, Jr 47:4, Am 9:7.
165 Modern Saida, in Lebanon.
166 Hatti Land (archaeology). The Hittite. (Not related to the misnamed Anatolian “Hittite.”)
167 Jebus, later renamed Jerusalem.
168 In the hill-country W. of the Dead Sea, and Gilead and Bashan E. of the Jordan River, also Amurru in N. Lebanon (archaeology).
169 Probably on the S. and E. of the Sea of Galilee. Compare footnotes of GNT for Lk 8:26, 37.
170 In the hill country N. of Jerusalem, toward Hamath. Includes Gibeon; see Josh 9:3-15, 11:19.
171 Arce, or, Acre, in Lebanon.
172 Ruad Island, 4 km off SW Syrian coast, S. of Tartus.
173 Hamath. Modern Hama, Syria.
175 Possibly Laish (later Dan), SE of Sidon.
176 Or, the elder brother of Japheth, But compare ch. 5:32; 7:6; 9:22, 24; 11:10. Thus Shem appears to be the middle son in age two years younger than Japheth.
177 Territory between Japheth and Ham.
178 Like Hb. olam (per Encycl. Judaica), meaning to a vanishing point; hence the most distant of peoples. Chinese (the most numerous of Semites), with a smaller contingent remaining in SW Iran.
179 Assyria, with its capital Ninevah along the Tigris R. Compare. vs. 11, and Jonah 3:3-4.
180 Chaldeans, both W. of Assyria and S. in Sumer.
181 Lydia, in W. Turkey.
182 In Syria and SE Turkey. Aram Naharaim (Aram between the two Rivers) and Padan Aram (Field of Aram) are the portion N. of the Euphrates.
183 Damascus and Trachonitis (per Josephus). Compare Job 1:1.
184 Possibly around Lake Huleh, in the upper Jordan R.
185 Probably Gedoris. Bactria.
186 Meshech in 1Chr 1:17. Likely absorbed by the Armenian Kingdom.
187 From which the word Hebrew, meaning crossed over [the River]; i.e., W. of the Euphrates River. The word Hebrew can include more Semites than the word Israelite (from Jacob alone).
188 That is, Division;
189 Meaning small. Oceanic islands and coastlands from S. Africa to the Americas.
190 Hadramawt. Aden or, S. Yemen.
191 In S. Arabia (per Gesenius and Wm. Smith).
192 Possibly in S. Arabia (per Gesenius).
193 Awzál. Modern San’a in Yemen.
194 Meaning palm grove (per Wm. Smith).
195 Meaning stripped bare (per Wm. Smith). Likely desert land therefore. In 1Chr 1:22, Ebal,
196 Probably one of three ethnic groups comprising Sheba (N. Yemen). Cf. vs. 7; ch. 25:3.
197 S. Africa which was originally Semitic (Nama or, Hottentot). Cf. 1Ki 9:28; 1Chr 29:4.
198 Same nation as in vs. 7. Two ethnic groups. Possibly identified with Chwalla by the Caspian Sea.
199 Meaning a desert (per Wm. Smith).
200 In Greek, Josephus says Cophen, a river in India. (Antiq. I, vi, 4.) Major Semitic ethnic and linguistic groups not yet identified with names above include: Austroasiatic, Polynesian, Amerind, and Na-Dene (incl. Navajo).
201 Possibly the Himalaya mountains.
202 Or, hill-country of the east.
203 The Semitic languages appear to best preserve word meanings and phonetics, although Indo-European has slightly better preserved meanings, and Georgian (Gruzian, Kartvelian) preserves phonetics almost as well. See V. Shevoroshkin and P.J.
32 These are the families of the sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations: and of these were the nations divided in the earth after the flood.

11 And the whole earth was of one language and of one speech. And it came to pass, as they journeyed from the East, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar; and they dwelt there. 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. And they said, Come, let us build a city, and a tower, whose top may reach unto heaven, and let us make us a name; lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. And Jehovah came down to see the city and the tower, which the children of men built. And Jehovah said, Behold, they are one people, and they have all one language; and this is what they begin to do: and now nothing will be withheld from them, which they purpose to do. And let us go down, and there confound their language, that they may not understand one another’s speech. So Jehovah scattered them abroad from thence upon the face of all the earth: and they left off building the city. Therefore was the name of it called Babel; because Jehovah did there confound the language of all the earth: and from thence did Jehovah scatter them abroad upon the face of all the earth.

10 These are the generations of Shem. Shem was a hundred years old, and begat Arpachshad two years after the flood: and Shem lived after he begat Arpachshad five hundred years, and begat sons and daughters.

12 Arpachshad lived thirty-five years, and begat

Sidwell, Historical Linguistics & Lexicostatistics; Melbourne: Association for the History of Language, 1999; p. 105-110.


185 Sumer (archaeology).

186 Apparently silt at 1185°C, cooled for 20-40 hours.

187 That is, bitumen

188 Hb. balah, meaning to confound

189 Whether the scattering caused the confounding, or vice-versa, remains to be decided. Possibly the Sumerian language was invented at Babel (Kish) as the world’s first clandestine language; and then the consequent scattering of other ethnic groups caused divergence of the original language into all other languages, as historical linguistics seems to imply.

190 The Septuagint adds +100 years to the ages when sons were born, from Arpachshad to Serug (and +50 years to that of Nahor), which is supported by the Samaritan Pentateuch and mostly by Josephus (but he also says Abraham was the tenth from Noah, and was born in the 292nd year after the Deluge, which from the Massoretic text is the year Terah’s oldest son was born). The Massoretic Hebrew text is supported by the Aramaic (except it says Terah was 75, not 70) and the Latin Vulgate (except it says Arpachshad lived another 303 years, not 403). The Qumran scrolls for chs. 9-16 are missing (and only one word is preserved in ch. 5).

191 With seven consecutive generations having been 29-35 years old, it is likely many of these sons were firstborn.

192 The Septuagint inserts a Kainan as the great grandson of Noah (just as ch. 5:9 gives Kainan as the great grandson of Adam), and gives Kainan a chronology identical to Shelah. The Massoretic, Samaritan, Aramaic, Latin Vulgate, and Josephus omit this Kainan, although Lk 3:36 copies the Septuagint even to the addition of Kainan (Cainam).

193 Aramaic Targums alone read 430 years,

194 A royal name Ebrim is well attested at Ebla, an ancient major city west of the Euphrates River.

195 Gk. Ragau (per Josephus, Antiq. I, vi, 5. Association with modern Ar Raqqah is uncertain.

196 The name is preserved in Sûrû, a city near Edessa (modern Urfa, Turkey).

197 A city of Nahor is anciently attested several times. E.g., “The writer [of a letter to the king of Mari, Zimrilim, ca. BC 1700] is known both as the governor of Nahur (cf. Nahor, Gen. 11:26) on the upper Habur, and as an official at the court of Mari.” The Ancient Near East, ed. James B. Pritchard; Princeton, 1975, p. 174. (Others think Nahur was in the Balikh River valley.)

198 Abram was apparently not born before Terah was 130 years old (vs. 32, ch. 12:4, Ac 7:4). Therefore Haran must be the first-born. Thus Noah overlapped Haran by 49 years but died 11 years before Abram was born; Shem overlapped Abram by 141 years.
Milcah, and the father of Iscah. 30 And Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 And Terah took Abram his son, and Lot the son of Haran, his son’s son, and Sarai his daughter-in-law, his son Abram’s wife; and they went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Haran, and dwelt there. 32 And the days of Terah were two hundred years: and Terah died in Haran.

12 Now Jehovah said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto the land that I will show thee; 2 and I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and be thou a blessing: 3 and I will bless them that bless thee, and him that disdaineth thee will I curse! and in thee shall all the families of the ground be blessed. 4 So Abram went, as Jehovah had spoken unto him; and Lot went with him: and Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed out of Haran. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother’s son, and all their substance that they had gathered, and the souls that they had gotten in Haran; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came. 6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the oak of Moreh. And the Canaanite was then in the land. 7 And Jehovah appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land: and there build he an altar unto Jehovah, who appeared unto him. 8 And he removed from thence unto the mountain on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, having Bethel on the west, and Ai on the east: and there he builded an altar unto Jehovah, and called upon the name of Jehovah. 9 And Abram journeyed, going on still toward the South.

10 And there was a famine in the land; and Abram went down into Egypt to sojourn there; for the famine was sore in the land. 11 And it came to pass, when he was come near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a fair woman to look upon: 12 and it will come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they will say, this is his wife: and they will kill me, but they will save thee alive. 13 Say, I pray thee, thou art my sister; that it may be well with me for thy sake, and that my soul may live because of thee. 14 And it came to pass, that, when Abram was come into Egypt, the Egyptians beheld the woman that she was very fair. 15 And the princes of Pharaoh saw her, and praised her to Pharaoh: and the woman was taken into Pharaoh’s house. 16 And he dealt well with Abram for her sake: and he had sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, and camels. 17 And Jehovah 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 thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not tell me that she was thy wife? 19 why saidst thou, She is my sister, so that I took her to be my wife? Now therefore behold thy wife, take her, and go thy way. 20 And Pharaoh gave men charge concerning him: and they brought him on the way, and his wife, and all that he had.

13 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into the South. 2 And Abram was very rich in cattle, in silver, and in gold. 3 And he went on his journeys from the South even to Bethel, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, 4 unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first: and there Abram called on the name of Jehovah. 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 dwell together: for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. 7 And there was a strife between the herdsman of Abram’s cattle and the herdsman of Lot’s cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelt then in the land. 8 And Abram said unto Lot, Let there be no strife, I pray thee, between me and thee, and between my herdsman and thy herdsman; for we are brethren. 9 Is not the whole land before thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if thou take the right hand, then I will go to the left. 10 And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the Plain of the Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere, before Jehovah destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, like the garden of Jehovah, like the land of Egypt, as thou goest unto Zoar. 11 So Lot chose him all the Plain of the Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12 Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan, and Lot dwelt in the cities of the Plain, and moved his tent as far as Sodom. 13 Now the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners against Jehovah exceedingly.

14 And Jehovah said unto Abram, after that Lot was separated from him, Lift up now thine eyes, and look from the place where thou art, northward and southward and eastward and westward: 15 for all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed for ever. 16 And I will make thy seed as the dust of the earth: so that if a man can number the dust of the earth, then may thy seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk through the land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for unto thee will I give it. 18 And Abram moved his tent, and came and dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, which are in Hebron, and built there an altar unto Jehovah.

199 Modern Haran, downstream of Urfa, Turkey, remains a significant city. Evidently Terah built the city and named it after his firstborn, as Haran apparently never lived there (vs. 28). (It remains to be discovered why Terah had moved from Upper Mesopotamia to Ur before Haran was born.)


201 Or, terebinth

202 Hb. Negeb, the southern tract of Judah

203 Unusually hot dry weather would cause a famine to be progressively more severe in going south.

204 If Nebhepetre Ment’hotpe II (ca. BC 2055-2005), this Pharaoh had an unusually long reign.

205 Or, Circle

206 These cities had already been tributaries to Elam for at least five years. See ch. 14:1-5. The West was first conquered by Lugal-zaggisi, king of Umma and Uruk (Erech). Sargon, king of Akkad, subdued him and became the first of five kings of Akkad to put the West to tribute. Gutium then conquered Akkad and Sumer; thence Utu-khegel, king of Uruk, conquered all and took the West, and then Ur-Nammu, king of Ur, came to power.

207 Or, terebinths
And it came to pass in the days of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goim, that they 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 Bela (the same is Zoar). All these joined together in the vale of Siddim (the same is now the Salt Sea). Twelve years they served Kedorlaomer, and in the thirteenth year they rebelled. And in the fourteenth year came Kedorlaomer and the kings that were with him, and smote the Rephim in Ashteroth-karnaim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shaveh-kiriathaim, and the Horites in their mount Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness. And they returned, and came to En-mishpat (the same is Kadesh), and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Amorites, that dwelt in Hazazon-tamar. 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 Bela (the same is Zoar); and they set the battle in array against them in the vale of Siddim; nine against Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Goim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings against the five. Now the vale of Siddim was full of slime pits; and the kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and they fell there, and they that remained fled to the mountain. And they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, and all their victuals, and went their way. And they took Lot, Abram’s brother’s son, who dwelt in Sodom, and his goods, and departed.

And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew: now he dwelt by the oaks of Mamre, the plain of Kiriathaim, and the oases of Mamre. And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, give me the souls, and take the goods. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have made Abram rich: O Lord Jehovah, what wilt thou give me, seeing I have made Abram rich? And the king of Sodom said, Blessed be Abram of God Most High, acquirer of heaven and earth; and blessed be God Most High, who hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave him a tenth of all. And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, give me, the souls, and take the goods to thyself. And Abram said to the king of Sodom, I have lifted up my hand unto Jehovah, God Most High, acquirer of heaven and earth, that I will not take a thread nor a shoe-latchet nor aught that is thine, lest thou shouldest say, I have made Abram rich: save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men that went with me, Aner, Eshcol, and Mamre; let them take their portion.

After these things the word of Jehovah came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward. And Abram said, O Lord Jehovah, what wilt thou give me, seeing I am childless, and he that shall be possessor of my house is Eliezer of Damascus? And Abram said, Behold, to me thou hast given no seed: and, lo, one born in my house is mine heir. And, behold, the word of Jehovah came unto him, saying, This man shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth from thine own bowels shall be thine heir. And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and count the stars, if thou be able to number them. And he said, So shall thy seed be.

Or, in the plain of Kiriathaim, Hb. field. That is, bitumen pits; Except for this tactical mistake, the eastern kings would likely not have encountered Abram. Or, terebinths. Written as alphabetic numerics, יִתְנָה, to make haste, Witness to this surprise attack is borne by a Sumerian tablet, saying, [Ur-Nammu] “had been abandoned on the battlefield like a crushed vessel.” Samuel Noah Kramer, “The Sumerians,” Univ. Chicago Press, 1963; p. 68, 131. Or, north of Damascus. Likely not before the eighth month (about the modern May), as Spring began the fighting season, and the Elamite army travelled 2000 km to Dan, and there were at least eight days of battle. Whether Melchizedek was an Elamite or a Jebusite (Canaanite) is not stated, but he is apparently the one through whom tribute had been paid. Hb. El Elyon. Also in vss. 19, 20, 22. That is, whether by making or buying And in vs. 22 Or, let there be nothing for me; only that etc. Or, thy reward is to be exceeding great. Or, go hence.
number the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 
And he believed in Jehovah; and he reckoned it to him for righteousness. 
And he said unto him, I am Jehovah that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give thee this land to inherit it. 
And he said, O Lord Jehovah, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? 
And he said unto him, Take me a heifer three years old, and a she-goat three years old, and a ram three years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon. 
And he took him all these, and divided them in the midst, and laid each half over against the other: but the birds divided he not. 
And the birds of prey came down upon the carcasses, and Abram drove them away. 

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

And Abram hearkened to his handmaid; it may be that I shall obtain a male child by thee. 

14 And also that nation, whom they shall serve, will I judge; and thou shalt be to me a dozen. 

15 And they bare Abram a son: and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bare, Ishmael. 

17 And when Abram was ninety-nine years old, Jehovah appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am Jehovah Almighty; walk before me, and be thou perfect. 

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

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

4 As for me, behold, my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt be the father of a multitude of nations. 

5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for I have made thee a father of a multitude of nations. 

8 And he said, Jehovah, the God of seeing: for she said, Have I even here looked after him that seeth me? 

9 Wherefore the well was called Beer lahai ro'i; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. 

15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram named the name of his son, whom Hagar bare, Ishmael. 

23 And Abram was eighty-six years old, when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram. 

7 And the angel of Jehovah found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain in the way to Shur. 

8 And he said, Hagar, Sara’s handmaid, whence camest thou? And whither goest thou? And she said, I am fleeing from the face of my mistress Sara. 

9 And the angel of Jehovah said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 

10 And the angel of Jehovah said unto her, I will greatly multiply thy seed, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 

11 And the angel of Jehovah said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and shalt bear a son; and thou shalt call his name Ishmael, because Jehovah hath heard thy affliction. 

12 And he shall be as a wild ass among men; his hand shall be against every man, and every man’s hand against him; and he shall dwell over against all his brethren. 

13 And she called the name of Jehovah that spake unto her, Beer lahai ro'i; behold, it is between Kadesh and Bered. 

15 And Hagar bare Abram a son: and Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bare, Ishmael. 

24 when Hagar bare Ishmael to Abram.

229 Contrasted with the great river (Euphrates), the river of Egypt would be the Wadi el Arish, not the Nile. 

230 Hb. be builded by her. 

231 Apparently no earlier than the 4th month. Compare vs. 16. So Hagar’s flight was not in the winter. If Melchizedek’s blessing was a year earlier, then Sarah’s decision took 8-17 months; if the same year, then < 5 months; if two years earlier, then 20-29 months. 1(½) year would seem reasonable. 

232 Sopherim changed to thee. See Companion Bible note and Appendix 31. 

233 That is, God heareth,
born in thy house, and he that is bought with thy money, must needs be circumcised: and my covenant shall be in your flesh for an everlasting covenant. 14 And the uncircumcised male who is not circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin, that soul shall be cut off from his people; he hath broken my covenant.

15 And God said unto Abraham, As for Sarah thy wife, thou shalt not call her name Sarai, but 242Sarah shall her name be. 16 And I will bless her, and moreover I will give thee a son of her: yes, I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations; kings of peoples shall be of her. 17 Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed, and said in his heart, Shall a child be born unto him that is a hundred years old? And shall Sarah, that is ninety years old, bear? 18 And Abraham said unto God, Oh that Ishmael might live before thee! 19 And God said, No, but Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son; and thou shalt call his name 243Isaac: and I will establish my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant for his seed after him. 20 And as for Ishmael, I have heard thee: behold, I have blessed him, and will make him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve princes shall he beget, and I will make him a great nation. 21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, whom Sarah shall bear unto thee 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 that were born in his house, and all that were bought with his money, every male among the men of Abraham’s house, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskin in the selfsame day, as God had said unto him. 24 And Abraham was ninety-nine years old, 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 self-same day was Abraham circumcised, and Ishmael his son. 27 And all the men of his house, those born in the house, and those bought with money of a foreigner, were circumcised with him.

18 And Jehovah appeared unto him by the 244oaks of Mamre, as he sat in the tent door in the 245heat of the day; and he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, lo, three men stood over against him: and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the tent door, and bowed himself to the earth. 2 And said, 246O Jehovah, if now I have found favor in thy sight, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant: 4 let now a little water be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree: 5 and I will fetch a morsel of bread, and strengthen ye your heart; and after that ye shall pass on: 247forasmuch as ye are come to your servant. And they said, So do, as thou hast said. 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said, Make ready quickly three measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes. 7 And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf tender and good, and gave it unto the servant; and he hasted to dress it. 8 And he took butter, and milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it before them; and he stood by them under the tree, and they did eat.

9 And they said unto him, 248Where is Sarah thy wife? But he interrupted and said, Behold, in the tent. 10 And he said, I will certainly return unto thee when the season 249cometh round; and, lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a son. And Sarah heard in the tent door, which was behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were old, and well stricken in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. 12 And Sarah laughed within herself, saying, After I am waxed old shall I have pleasure, my lord being old also? 13 And Jehovah said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah laugh, saying, shall I of a surety bear a child, who am old? 14 Is anything too hard for Jehovah? At the set time I will return unto thee, when the season cometh round, and Sarah shall have a son. 15 Then Sarah denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid. And he said, No; but thou didst laugh.

16 And the men rose up from thence, and looked toward Sodom: and Abraham went with them to bring them on the way. 17 And Jehovah said, Shall I hide from Abraham that 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 have known him, to the end that he may command his children and his household after him, that they may keep the way of Jehovah, to do righteousness and justice; to the end that Jehovah may bring upon Abraham that which he hath spoken to him. 20 And Jehovah said, 251Because the cry of Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous; 21 I will go down now, and see whether they have done altogether according to the cry of it, which is come unto me; and if not, I will know.

22 And the men turned from thence, and went toward Sodom: but 252Jehovah stood yet before Abraham. 23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou consume the righteous with the wicked? 24 Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou not spare the place for the fifty righteous that are therein? 25 That be far from thee to do after this manner, to slay the righteous with the wicked, that so the righteous should be as the wicked; that be far from thee: shall not the Judge of all the earth do right? 26 And Jehovah said, If I find in Sodom fifty righteous within the city, then I will spare all the place for their sake. 27 And Abraham answered and said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak unto Jehovah, 253who am but dust and ashes: 28 peradventure there shall lack five of the fifty righteous: wilt thou destroy all the city for lack of five? And he said, I will not destroy it, if I find there forty-five. 29 And he spake unto him yet again, and said, Peradventure there shall be forty found there. And he said, I will not do it for the forty’s sake. 30 And he said, Oh let not Jehovah be angry, and I will speak: peradventure 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 unto Jehovah: peradventure there shall be twenty

243 Yitzrchar, The Hb. word meaning shall laugh:
244 Or, terebinths
245 Or, afternoon (Contrast with ch. 3:8.)
246 Or, My Jehovah, Sopherim changed to lord,
247 Or, for therefore
248 Or with the Sopherim extraordinary points, Where is Sarah thy wife? And he said, etc.
249 Hb. liveth; or, reviveth; i.e., Spring And in vs. 14.
250 Or, extraordinary or, wonderful
251 Or, Truly (both times).
252 Sopherim changed to Abraham stood yet before Jehovah. See Companion Bible note.
253 Sopherim changed to the Lord, Also in vss. 30-32.
And the two angels came to Sodom in the evening; and Lot sat in the gate of Sodom: and Lot saw them, and rose up to meet them; and he bowed himself with his face to the earth; and he said, Behold now, my lords, turn aside, I pray you, into your servant’s house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye shall rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, No; but we will abide in the street all night.

And he urged them greatly; and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and did bake unleavened bread, and they did eat. But before they lay down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both young and old, all the people from every quarter; and they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men that came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them. And Lot went out unto them to the door, and shut the door after him. And he said, I pray you, my brethren, do not so wickedly.

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And they said, Stand back. And they said, This one fellow came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge: now will we deal worse with thee, than with them. And they pressed sore upon the man, even Lot, and drew near to break the door.

And when the morning arose, then the angels hastened Lot, saying, Arise, take thy wife, and thy sons, and thy daughters, and whomsoever thou hast in the city, bring them out of the place: for I cannot do anything till thou be come thither. Therefore the name of the city was called Zoar.

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 dwelt.

And Lot went up out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two daughters with him; for he feared to dwell in Zoar: and he dwelt in a cave, he and his two daughters.

And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father is old, and there is not a man in the earth to come in unto us after the manner of all the earth: 32 come, let us make our father drink wine, that we may preserve seed of our father. 33 And they made their father drink wine that night also: and they made their father drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. 34 And they made their father drink wine that night: and the first-born went in, and lay with her father; and he knew not when she lay down; 35 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I lay yesternight with my father: let us make him drink wine this night also; and go thou in, and lie with him, that we may preserve seed of our father.

And they made their father drink wine that night also: and the younger arose, and lay with him; and he knew not when she lay down; 36 Thus were both the daughters of Lot with child by their father. 37 And the first-born bare a son, and called his name Moab: the same is the father of the Moabites unto this day. 38 And the younger, she also bare a son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

And Abraham journeyed from thence toward the land of the South, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur;
And he 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 of the night, and said to him, Behold, thou art but a dead man, because of the woman whom thou hast taken; for she is a man’s wife. 4 Now Abimelech had not come near her: and he said; 266Jehovah, wilt thou slay even a righteous nation? 5 Said he not himself unto me, She is my sister? And she, even she herself said, He is my brother: in the integrity of my heart and the innocency of my hands have I done this. 6 And God said unto him in the dream, Yes, I know that in the integrity of thy heart thou hast done this, and I also withheld thee from sinning against me: therefore suffered I thee not to touch her. 7 Now therefore restore the man’s wife; for he is a prophet, and he shall pray for thee, and thou shalt live: and if thou restore her not, know thou that thou shalt surely begin to die, thou, and all that are thine.

8 And Abimelech rose early in the morning, and called all his servants, and told all these things in their ears: and the men were sore afraid. 9 Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him, What hast thou done unto us? And wherein have I sinned against thee, that thou hast brought a evil report of me unto my heart, and hast gathered all my people together. 10 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What didst thou see me, that thou didst bring this sin upon me? 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 moreover she is indeed my sister, 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 unto her, This is thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me: at every place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my brother. 14 And Abimelech took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abraham; and he gave also seven young camels out of his flock. 15 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, Behold, my land is before thee: dwell where it pleaseth thee. 16 And unto Sarah he said, Behold, I have given thy brother a thousand pieces of silver: behold, 268it is for thee a covering of the eyes to all that are with thee; and 269in respect of all thou art righted. 17 And Abimelech prayed unto God: and God healed Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants; and they bare children. 18 For Jehovah had fast closed up all the wombs of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham’s wife. 19 And Jehovah visited Sarah as he had said, and Jehovah did unto Sarah as he had spoken. 20 And Sarah conceived, and bare Abraham a son in his old age, at the set time of which God had spoken to him. 21 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bare to him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac when he was eight days old, as God had commanded him. 6 And Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. And Sarah said, God hath made me to laugh; every one that heareth will laugh with me. 7 And she said, Who would have said unto Abraham, that Sarah should give children suck? For I have borne him a son in his old age.

8 And the child grew, and was weaned: and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne unto Abraham, 270mocking. 10 Wherefore she said unto Abraham, Cast out this handmaid and her son: for the son of this handmaid shall not be heir with my son, even with Isaac. 11 And the thing was very grievous in Abraham’s sight on account of his son. 12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not be grievous in thy sight because of the lad, and because of thy handmaid; in all that Sarah saith unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac shall thy seed be called. 13 And also of the son of the handmaid will I make a nation, because he is thy seed. 14 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and took bread and a bottle of water, and gave it unto Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, and gave her the child, and sent her away: and she departed, and wandered in the wilderness of Beersheba. 15 And the water in the bottle was spent, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. 16 And she went, and sat her down over against him a good way off, as it were a bowshot: for she said, Let me not look upon the death of the child. And she sat over against 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 out of heaven, and said unto her, What aileth thee, Hagar? Fear not; for God hath heard the voice of the lad wherein he is. 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and hold him in thy 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 drink. 20 And God was with the lad, and he grew; and he dwelt in the wilderness, and became, as he grew up, an archer. 21 And he dwelt in the wilderness of Paran: and his mother took him a wife out of the land of Egypt.

22 And it came to pass at that time, that Abimelech and Phicol the captain of his host spake unto Abraham, saying, God is with thee in all that thou doest: 23 now therefore swear unto me here by God that thou wilt not deal falsely with me, nor with 272my son, nor with my son’s son: but according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, thou shalt do unto me, and to the land wherein thou hast sojourned. 24 And Abraham said, I will swear. 25 And Abraham reproved Abimelech because of the well of water, which Abimelech’s servants had violently taken away. 26 And Abimelech said, I know not who hath done this thing: neither didst thou tell me, neither didst thou show me: neither didst thou do it of thine own free will. 27 And Abraham said, Smit me not, for I fear the fear of thee because I am a foreigner in thy land. 28 And he said, Swear unto me here by God, that thou wilt not take a wife out of my house, nor of my posterity: 29 lest my name be cursed in thy sight: and thou shalt do me this kindness: bury me not, I pray thee, in the land of strangers, 30 but in the land of the children of my father’s house, and when I die, bury me in the cave in the field of Ephron the Hittite. 31 And Abraham bowed himself before the king of the Philistines, and gave him present. 32 And the king of the Philistines gave him silver and gold, and apparel, and he set him on horseback, and gave him ten menservants, and ten maidservants, and fifty men. 33 And Abraham rose up, and said unto Abimelech, Give me my wife Sarah, as she was taken out of the tent of my brother, 34 for she is my sister. 35 Now Abimelech had taken Sarah, because he loved her, and she was in his house. 36 And Abraham said unto Abimelech, She is my sister: she was born in my house, and she is the daughter of my father; and she became my wife: 37 for I ought not to have taken her to me, seeing she was my brother’s wife. 38 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What hast thou done unto me, that thou hast done this thing? 39 I lift up mine hand unto the Lord, the God of heaven, which took my father out of the house of my father, and led him forth abroad, and gave him the land of Canaan, and said unto my father Abraham, This is the land which I sware unto thee that I would give unto thy seed; 40 that they may be as dust of the earth, and thou shalt dig with thy hand, and they shall be few; 41 and he said, Let not comfort come in me, that I die yet, knowing that thou wilt also do me good. 42 And Abraham said unto Abimelech, Give me my wife Sarah, as she was taken out of the tent of my brother, for she is my sister. 43 And Abimelech said, I am sore afraid for thee, because thou hast done me this great wrong in that thou hast dealt with me falsely, and hast lifted up thine hand against me: for thou hast done me this great wrong. 44 And Abraham said unto him, I am a stranger and a sojourner among you: give me my wife Sarah. 45 And Abimelech said, Behold, she is in my hand; she shall not be thine: only in that thou didst not put thine hand upon her, I know thou didst fear God, lest thou shouldst deal falsely with me, and with my soul. 46 And Abimelech said unto Abraham, What hast thou done unto me, that thou hast brought a great sin on me, and on my kingdom? Thou hast done deeds wherein have I sinned against thee, that thou hast brought on me and on my kingdom a great sin? Thou hast taken a wife unto my bosom; and indeed she is my sister: 47 and she came as my wife unto my bosom, and I knew not that she was thy sister: then she would have saved my life, I and my house, and not have died in this land.

266 Or some Hb. mss. Sopherim changed to Lord,
267 Or, he is
268 Or, before all men thou art righted.
269 Or, prepared laughter for me;
270 Or, playing.
271 Or, skin And in vs. 15.
272 Or, my offspring, nor with my posterity:
273 That is, Well of the oath; or possibly, Seven wells;
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And it came to pass after these things, that God did prove Abraham, and said unto him, Abraham; and he said, Here am I. And he said, Take now thy son, thine only son, whom thou lovest, even Isaac, and get thee into the land of Moriah; and offer him there for a burnt-offering upon one of the mountains which I will tell thee of. And Abraham rose early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and rose up, and went unto the place of which God had told him. On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. And Abraham said unto his young men, Abide ye here with the ass, and I and the lad will go yonder, and we will worship, and come again to you. And Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering, and laid it upon Isaac his son; and he took in his hand the fire and the knife; and they went both of them together. And Isaac spake unto 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? And Abraham said, God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son: so they went both of them together.

And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built the altar there, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar, upon the wood. And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. And the angel of Jehovah called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham. And he said, Here am I. And he said, Lay not thy hand upon my son, neither do thou any thing unto him; for now I know that thou fearest God, seeing thou hast not withheld thy son, thine only son, from me. And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, behind him a ram caught in the thicket by his horns: and Abraham went and took the ram, and offered it for a burnt-offering in the stead of his son.

And Abraham called the name of that place Jehovah-jireh: as is said to this day, In the mount of Jehovah it shall be provided. And the angel of Jehovah called unto Abraham a second time out of heaven, and said, By myself have I sworn, saith Jehovah, because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son; that in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heavens, and as the sand which is upon the sea-shore; and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves; because thou hast obeyed my voice. So Abraham returned unto his young men, and they rose up and went together to Beer-sheba; and Abraham dwelt at Beer-sheba.

And it came to pass after these things, that it was told Abraham, saying, Behold, Milcah, she also hath borne children unto thy brother Nahor: and his first-born, and Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram, and Kesed, and Hazo, and Pildash, and Jidlaph, and Bethuel. Bethuel begat Rebekah: these eight did Milcah bear to Nahor, Abraham's brother. And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she also bare Tebah, and Gaham, and Tahash, and Maacah.

And the life of Sarah was a hundred twenty-seven years: these were the years of the life of Sarah. And Sarah died in Kiriath-arba (the same is Hebron), in the land of Canaan: and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. And Abraham rose up from before his dead, and spoke unto the children of Heth, saying, I am a stranger and a sojourner with you: give me a possession of a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him, Hear us, my lord; thou art a prince of God among us: in the choice of our sepultures bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, but that thou mayest bury thy dead. And Abraham rose up, and bowed himself to the people of the land, even to the children of Heth. And he communed with them, saying, If it be your soul that I should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and entreat for me to Ephron the son of Zohar, that he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in the midst of you for a possession of a burying-place. Now Ephron was sitting in the midst of the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, No, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the children of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead. And Abraham bowed himself down before the people of the land. And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt, I pray thee, hear me: I will give the price of the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there. And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, My lord, hearken unto me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that betwixt me and thee? Bury therefore thy dead.

And after this Abraham bought the field of Machpelah, which he hath, which is in the end of his field; for the full price let him give it to me in the midst of you for a possession of a burying-place. Now Ephron was sitting in the midst of the children of Heth: and Ephron the Hittite answered Abraham in the audience of the children of Heth, even of all that went in at the gate of his city, saying, No, my lord, hear me: the field give I thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it thee; in the presence of the children of my people give I it thee: bury thy dead. And Ephron bowed himself down before the people of the land. And he spake unto Ephron in the audience of the people of the land, saying, But if thou wilt, I pray thee, hear me: I will give the price of the field; take it of me, and I will bury my dead there. And Ephron answered Abraham, saying unto him, My lord, hearken unto me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of silver, what is that betwixt me and thee? Bury therefore thy dead. And Abraham hearkened unto Ephron; and Abraham weighed to Ephron the silver which he had named in the audience of the children of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current money with the merchant.

So the field of Ephron, which was in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees that were in the field, that were in all the border thereof round about, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession in the presence of the children of Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. And after this Abraham bought Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah before Mamre (the same is Hebron), in the land of Canaan. And the field, and the cave that is therein, were made sure unto Abraham for a possession of a burying-place by the children of Heth.

And Abraham was old, and well stricken in age: and Jehovah had blessed Abraham in all things. And Abraham said unto his servant, the elder of his house, that ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under
Abraham, who hath not forsaken his lovingkindness and his
truth toward my master: as for me, Jehovah hath led me in the
way to the house of my master’s brethren.

28 And the damsel ran, and told her mother’s house according
to these words. 29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his
name was Laban: and Laban ran out unto the man, unto
the fountain. 30 And it came to pass, when he saw the ring,
and the bracelets upon her sister’s hands, and when he heard
the words of Rebekah his sister, saying, Thus spake the man
unto me; that he came unto the man; and behold, he was
standing by the camels at the fountain. 31 And he said, Come
in, thou blessed of Jehovah: wherefore standest thou without?
For I have prepared the house, and room for the camels.
32 And the man came into the house, and he ungirded the
camels; and he gave straw and provender for the camels, and
water to wash his feet and the feet of the men that were
with him. 33 And there was set food before him to eat: but he said,
I will not eat, until I have told mine errand. And he said,
Speak on. 34 And he said, I am Abraham’s servant. 35 And
Jehovah hath blessed my master greatly; and he is become
great: and he hath given him flocks and herds, and silver and
gold, and men-servants and maid-servants, and camels and
asses. 36 And Sarah my master’s wife bare a son to my master
when she was old: and unto him hath he given all that he
hath. 37 And my master made me swear, saying, Thou shalt
not take a wife for my son of the daughters of the Canaanites,
in whose land I dwell; 38 but thou shalt go unto my father’s
house, and to my kindred, and take a wife for my son. 39 And
I said unto my master, Peradventure the woman will not
follow me. 40 And he said unto me, Jehovah, before whom I
walk, will send his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; and
thou shalt take a wife for my son of my kindred, and of my
father’s house: 41 then shalt thou be clear from my oath, when
thou comest to my kindred; and if they give her not to thee,
thou shalt be clear from my oath. 42 And I came this day unto
the fountain, and said, O Jehovah, the God of my master
Abraham, if now thou do prosper my way which I go: 43 behold,
I am standing by the fountain of water; and let it come to
pass, that the maiden that cometh forth to draw, to whom I shall
say, give me, I pray thee, a little water from thy pitcher
thereunto; then she shall say, Drink thou, and I will give thy
camels drink also: let the same be she that thou hast appointed
for my servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou hast
showed kindness unto my master. 44 And it came to pass, that,
before he had done speaking, that, behold, Rebekah came out,
who was born to Bethuel the son of Milcah, the wife of
Na-hor, Abraham’s brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder.
16 And the damsel was very fair to look upon, a virgin, neither
had any man known her: and she went down to the fountain,
and filled her pitcher, and came up. 17 And the servant ran to
meet her, and said, Give me to drink, I pray thee, a little water
from thy pitcher. 18 And she said, Drink, my lord: and she
hasted, and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave him
drink. 19 And when she had done giving him drink, she said,
I will draw for thy camels also, until they have done drinking.
20 And she hasted, and emptied her pitcher into the trough,
and ran again unto the well to draw, and drew for all his
camels. 21 And the man looked steadfastly on her, holding his
peace, to know whether Jehovah had made his journey prosperous
or not. 22 And it came to pass, as the camels had done drinking,
that the man took a golden ring of 280 half a shekel weight,
and two bracelets for her hands of ten shekels weight of gold,
and said, Whose daughter art thou? Tell me, I pray thee. Is
there room in thy father’s house for us to lodge in? 24 And
she said unto him, I am the daughter of Bethuel the son of Milcah,
whom she bare unto Nahor. 25 She said moreover unto him,
We have both straw and provender enough, and room to lodge
in. 26 And the man bowed his head, and worshipped Jehovah.
27 And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, the God of my master
Abraham, who hath not forsaken his lovingkindness and his

279 Hb. Aram-naharaim, that is, Aram of the 2 rivers,
280 Hb. a beka See Ex 38:26.
and let her be thy master’s son’s wife, as Jehovah hath spoken.
52 And it came to pass, that, when Abraham’s servant heard their words, he bowed himself down to the earth unto Jehovah.
53 And the servant brought forth jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment, 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 that were with him, and tarried all night; and they rose up in the morning, and he said, Send me away unto my master. 55 And her brother and her mother said, Let the damsel abide with us a few days, at the least ten; after that she shall go. 56 And he said unto them, Hinder me not, seeing Jehovah hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. 57 And they said, We will call the damsel, and inquire at her mouth. 58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her, Wilt thou 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 unto her, Our sister, be thou the mother of thousands of ten thousands, and let thy seed possess the gate of those that hate them.

61 And Rebekah arose, and her damsels, 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 Beer-lahai-roi; for he dwelt in the land of the South. 63 And Isaac went out to meditate in the field at the eventide: and he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, there were camels coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and when she saw Isaac, she alighted from the camel. 65 And she said unto the servant, What man is this that walketh in the field to meet us? And the servant said, It is my master: and she took the veil, and covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the things that he had done. 67 And Isaac brought her into 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.

25 And Abraham took another wife, and her name was Keturah. 2 And she bare him Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. 3 And Jokshan begat Sheba and Dedan. 4 And the sons of Dedan were Assurim, and Letushim, and Leummim. 4 And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and El-dai. All these were the children of Keturah. 5 And Abraham gave all that he had unto Isaac. 6 But unto the sons of the concubines, that Abraham had, Abraham gave gifts; and he sent them away from Isaac his son, while he yet lived, eastward, unto the east country. 7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham’s life which he lived, a hundred seventy-five years. 8 And Abraham gave up the breath, and died, in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered to his people. 9 And Isaac and Ishmael his sons 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 of the children of Heth: there was Abraham buried, and Sarah his wife. 11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Isaac his son: and Isaac dwelt by Beer-lahai-roi.

12 Now these are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham’s son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah’s handmaid, bare unto 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 villages, and by their encampments; twelve princes according to their nations. 17 And these are the years of the life of Ishmael, a hundred thirty-seven years: and he gave up the breath and died, and was gathered unto his people. 18 And they dwelt from Havilah unto Shur that is before Egypt, as thou goest toward Assyria: he abode over against all his brethren.

19 And these are the generations of Isaac, Abraham’s son: 20 Abraham begat Isaac when he was fourscore years old, and she was twelve years old. 21 And Isaac entreated Jehovah for his wife, because she was barren: and Jehovah was entreated of him, and Rebekah was with child. 22 And the children struggled together within her; and she said, If it be so, 23 wherefore do I live? And she went to inquire of Jehovah. 24 And Jehovah said unto her, Two nations are in thy womb, and two peoples shall be separated from thy bowels: 25 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 forth 26 red all over like a hairy garment; and they called his name Esau. 26 And after that came forth his brother, and his hand had hold on Esau’s heel; and his name was called Jacob: and Isaac was sixty years old when she bare them.

27 And the boys grew: and Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a 28 quiet man, dwelling in tents. 28 Now Isaac loved Esau, because he did eat of his venison: and Rebekah loved Jacob. 29 And Jacob boiled pottage: and Esau came in from the field, and he was faint: 30 and Esau said to Jacob, Feed me, I pray thee, with 31 that same red pottage; for I am faint: therefore was his name called Edom. 31 And Jacob said, Sell me thy birthright. 32 And Esau said, Behold, I am about to die: and what profit shall the birthright do to me? 33 And Jacob said, Swear to me first thy birthright.

26 And there was a famine in the land, besides the first famine that was in the days of Abraham. And Isaac 29 went unto Abimelech king of the Philistines, unto Gerar. 2 And Jehovah appeared unto him, and said, Go not down into
Egypt; dwell in the land which I shall tell thee of: 3 sojourn in this land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for unto thee, and unto thy seed, I will give all these lands, and I will establish the oath which I sware unto Abraham thy father; 4 and I will multiply thy seed as the stars of heaven, and will give unto thy seed all these lands; and in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves; 5 because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my laws. 6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar: 7 and the men of the place asked him of his wife; and he said, 292 She is my sister: for he feared to say, My wife; lest, said he, the men of the place should kill me for Rebekah; because she was fair 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 at the window, and saw, and, behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. 9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of a surety she is thy wife: and how saist thou, She is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I said, Lest I die because of her. 10 And Abimelech said, What is this thou hast done unto us? One of the people might easily have lain with thy wife, and thou wouldest have brought guiltiness upon us. 11 And Abimelech charged all the people, saying, He that toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to death.

12 And Isaac sowed in that land, and found in the same year a hundredfold: and Jehovah blessed him. 13 And the man waxed great, and grew more and more until he became very great: 14 and he had possessions of flocks, and possessions of herds, and a great household: and his possessions of herds increased. 15 Now all the wells which his father's servants had dugged in the days of Abraham his father, the Philistines had stopped, and filled with earth. 16 And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we. 17 And Isaac departed thence, and encamped in the valley of Gerar, and dwelt there.

18 And Isaac dug again the wells of water, which they had digged in the days of Abraham his father; for the Philistines had stopped them 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 digged a well. 20 And the herdsmen of Gerar strove with Isaac's herdsmen, saying, The water is ours: and he called the name of the well Ezek. 21 And they digged another well, and they strove for that also: and he called the name of it秘书长. 22 And he removed from thence, and digged another well; and for that they strove not: and he called the name of it Rehoboth: and he said, For now Jehovah hath made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.

23 And he went up from thence to Beer-sheba. 24 And Jehovah appeared unto him the same night, and said, I am the God of Abraham thy father: fear not, for I am with thee, and will bless thee, and multiply thy seed for my servant Abraham's sake. 25 And he builded an altar there, and called upon the name of Jehovah, and pitched his tent there: and there Isaac's servants digged a well.

26 Then Abimelech went to him from Gerar, and Ahuzzath his friend, and Phicol the captain of his host. 27 And Isaac said unto them, Wherefore are ye come unto me, seeing ye hate me, and have sent me away from you? 28 And they said, We saw plainly that Jehovah was with thee: and we said, Let there now be an oath betwixt us, even betwixt us and thee, and let us make a covenant with thee, 29 that thou wilt do us no hurt, as we have not touched thee, and as we have done unto thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in peace: thou art now the blessed of Jehovah. 30 And he made them a feast, and they did eat and drink. 31 And they rose up betimes in the morning, and swore one to 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 digged, and said unto him, We have found water. 33 And he called it Shibah: therefore the name of the city is Beer-sheba unto this day.

34 And when Esau was forty years old he took to wife Judith the daughter of Beeri the Hittite, and Basemath the daughter of Elon the Hittite: 35 and they were a grief of mind unto Isaac and to Rebekah.

27 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 elder son, and said unto him, My son: and he said unto him, 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 pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and take me 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 thee before I die.

5 And Rebekah heard when Isaac spake to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt for venison, and to bring it. 6 And Rebekah spake unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, 7 Bring me venison, and make me savory food, that I may eat, and bless thee before Jehovah before my death. 8 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice according to that which I command thee. 9 Go now to the flock, and fetch me from thence two good kids of the goats; and I will make them savory food for thy father, such as he loveth: 10 and thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat, so that he may bless thee 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 peradventure 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 unto him, Upon me be thy 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 goodly garments of Esau her elder...
son, which were with her in the house, and put them upon 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, into the hand of her son Jacob.

18 And he came unto his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I; who art thou, my son? 19 And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstborn; I have done according as thou badest me: arise, I pray thee, and eat of my son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. 20 And Isaac said unto his son, How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? And he said, Because Jehovah thy God sent me good speed.

21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether thou art my very son Esau or not. 22 And Jacob went near unto 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, Art thou my very 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 thee. 26 And he brought it near to him, and he did eat: and he brought him wine, and he drank. 27 And his father Isaac said unto him, Come near now, and kiss me, my son. 28 And he came near, and kissed him: and he smelled the smell of his raiment, and blessed him, and said,

See, the smell of my son
Is as the smell of a field which Jehovah hath blessed:
28 And God give thee of the dew of heaven,
And of the fatness of the earth,
And plenty of grain and new wine:
29 Let peoples serve thee,
And nations bow down to thee:
Be lord over thy brethren,
And let thy mother's sons bow down to thee:
Cursed be every one that curseth thee!
And blessed be every one that blesseth thee!

30 And it came to pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarce gone out from the presence of Isaac his father, that Esau his brother came in from his hunting. 31 And he also made savory food, and brought it unto his father; and he said unto his father, Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, that thy soul may bless me. 32 And Isaac his father said unto him, Who art thou? And he said, I am thy son, thy firstborn, Esau. 33 And Isaac trembled very exceedingly, and said, Who then is he that hath taken venison, and brought it me, and I have eaten of all before thou camest, and have blessed him? Yes, and he shall be blessed. 34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he cried with an exceeding great and bitter cry, and said unto his father, Bless me, even me also, O my father. 35 And he said, Thy brother came with guile, and hath taken away thy blessing. 36 And he said, Is not he rightly named Jacob? for he hath supplanted me these two times: he took away my birthright; and, behold, now he hath taken away my blessing. And he said, Hast thou not reserved a blessing for me? 37 And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with grain and new wine have I sustained him: and what then shall I do for thee, my son? 38 And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? Bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him,

Behold, 302 of the fatness of the earth shall be thy dwelling, And of the dew of the heavens from above;
40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and thou shalt serve thy brother;
And it shall come to pass, when thou shalt break loose, That thou shalt shake his yoke from off thy neck.

41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherein his father blessed him: and Esau said in his heart, The days of mourning for my father are at hand; then will I slay my brother Jacob. 42 And the words of Esau her elder son were told to Rebekah; and she sent and called Jacob her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy brother Esau, as touching thee, doth comfort himself, purposing to kill thee. 43 Now therefore, my son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my brother to Haran; 44 and tarry with him a few days, until thy brother's fury turn away; 45 until thy brother's anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which thou hast done to him: then I will send, and fetch thee from thence: why should I be bereaved of you both in one day?

46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth: if Jacob take a wife of the daughters of Heth, such as these, of the daughters of the land, what good shall my life do me?

28 And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan. 2 Arise, go to Paddan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thee a wife from thence of the daughters of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah, Jacob's and Esau's mother.

6 Now Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob and sent him away to Paddan-aram, to take him a wife from thence; and that as he blessed him he gave him a charge, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; and that Jacob obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Paddan-aram: 8 And Esau saw that the daughters of Canaan pleased not Isaac his father; 9 and Esau went unto Ishmael, and took, besides the wives that he had, Mahalath the daughter of Ishmael Abraham's son, the sister of Nebaioth, to be his wife.

10 And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Haran. 11 And he lighted upon a certain place, and tarried there all night, because the sun was set; and he took one of the stones of the place, and put it under his head, and lay down

301 Or, made it come to me.
302 Or possibly, away from (both times) And in vs 28.
303 Hb. El Shaddai
304 Hb. Aramean,
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, Jehovah stood above it, and said, I am Jehovah, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed; 14 and thy seed shall be as the dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the west, and to the east, and to the north, and to the south: and in thee and in thy seed shall all the families of the ground be blessed. 15 And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, and will bring thee again to this ground; for I will not leave thee, until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of. 16 And Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Jehovah is in this place; and I knew it not. 17 And he was afraid, and said, How awesome is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of the heavens.

18 And Jacob rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that he had put under his head, and set it up for a pillar, and poured oil upon the top of it. 19 And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of the city was 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 raiment to put on, 21 then we water the sheep, and go a little way, and loose the flock: and they said, We will not leave thee, until we have done that which we have spoken to thee of. 22 And Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and he said, Surely Jehovah is in this place; and I knew it not. 23 And he was afraid, and said, How awesome is this place! this is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of the heavens.

29 Then Jacob went on his journey, and came to the land of the sons of the east. 2 And he looked, and, behold, a well in the field, and, lo, three flocks of sheep lying there by it; for out of that well they watered the flocks: and the stone upon the well’s mouth was great. 3 And thither 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 was great. 4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence are ye? And they said, Of Haran are we. 5 And he said unto them, Know ye Laban the son of Nahor? And they said, We know him. 6 And he said unto them, Is it well with him? And they said, It is well: and, behold, Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. 7 And he said, Lo, it is yet high day, neither is it time that the cattle should be gathered together: water ye the sheep, and go and feed them. 8 And they said, We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, and they roll the stone from the well’s mouth; then we water the sheep. 9 While he was yet speaking 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 thou art my bone and my flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month. 15 And Laban said unto Jacob, Because thou art my brother, shouldest thou therefore serve me for nought? Tell me, what shall thy wages be? 16 And Laban had two daughters: the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 And Leah’s eyes were tender; but Rachel was beautiful and well-favored. 18 And Jacob loved Rachel; and he said, I will serve thee seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. 19 And Laban said, It is better that I give her to thee, than that I should give her to another man: abide with me. 20 And Jacob served seven years for Rachel; and they seemed unto him but a few days, for the love he had to her.

21 And Jacob said unto Laban, Give me my wife, for my days are fulfilled, that I may go in unto 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 unto her. 24 And Laban gave Zilpah his handmaid unto his daughter Leah for a handmaid. 25 And it came to pass in the morning that, behold, it was Leah: and he said to Laban, What is this thou hast done unto me? did I not serve thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou beguiled me? 26 And Laban said, It is not so done in our place, to give the younger before the firstborn. 27 Fulfil the week of this one, and we will give thee the other also for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled her week: and he gave him Rachel his daughter to wife. 29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his handmaid to be her handmaid. 30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah, and served with him yet seven other years. 31 And Jehovah saw that Leah was hated, and he opened her womb: but Rachel was barren. 32 And Leah conceived, and bare a son, and she called his name Reuben: for she said, Because Jehovah hath looked upon my affliction; for now my husband will love me. 33 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and said, Because Jehovah hath heard that I am hated, he hath therefore given me this son also: and she called his name Simeon. 34 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and said, This time will my husband love me, for I have borne him three sons: therefore was his name called Levi. 35 And she conceived again, and bare a son: and she said, This time will I praise Jehovah: therefore

305 Or, over him, or, beside him,
306 Hb. break forth to the west,
307 That is, the house of God:
308 Or, then shall Jehovah be my God, and this stone,
309 Hb. lifted up his feet,
311 This expression is readily understandable today, in that DNA is found in both flesh and bones.
312 It is not stated whether his sons had yet been born.
313 There is a similar custom today among men in India.
314 That is, See, a son:
315 Hb. shama
316 Hb. Shimeon.
317 From the root lavah
318 From the Hb. hodah
And when Rachel saw that she bare Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and she said unto 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 stead, who hath withheld from thee the fruit of the womb? 3 And she said, Behold, my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; that she may bear upon my knees, and I also may inherit children by her. 4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid to wife: and Jacob went in unto her. 5 And Bilhah conceived, and bare Jacob a son. 6 And Rachel said, God hath judged me, and hath also heard my voice, and hath given me a son: therefore called she his name Dan. 7 And Bilhah Rachel’s handmaid conceived again, and bare Jacob a second son. 8 And Rachel said, With mighty wrestlings have I wrestled with my sister, and have prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali.

9 When Leah saw that she had left off bearing, she took Zilpah her handmaid, and gave her to Jacob to wife. 10 And Zilpah Leah’s handmaid bare Jacob a son. 11 And Leah said, Fortunate! and she called his name Gad. 12 And Zilpah Leah’s handmaid bare Jacob a second son. 13 And Leah said, Happy am I! for the daughters will call me happy: 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 unto his mother Leah. Then Rachel said to Leah, Give me, I pray thee, of thy son’s mandrakes. 15 And she said unto her, Is it a small matter that thou hast taken away my husband? wouldst thou take away my son’s mandrakes also? And Rachel said, Therefore he shall lie with thee tonight for thy son’s mandrakes.

16 And Jacob came from the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said, Thou must come in unto me, for I have surely hired thee with my son’s mandrakes. 17 And he lay with her that night. 18 And Leah conceived again, and bare Jacob a son. 19 And Leah said, God hath given me my joy again, because I have hired a wife of my husband; and he called his name Jospeh. 20 And Leah said, God hath endowed me with a good dowry; now will my husband also give me sons. 21 And she called his name Gad. 22 And God remembered Rachel, and God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived, and bare a son: and said, God hath taken away my reproach: 24 And she called him Naphat, saying, Jehovah hath remembered me.

25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto mine own place, and to my country. 26 Give me my wives and my children for whom I have served thee, and let me go: for thou knowest my service wherewith I have served thee.

27 And Laban said unto him, If now I have found favor in thy sight, tarry: for I have divined that Jehovah hath blessed me for thy sake. 28 And he said, Appoint me thy wages, and I will give it. 29 And he said unto him, Thou knowest how I have served thee, and how thy cattle have fared with me. 30 For it was little which thou hadst before I came, and it hath increased unto a multitude; and Jehovah hath blessed thee wheresoever I turned: and now when shall I provide for mine own house also? 31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me aught: if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed thy flock and keep it. 32 I will pass through all thy flock today, removing from thence every speckled and spotted one, and every black one 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 hereafter, when thou shalt come concerning my hire that is before thee: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and black among the sheep, that, if found with me, shall be counted stolen. 34 And Laban said, Behold, I would it might be according to thy word. 35 And he removed that day the he-goats that were ringstreaked and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had white in it, and all the black ones among the sheep, and gave them into the hand of his sons; 36 and he set three days’ journey betwixt himself and Jacob: and Jacob fed the rest of Laban’s flocks.

37 And Jacob took him rods of fresh poplar, and of the almond and of the 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 over against the flock in the gutters where the flock did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the flock, and the flock conceived with the rods. 39 And the rods conceived before the rods, and the flock brought forth ringstreaked, speckled, and spotted. 40 And Jacob separated the lambs, and set the faces of the flock toward the ringstreaked and all the black in the flock of Laban: and he put his own droves apart, and put them not unto Laban’s flock. 41 And it came to pass, whensoever the stronger of the flock did conceive, that Jacob laid the rods before the eyes of the flock in the gutters, that they might conceive among the rods; 42 but when the flock were feeble, he put them not in: so the feebler were Laban’s and the stronger Jacob’s. 43 And the man increased exceedingly, and had large flocks, and maid-servants and men-servants, and camels and asses.

31 And he heard the words of Laban’s sons, saying, Jacob hath taken away all that was our father’s; and of that which was our father’s hath he gotten all this glory.

2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold,
And Jehovah said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy kindred; and I will be with thee. And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock. And he said unto them, I see your father’s countenance, that it is not toward me as beforetime; but the God of my father hath been with me. And ye know that with all my power I have served your father. And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times; but God suffered him not to hurt me. If he said thus, The speckled shall be thy wages; then all the flock of speckled would be thy wages; then all the flock of ringstreaked. This God hath taken away the cattle of your father, and given them to me. And it came to pass at the time that the flock conceiveth, that I lifted mine eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the he-goats which leaped upon the flock were ringstreaked, speckled, and grizzled. And the angel of God said unto me in the dream, Jacob: and I said, Here am I. And he said, Lift up now thine eyes, and see: all the he-goats which leap upon the flock are ringstreaked, speckled, and grizzled: for I have seen all that Laban doeth unto thee.

13 I am the God of Bethel, where thou anointedst a pillar, where thou vowedst a vow unto me: now arise, get thee out from this land, and return unto the land of thy nativity. And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our father’s house? Are we not accounted by him as foreigners? For he hath sold us, and hath also quite devoured our money. For all the riches which God hath taken away from our father, that is ours and our children’s: now then, whatsoever God hath said unto thee, do.

17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons and his wives upon the camels; and he carried away all his cattle, and all his substance which he had gathered in Paddan-aram, to go to Isaac his father. When Laban was gone to shear his sheep, and Rachel stole her father’s shears, and put them in the camel’s saddle, and sat upon them. And Laban felt about all the tent, but found them not. And he searched, but found not the teraphim.

30 And Jacob answered and said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, that thou hast hotly pursued after me? Whereas thou hast felt about all my stuff, what hast thou found of all thy household stuff? Set it here before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge betwixt us two. These twenty years have I been with thee; thy ewes and thy she-goats have not cast their young, and the rams of thy flocks have I not eaten.

39 That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I bare the loss of it; of my hand didst thou 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 fled from mine eyes. These twenty years have I been in thy house; I served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy flock: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Avé of Isaac, had been with me, surely now hadst thou sent me away empty. God hath seen mine affliction and the labor of my hands, and rebuked thee yesternight.

43 And Laban answered and said unto Jacob, the daughters are my daughters, and the children are my children, and the flocks are my flocks, and all that thou seest is mine: and what can I do this day unto these my daughters, or unto their children whom they have borne? And now come, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap: and they did eat there by the heap.

47 And Laban called it Gæleed: And Laban said, This heap is witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed: And called it Hb. Gæleed: And Laban said, This heap is witness between me and thee this day. Therefore was the name of it called Galeed: And and Mizpah, for he said, Jehovah watch between me and thee, when we are absent one from another. If thou shalt afflict my daughters, and if thou shalt take wives besides my daughters, no man is with us; see, God

337 Or, the price paid for us.
338 Hb. stole the heart of Laban the Aramean,
339 That is, the Euphrates,
340 Hb. didst steal me,
341 Hb. elohim Also in vs. 32.
342 That is, The heap of witness: in Aramaic.
343 That is, The heap of witness: in Hebrew.
344 That is, The watch tower,
345 Hb. hidden
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is witness betwixt me and thee. 51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, and behold the pillar, which I have set betwixt me and thee. 52 This heap be witness, and the pillar be witness, that I will not pass over this heap to thee, and that thou shalt not pass over this heap and this pillar unto me, for harm. 53 The God of Abraham, and the God of Nahor, the God of their father, judge betwixt us. And Jacob swore by the Awe of his father Isaac. 54 And Jacob offered a sacrifice in the mountain, and called his brethren to eat bread: and they did eat bread, and tarried all night in the mountain. 55 And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed his sons and his daughters, and blessed them: and Laban departed, and returned unto his place.

32 And Jacob went on his way, and the angels of God met him. 2 And Jacob said when he saw them, This is God’s host: and he called the name of that place Mahanaim.

3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the field of Edom. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye say unto my lord Esau: Thus saith thy servant Jacob, I have sojourned with Laban, and stayed until now: 5 and I have oxen, and asses, and flocks, and men-servants, and maid-servants: and I have sent to tell my lord, that I may find favor in thy sight. 6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother Esau, and moreover he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid and was distressed: and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two companies; 8 and he said, If Esau come to the one company, and smite it, then the company which is left shall escape. 9 And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, O Jehovah, who saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to the kindred, and I will do thee good: 10 am not worthy of the least of all the lovingkindnesses, and of all the truth, which thou hast showed unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two companies. 11 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, and my children, and go through the land which thou didst give me.

12 Deliver me, I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau: for I fear him, lest he come and smite me, and my children, and go through the land which thou didst give me. 13 And he lodged there that night, and took of that which he had with him a present for Esau his brother: 14 two hundred she-goats and twenty he-goats, two hundred ewes and twenty rams, 15 thirty milch camels and their colts, forty cows and ten bulls, twenty she-asses and ten foals. 16 And he delivered them into the hand of his servants, every drove by itself, and said unto his servants, Pass over before me, and put a space betwixt drove and drove. 17 And he commanded the foremost, saying, When Esau my brother meeteth thee, and asketh thee, saying, Whose are these before thee? 18 then thou shalt say, They are thy servant Jacob’s; it is a present sent unto my lord Esau: and, behold, he also is behind us. 19 And he commanded also the second, and the third, and all that followed the droves, saying, On this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him; 20 and ye shall say, Moreover, behold, thy servant Jacob is behind us. For he said, I will appease him with the present that goeth before me, and afterward I will see his face; peradventure he will accept me. 21 So the present passed over before him: and he himself lodged that night in the company.

22 And he rose up that night, and took his two wives, and his two handmaids, and his eleven 348 children, and passed over the ford of the Jabbok. 23 And he took them, and sent them over the stream, and sent over that which he had. 24 And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. 25 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 strained, as he wrestled with him. 26 And he said, Let me go, for the day breaketh. And he said, I will not let thee go, except thou bless me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: 351 for thou hast striven with God and with men, and hast prevailed. 29 And Jacob asked him, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, thy name. And he said, Wherefore is it that thou dost ask after my name? And he blessed him there.

30 And Jacob called the name of the place Peniel: for, said he, I have seen God face to face, and my soul is preserved. 31 And the sun rose upon him as he passed over Penuel, and he limped upon his thigh. 32 Therefore the children of Israel eat not the sinew of the hip which is upon the hollow of the thigh, unto this day: because he touched the hollow of Jacob’s thigh in the sinew of the hip.

33 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, Esau was coming, and with him four hundred men. And he divided the children unto Leah, and unto Rachel, and unto the two handmaids. 2 And he put the handmaids and their children foremost, and Leah and her children after, and Rachel and Joseph hindermost. 3 And he himself passed over before them, and bowed himself 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. 5 And Esau lifted up his eyes, and saw the women and the children; and said, Who are these with thee? And he said, The children whom God hath graciously given thy servant. 6 Then the handmaids came near, they and their children, and they bowed themselves. 7 And Leah also and her children came near, and bowed themselves: and after came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. 8 And he said, What meanest thou by all this company which I met? And he said, To find favor in the sight of my lord. 9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother; let that which thou hast be thine. 10 And Jacob said, No, I pray thee, if now I have found favor in thy sight, then receive my present at my hand; 355 forasmuch as I have seen thy face, as one seeth the face of God, and thou wast pleased with me. 11 Take, I pray thee, my gift that is...
brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have 356 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 thee. 13 And he said unto him, My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and that the flocks and herds with me have their young: and if they overdrive them one day, all the flocks will die. 14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass over before his servant: and I will lead on gently, according to the pace of the cattle that are before me and according to the pace of the children, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. 15 And Esau said, Let me now leave with thee some of the folk that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me find favor in the sight of my lord. 16 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. 17 And Jacob journeyed to Sukkoth, and built him a house, and made booths for his cattle: therefore the name of the place is called 357 Sukkoth.

18 And Jacob came 358 in peace to the city of Shechem, which is in the land of Canaan, when he came from Paddan-aram; and encamped before the city. 19 And he bought the parcel of ground, where he had spread his tent, at the hand of the children of Hamor, Shechem’s father, for a hundred 359 pieces of money. 20 And he erected there an altar, and called it 360 El-Elohe-Israel.

34 And Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she bare unto Jacob, went out to see the daughters of the land. 2 And Shechem the son of Hamor the Hivite, the prince of the land, saw her; and he took her, and lay with her, and humbled her. 3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the damsel, and spake 361 kindly unto the damsel. 4 And Shechem spake unto his father Hamor, saying, Get me this damsel to wife. 5 Now 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 unto Jacob to commune with him. 7 And the sons of Jacob came in from the field when they heard it: and the men were grieved, and they were very wroth, because he had wrought folly in Israel in lying with Jacob’s daughter; which thing ought not to be done. 8 And Hamor communed with them, saying, The soul of my son Shechem longeth for your daughter: I pray you, give her unto him to wife. 9 And make ye marriages with us; give your daughters unto us, and take our daughters unto you. 10 And ye shall dwell with us: and the land shall be before you; dwell and trade ye therein, and get you possessions therein. 11 And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brethren, Let me find favor in your eyes, and what ye shall say unto me I will give. 12 Ask me never so much dowry and gift, and I will give according as ye shall say unto me: but give me the damsel to wife. 13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Hamor his father with guile, and spake, because he had defiled Dinah their sister, 14 and said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that were a reproach unto us. 15 Only on this condition will we consent unto you: if ye will be as we are, that every male of you be circumcised; 16 then will we give our daughters unto you, and we will take your daughters to us, and we will dwell with you, and we will become one people. 17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be circumcised; then will we 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 honored above all the house of his father. 20 And Hamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and communed with the men of their city, saying, 21 These men are peaceable with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; for, behold, the land is large enough for them: let us take their daughters to us for wives, and let us give them our daughters. 22 Only on this condition will the men consent unto us to dwell with us, to become one people, if every male among us be circumcised, as they are circumcised. 23 Shall not their cattle and their substance and all their beasts be ours? only let us consent unto them, and they will dwell with us.

24 And unto Hamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and every male was circumcised, all that 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, Simeon and Levi, Dinah’s brethren, took each man his sword, and came upon the city 362 unawares, 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 forth. 27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and plundered the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28 They took their flocks and their herds 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 made a prey, even all that was in the house. 30 And Jacob said to Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me, to make me odious to the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and, I being few in number, they will gather themselves together against me and smite me; and I shall be destroyed, I and my house. 31 And they said, Should he deal with our sister as with a harlot?

35 And God said unto Jacob, Arise, go up to Bethel, and dwell there: and make there an altar unto God, who appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. 2 Then Jacob said unto his household, and to all that were with him, Put away the foreign gods that were among you, and purify yourselves, and change your garments: 3 and let us arise, and go up to Bethel; and I will make there an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was with me in the way which I went. 4 And they gave unto Jacob all the foreign gods which were in their hand, and the rings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the 363 oak which was by Shechem. 5 And they journeyed: and a terror of God was upon the cities that were round about them, and they did not pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to Luz, which is in the land of Canaan (the same is Bethel), he and all the people that were with him. 7 And he built there an altar, and called the place 364 El-beth-el; because there God was revealed unto him, when he fled from the face

356 Hb. all.
357 That is, Booths.
358 Or, to Shalem, a city
359 Hb. q’sitah Elsewhere only in Josh 24:32, Job 42:11
360 That is, God, the God of Israel.
361 Hb. to the heart of the damsel.
362 Or, boldly,
363 Or, terebinth Also in vs. 8.
of his brother. 8 And Deborah Rebecah's nurse died, and she was buried below Bethel under the oak: and the name of it was called 365Alon-bacuth.

9 And God appeared unto Jacob again, when he came from Paddan-aram, and blessed him. 10 And God said unto him, Thy name is Jacob: thy name shall not be called any more Jacob, but Israel shall be thy name: and he called his name Israel. 11 And God said unto him, I am 366Almighty: be fruitful and multiply; a nation and a company of nations shall be of thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins;

12 and the land which I gave unto Abraham and Isaac, to thee I will give it, and to thy seed after thee will I give the land. 13 And God went up from him in the place where he spake with him. 14 And Jacob set up a pillar in the place where he spake with him, a pillar of stone: and he poured out a drink-offering thereon, and poured oil thereon. 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God spake with him, Bethel.

16 And they journeyed from Bethel; and there was still some distance to come to Ephrath; and Rachel travailed, and she had hard labor. 17 And it came to pass, when she was in hard labor, that the midwife said unto her, Fear not; for now thou shalt have another son. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was departing (for she died), that she called his name 367Ben-oni: but his father called him 368Benjamin.

19 And Rachel died, and was buried in the way to Ephrath (the same is Beth-lehem). 20 And Jacob set up a pillar upon her grave: the same is the Pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day. 21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of Eder. 22 And it came to pass, while Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lay with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it.

23 Now the sons of Jacob were twelve: 23a the sons of Leah: Reuben, Jacob's firstborn, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun; 24 the sons of Rachel: Joseph and Benjamin; 25 and the sons of Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid: Dan and Naphtali; 26 and the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid: Gad and Asher: these are the sons of Jacob, that were born to him in Paddan-aram. 27 And Jacob came unto Isaac his father to Mamre, to Kiriath-arba (the same is Hebron), where Abraham and Isaac sojourned.

28 And the days of Isaac were a hundred eighty years. 29 And Isaac gave up the breath, and died, and was gathered unto his people, old and full of days: and 369Esaug and Jacob his sons buried him.

36 Now these are the generations of Esau (the same is Edom). 2 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite, and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite, 3 and Basemath Ishmael's daughter, sister of Nebaioth. 4 And Adah bare to Esau Eliphaz; and Basemath bare Reu, 5 and Oholibamah bare Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah: these are the sons of Esau, that were born unto him in the land of Canaan. 6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the souls of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his possessions, which he had gathered in the land of Canaan; and went into a land away from his brother Jacob. 7 For their substance was too great for them to dwell together; and the land of their sojournings could not bear them because of their cattle. 8 And Esau dwelt in mount Seir: Esau is Edom.

9 And these are the generations of Esau the father of 370 the Edomites in mount Seir: 10 these are the names of Esau's sons: Eliphaz the son of Adah the wife of Esau, Reuel the son of Basemath the wife of Esau. 11 And the sons of Eliphas were Teman, Omar, 372Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz. 12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bare to Eliphaz Amalek: these are the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. 13 And these are the sons of Reuel: Nahath, and Zerah, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 14 And these were the sons of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bare to Esau Jeush, and Jalam, and Korah.

15 These are the chiefs of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the firstborn of Esau: chief Teman, chief Omar, chief Zepho, chief Gatam, chief Kenaz, chief Teman, Omar, Zepho, and Gatam, and Kenaz.

16 These were the sons of Reuel: chief Nahath, and Zerah, chief Shammah, and chief Mizzah: these were the chiefs that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. 17 And these are the sons of Reuel, Esau's son: chief Nahath, chief Zerah, chief Shammah, chief Mizzah: these were the chiefs that came of Reuel in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Basemath, Esau's wife. 18 And these are the sons of Oholibamah, Esau's wife: chief Jeush, chief Jalam, chief Korah: these were the chiefs that came of Oholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. 19 These are the sons of Esau, and these are their chiefs: the same is Edom.

20 These are the sons of Seir the Horite, the inhabitants of the land: Lotan and Shobal and Zibeon and Anah, 21 and Dishon and Ezzer and Dishan: these are the sons of Seir. 22 And the children of Lotan were Hori and 375Heman; and Lotan's sister was Timna. 23 And these are the children of Shobal: 374Alvan and Manahath and Ebal, 376Shephi and Onam. 24 And these are the children of Zibeon: Aiah and Anah; this is Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. 25 And these are the children of Anah: Dishon and Oholibamah the daughter of Anah. 26 And these are the children of Dishon: 377Heman and Eshban and Ithran and Keran. 27 These are the children of Ezer: Bilhan and Zaan an and 378Akan. 28 These are the children of Dishan: Uz and Aran. 29 These are the chiefs that came of the Horites: chief Lotan, chief Shobal,
chief Zibeon, chief Anah, 30 chief Dishon, chief Ezer, chief Dishan: these are the chiefs that came of the Horites, according to their chiefs in the land of Seir.

31 And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom, before there reigned any king over the children of Israel. 32 And Bela the son of Beor reigned in Edom; and the name of his city was Dihnah. 33 And Bela died, and Jobab the son of Zerah of Bozrah reigned in his stead, 34 And Jobab died, and Husam of the land of the Temanites reigned in his stead. 35 And Husam died, and Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab, reigned in his stead: and the name of his city was Avith. 36 And Hadad died, and Samlah of Masrekah reigned in his stead. 37 And Samlah died, and Shaul of Rehoboth by the River reigned in his stead. 38 And Shaul died, and Baal-hanan the son of Achbor reigned in his stead. 39 And Baal-hanan the son of Achbor died, and 40 Hadar reigned in his stead: 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 that came of Esau, according to their families, after their places, by their names: chief Timna, chief Alvah, chief Jetheth, 42 chief Oholibamah, chief Elah, chief Pinon, 42 chief Kenaz, chief Teman, chief Mibzar, chief Magdiel, chief Iram: these are the chiefs of Edom according to their habitations in the land of their possession. This is Esau, the father of the Edomites.

37 And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojournings, in the land of Canaan. 2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brethren; and he was with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives: and Joseph brought an evil report of them unto their father. 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 of many colors. 4 And his brethren saw that their father loved him more than all his brethren; and they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him.

5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brethren: and they hated him yet the more. 6 And he said unto them, Hear, I pray 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 came round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. 8 And his brethren said to him, Shalt thou indeed reign over us? or shalt thou indeed have dominion over us? and they hated him yet the more for his dreams, and for his words. 9 And he dreamed yet another dream, and told it to his brethren, and said, Behold, I have dreamed yet a dream; and, behold, the sun and the moon and eleven stars made obeisance to me. 10 And he told it to his father, and to his brethren; and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall I and thy mother and thy brethren indeed come to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth? 11 And his brethren envied him; but his father kept the saying in mind.

12 And his brethren went to feed, and make merry in Shechem. 13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Are not thy brethren feeding the flock in Shechem? come, and I will send thee unto them. And he said to him, Here am I. 14 And he said to him, Go now, see whether it is well with thy brethren, and well with the flock; and bring me word again. So he sent him out of the vale 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 seekest thou? 16 And he said, I am seeking my brethren: tell me, I pray thee, where they are feeding the flock. 17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph went after his brethren, and found them in Dothan.

18 And they saw him afar off, and before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19 And they said one to another, Behold, this dreamer cometh. 20 Come now therefore, and let us slay him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, An evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. 21 And Reuben heard it, and delivered him out of their hand, and said, Let us not kill his soul. 22 And Reuben said unto them, Shed no blood; cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but lay no hand upon him: that he might deliver him out of their hand, to restore him to his father. 23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brethren, that they stripped Joseph of his coat, the coat of many colors, that was on him; 24 and they took him, and cast him into the 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 caravan of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead, with their camels bearing spicery and balm and myrrh, going to carry it down to Egypt. 26 And Judah said unto his brethren, 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, our flesh. And his brethren hearkened unto him. 28 And there passed by Midianites, merchants; and they drew and lifted up Joseph out of the pit, and sold Joseph to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they brought Joseph into Egypt.

29 And Reuben returned unto the pit; and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit; and he rent his clothes. 30 And he returned unto his brethren, and said, The child is not; and I, whither shall I go? 31 And they took Joseph's coat, and killed a he-goat, and dipped the coat in the blood; 32 and they sent the coat of many colors, and they brought it to their father, and said, This have we found: know now whether it is thy son's coat or not. 33 And he knew it, and said, It is my son's coat;
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an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is without doubt torn in pieces. 34 And Jacob rent his garments, 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. And his father wept for him. 36 And the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh’s, the captain of the guard.

38 And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brethren, 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 unto her. 3 And she conceived, and bare a son; and he called his name Er. 4 And she conceived again, and bare a son; and she called his name Onan. 5 And she yet again bare a son, and called his name Shelah: and he was at Kezib, when she bare him. 6 And Judah took a wife for Er his firstborn, and her name was Tamar. 7 And Er, Judah’s firstborn, was wicked in the sight of Jehovah; and Jehovah slew him. 8 And Judah said unto Onan, Go in unto thy brother’s wife, and perform the duty of a husband’s brother unto her, and raise up seed to thy brother. 9 And Onan knew that the seed would not be his; and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother’s wife, that he spilled it on the ground, lest he should give seed to his brother. 10 And the thing which he did was evil in the sight of Jehovah: and he slew him also. 11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow in thy father’s house, till Shelah my son be grown up; for he will die for his brother’s sake, and it shall be counted to him a credit. 12 And in process of time Shua’s daughter, the wife of Judah, died; and Judah was comforted, and went up unto his sheep-shearers to Timnah, he and his friend Hirah the Adullamite. 13 And it was told Tamar, saying, Behold, thy father-in-law goeth up to Timnah to shear his sheep. 14 And she put off from her the garments of her widowhood, and covered herself with her veil, and wrapped herself, and sat in the gate of Enaim, which is by the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown up, and she was not given unto him to wife. 15 When Judah saw her, he thought her to be a harlot; for she had covered her face. 16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Come, I pray thee, let me come in unto thee: for he knew not that she was his daughter-in-law. And she said, What wilt thou give me, that thou mayest come in unto me? 17 And he said, I will send thee a kid of the goats from the flock. And she said, Wilt thou give me a pledge, till thou send it? 18 And he said, What pledge shall I give thee? And she said, Thy signet and thy cord, and thy staff that is in thy hand. And he gave them to her, and came in unto her, and she conceived by him. 19 And she arose, and went away, and put off her veil from her, and put on the garments of her widowhood. 20 And Judah sent the kid of the goats by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to receive the pledge from the woman’s hand: but he found not her. 21 Then he asked the men of her place, saying, Where is the prostitute, that was at Enaim by the wayside? And they said, There hath been no prostitute here. 22 And he returned to Judah, and said, I have not found her; and also the men of the place said, There hath been no prostitute here. 23 And Judah said, Let her take it to her, lest we be put to shame: behold, I sent this kid, and thou hast not found her.

24 And it came to pass about three months after, that it was told Judah, saying, Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and moreover, behold, she is with child by whomsoever she is with child. 25 And Judah said, Bring her forth, and let her be burnt. 26 When she was brought forth, she sent to her father-in-law, saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: and she said, Discern, I pray thee, whose these are, the signet, and the cords, and the staff. 27 And Judah acknowledged them, and said, She is more righteous than I, forasmuch as I gave her not to Shelah my son. And he knew her again no more. 28 And it came to pass in the time of her travail, that, behold, twins were in her womb. 29 And it came to pass, when she travailed, that one put out a hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. 30 And it came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold, his brother came out; and she said, There hath thou made a breach for thyself? therefore his name was called Perez. 31 And afterward came out his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: and his name was called Zerah.

39 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh’s, the captain of the guard, an Egyptian, bought him of the hand of the Ishmaelites, that had brought him down thither. 2 And Jehovah 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 Jehovah was with him, and that Jehovah made all that he did to prosper in his hand. 4 And Joseph found favor in his sight, and he ministered unto 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 made him overseer in his house, and over all that he had, that Jehovah blessed the Egyptian’s house for Joseph’s sake; and the blessing of Jehovah 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 that he was with him, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph was comely, and well-favored.

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 unto his master’s wife, Behold, my master knoveth not what is with me in the house, and he hath put all that he hath into my hand: 9 he is not greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back anything from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God? 10 And it came to pass, as she spake to Joseph day by day, that he hearkened...
not unto her, to lie by her, or to be with her. 11 And it came to pass about this time, that he went into the house to do his work; and there was none of the men of the house there within. 12 And she caught him by his garment, saying, Lie with me: and he left his garment in her hand, and fled, and got him out. 13 And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 that she called unto the men of her house, and spake unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in a Hebrew unto us to mock us: he came in unto 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 by me, and fled out. 16 And she laid up his garment by her, until his master came home. 17 And she spake unto him according to these words, saying, The Hebrew servant, whom thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to mock me: 18 and it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment by me, and fled out.

19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spake unto him, saying, After this manner did thy servant to me; that his wrath was kindled. 20 And Joseph’s master took him, and put him into the prison, the place where the king’s prisoners were bound: and he was there in the prison. 21 But Jehovah was with Joseph, and showed kindness unto him, 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 that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there, was the doer of it. 23 The keeper of the prison looked not to anything that was under his hand, because Jehovah was with him; and that which he did, Jehovah made it to prosper.

And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and his baker offended their lord the king of Egypt. 2 And 399 Pharaoh was wroth against his two officers, against the chief of the butlers, and against the chief of the bakers. 3 And he put them in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, into the prison, the place where Joseph was bound. 4 And the captain of the guard charged Joseph with them, and he ministered unto them: and they continued a season in ward. 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. 6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and saw them, and behold, they were sad. 7 And he asked Pharaoh’s officers that were with him in ward in his master’s house, saying, Wherefore look ye so sad today? 8 And they said unto him, We have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell it me, I pray 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 the clusters thereof 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 unto him, This is the interpretation of it: the three branches are three days; 13 within yet three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head, and restore thee unto thine office: and thou shalt give Pharaoh’s cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. 14 But have me in thy remembrance when it shall be well with thee, and show kindness, I pray thee, unto me, and make mention of me unto Pharaoh, and bring me out of this house: 15 for indeed I was stolen away out of the land of the Hebrews: and here also have I done nothing that they should put me into the dungeon.

16 When the chief baker saw that the interpretation was good, he said unto Joseph, I also was in my dream, and, behold, three baskets of white bread were on my head: 17 and in the uppermost basket there was of all manner of baked food for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the basket upon my head. 18 And Joseph answered and said, This is the interpretation thereof: the three baskets are three days; 19 within yet three days shall Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and shall hang thee on a tree; and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee. 20 And it came to pass the third day, which was Pharaoh’s birthday, that he made a feast unto all his servants: and he lifted up the head of the chief butler and the head of the chief baker among his servants. 21 And he restored the chief butler unto 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.

And it came to pass at the end of two full years, that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the Nile. 2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven vs. 7. kine, well-favored and fat-fleshed; and they fed in the reed-grass. 3 And, behold, seven other kine came up after them out of the river, ill-favored and lean-fleshed, and stood by the other kine upon the brink of the river. 4 And the ill-favored and lean-fleshed kine did eat up the seven well-favored and fat kine. So Pharaoh awoke. 5 And he slept and dreamed a second time: and, behold, seven ears of grain came up after them out of the reed-grass: seven ears, thin and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them. 6 And the thin ears swallowed up the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. 7 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the 403 magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof: and Pharaoh told them his dream; but there was none that could interpret them unto Pharaoh.

9 Then spake the chief butler unto Pharaoh, saying, I do remember my faults this day: 10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the house of the captain of the guard, 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 with us there 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

398 Here he could learn the details of government.
399 Food poisoning would cause the chief baker and the chief butler to be the prime suspects.
400 Hb. Yeor. That is, Nile. [Bohairic iapo, laro.] 401 Or, heifer, or, cow.
402 Hb. fat. Also in vs. 7.
403 Or, sacred scribes of Egypt.
404 Or, will make mention of my faults.
man according to his dream he did interpret. 13 And it came to pass, as he interpreted to us, so it was; 405 Or I was restored . . . and he was hanged.

14 Then Pharaoh sent and called Joseph, and they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and he shaved himself, and changed his raiment, and came in unto Pharaoh. 15 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that when thou hearkest a dream thou canst interpret it. 16 And Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, 406 Or It is not in me: God will give Pharaoh an answer of peace. 17 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, I stood upon the brink of the river: 18 and, behold, there came up out of the river seven kine, fat-fleshed and well-favored; and they fed in the reed-grass: 19 and, behold, seven other kine came up after them, poor and very ill-favored; and lean-fleshed, such as I never saw in all the land of Egypt for badness: 20 and the lean and ill-favored kine did eat up the first seven fat kine: 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 upon one stalk, full and good. 23 and, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them: 24 and the thin ears swallowed up the seven good ears: and I told it unto the magicians; but there was none that could declare it to me.

25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh, 411 Or He spake: probably an Egyptian word, similar in sound to the Hebrew word meaning to kneel.

The dream of Pharaoh is one: what God is about to do he hath declared unto Pharaoh. 26 The seven good kine are seven years; and the seven good ears are seven years: the dream is one. 27 And the seven lean and ill-favored kine that came up after them are seven years, and also the seven empty ears blasted with the east wind; they shall be seven years of famine. 28 That is the thing which I spake unto Pharaoh: what God is about to do he hath showed unto 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 the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of that famine which followeth; for it shall be very grievous. 32 And for that the dream was doubled unto Pharaoh, it is because the thing is established by God, and God will shortly bring it to pass. 33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint overseers over the land, and 407 Take up the fifth part of the land of Egypt in the seven plenteous years. 35 And let them gather all the food of these good years that come, and lay up grain under the hand of Pharaoh for food in the cities, and let them keep it. 36 And the food shall be for a 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 unto his servants, Can we find such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of God is? 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Forasmuch as God hath showed thee all this, there is none so discreet and wise as thou: 40 thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou. 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, See, I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42 And Pharaoh took off his signet ring from his hand, and put it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of fine linen, and put a gold chain about his neck; 43 and he made him to ride in the second chariot which he had; and they cried before him, 408 Or Bow the knee: and he set him over the land of Egypt. 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh, and without thee shall no man lift up his hand or his foot in all the land of Egypt. 45 And Pharaoh called Joseph's name Zaphenath-paneah; and he gave him to wife Asenath, 412 Or the daughter of Potiphera priest of On. And Joseph went out over 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 plenteous years the earth brought forth oping the Fayum in time to help survive the famine. The monarchs (regional rulers) were wealthy early in Ammene- nes' reign but were later impoverished (yet without sign of civil unrest): During the years of plenty, Pharaoh's treasury flowed out to the farmers and their overlords; during the fail- ing-crop years, the people became poor, but there was food enough to keep them alive.

The Middle Kingdom reached the apex of its glory, yet without battles and great victories; Ammene- nes' statues are found as far away as Byblos (north of Beirut, Lebanon): Egypt rescued the entire region with food in time of famine.

405 Or I was restored . . . and he was hanged.

406 Sept., Samaritan, (4QGen) read Apart from God, the welfare of Pharaoh shall receive no answer. (So Ahegg).

407 Years of abundant crops see farm prices drop, and farmers go bankrupt; so careful farm policy was required in the good years also.

408 Or order themselves: or, do homage:

409 Or, cotton.

410 Abrech: probably an Egyptian word, similar in sound to the Hebrew word meaning to kneel.

411 Joseph's exaltation in the 4th year of Ammene- nes III explains the more mysterious features of that reign:

The basalt quarries at Hammamat were closed from the 4th to 18th years: The year Joseph came to power put top priority on food management, followed by 7 years of bumper crops and 7 years of failed crops. The making of monuments was deferred. 90 km² of new farmland was opened up in the Fayum district by draining swampland: Food production was maximized in preparation for famine.

Two 18-meter high statues of Ammene- nes III mark the road to the Fayum district: Ammene- nes receives the credit for devel-
by handfulls. 48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years 412 which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food in the cities: the food of the field, which was round about every city, laid he up in the same. 49 And Joseph laid up grain as the sand of the sea, very much, until he left off numbering; for it was without number. 50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the year of famine came, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bare unto him. 51 And Joseph called the name of the firstborn 413 Manasseh: For, said he, God hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father’s house. 52 And the name of the second called he Ephraim: For God hath made me fruitful in the land of my affliction. 53 And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of Egypt, came to an end. 54 And the seven years of famine began to come, according as Joseph had said: and there was famine 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 unto all 414 Egyptians, Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. 56 And the famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph opened all the storehouses, and 415 sold unto the Egyptians; and the famine was sore in the land of Egypt. 57 And all countries came into Egypt to Joseph to buy grain, because the famine was sore in all the earth.

42 Now Jacob saw that there was grain in Egypt, and Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look one upon another? 2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is grain in Egypt: get ye down thither, and buy for us from thence; that we may live, and not die. 3 And Joseph's ten brethren went down to buy grain from Egypt. 4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brethren; for he said, Lest peradventure harm befall him. 5 And the sons of Israel came to buy among those that came: for the famine was sore in the land of Canaan. 6 And Joseph was the 416 governor over the land; he it was that sold to all the people of the land. And Joseph's brethren came, and bowed down themselves to him with their faces to the earth. 7 And Joseph saw his brethren, and he knew them, but made himself strange unto them, and spake roughly with them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? 8 And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. 9 And Joseph knew his brethren, but they knew not him. 10 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he dreamed of them, and said unto them, Ye are spies; to see the nakedness of the land ye are come. 11 And they said unto him, No, my lord, but to buy food are thy servants come. 12 And they said, We thy servants are twelve brethren, the sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the youngest is this day with our father, and one is not. 13 And Joseph said unto them, That is it that I spake unto you, saying, Ye are spies: 14 hereby ye shall be proved: by the life of Pharaoh ye shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. 15 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be bound, that your words may be proved, whether there be truth in you: or else by the life of Pharaoh surely ye are spies. 16 And he put them all together into ward three days.

18 And Joseph said unto them the third day, This do, and live: for I fear God: 19 if ye be true men, let one of your brethren be bound in your prison-house; but go ye, carry grain for the famine of your houses: 20 and bring your youngest brother unto me; so shall your words be verified, and ye shall not die. 21 And they did so. 22 And they said one to another, We are truly guilty concerning our brother, in that we saw the distress 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, Spake I not unto you, saying, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? therefore also, behold, his blood is required. 23 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for there was 420 an interpreter between them. 24 And he turned himself about from them, and wept; and he returned to them, and spake to them, and took 421 Simeon from among them, and bound him before their eyes. 25 Then Joseph commanded to fill their vessels with grain, and to restore every man’s money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way: and thus was it done unto them.

26 And as they emptied their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in the mouth of his sack. And Joseph said, It is thus: 27 I have found out a man in the land of Canaan, and told him all that had befallen you, saying, 28 The man, the lord of the land, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men; we are no spies, but to give your brother, and your money return ye unto him; and ye shall live, and not die. 29 And they said, Let there be given us the man’s money again, and let us live, and not die, that we may buy food, that we may live: and we will bring down every man’s beast unto thy city. 30 The man, the lord of the land, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men: leave one of your brethren with me, and take grain for the famine of your houses, and go your way; and bring your youngest brother unto me: then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men: so will I deliver you your brother, and ye shall traffic 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 they and their father said unto Jacob, The money is gone; we have been altogether deceived. 36 And Jacob their father said unto them, Me have ye...
beregued of my children: Joseph is not, and Simeon is not, and ye will take Benjamin away: all these things are against me.
37 And Reuben spake unto his father, saying, Slay my two sons, if I bring him not to thee: deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him to thee again. 38 And he said, My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he only is left: if harm befall him by the way in which ye go, then will ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol.

43 And the famine was sore 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 unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. 3 And Judah spake unto him, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. 4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: 5 but if thou wilt not send him, we will not go down; for the man said unto us, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. 6 And Israel said, Wherefore dealt ye so ill with me, as to tell the man whether ye had yet a brother? 7 And they said, The man asked strictly concerning ourselves, and concerning our kindred, saying, Is your father yet alive? have ye another brother? and we told him according to the tenor of these words: could we in any wise know that he would say, Bring your brother down? 8 And Judah said unto Israel his father, Send the lad with me, and we will arise and go; that we may live, and not die, both we, and thou, and also our little ones. 9 I will be surety for him; of my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then let me bear the blame for ever: 10 for except we had lingered, surely we had now returned a second time. 11 And their father Israel said unto them, If it be so now, do this: take of the choice fruits of the land in your vessels, and carry down the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spicery and myrrh, pistachio nuts, and almonds; 12 and take double money in your hand; and the money that was returned in the mouth of your sacks, carry again in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight: 13 take also your brother, and arise, go again unto the man: 14 and God Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may release unto you your other brother and Benjamin. And if I be bereaved of my children, 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 steward of his house, Bring the men into the house, and slay, and make ready; for the men shall dine with me at noon. 17 And the man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with you. 18 And they were brought to Joseph's house; and they said, Because we were brought into the house of Egypt, our father said unto us, Go again, buy us a little food. 19 And they spake unto him at the door of the house, and said, Oh, my lord, we came indeed down at the first time to buy food: 20 and it came to pass, when we came to the lodging-place, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in full weight: and we have brought it again in our hand. 22 And other money have we brought down in our hand to buy food: we know not 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, hath given you treasure in your sacks: I had your money. And he brought Simeon out unto 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 against 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 down themselves to him to the earth. 27 And he asked them of their welfare, and said, Is your father well, the old man of whom ye spake? Is he yet alive? 28 And they said, Thy servant our father is well, he is yet alive. And they bowed the head, and made obeisance. 29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw Benjamin his brother, his mother's son, and said, Is this your youngest brother, of whom ye spake unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. 30 And Joseph made haste; for his heart yearned over his brother: and he sought where to weep; and he entered into his chamber, and wept there. 31 And he washed his face, and came out; and he refrained himself, and said, Set on bread. 32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them by themselves, and for the Egyptians, that did eat with him, by themselves: because the Egyptians might not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an abomination unto the Egyptians. 33 And they sat before him, the firstborn according to his birthright, and the youngest according to his youth: and the men marvelled one with another. 34 And he took, and sent messes unto them from before him: but Benjamin's mess was five times so much as any of theirs. And they drank, and were merry with him.

44 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 were not yet far off, Joseph said unto his steward, Get up, follow after the men; and when thou dost overtake them, say unto them, Wherefore have ye rewarded evil for good? 5 Is not this that in which my lord drinketh, and whereby he indeed diethven? ye have done evil in so doing. 6 And he overtook them, and he spake unto them these words. 7 And they said unto him, Wherefore speakest thou my lord such words as these? Far be it from thy servants that they should do such a thing. 8 Behold, the money, which we found in our sacks' mouths, we brought again unto thee out of the land of Canaan: how then should we steal out of thy lord's house silver or gold? 9 With whomsoever of thy servants it be found, let him die, and we also will be my lord's bondmen. 10 And he said, Now also let it be according unto your words:

423 Or. upon
424 Hb. I shall have sinned against thee for ever:
425 Pistachio nuts grow abundantly in Israel and Syria, but are not known to grow in Egypt. So W. Wilson.
426 Hb. El Shaddai
427 Hb. roll himself upon us,
428 Or. messes were taken unto them
429 Hb. drank largely with him.
he with whom it is found shall be my bondman; and ye shall be blameless. 11 Then they hasted, and 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 left off at the youngest: and the cup was found in Benjamin’s sack. 13 Then they rent their clothes, and laded every man his ass, and returned to the city.

14 And Judah and his brethren came to Joseph’s house; and he was yet there: and they fell before him on the ground. 15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ye have done? Know ye not that such a man as I can indeed divine? 16 And Judah said, What shall we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how shall we clear ourselves? God hath found out the iniquity of thy servants: behold, we are my lord’s bondmen, both we, and he also in whose hand the cup is found. 17 And he said, Far be it from me that I should do so: the man in whose hand the cup is found, he shall be my bondman; but as for you, get you up in peace unto your father.

18 Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Oh, my lord, let thy servant, I pray thee, speak a word in my lord’s ears, and let not thine anger burn against thy servant; for thou art even as Pharaoh. 19 My lord asked his servants, saying, Have ye a father, or a brother? 20 And we said unto 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 loveth him. 21 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Bring him down unto me, that I may set mine eye upon him. 22 And we said unto my lord, The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, his father would die. 23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall see my face no more. 24 And it came to pass when we came up unto thy servant my father, we told him the words of my lord. 25 And our father said, Go again, buy us a little food. 26 And we said, We cannot 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 thy servant my father said unto us, Yea know that my wife bare me two sons: 28 and the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he is torn in pieces; and I have not seen him since: 29 and if ye take this one also from me, and harm befal him, ye will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to Sheol. 30 Now therefore when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his soul is bound up in the lad’s soul; 31 it will come to pass, when he seeth that the lad is not with us, that he will die: and thy servants will bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to Sheol. 32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saying, If I bring him not unto thee, then shall I bear the blame to my father for ever. 33 Now therefore, let thy servant, I pray thee, abide instead of the lad a bondman to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brethren. 34 For how shall I go up to my father, if the lad be not with me? lest I see the evil that shall come on my father.

45 Then Joseph could not refrain himself before all them that 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 unto his brethren. 2 And he 432wept aloud: and the Egyptians heard, and the house of Pharaoh heard. 3 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I am Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brethren could not answer him; for they were troubled at his presence. 4 And Joseph said unto his brethren, Come near to me, I pray you. And they came near. And he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold into Egypt. 5 And now be not grieved, nor angry with yourselves, that ye sold me hither: for God did send me before you to preserve life. 6 For these two years hath the famine been in the land: and there are yet five years, in which there shall be neither plowing nor harvest. 7 And God sent me before you to preserve you a remnant in the earth, and to save you alive by a great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you that sent me hither, but God: and he hath made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house, and ruler over all the land of Egypt. 9 Haste ye, and go up to my father, and say unto him, Thus saith thy son Joseph, God hath made me lord of all Egypt: come down unto me, tarry not; 10 and thou shalt dwell in the land of Goshen, and thou shalt be near unto me, thou, and thy children, and thy children’s children, and thy flocks, and thy herds, and all that thou hast: 11 and there I will nourish thee; for there are yet five years of famine; lest thou come to poverty, thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast. 12 And, behold, your eyes see, and the eyes of my brother Benjamin, that it is my mouth that speaketh unto you. 13 And ye shall tell my father of all my glory in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen: and ye shall haste and bring down my father hither. 14 And he fell upon his brother Benjamin’s neck, and wept; and Benjamin wept upon his neck. 15 And he kissed all his brethren, and wept upon them: and after that his brethren talked with him.

16 And the report thereof was heard in Pharaoh’s house, saying, Joseph’s brethren are come: and it pleased Pharaoh well, and his servants. 17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brethren, Say unto thy brethren, This do ye: lade your beasts, and go, get you unto the land of Canaan; 18 and take your father and your households, and come unto me: and I will give you the good of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. 19 Now thou art commanded, this do ye: take you wagons out of the land of Egypt for your little ones, and for your wives, and bring your father, and come. 20 Also regard not your stuff; for the good of all the land of Egypt is yours.

21 And the sons 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 raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three changes of raiment; 23 and ten she-asses laden with grain and ten she-asses laden with bread and provision for his father by the way. 24 So he sent his brethren away, and they departed: and he said unto them, See that ye fall not out by the way. 25 And they went up out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan unto Jacob their father. 26 And they told him, saying, Joseph is yet alive, and he is ruler over all the land of Egypt. And his heart fainted, for he believed them not. 27 And they told him all the words of Joseph, which he had said unto them: and when he saw the

430 Hb. evil 431 Or, his life is knit with the lad’s life; See 1Sa 18:1. 432 Hb. gave forth his voice in weeping: 433 Consistent with the 1st year of Ammenemes III in BC 1842, the seven years of famine would have been BC 1831-1825. 434 Or, to be a great company that escape.
wagons which Joseph had sent to carry him, the spirit of Jacob their father revived: and Israel said, It is enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I will go and see him before I die.

46 And Israel took his journey with all that he had, and came to Beersheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. 2 And God spake unto 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 thy father: fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation: 4 I will go down with thee into Egypt; and I will also surely bring thee up again: and Joseph shall put his hand upon thine eyes. 5 And Jacob rose up from Beersheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father; and their little ones, and their cattle, and their goods, which Joseph had sent to carry him, in the wagons which Pharaoh had made ready.

6 And they took their cattle, and their goods, which they had given in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt, Jacob and all his seed with him: 7 his sons, and his sons’ sons with him, his daughters, and his sons’ daughters, and all his seed brought he with him into Egypt.

8 And these are the names of the children of Israel, which came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: Reuben, Jacob’s first-born. 9 And the sons of Reuben: Hanoch, and Pallu, and Hezron, and Carmi. 10 And the sons of Simeon: 435 Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and 436 Zochir, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman. 11 And the sons of Levi: 437 Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 12 And the sons of Judah: Er, and Onan, and Shelah, and Perez, and Zerah; 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 438 Puvah, and Iob, and Shimron. 14 And the sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Jahleel. 15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bare unto Jacob in Paddan-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 440 Ezbon, Eliezer, and Shemida; and their father was Japhlet. 17 And the sons of Asher: Imnah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah; and Beriah was the father of Heber, and of Malchiel. 18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob; even sixteen souls. 19 The sons of Rachel Jacob’s wife: Joseph and Benjamin. 20 And unto Joseph in the land of Egypt were born Manasseh and Efraim, whom Asenath, the daughter of Potiphera priest of On, bare unto him. 21 And the sons of Benjamin: Bela, 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: 441 Jahzeel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shillem. 25 These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and these she bare unto Jacob: all the souls were seven. 26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, that came out of 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, that came into Egypt, were seventy.

28 And he sent Judah before him unto Joseph, to show the way before him unto Goshen; and they came into the land of Goshen. 29 And Joseph made ready his chariot, and went up to meet Israel his father, to Goshen; and he presented himself unto him, and fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 30 And Israel said unto Joseph, Now let me die, since I have seen thy face, that thou art yet alive. 31 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father’s house, I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and will say unto him, My brethren, and my father’s house, who were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; and the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of cattle; and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. 32 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? 33 that ye shall say, Thy servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.

47 Then Joseph went in and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brethren, and their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have, are come out of the land of Canaan; and, behold, they are in the land of Goshen. 2 And from among his brethren he took five men, and presented them unto Pharaoh. 3 And Pharaoh said unto his brethren, What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh, Thy servants are shepherds, both we and our fathers. 4 And they said unto Pharaoh, to sojourn in the land are we come; for there is no pasture for thy servants’ flocks; for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan: now therefore, we pray thee, let thy servants dwell in the land of Goshen. 5 And Pharaoh spake unto Joseph, saying, Thy father and thy brethren are yet alive. 6 And Joseph said unto his brethren, and unto his father’s house, I will go up, and will shew Pharaoh, and will say unto him, My brethren, and my father’s house, who are in the land of Canaan, are come unto me; and the men are shepherds, for they have been keepers of cattle, and they have brought their flocks, and their herds, and all that they have. 7 And it shall come to pass, when Pharaoh shall call you, and shall say, What is your occupation? 8 that ye shall say, Thy servants have been keepers of cattle from our youth even until now, both we and our fathers: that ye may dwell in the land of Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto the Egyptians.
have been the days of the years of my life, and they have not attained unto 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 the presence of Pharaoh. 11 And Joseph placed his father and his brethren, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Goshen, as Pharaoh had commanded. 12 And Joseph nourished his father, and his brethren, 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 sore, so that the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan failed by reason 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 the money was all spent in the land of Egypt, and in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine was sore in those lands. 16 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine was sore in all the land. 17 And it came to pass, when all the money of the country was spent, 18 that Joseph opened all the butts, and said, Bring forth your cattle, and I will give you for your cattle, if money fail. 19 And they brought their cattle unto Joseph; and Joseph gave them bread in exchange for the horses, and for the flocks, and for the herds, and for the asses: and he fed them with bread in exchange for all their cattle for that year. 20 And when that year was ended, they came unto him the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide from our lord, how that our money is all spent; and the herds of cattle are our lord’s; there is nought left in the sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our lands: 21 wherefore should we die before thine eyes, both we and our land? buy we and our land for bread, and we and our land will be servants unto Pharaoh: and give us seed, that we may live, and not die, and that the land be not desolate.

22 So Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine was sore upon them: and the land became Pharaoh’s. 23 And as for the people, he removed them to the cities from one end of the border of Egypt even to the other end thereof. 24 Only the land of the priests bought he not: for the priests had a portion from Pharaoh, and did eat their portion as for their fathers. 25 Then Joseph said unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and ye shall sow the land. 26 And it shall come to pass at the ingatherings, that ye shall give a fifth unto 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. 27 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh’s servants. 28 And Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt unto this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests alone became not Pharaoh’s.

29 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the land of Goshen; and they got them possessions therein, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly. 30 And 461 Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: so the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were a hundred forty-seven years. 31 And the time drew near that Israel must die: and he called his son Joseph, and said unto him, If now I have found favor in thy sight, put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh, and deal kindly and truly with me: bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt; 32 but when I sleep with my fathers, thou shalt carry me out of Egypt, and bury me in my burying-place. And he said, I will do as thou hast said. 33 And he said, Swear unto me: and he sware unto him. And Israel bowed himself upon the bed’s head.

48 And it came to pass after these things, that one said to Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick: and he took with him his two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. 2 And one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph cometh unto thee: and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. 3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, 4 God Almighty appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me, and said unto me, Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and make thee a company of peoples, and will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. 4 And now thy two sons, who were born unto thee in the land of Egypt before I came unto thee into Egypt, are mine; Ephraim and Manasseh, even as Reuben and Simeon, shall be mine. 6 And thou issue, that thou begettest after them, shall be thine; they shall be called after the name of their brethren in their inheritance. 7 And as for me, when I came from Paddan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan in the way, when there was still some distance to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there in the way to Ephrath (the same is Bethlehem).

8 And Israel beheld Joseph’s sons, and said, Who are these? 9 And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me here. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. 10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim for age, so that he could not see. And he brought them near unto him; and he kissed them, and embraced them. 11 And Israel said unto Joseph, I had not thought to see thy face: and, lo, God hath let me see thy seed also. 12 And Joseph brought them out from between his knees; and he bowed himself 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 unto 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, guiding his hands wittingly; for Manasseh was the firstborn. 15 And

453 Evidently an intentional anachronism, as also in Ex 1:11, 12:37, for the city and district earlier called Hwari, or Avarit, in the E. Delta.
454 Or, according to the number of their little ones.
455 Hb. the cattle of the flocks, and for the cattle of the herds.
456 Hb. led them as a shepherd.
457 Hence the poverty of even the monarchs began before the middle of the reign of Amonnemes III.
458 According to Sept. and Vulgate (but not Aramaic), he made bondmen of them, from etc.
459 Or, according to their cities.
460 Thus, Joseph was the savior of the world then, and specially of his brethren.
461 Consistent with the 1st year of Amonnemes III in BC 1842, Jacob’s death would have been BC 1813.
462 Hb. El Shaddai.
463 Or, hast begotten after them.
464 Or, to my sorrow.
465 Or, crossing his hands.

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he blessed Joseph, and said, The God before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac did walk, the God who hath fed me all my life long unto this day, 16 the angel who hath ransomed 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 remove it from Ephraim’s head unto Manasseh’s head. 18 And Joseph said unto his father, Not so, my father; for this is the firstborn; put thy 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: howbeit 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, 467 In thee will Israel bless, saying, God make thee as Ephraim and as Manasseh: and he set Ephraim before Manasseh. 21 And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die: but God will be with you, and bring you again unto the land of your fathers. 22 Moreover I have given to thee one 468 portion above thy brethren, which I took out of the hand of the Amorite with my sword and with my bow.

49 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said: Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the latter days.

2 Assemble yourselves, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; And hearken unto Israel your father. 3 Reuben, thou art my firstborn, my might, and the beginning of my strength; The pre-eminence of dignity, and the pre-eminence of power. 4 Boiling over as water, thou shalt not have the pre-eminence; Because thou wentest up to my couch. Then defiledst thou: he went up to my couch.

5 Simeon and Levi are brethren; Weapons of violence are their swords. 6 O my soul, come not thou into their council; Unto their assembly, my glory, be not thou united; For in their anger they slew 473 a man, And in their self-will they hocked 474 an ox. 7 475 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, thee shall thy brethren praise: Thy hand shall be on the neck of thine enemies; Thy father’s sons shall bow down before thee. 9 Judah is a lion’s whelp; From the prey, my son, thou art gone up: He stooped down, he couched as a lion, And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up? 10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, Nor 473 the ruler’s staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh come; And unto him shall the obedience of the peoples be.

11 Bind the foal unto the vine, And his ass’s colt unto the choice vine; He hath washed his garments in wine, And his vesture in the blood of grapes: 12 His eyes shall be red with wine, And his teeth white with milk.

13 Zebulun shall dwell at the 479 haven of the seas; And he shall be for a haven of ships; And his border shall be 480 unto Sidon. 14 Issachar is a strong ass, Couching down between the two sheepfolds: 15 And he saw 482 a resting-place that it was good, And the land that it was pleasant; And he bowed his shoulder to bear, And became a servant under task-work.

16 Dan shall judge his people, As one of the tribes of Israel. 17 Dan shall be a serpent in the way, An 483 adder in the path, That biteth the horse’s heels, So that his rider falleth backward. 18 I have waited for thy salvation, O Jehovah.

19 Gad, 484 a troop shall press upon him; But he shall press upon their heel. 20 Out of Asher his bread shall be fat, And he shall yield royal dainties.

21 Naphtali is a hind let loose: He giveth goodly words. 22 Joseph is 486 a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a fountain; His branches run over the wall.

466 Hb. fulness of the nations.
467 Or, By
468 Or, mountain slope Hb. shechem, shoulder
469 Or, firstfruits of my strength;
470 Or, have not thou
471 Or, compacts.
472 Or, secret;
473 Or, men, Hb. ish (singular, but could be generic)
474 Or, oxen. Hb. shor (singular, but could be generic)
475 Hb. נְבע, ar; to curse, to execrate!
476 Simeon received towns scattered in the territory of Judah (hence, no contiguous territory), and Levi forty-eight towns scattered in all Israel. Josh 20-21

477 Or, a lawyer
478 Or, Till he come to Shiloh, having the obeisance of the peoples. Aramaic reads Till he come whose it is; etc. or, ... whose the sceptre is;
479 Hb. beach (both times)
480 Or, by Sidon. Severin, versions read unto Sidon.
481 Or, its saddlebags (per ESV)
482 Or, rest
483 Or, horned snake
484 Hb. gedud, a marauding band
485 Hb. gad, to press
486 Hb. the son of a fruitful tree,
487 Hb. daughters
23 The archers have sorely grieved him, and shot him at, and persecuted him: 24 But his bow abode in strength, and the arms of his hands were made strong, by the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (from thence is the shepherd, the stone of Israel), 25 Even by the God of thy father, who shall help thee, and by the Almighty, who shall bless thee, with the blessings of heaven above, blessings of the deep that coucheth beneath, blessings of the breasts, and of the womb. 26 The blessings of thy father Have prevailed above the blessings of my progenitors Unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: They shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separate from his brethren. 27 Benjamin is a wolf that raveneth: In the morning he shall devour the prey, and towards evening he shall divide the spoil. 28 All these are the twelve tribes of Israel: and this is it that their father spake unto them and blessed them; every one according to his blessing he blessed them. 29 And he charged them, and said unto them, I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me with my fathers 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 from Ephron the Hittite. 30 There was purchased from the children of Heth the field of Machpelah, which is the field of the cave of the field of Machpelah, which Abraham bought with the field from 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 Joseph buried Leah—32 the field and the cave that is therein, which was purchased from the children of Heth. 33 And when Jacob made an end of charging his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed, and yielded up the breath, and was gathered unto his people. 34 And when the days of weeping for him were past, Joseph said, Go up, and bury thy father, according as he made thee swear. 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, and all the house of Joseph, and his brethren, and his father’s house: only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left in the land of Goshen. 35 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen: and it was a very great company. 36 And they came to the threshing-floor of Atad, which is beyond the Jordan, and there they lamented with a very great and sore lamentation: and he made a mourning for his father seven days. 37 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: wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizraim, which is beyond the Jordan. 38 And his sons did unto him according as he commanded them: 39 for his sons carried him into 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. 40 And Joseph returned into Egypt, he, and his brethren, and all that went up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father. 41 And when Joseph’s brethren saw that their father was dead, they said, It may be that Joseph will hate us, and will fully requite us all the evil which we did unto him. 42 And they sent a message unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before he died, saying, 43 So shall ye say unto Joseph, Forgive, I pray thee now, the transgression of thy brethren, and their sin, for that they did unto thee evil. And now, we pray thee, forgive the transgression of the servants of the God of thy father. And Joseph wept when they spake unto him. 44 And his brethren also went and fell down before his face; and they said, Behold, we are thy servants. 45 And Joseph said unto them, Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 46 And as for you, ye meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save much people alive. 47 Now therefore fear ye not: I will nourish you, and your little ones. And he comforted them, and spake kindly unto them. 48 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father’s house; and Joseph lived a hundred ten years. 49 And Joseph saw Ephraim’s children of the third generation: the children also of Machir the son of Manasseh were born upon Joseph’s knees. 50 And Joseph said unto his brethren, I die: but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land unto the land which he sware to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 51 And Joseph took an oath of the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you, and ye shall carry up my bones from hence. 52 So Joseph died, being a hundred ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.
Exodus

(2 Moses)

1:1 Israel — 1:8 Oppression in Egypt

2:1 Moses born and hidden — 2:11 Adopted by Pharaoh’s Daughter

Now these are the names of the sons of Israel, who came into Egypt (every man and his household came with Jacob): 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 Dan and Naphtali, Gad and Asher. 5 And all the souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy souls: and Joseph was in Egypt already. 6 And Joseph died, and all his brethren, and all that generation. 7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed exceeding mighty; and the land was filled with them.

8 Now there arose a new king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph. 9 And he said unto his people, Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more and mightier than we: 10 come, let us deal wisely with them, lest they multiply, and it come to pass, that, when there falleth out any war, they also join themselves unto our enemies, and fight against us, and get them up out of the land. 11 Therefore they did set over them taskmasters to afflict them with their burdens. And they built for Pharaoh store-cities, Pithom and Raamses. 12 But the more they afflicted them, the more they multiplied and spread abroad. And they were grieved because of the children of Israel. 13 And the Egyptians made the children of Israel to serve with rigor. 14 And they made their lives bitter with hard service, in mortar and in brick, and in all manner of service in the field, all their service, wherein they made them serve with rigor.

15 And the king of Egypt spake to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name of the other Puah: 16 and he said, When ye do the office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, and see them upon the birth-stool; if it be a son, then ye shall kill him; but if it be 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 men-children alive. 18 And the king of Egypt called for the midwives, and said unto them, Why have ye done this thing, and have saved the men-children alive? 19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; for they are freely, and are delivered ere the midwife come unto them. 20 And God dealt well with the midwives: and the people multiplied, and waxed very mighty. 21 And it came to pass, because the midwives feared God, that he made them households. 22 And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ye shall save alive.

2 And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took to wife a daughter of Levi. 2 And the woman conceived, and bare a son: and when she saw him that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. 3 And when she could not longer hide him, she took for him an ark of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime and with pitch; and she put the child therein, and laid it in the flags by the river’s brink. 4 And his sister stood afar off, to know what would be done to him. 5 And the daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river; and her maidens walked along by the river-side; and she saw the ark among the flags, and sent her handmaid to fetch it. 6 And she opened it, and saw the child: and, behold, the babe 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 thee a nurse of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse the child for thee? 8 And Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, Go. And the maiden went and called the child’s mother. 9 And Pharaoh’s daughter said unto her, Take this child away, and nurse it for me, and I will give thee thy wages. And the woman took the child, and nursed it. 10 And the child grew, and she brought him unto Pharaoh’s daughter, and he became her son. And she called his name Moses, and said, Because I drew him out of the water.

11 And it came to pass in those days, when Moses was grown up, that he went out unto his brethren, and looked on their burdens: and he saw an Egyptian smiting a Hebrew, one of his brethren. 12 And he looked this way and that way, and when he saw that there was no man, he smote the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. 13 And he went out the second day, and, behold, two men of the Hebrews were striving together: and he said to him that did the wrong, Wherefore smitest thou thy fellow? 14 And he said, Who made thee a prince and a judge over us? thinkest thou to kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian? And Moses feared, and said, Surely the thing called Hatwaret (Egyptian) and Avaris (Greek), it was later better known as Ramesses for Ramesses II, who rebuilt it ca. 1250. Tell ed-Duba, near modern Faiqis on the Bubastite branch of the Nile River.

6 Or, abhorred because of
7 That is, papyrus,
8 That is, bitumen
9 Hb. Mosheh,
10 Hb. mashah, to draw out
11 Likely at the accession of Seuseren Khayana (Iannas; cf. 2Tm 3:8; ca. BC 1656-1618), as Moses might be viewed as a rival claimant to the throne. Khayana reunited Upper and Lower Egypt, and appears to have been the greatest of the Hyksos kings. He reigned from Avaris in Goshen (E. Delta).
Now 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 Reuel their father, he said, How is it that ye are come so soon today? 19 And they said, An Egyptian delivered us out of the hand of the shepherds, and moreover he drew water for us, and watered the flock. 20 And he said unto his daughters, And where is he? why is it that ye 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 bare a son, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, I have been a sojourner in a foreign land.

And it came to pass in the course of those many days, that the king of Egypt died: and the children of Israel sighed because of the bondage, and they cried, and their cry came up unto God because of the bondage. 24 And God heard their groaning, and God remembered his covenant with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And God saw the children of Israel, and God took knowledge of them.

Now Moses was keeping the flock of Jethro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian: and he led the flock to the back of the wilderness, and came to the mountain of God, unto Horeb. 2 And the angel of Jehovah appeared unto 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 turn aside now, and see this great sight, why the bush is not burnt. 4 And when Jehovah saw that he turned aside to see, God called unto him out of the midst of the bush, and said, Moses, Moses. And he said, Here am I. 5 And he said, Draw not nigh hither: put off thy shoes from off thy feet, for the place where thou standest is holy ground. 6 Moreover he said, I am the God of thy 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 Jehovah said, I have surely seen the affliction of my people that are in Egypt, and have heard their cry by reason of their taskmasters; for I know their sorrows; and I am come down to deliver them out of that land unto a land good and large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. 8 And now, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: moreover I have seen the oppression wherewith the Egyptians oppress them. 9 Come now therefore, and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, that thou mayest bring forth my people the children of Israel out of Egypt. 10 And Moses said unto God, Who am I, that I should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the children of Israel out of Egypt? 11 And he said, Certainly I will be with thee; and this shall be the sign unto thee, that I have sent thee: when thou hast brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve God upon this mountain.

And Moses said unto God, Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel, and shall say unto them, The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you; and they shall say to me, What is his name? what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto Moses, I AM THAT I AM: and he said, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, I AM hath sent me unto you. 15 And God said moreover unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath sent me unto you: this is my name for ever, and this is my memorial unto all generations. 16 Go, and gather the elders of Israel together, and say unto them, Jehovah, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath appeared unto 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 up out of the affliction of Egypt unto the land of the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. 18 And they shall hearken to thy voice: and thou shalt come, thou and the elders of Israel, unto the king of Egypt, and ye shall say unto him, Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, hath met with us: and now let us go, we pray thee, three days' journey in the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to Jehovah our God. 19 And I know that the king of Egypt will not give you leave to go, no, not by a mighty hand. 20 And I will put forth my hand, and smite Egypt with all my wonders which I will do in the midst thereof: 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 ye go, ye shall not go empty: 22 but every woman shall ask of her neighbor, and of her that sojourneth in her house, jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: and ye shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall despoil the Egyptians.

And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice; for they will say, Jehovah hath not appeared unto thee. 2 And Jehovah said unto him, What is that in thy hand? 3 And he said, A rod. And he said, Cast it on the ground. And he cast it on the ground, and it became a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Put forth thy hand, and take it by the tail (and he put forth his hand, and laid hold of it, and it became a rod in his hand); 5 that they may believe that Jehovah, the God of their fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, hath appeared unto thee. 6 And Jehovah said furthermore unto him, Put now thy hand into thy bosom: and when he took it out, behold, his hand was leprous, as white as snow. 7 And he said, Put thy hand into thy bosom again. (And he put his hand into his bosom again; and when he took it out of his bosom, behold, it was turned again as his hand was before.)
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24 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. 25 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe even these two signs, neither hearken unto thy voice, that thou shalt take of the waters of the river, and pour it upon the dry land: and the waters which thou takest out of the river shall become blood upon the dry land.

10 And Moses said unto Jehovah, Oh, Jehovah, I am not eloquent, neither heretofore, nor since thou hast spoken unto thy servant; for I am slow of speech, and of a slow tongue. 11 And Jehovah said unto him, Who hath made man’s mouth? or who maketh a man dumb, or deaf, or seeing, or blind? is it not I, Jehovah? 12 Now therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and teach thee what thou shalt speak. 13 And he said, Oh, Jehovah, send me, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wilt send. 14 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is there not there thou brother the Levite? I know that he can speak well. And also, behold, he cometh forth to meet thee: and when he seeth thee, he will be glad in his heart. 15 And thou shalt speak unto him, and put the words in his mouth: and I will be with thy mouth, and with his mouth, and will teach you what ye shall do. 16 And he shall be thy spokesman unto the people; and it shall come to pass, that he shall be to thee a mouth, and thou shalt be to him as God. 17 And thou shalt take in thy hand this rod, wherewith thou shalt do the signs.

18 And Jehovah said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt; and see whether they be alive. And Jethro his father-in-law, and said unto him, Let me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren that are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive. And Jethro said to Moses, Go in peace. 19 And Jehovah said unto Moses in Midian, Go, return into Egypt; for all the men are dead that sought thy soul. 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 Jehovah said unto Moses, When thou goest back into Egypt, see that thou do before Pharaoh all that I shall command thee; 22 and thou shalt say unto Pharaoh, Thus saith Jehovah, Israel is my son, my firstborn: 23 and I have said unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me; and thou hast refused to let him go: behold, I will slay thy son, thy firstborn. 24 And it came to pass on the third day after Moses went up into the mount, that the express of Jehovah called for him out of the mount: 25 Then Zipporah took a flint, and cut off the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet; 26 and said, Surely a bridegroom of blood art thou to me. 27 So he let him alone. Then she said, A bridegroom of blood art thou because of the circumcision.

27 And Jehovah said to Aaron, Go into the wilderness to meet Moses. And he went, and met him in the mountain of God, and kissed him. 28 And Moses told Aaron all the words of Jehovah wherewith he had sent him, and all the signs wherewith he had charged him. 29 And Moses and Aaron went and gathered together all the elders of the children of Israel: 30 and Aaron spake all the words which Jehovah had spoken unto Moses, and did the signs in the sight of the people. 31 And the people believed: and when they heard that Jehovah had visited the children of Israel, and that he had seen their affliction, then they bowed their heads and worshipped.

5 And afterward Moses and Aaron came, and said unto Pharaoh, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Let my people go, that they may hold a feast unto me in the wilderness. 2 And Pharaoh said, Who is Jehovah, that I should hearken unto his voice to let Israel go? 3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee, three days’ journey in the wilderness, and sacrifice unto Jehovah our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence, or with the sword. 4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, loose the people from their works? get you unto your burdens. 5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people of the land are now many, and ye make them rest from their burdens. 6 And the same day Pharaoh commanded the taskmasters of the people, and their officers, saying, 7 Ye shall no more give the people straw to make brick, as heretofore: let them go and gather straw for themselves. 8 And the number of the bricks, which they did make heretofore, ye shall lay upon them; ye shall not diminish aught thereof: for they are idle; therefore they cry, saying, Let us go and sacrifice to our God. 9 Let heavier work be laid upon the men, that they may labor therein; and let them not regard lying words.

10 And the taskmasters of the people went out, and their officers, and spake to the people, saying, Let the people go to gather stubble for straw. 11 And they said unto them, Jehovah look upon you, and take your avengeance: for ye have made our work idle. 12 So the people were scattered abroad throughout the land of Egypt to gather stubble for straw. 13 And the taskmasters were urgent, saying, Fulfil your works, your daily tasks, as when there was straw given you. 14 And the officers of the children of Israel, whom Pharaoh’s taskmasters had set over them, were beaten, and demanded, Wherefore have ye not fulfilled your task both yesterday and today, in making brick as heretofore?

15 Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealst thou thus with thy servants? 16 There is no straw given unto thy servants, and they say to us, Make brick: and, behold, thy servants are beaten; but the fault is in thine own people. 17 But he said, Ye are idle, ye are idle: therefore ye say, Let us go and sacrifice to Jehovah. 18 Go therefore now, and work; for there shall no straw be given you, yet shall ye deliver the number of bricks. 19 And the officers of the children of Israel did see that they were in evil case, when it was said, Ye shall not diminish aught from your bricks, your daily tasks. 20 And they met Moses and Aaron, who stood in the way, as they came forth from Pharaoh: 21 and they said unto them, Jehovah look upon you,
and judge; because ye have made our savor to be abhorred 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 unto Jehovah, and said, Jehovah, wherefore hast thou dealt ill with this people? why is it that thou hast sent me? 23 For since I came to Pharaoh to speak in thy name, he hath dealt ill with this people; neither hast thou delivered thy people at all.

6 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Now shalt thou see what I will do to Pharaoh: for by a strong hand shall he let them go, and by a strong hand shall he drive them out of his land.

2 And God spake unto Moses, and said unto him, I am Jehovah: 3 and I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, as Elohim Almighty; but by my name Jehovah I was 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 sojournings, wherein they sojourned. 5 And moreover I have heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the Egyptians keep in bondage; and I have remembered my covenant.

6 Wherefore say unto the children of Israel, I am Jehovah, and I will bring you out from under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will rid you out of their bondage, and I will ransom you with an outstretched arm, and with great judgments:

7 I will harden Pharaoh’s heart, and multiply my judgments upon Egypt. 8 And I will bring you in unto the land which I sware to give to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I will give it you for a heritage: I am Jehovah. 9 And Moses spake so unto the children of Israel; but they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, and for cruel bondage.

10 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, that he let the children of Israel go out of his land. 12 And Moses spake before Jehovah, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not hearkened unto me; how then shall Pharaoh hear me, who am of uncircumcised lips? 13 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave them a charge unto Pharaoh, king of Egypt, and unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt.

14 These are the heads 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 Simeon: Jemuel, and Jamin, and Ohad, and Jachin, and Zohar, and Shaul the son of a Canaanitish woman; these are the families of Simeon. 16 And these are the names of the sons of Levi according to their generations: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari; and the years of the life of Levi were a hundred thirty-seven years. 17 The sons of Gershom: Libni and Shimei, according to their families. 18 And the sons of Kohath: Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uzziel; and the years of the life of Kohath were a hundred thirty-three years. 19 And the sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushli. These are the families of the Levites according to their generations. 20 And Amram took him Jochabed his father’s sister to wife; and she bare him Aaron and Moses: and the years of the life of Amram were a hundred thirty-seven years. 21 And the sons of Izhar: Korah, and Nepheg, and Zichri. 22 And the sons of Uzziel: Mishael, and Elzaphan, and Sibri. 23 And Aaron took him Elisheba, the daughter of Amminadab, the sister of 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 him one of the daughters of Putiel to wife; and she bare him Phinehas. These are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites according to their families. 26 These are that Aaron and Moses, to whom Jehovah said, Bring out the children of Israel from the land of Egypt according to their hosts. 27 These are they that spake to Pharaoh king of Egypt, to bring out the children of Israel from Egypt: these are that Moses and Aaron.

28 And it came to pass on the day when Jehovah spake unto Moses in the land of Egypt, 29 that Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, I am Jehovah: speak thou unto Pharaoh king of Egypt all that I speak unto thee. 30 And Moses said before Jehovah, Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

7 And Jehovah said unto Moses, See, I have made thee a god to Pharaoh; and Aaron thy brother shall be thy prophet. 2 Thou shalt speak all that I command thee; and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he let the children of Israel go 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 will not hearken unto you, and I will lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth my hosts, my people the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by great judgments. 5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am Jehovah, when I stretch forth my hand upon Egypt, and bring out the children of Israel from among them. 6 And Moses and Aaron did so; as Jehovah commanded them, so did they. 7 And Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty-three years old, when they spake unto Pharaoh.

8 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 9 When Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saying, Show a wonder for you; then thou shalt say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and cast it down before Pharaoh, that it become a serpent. 10 And Moses and Aaron went in before Pharaoh, and they did so, as Jehovah had commanded: and Aaron cast down
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his rod before Pharaoh, that it became a serpent. 11 Then Pharaoh also called for the wise men and the sorcerers: and they also, the magicians of Egypt, did in like manner with their 40 enchantments. 12 For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods. 13 And Pharaoh’s heart 44 was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as Jehovah had spoken.

14 [ #1] And Jehovah spake unto Moses, Pharaoh’s heart is 42 stubborn, he refuseth to let the people go. 15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, he goeth out unto the waters; and thou shalt stand by the river’s brink to meet him; and the rod which was turned to a serpent shalt thou take in thy hand. 16 And thou shalt say unto him, Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, hath sent me unto thee, saying, Let my people go, that they may serve me in the wilderness: and, behold, hitherto thou hast not hearkened. 17 Thus saith Jehovah. In this thou shalt know that I am Jehovah: behold, I will smite 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 are in the river shall die, and the river shall become foul; and the Egyptians shall loathe to drink water from the river. 19 And Jehovah said unto Moses, 43 Say unto Aaron, Take thy rod, and stretch out thy hand over the waters of Egypt, over the rivers, over their 44 streams, and over their pools, and over all their ponds of water, that they may become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, both in vessels of wood and in vessels of stone.

20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as Jehovah commanded; and he lifted up the rod, and smote 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 45 turned to blood. 21 And the fish that were in the river died; and the river became foul, and the Egyptians could not drink water from the river; and the blood was throughout all the land of Egypt. 22 And the magicians of Egypt did in like manner with their enchantments: and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as Jehovah had spoken. 23 And Pharaoh turned and went into his house, neither did he lay even this to his heart. 24 And all the Egyptians 46 digged round about the river for water to drink; for they could not drink of the waters of the river. 25 And seven days were fulfilled, after that Jehovah had smitten the river.

8 [ #2] And Jehovah spake unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2 And if thou refuse to let them go, behold, I will smite all thy borders with frogs: 3 and the river shall swarm with frogs, which shall go up and come into thy house, and into thy bedchamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thine ovens, and into thy kneading-troughs: 4 and the frogs shall come up both upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants. 5 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thy hand with thy rod over the rivers, over the 47 streams, and over the pools, and cause frogs to come up upon the land of Egypt. 6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and 48 the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt. 7 And the magicians did in like manner with their enchantments, and brought up frogs upon the land of Egypt.

8 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron, and said, Entreat Jehovah, that he take away the frogs from me, and from my people: and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice unto Jehovah. 9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Have thou this glory over me: against what time shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, that the frogs be destroyed from thee and thy houses, and remain in the river only? 10 And he said, Against tomorrow. And he said, Be it according to thy word; that thou mayest know that there is none like unto Jehovah our God. 11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; they shall remain in the river only. 12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh: and Moses cried unto Jehovah concerning the frogs 49 which he had brought upon Pharaoh. 13 And Jehovah did according to the word of Moses; and the frogs died out of the houses, out of the courts, and out of the fields. 14 And they gathered them together in heaps; and the land stank. 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was respite, he 50 hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as Jehovah had spoken.

16 [ #3] And Jehovah spake unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy hand with thy rod, and smite the dust of the earth, that it may become 51 lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 17 And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod, and smite the dust of the earth, and there were 52 lice upon man, and upon beast; all the dust of the earth

40 Or, secret arts.
41 Hb. was strong. And so elsewhere. Sometimes it is said Jehovah hardened Pharaoh’s heart, sometimes Pharaoh hardened his heart, and sometimes Pharaoh’s heart was hardened. When the LORD creates circumstances in which Pharaoh jumps at the temptation, Hebrew expression can say the LORD did it, even though the guilt lay with Pharaoh.
42 Hb. heavy.
43 Aaron administered each of the first three plagues. See ch. 8:5, 16.
44 Or, canals.
45 The red tide is known as “seaborns” around the world. Microorganisms multiply beyond what the waters can sustain; so they die, poisoning life in the area. (The blight can be red, orange, green, or other colors, depending on the organism.)
46 Digging near the river would allow the sand and soil to filter out the toxic microorganisms.
47 Or, canals.
48 Rain will cause frogs to come up from the rivers. Averaging only < 25 cm/year, rain in Egypt is possible at any time, but is unlikely in summer, and least unlikely in winter. A rate of 4 cm/hour is seen on average once per year, though it only rarely lasts long enough to drive frogs far from the rivers.
49 Or, as he had appointed unto Pharaoh.
50 Possibly a breeding ground for the flies yet to come.
51 Hb. made heavy. Also in vs. 32.
52 Or, sand flies or fleas.
53 Lice are ubiquitous around the world. Indeed, the words for louse and nit are among the twenty most stable lexemes (words) in the world. [See Vitalij V. Shevorsovshin and T.L. Markey, “Typology Relationship and Time;” Ann Arbor: Karoma, 1986, p. xvii, 42-47.] Fine-toothed combs found in Egyptian tombs bear witness to the prevalence of lice in Egypt. Evidently the miracle here is in the timing of the outbreak of lice.
began to lie through all the land of Egypt. 18 And the magicians did so with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not: and there were lice upon man, and upon beast. 19 Then the magicians said unto Pharaoh, This is the finger of God: and Pharaoh’s heart was hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as Jehovah had spoken.

20 [4] And Jehovah said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and stand before Pharaoh; lo, he cometh forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21 Else, if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send swarms of flies upon thee, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people, and into thy houses: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of swarms of flies, and also the ground whereon they are. 22 And I will set apart in that day the land of Goshen, in which my people are, that swarms of flies shall not be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am Jehovah in the midst of the earth. 23 And I will put a division between my people and thine: by tomorrow shall this sign be. 24 And Jehovah did so; and there came grievous swarms of flies into the house of Pharaoh, and into his servants’ houses: and in all the land of Egypt the land was corrupted by reason of the swarms of flies.

25 And Pharaoh called for Moses and for Aaron, and said, Go ye, sacrifice to your God in the land. 26 And Moses said, It is not proper so to do; for we shall sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians to Jehovah our God: lo, shall we sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, and will they not stone us? 27 We will go three days’ journey in the wilderness, and sacrifice to Jehovah our God, as he shall command us. 28 And Pharaoh said, I will let you go, that ye may sacrifice to Jehovah your God in the wilderness; only ye shall not go very far away: entreat for me. 29 And Moses said, Behold, I go out from thee, and I will entreat Jehovah that he will remove the swarms of flies from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow: only let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more in not letting the people go to sacrifice to Jehovah. 30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and entreated Jehovah. 31 And Jehovah 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. 32 And Pharaoh hardened his heart this time also, and he did not let the people go.

9 [5] Then Jehovah said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and tell him, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 2 For if thou refuse to let them go, and wilt hold them still, 3 behold, the hand of Jehovah is upon thy cattle which are in the field, upon the horses, upon the asses, upon the camels, upon the herds, and upon the flocks: there shall be a very grievous murrain. 4 And Jehovah shall make a distinction between the cattle of Israel and the cattle of Egypt; and there shall nothing die of all that belongeth to the children of Israel. 5 And Jehovah appointed a set time, saying, Tomorrow Jehovah shall do this thing in the land. 6 And Jehovah did that thing on the morrow: and all the cattle of Egypt died; but of the cattle of the children of Israel died not one. 7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there was not so much as one of the cattle of the Israelites dead. But the heart of Pharaoh was stubborn, and he did not let the people go.

8 [6] And Jehovah said unto Moses and unto Aaron, Take to you handfuls of ashes of the furnace, and let Moses sprinkle it toward heaven in the sight of Pharaoh. 9 And it shall become small dust throughout all the land of Egypt, and shall be a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast, throughout all the land of Egypt. 10 And they took ashes of the furnace, and stood before Pharaoh; and Moses sprinkled it up toward heaven; and it became a boil breaking forth with blains upon man and upon beast. 11 And the magicians could not stand before Moses because of the boils; for the boils were upon the magicians, and upon all the Egyptians. 12 And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; as Jehovah had spoken unto Moses.

13 [7] And Jehovah said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 14 For I will this time send all my plagues upon thy heart, and upon thy servants, and upon thy people; that thou mayest know that there is none like me in all the earth. 15 For now I had put forth my hand, and smitten thee and thy people with pestilence, and thou hadst been cut off from the earth; 16 but in very deed for this cause have I made thee to stand, to show thee my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. 17 As yet exaltest thou thyself against my people, that thou wilt not let them go? 18 Behold, tomorrow about this time I will bring forth my hand, and smite the cattle of Egypt with a very grievous hail, such as hath not been in Egypt since the day it was founded even until now. 19 For now I had put forth my hand, and smitten thee and thy people with pestilence, and thou hadst been cut off from the earth; 20 but in very deed for this cause have I made thee to stand, to show thee my power, and that my name may be declared throughout all the earth. 21 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Stretch forth thy hand toward the heavens, 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. 22 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Stretch forth thy hand toward the heavens, 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
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forth his rod toward the heavens: and Jehovah sent thunder and hail, and fire rained down unto the earth; and Jehovah rained hail upon the land of Egypt. 24 So there was hail, and fire mingled with the hail, very grievous, such as had not been in all the land of Egypt since it became a nation. 25 And the hail smote throughout all the land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and beast; and the hail smote every herb of the field, and brake every tree of the field. 26 Only in the land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were, was there no hail.

27 And Pharaoh sent, and called for Moses and Aaron, and said unto them, I have sinned this time: Jehovah is righteous, and I and my people are wicked. 28 Entreat Jehovah; that there be no more of his wrath against me. 29 And Moses said unto him, As soon as I am gone out of the city, I will spread abroad my hands unto Jehovah; the thunders shall cease, neither shall there be any more hail; that thou mayest know that the earth is Jehovah's. 30 But as for thee and thy servants, I know that ye will not yet fear Jehovah God. 31 And the flax and the barley were smitten: for the barley was in the ear, and the flax was in bloom. 32 But the white wheat and the spelt were not smitten: for they were not grown up. 33 And Moses went out of the city from Pharaoh, and spread abroad his hands unto Jehovah: and the thunders and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured upon the earth. 34 And when Pharaoh saw that the rain and the hail and the thunders were ceased, he sinned yet more, and hardened his heart, he and his servants. 35 And the heart of Pharaoh was hardened, and he did not let the children of Israel go; as Jehovah had spoken by Moses.

10[#8] And Jehovah said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart, and the heart of his servants, that I may show these my signs in the midst of them, 2 and that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy son's son, what things I have wrought upon Egypt, and my signs which I have done among them; that ye may know that I am Jehovah. 3 And Moses and Aaron went in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of the Hebrews, How long wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? let my people go, that they may serve me.

[21][#9] And Jehovah said unto Moses, Stretch out thy hand against Egypt for the locusts, that they may come up upon the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the land, even all that the hail hath left. 13 And Moses stretched forth his rod over the land of Egypt, and Jehovah brought an east wind upon the land all that day, and all the night; and when it was morning, the east wind brought the locusts. 14 And the locusts went up 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, neither after them shall be such. 15 For they covered the face of the whole earth, so that the land was darkened; and they did eat every herb of the land, and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: and there remained not any green thing, either tree or herb of the field, through all the land of Egypt. 16 Then Pharaoh called for Moses and Aaron in haste; and he said, I have sinned against Jehovah your God, and against you. 17 Now therefore forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and entreat Jehovah your God, that he may take away from me this death only. 18 And he went out from Pharaoh, and entreated Jehovah. 19 And Jehovah turned an exceeding strong west wind, which took up the locusts, and drove them into the Red Sea; there remained not one locust in all the border of Egypt. 20 But Jehovah hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of Israel go.

65 Or, flashing continually amidst the hail,

66 Thus, the Egyptians had to buy their barley and flax from the Israelites; the fruit trees also were hit.

67 Hb. voices (or, thunderings) of God and hail;

68 Wintertime is indicated. Barley ripens sooner than wheat.

69 Hb. made heavy his heart,

70 Hb. was strong,

71 Hb. made his heart heavy,

72 Or, how I have mocked the Egyptians,

73 Or, what ye purpose. Hb. before your face.

74 The well-known khamsin wind blows from Arabia and has been known to blow locusts across the Red Sea; it is said that in Egypt they become aggressive.

75 Hb. made Pharaoh's heart strong,

76 Or, so that men shall grope in darkness.

77 Volcanic ash would sting the eyes.

78 Probably the main eruption of the volcanic island of Thera, NW of Egypt. The usual winter wind pattern in the E. Mediterranean Sea is counterclockwise, which would blow the ash into W. Egypt, and then be blowing it through the Delta in a NE direction. [Goshen in the E. Delta might therefore escape.] The Aegean region was heaviest hit, but the ash is found also in Egypt and the E. Mediterranean lands. The eruption may also account for yellow skies and crop failure in China at about this time. Thera was the holy island of the Minoan civilization; most of it disappeared in the eruption (possibly explaining the
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Atlantis legend): the damage to Crete thus also neutralized a chief ally of the Hyksos kings of Egypt. BC 1615 began an unusually cool eleven years in the region; so it is the likely year of eruption.


12 To Pharaoh this meant two million people who would join foreign enemies. Compare ch. 1:10.

80 Or, made Pharaoh’s heart strong.

13 Or, for a destroyer.

The 1st day was the day of the Exodus. Cf. vs. 17.

The 7th day was the third day’s journey in the wilderness, or desert, as was originally requested of Pharaoh. Cf. ch. 5:3.

83 Or, kid

88 This expression is used eleven times: ch. 12:6; 10:12; 29:39; 41; 30:8; Lv 23:5; Nu 9:3, 5, 11; 28:4. 8. The Sadducees say between sunset and starlight; the Pharisees say mid-afternoon; some others say from one sunset to the next (as in Lv 23:32). Or, at twilight (from Anglo-Saxon two lights).

89 Implying imminent departure without delay.

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month, 94 on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the twenty-first day of the month in the evening. 19 Seven days shall there be no leaven found in your houses: for whatsoever eateth that which is leavened, that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a sojourner, or one that is born in the land. 20 Ye shall eat nothing leavened; in all your habitations shall ye eat unleavened bread.

21 Then Moses called for all the elders of Israel, and said unto them, 95 Draw out, and take you 96 lambs according to your families, and kill the passover. 22 And ye 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 of the door of his house 97 until the morning. 23 For Jehovah will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, Jehovah will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite you. 24 And ye shall observe this thing for an ordinance to thee and to thy sons for ever. 25 And it shall come to pass, when ye are come to the land which Jehovah will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye shall keep this service. 26 And it shall come to pass, when your children shall say unto you, What mean ye by this service? 27 that ye shall say, It is the sacrifice of Jehovah's passover, 98 who passed over the houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he smote the Egyptians, and delivered our houses. And the people bowed the head and worshipped. 28 And the children of Israel went and did so; as Jehovah had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they.

29 And it came to pass at midnight, that Jehovah smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, from the firstborn of Pharaoh that sat on his throne unto the firstborn of the captive that 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 99 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, get you forth from among my people, both ye and the children of Israel; and go, serve Jehovah, as ye have said. 32 Take both your flocks and your herds, as ye have said, and be gone; and bless me also. 33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, to send them out of the land in haste; for they said, 100 We shall all be dead. 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 children of Israel did according to the word of Moses; and they asked of the Egyptians jewels of silver, and jewels of gold, and raiment: 36 and Jehovah gave the people favor in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they let them have what they asked. And they 101 despoiled the Egyptians.

37 And the children of Israel journeyed from 102 Rameses to 103 Sukkoth, about six hundred thousand on foot that were men, besides children. 38 And 104 a mixed multitude went up also with them; and flocks, and herds, even very much 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 105 could not tarry, neither had they prepared for themselves any victuals. 40 Now the sojourning of the children of Israel, who dwelt 106 in Egypt, was four hundred thirty years. 41 And it came to pass at the end of four hundred thirty years, even 107 the selfsame day it came to pass, that all the hosts of Jehovah went out from the land of Egypt. 42 It is 108 a night to be much observed unto Jehovah for bringing them out from the land of Egypt: 109 this is that night of Jehovah, to be much observed of all the children of Israel throughout their generations.

43 And Jehovah said unto Moses and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: there shall no foreigner eat thereof; 44 but every man's servant that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised him, then shall he eat thereof. 45 A sojourner and a hired servant shall not eat thereof. 46 In one house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth aught of the flesh abroad out of the house; neither shall ye break a bone thereof. 47 All the congregation of Israel shall keep it. 48 And when a stranger shall sojourn with you, and will keep

94 Beginning on the day before the Exodus. Compare footnote on vs. 22 with Lv 23:6.
95 Or, Go forth,
96 Or, kids Hb. צון, small cattle of a flock: of sheep and/or goats.
97 Egyptians apparently reckoned sunrise as the beginning of the day. Thus, the Exodus began on Abib (Nisan) 15, as per Nu 33:3. (Sunrise reckoning is seen also in Mt 28:1.)
98 Or, for that he passed over
99 The plagues are recalled in a 15th century B.C. inscription of Egyptian Queen Hatshepsut:
I have restored that which was ruins,
I have raised up that which was unfinished,
Since the Asiatics [Hyksos] were in the midst of Avaris of the Northland,
And the barbarians [Israelites] were in the midst of them,
Overthrowing that which was made ...
So James H. Breasted, “Ancient Records of Egypt;” Vol. 2, para. 303. [The Israelites would have been viewed by the Egyptians as terrorist barbarians because of the destruction of the
plagues. Note: them would be parallel to Avaris, not Northland.]
100 Or, Lest we all be dead.
101 Israel was thus compensated for their houses. Perhaps also for back pay as slave labor.
102 Meaning Born of the Sun. The famous later name for Hara
wet, or, Avaris, the Hyksos capital.
103 Meaning Booths. About 30 km distant.
104 So the 15th Dynasty was not entirely popular.
105 Implying there could not have been a day’s delay.
106 4QExod reads in the land of Egypt, Sept reads in the land of Egypt and in the land of Canaan, Sam. reads in the land of Canaan and in the land of Egypt, Ga 3:17 begins the 430 years with Abraham and the covenant. He may have left Haran and gone to Egypt the same year; compare Ge 12.
107 Nisan 15, in early Spring and at a full moon, would have been a most logical time for Abram to begin his sojourn.
108 Or, a night of watching unto Jehovah
109 Or, this same night is a night of watching unto Jehovah for all the children of Israel
110 Hb. do it.
the passover to Jehovah, let all his males be circumcised, and then let him come near and keep it; and he shall be as one that is born in the land: but no uncircumcised person shall eat thereof. 49 One law shall be to him that is home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among you. 50 Thus did all the children of Israel; as Jehovah commanded Moses and Aaron, so did they. 51 And it came to pass that same day, that Jehovah did bring the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt by their hosts.

13 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Sanctify unto me all the firstborn, whatsoever openeth the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and of beast: it is mine.

3 And Moses said unto the people, Remember this day, in which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of bondage; for by strength of hand Jehovah brought you out from this place: there shall no leavened bread be eaten. 4 This day ye go forth in the month Abib. 5 And it shall be, when Jehovah shall bring thee into the land of the Cannaanite, and the Hittite, and the Amorite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt keep this service in this month. 6 Seven days thou shalt eat unleavened bread, and in the seventh day shall be a feast to Jehovah. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten throughout the seven days; and there shall no leavened bread be seen with thee, neither shall there be leaven seen with thee, in all thy borders. 8 And thou shalt tell thy son in that day, saying, It is because of that which Jehovah did for me when I came forth out of Egypt. 9 And it shall be for a sign unto thee upon thy hand, and for a memorial between thine eyes, that the law of Jehovah may be in thy mouth: for with a strong hand Jehovah brought us out of Egypt. 10 Thou shalt therefore keep this ordinance in its season from year to year.

11 And it shall be, when Jehovah shall bring thee into the land of the Cannaanite, as he sware unto thee and to thy fathers, and shall give it thee, 12 that thou shalt set apart unto Jehovah all that openeth the womb, and every firstling which thou hast that cometh of a beast; the males shall be Jehovah's. 13 And every firstling of an ass thou shalt redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break its neck: and all the firstborn of man among thy sons shalt thou redeem. 14 And it shall be, when thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What is this? that thou shalt say unto him, By strength of hand Jehovah brought us out from Egypt, from the house of bondage: 15 and it came to pass, when Pharaoh would hardly let us go, that Jehovah slew all the firstborn in the land of Egypt, both the firstborn of man, and the firstborn of beast: therefore I sacrifice to Jehovah all that openeth the womb, being males; but all the firstborn of my sons I redeem. 16 And it shall be for a sign upon thy hand, and for frontlets between thine eyes: for by strength of hand Jehovah brought us forth out of Egypt.

17 And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them, not by the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt: 18 but God led the people about, by the way of the wilderness by the Red Sea: and the children of Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt. 19 And Moses took the bones of Joseph with him: for he had straitly sworn the children of Israel, saying, God will surely visit you; and ye shall carry up my bones away hence with you. 20 And they took their journey from Sukkoth, and encamped in Etham, in the edge of the wilderness. 21 And Jehovah went before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them the way, and by night in a pillar of fire, to give them light; 22 that they might go by day and by night: 23 the pillar of cloud by day, and the pillar of fire by night, departed not from before the people.

14 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn back and encamp before Pihahiroth, between Migdol and the sea, before Baal-zephon: over against it shall ye encamp by the sea. 3 And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. 4 And I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and he shall follow after them; and I will get me honor upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host; and the Egyptians shall know that I am Jehovah. And they did so. 5 And it was told the king of Egypt that the people were fled: and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was changed towards the people, and they said, What is this we have done, 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, even all the chariots of Egypt, and captains over all of them. 8 And Jehovah hardened the heart of Pharaoh king of Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: for the children of Israel went out with a high hand. 9 And 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 nigh, the children of Israel lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians were marching after them; and they were sore afraid: and the children of Israel cried out unto Jehovah. 11 And they said unto Moses,
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Because there were no graves in Egypt, hast thou taken us away to die in the wilderness? wherefore hast thou dealt thus with us, to bring us forth out of Egypt? 12 Is not this the word that we spake unto thee in Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egyptians? For it were better for us to serve the Egyptians, than that we should die in the wilderness.

13 And Moses said unto the people, Fear ye not, stand still, and see the salvation of Jehovah, which he will work for you today: 126 for the Egyptians whom ye have seen today, 127 ye shall see them again no more for ever. 14 Jehovah will fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace.

15 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Wherefore criest thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that they go forward. 16 And lift thou up thy rod, and stretch out thy hand over the sea, and divide it: and the children of Israel shall go into the midst of the sea on dry ground. 17 And I, behold, I will harden the heart of the Egyptians, and they shall go in after them: and I will get me honor upon Pharaoh, and upon all his host, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen.

18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have gotten me honor upon Pharaoh, upon his chariots, and upon his horsemen. 19 And the angel of God, who went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them: and the pillar of cloud removed from before them, and stood behind them: 20 and it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud and the darkness, yet gave it light by night: and the one came not near the other all the night.

21 And Moses stretched out his hand over the sea; and Jehovah caused the sea to go back by a strong 128 east wind all the night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters were divided. 22 And the children of Israel went into the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued, and went in after them into the midst of the sea, all Pharaoh’s horses, his chariots, and his horsemen.

24 And it came to pass in the third watch of the night, ending at sunrise, 25 that Jehovah looked forth upon the host of the Egyptians through the pillar of fire and of cloud, and discomfited the host of the Egyptians. 26 And he caused their chariot wheels to come off, 133 and they drove them heavily; so that the Egyptians said, Let us flee from the face of Israel; for Jehovah flieth for them against the Egyptians.

26 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Stretch out thy hand over the sea, that 134 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 its strength when the morning appeared; and the Egyptians fled against it; and Jehovah overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. 28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, and the horsemen, even all the host of Pharaoh that went in after them into the sea; there remained not so much as one of them. 29 But the children of Israel walked upon dry land in the midst of the sea; and the waters were a wall unto them on their right hand, and on their left. 30 Thus Jehovah saved Israel that day out of the hand of the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead upon the sea-shore. 31 And Israel saw the great work which Jehovah did upon the Egyptians, and the people feared Jehovah: and they believed in Jehovah, and in his servant Moses.

15 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto Jehovah, and spake, saying,

I will sing unto Jehovah, for he hath triumphed gloriously:

The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.

2 146 Jehovah is my strength and song,

And he is become my salvation:

This is my God, and I will praise him;

My father’s God, and I will exalt him.

3 Jehovah is a man of war:

Jehovah is his name.

4 Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath he cast into the sea;

And his chosen captains are sunk in the Red Sea.

5 The deeps cover them:

They went down into the depths like a stone.

6 Thy right hand, O Jehovah, is glorious in power,

Thy right hand, O Jehovah, dasheth in pieces the enemy.

7 And in the greatness of thine excellency thou overcomest them that rise up against thee:

Thou sendest forth thy wrath, it consumeth them as stubble.

8 And with the breath of thy nostrils the waters were piled up.

The floods stood upright as a heap;

The deeps were concealed in the heart of the sea.

9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I will divide the spoil;

My soul shall be satisfied upon them;

I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy them.

126 Or, for whereas ye have seen the Egyptians today,

127 In addition to the death of these Egyptians in the Red Sea, the Egyptians from Thebes drove the rest of the Hyksos out of Egypt, and then defeated them at Sharuhen in SW Canaan while the Israelites were coming into Canaan from the east. After that we know nothing more of the Egyptian Hyksos.

128 An east wind in Spring would likely be warm and dry; a few hardened cm of surface over mud might support animals and man, but could cause a flood of a fast fully-loaded chariot to sink in.

129 Called a type in 1Co 10:1-2, 6, 11.

130 Not necessarily a vertical wall. Cf. 1Sam 25:16.

131 The third watch of the night, ending at sunrise.

132 So Massoretic and Vulgate. Sept., Sam. and Aram. read bound (or, clogged) their chariot wheels,

133 Or, and made them to drive heavily;

134 High tides on Nisan 18 would have been about 1:25 a.m. and 1:37 p.m.; low tide close to 7:30 a.m. Seismic waves from Thera could cause the water to shock towards the south end of the Red Sea, giving 5-6 hours of low water level, before reflecting back from the Bab el Mandeb strat, and returning at perhaps 10 km/minute. Or an earthquake could cause a flood.

135 Or, its wonted flow when the morning appeared;

136 Hb. shook off the Egyptians

137 Evidently Pharaoh also died. Ps 136:15. Mayebre (Jambres Assis) reigned only 3 (possibly 13) years.

138 Hb. hand

139 Or, is highly exalted;

140 Hb. Jah (perhaps meaning: He is the Future.)

141 Some think this means a cold wind froze over the sea, though drying a layer of mud seems more likely.
10 Thou didst blow with thy breath, the sea covered them: They sank as lead in the mighty waters.
11 Who is like unto thee, O Jehovah, among the gods? Who is like thee, glorious in holiness, Awesome in praises, doing wonders?
12 Thou stretchedst out thy right hand, The earth swallowed them.
13 Thou in thy lovingkindness hast led the people that thou hast ransomed: Thou hast guided them in thy strength to thy holy habitation.
14 The peoples have heard, they tremble: Pangs have taken hold on the inhabitants of Philistia. 15 Then were the chiefs of Edom dismayed; The 142 mighty men of Moab, trembling tooketh hold upon them: All the inhabitants of Canaan are melted away. 16 Terror and dread falleth upon them; By the greatness of thine arm they are as still as a stone; Till thy people pass over, O Jehovah, Till the people pass over that thou hast purchased.
17 Thou wilt bring them in, and plant them in the mountain of thine inheritance, The place, O Jehovah, which thou hast made for thee to dwell in, The sanctuary, O 144Jehovah, which thy hands have established. 18 Jehovah shall reign for ever and ever.
19 For the horses of Pharaoh went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the sea, and Jehovah brought back the waters of the sea upon them; but the children of Israel walked on dry land in the midst of the sea.
20 And Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. 21 And Miriam answered them, Sing ye to Jehovah, for he 148 hath triumphed gloriously; The horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea.
22 And Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur; and they went 149 three days in the wilderness.
And they found no water. 23 And when they came to Marah, they could not drink of the waters of Marah, for they were bitter: therefore the name of it was called 147Marah. 24 And the people murmured against Moses, saying, What shall we drink? 25 And he cried unto Jehovah; and Jehovah showed him a 149 reed, and he cast it into the waters, and the waters were made sweet. There he made for them a statute and an ordinance, and there he proved them; 26 and he said, If thou wilt diligently hearken to the voice of Jehovah thy God, and wilt do that which is right in his eyes, and wilt give ear to his commandments, and keep all his statutes, I will put none of the diseases upon thee, which I have put upon the Egyptians: for I am Jehovah that healeth thee.
27 And they came to Elim, where were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm-trees: and they encamped there by the waters.
16 And they took their journey from Elim, and all the congregation of the children of Israel came unto 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 children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron in the wilderness: 3 and the children of Israel said unto them, Would that we had died by the hand of Jehovah in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pots, when we did eat bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger.
4 Then said Jehovah unto Moses, Behold, I will rain bread from heaven for you; and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may prove them, whether they will walk in my law, or not. 5 And it shall come to pass on the sixth day, that 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 unto all the children of Israel, At even, then ye shall know that Jehovah hath brought you out from the land of Egypt; 7 and in the morning, there ye shall see the glory of Jehovah; for that he heareth your murmurings against Jehovah: and what are we, that ye murmur against us? 8 And Moses said, This shall be, when Jehovah shall give you in the evening flesh to eat, and in the morning bread to the full; for that Jehovah heareth your murmurings which ye murmur against him: and what are we, that we are the cause of all this evil which ye have spoken against us?
9 And Moses said unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, Come near before Jehovah; for he hath heard your murmurings. 10 And it came to pass, as Aaron spake unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they looked toward the wildness, and, behold, the glory of Jehovah appeared in the cloud. 11 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 12 I have heard the murmurings of the children of Israel: speak unto them, saying, 150 Between the two evenings ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah your God.
And it came to pass in the evening, that the quails came up, and covered the camp: and 151 in the morning the dew lay round about the camp. 14 And when the dew that lay was gone up, behold, upon the face of the wilderness a small round thing, small as the hoarfrost on the ground. 15 And

142 Hb. rams of Moab,
143 Hb. gotten.
144 So 4Exod. Sam. Sopherim changed to Lord,
145 Or, is highly exalted;
146 Thus achieving the original goal. ch. 5:3.
147 That is, Bitterness.
148 There is a huge underground aquifer under the Sinai Peninsula, but still above sea level; so at several places on the west and east sides of the peninsula water comes out. The water is full of sulfates (like Na₂SO₄, Glauber’s salt, a strong cathartic), which are very bitter. Breccia, or calcified wood, can be powdered to precipitate the sulfate, which makes the water potable. Thus, it could be used throughout the Sinai journey.
150 Or, At twilight ye shall eat See note on ch. 12:6. The period must follow after “at even” in vs. 13. And it seems to stand in contrast to morning.
151 Called a type in 1Co 10:3, 6, 11.
152 Or, flake,
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when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another, 153
What is it? for they knew not what it was. And Moses said unto them, It is the bread which Jehovah hath given you to eat. 16 This is the thing which Jehovah hath commanded. Gather ye of it every man according to his eating; an 154 omer a head, according to the number of your souls, shall ye take it, every man for them that are in his tent. 17 And the children of Israel did so, and gathered some more, some less. 18 And when they measured it with an omer, he that gathered much had nothing over, and he that gathered little had no lack; they gathered every man according to his eating. 19 And Moses said unto them, Let no man leave of it till the morning. Notwithstanding they hearkened not unto Moses; but some of them left of it until the morning, and it bred worms, and became foul: and Moses was wroth with them.

21 And they gathered it morning by morning, every man according to his eating; and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. 22 And it came to pass, that on the sixth day they gathered twice as much bread, two omers for each one; and all the rulers of the congregation came and told Moses. 23 And he said unto them, This is that which Jehovah hath spoken, Tomorrow is a solemn rest, a holy sabbath unto Jehovah: bake that which ye will bake, and boil that which ye will boil; and gather ye of it that which ye will eat. This is that which Jehovah hath spoken.

24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses bade: and it did not become foul, neither was there any worm therein. 25 And Moses said, Eat that today; for today is a sabbath unto Jehovah: to-day ye shall not find it in the field. 26 Six days ye shall gather it; but on the seventh day is the sabbath, in it there shall be none. 27 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that there went out some of the people to gather, and they found none. 28 And Jehovah said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? 29 See, for that Jehovah hath given you the sabbath, therefore he giveth you on the sixth day the bread of two days; abide ye 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 the name thereof 155 Manna: and it was like coriander seed, white; and the taste of it was like wafers made with honey. 32 And Moses said, This is the thing which Jehovah hath commanded, Let an omerful of it be kept throughout your generations, that they may see the bread wherewith I fed you in the wilderness, when I brought you forth from the land of Egypt. 33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a pot, and put an omerful of manna therein, and lay it up before Jehovah, to be kept throughout your generations. 34 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so Aaron laid it up before the Testimony, to be kept. 35 And the children of Israel did eat the manna forty years, until they came to a land inhabited; they did eat the manna, until they came unto the borders of the land of Canaan. 36 Now an 156 omer is the tenth part of an ephah.

17 And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, by their journeys, according to the commandment of Jehovah, and encamped in Rephidim: and there was no water for the people to drink. 2 Wherefore the people strove with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink. And Moses said unto them, Why strive ye with me, and wherefore do ye tempt Jehovah? 3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, Wherefore hast thou brought us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our cattle with thirst? 4 And Moses cried unto Jehovah, saying, What shall I do unto this people? they are almost ready to stone me. 5 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with thee of the elders of Israel; and thy rod, wherewith thou smitest the river, take in thy hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will stand before thee there upon the rock in Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come water 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 159 Mas-sah, and 160 Meribah, because of the striving of the children of Israel, and because they tempted Jehovah, saying, Is Jehovah among us, or not?

8 Then 161 came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose us out 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 thereon; 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 162 discomfited Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. 14 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Write this for a memorial in a book, and rehearse it in the ears of Joshua: that I will utterly blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven. 15 And Moses built an altar, and called the name of it 163 Jehovah-nissi; and he said, 164 Jehovah hath sworn: Jehovah will have war with Amalek from generation to generation.

153 Or. It is manna. Hb. Man hu. Cf. vs. 31.
154 See footnote on vs. 36.
155 Hb. Man.
156 The dry measure omer is approximately 4 U.S. pints (nearly 2.2 liter), and the ephah is about 0.6 U.S. bushel (just over 21 liter). See R.B.Y. Scott, “The Biblical Archaeologist Reader 3,” Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday Anchor, 1970. p. 352.
157 Or. stages.
158 Called a type in 1Co 10:4, 6, 11.
159 That is, Tempting, or, Proving.
160 That is, Chiding, or, Strife.
161 A tribe descended from Esau. Ge 36:12. It appears that 8-13 years earlier there had been record hot weather; which may have driven most of the earlier (Amalekite) population from Sinai. Israel’s first 11 years in the desert were unusually cool. See Peter I. Kuniholm, et. al., “Anatolian tree rings and the absolute chronology of the eastern Mediterranean, 2220-718 B.C.,” Nature 381, (27 June 1996), p. 782.
162 Hb. prostrated
163 Or, the book.
164 Or, for
165 That is, Jehovah is my banner;
166 Or, Because there is a hand against the throne of Jehovah: Hb. A hand is lifted up upon the throne of Jah:
18 Now Jethro, the priest of Midian, Moses’ father-in-law, heard of all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, how that Jehovah had brought Israel out of Egypt. 2 And Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, took Zipporah, Moses’ wife, after he had sent her away, 3 and her two sons; of whom the name of the one was Gershom; for he said, I have been a sojourner in a foreign land: 4 and the name of the other was Eliezer; for he said, The God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh. 5 And Jethro, Moses’ father-in-law, came with his sons and his wife unto Moses into the wilderness where he was encamped, at the mount of God: 6 and he said unto Moses, I, thy father-in-law Jethro, am come unto thee, and thy 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 of their welfare; and they came into the tent. 8 And Moses told his father-in-law all that Jehovah had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians for Israel’s sake, all the travail that had come upon them by the way, and how Jehovah delivered them. 9 And Jethro rejoiced for all the goodness which Jehovah had done to Israel, in that he had delivered them out of the hand of the Egyptians. 10 And Jethro said, Blessed be Jehovah, who hath delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of Pharaoh; who hath delivered the people from under the hand of the Egyptians. 11 Now I know that Jehovah is greater than all the gods; yes, in the thing wherein they dealt proudly against 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 morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people: and the people stood about Moses from the morning unto the evening. 14 And when Moses’ father-in-law saw all that he did for the people, he said, What is this thing that thou dost for the people? Why sittest thou thyself alone, while they stand up about thee from morning unto eve? 15 And Moses said unto his father-in-law, Because the people come unto me to inquire of God; 16 when they have a matter, they come unto me; and I judge between a man and his neighbor, and I make them know the statutes of God, and his laws. 17 And Moses’ father-in-law said unto him, The thing that thou doest is not good. 18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, and all this people, that is with thee: for the thing is too heavy for thee; thou art not able to perform it thyself alone. 19 Hearken now unto my voice, I will give thee counsel, and God be with thee: be thou for the people toward God, and bring thou the causes unto God: 20 and thou shalt teach them the statutes and the laws, and shalt show them the way wherein they must walk, and the work that they must do. 21 Moreover thou shalt provide 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 unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge themselves: so shall it be easier for thyself, and they shall bear the burden with thee. 23 If thou shalt do this thing, and God command thee so, then shalt thou be able to endure, and all this people also shall go to their place in peace. 24 So Moses hearkened to the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had said. 25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, and made them heads 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 hard causes they brought unto Moses, but every small matter they judged themselves. 27 And Moses let his father-in-law depart; and he went his way into his own land.

19 In the third month after the children of Israel were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the same day came they into the wilderness of Sinai. 2 And when they were departed from Rephidim, and were come to the wilderness of Sinai, they encamped in the wilderness; and there Israel encamped before the mount. 3 And Moses went up unto God, and Jehovah called unto him out of the mountain, saying, Thus shalt thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of Israel: 4 Ye have seen what I did unto the Egyptians, and how I bare you on eagles’ wings, and brought you unto myself. 5 Now therefore, if ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be mine own possession from among all peoples: for all the earth is mine: 6 and ye shall be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation. These are the words which thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel. 7 And Moses came and called for the elders of the people, and set before them all these words which Jehovah commanded him. 8 And all the people answered together, and said, All that Jehovah hath spoken we will do. And Moses reported the words of the people unto Jehovah. 9 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Lo, I come unto thee in a thick cloud, that the people may hear when I speak with thee, and may also believe thee for ever. And Moses told the words of the people unto Jehovah. 10 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them today and tomorrow, and let them wash their garments, and be ready against the third day; for the third day Jehovah will come down in the sight of all the people upon mount Sinai. 11 And thou shalt set bounds unto the people round about, saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up into the mount, or touch the border of it: whosoever toucheth the mount shall be surely put to death: 12 no hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, he shall not live: when the trumpet soundeth long, they shall come up to the mount. 13 And Moses went down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified the people; and they washed their garments. 14 And he said unto the people, Be ready against the third day: come not near a woman. 15 And it came to pass on the third day, when it was morning, that there were thunders and lightnings, and a thick cloud upon the mount, and the voice of a trumpet exceeding loud; and all the people that were in the camp trembled. 16 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet God; and they stood at the nether part of the mount. 17 And mount Sinai, the whole of it, smoked, because Jehovah descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole mount quaked greatly. 18 And when the voice of the trumpet waxed louder and louder, Moses spake, and God answered him by a voice. 19 And Jehovah came down upon mount Sinai to the top of the mount: and

167 Hb. get 168 Hb. El, God and I, my and aber, help; 169 Or, out of all or possibly, above all 170 Or, it.
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Jehovah called Moses to the top of the mount; and Moses went up. 21 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break through unto Jehovah to gaze, and many of them perish. 22 And let the priests also, that come near to Jehovah, sanctify themselves, lest Jehovah break forth upon them. 23 And Moses said unto Jehovah, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai: for thou didst charge us, saying, Set bounds about the mount, and sanctify it. 24 And Jehovah said unto him, Go, get thee down; and thou shalt come up, thou, and Aaron with thee: but let not the priests and the people break through to come up unto Jehovah, lest he break forth upon them. 25 So Moses went down unto the people, and told them.

20 And God spake all these words, saying,

2 I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

3 [ #1] Thou shalt have no other gods 173 before me.

4 [ #2] Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any 174 form of anything that is in the heavens above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 5 thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me, 6 and showing loving-kindness unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

7 [ #3] Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain; for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

8 [ #4] Remember the sabbath day, 177 to keep it holy.

9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jehovah thy God: 11 in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: 12 for in six days Jehovah made the heavens and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

12 [ #5] Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.


14 [ #7] Thou shalt not commit adultery.

15 [ #8] Thou shalt not steal.

16 [ #9] Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

17 [ #10] Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor’s.

18 And all the people perceived the thunderings, and the lightnings, and the voice of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking: and when the people saw it, they 179 trembled, and stood afar off. 19 And they said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die. 20 And Moses said unto the people, Fear not: for God is come to prove you, and that his fear may be before you, that ye sin not. 21 And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near unto the thick darkness where God was.

22 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel, Ye yourselves have seen that I have talked with you from heaven. 23 Ye shall not make other gods with me; gods of silver, or gods of gold, ye shall not make unto you. 24 An altar of earth thou shalt make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thine oxen: in every place where I 179 record my name I will come unto thee and I will bless thee. 25 And if thou make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stones; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it.

26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps unto mine altar, that thy nakedness be not uncovered thereon.

21 Now these are the ordinances which thou shalt set before them.

2 If thou buy a Hebrew 180 servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. 3 If he come in by himself, he shall go out by himself: if he be married, then his wife shall go out with him. 4 If his master give him a wife, and she bear him sons or daughters; the wife and her children shall be his master’s, and he shall go out by himself. 5 But 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 unto God, and shall bring him to the door, or unto the door-post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an awl; and he shall serve him for 182 ever.

7 And if a man sell his daughter to be a 183 maid-servant, she shall not go out as the men-servants do. 8 If she please not her master, 184 who hath espoused her to himself, then shall he let her be redeemed: to sell her unto a foreign people he shall have no power, seeing he hath dealt deceitfully with her. 9 And if he espouse her unto his son, he shall deal with her after the manner of daughters. 10 If he take him another wife; her 185 food, her raiment, and her duty of marriage, shall he not diminish. 11 And if he do not these three things unto her, then shall she go out for nothing, without money.

12 He that smiteth a man, so the he dieth, shall surely be put to death. 13 And if a man lie not in wait, but God deliver him into his hand; then I will appoint thee a place whither he shall flee. 14 And if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbor, to slay him with guile; thou shalt take him from mine altar, that he may die.

171 Hb. yobel, ram’s horn
172 Hb. bondmen.
173 Hb. ghal pani, above my face. or, besides me.
174 Lit. representation Also in Dt 5:8; Ps 17:15, q.v.
175 Or, a thousand generations of them that love me
176 Or, for vanity; or, for falsehood; (both times)
177 Or, to sanctify it. Or in vs. 11, and sanctified it.
178 Or, were moved.
179 Or, cause my name to be remembered I will come
180 Or, bondman.
181 Hb. ha elohim, or, the judges.
182 Hb. qolam (or, olam), hidden length of time. or, time unlimited. Whether for lifetime (as here), or, forever (eternally), is determined by context.
183 Or, bondwoman.
184 Hb 1st Sam. read so that he hath not espoused her.
185 Hb. flesh,
15 And he that smiteth his father, or his mother, shall be surely put to death.

16 And he that stealeth a man, and selleth him, or if he be found in his hand, he shall surely be put to death.

17 And he that curseth his father or his mother, shall surely be put to death.

18 And if men contend, and one smite the other with a stone, or with his fist, and he die not, but keep his bed; 19 if he rise again, and walk abroad upon his staff, then shall he that smote him be quit: only he shall pay for the loss of his time, and shall cause him to be thoroughly healed.

20 And if a man smite his servant, or his maid, with a rod, and he die under his hand; he shall surely be punished.

Notwithstanding, if he continue a day or two, he shall not be punished: for he is his money.

22 And if men strive together, and hurt a woman with child, so that her fruit depart, and yet no harm follow; he shall be surely fined, according as the woman’s husband shall lay upon him; and he shall pay as the judges determine. 23 But if any harm follow, then thou shalt give soul for soul, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot, 25 burning for burning, wound for wound, stripe for stripe.

26 And if a man smite the eye of his servant, or the eye of his maid, and destroy it; he shall let him go free for his eye’s sake.

27 And if he smite out his man-servant’s tooth, or his maid-servant’s tooth; he shall let him go free for his tooth’s sake.

28 And if an ox gore a man or a woman to death, the ox shall be stoned, and its flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be quit: 29 But if the ox was wont to gore in time past, and its owner hath not kept it in, but it hath killed a man or a woman; the ox shall be stoned, and its owner also shall be put to death.

30 If there be laid on him an atonement, then he shall give for the freeing of his soul whatsoever is laid upon him.

31 Whether it have gored a son, or have gored a daughter, according to this judgment shall it be done unto him.

32 If the ox gore a man-servant or a maid-servant, there shall be given unto 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 fall therein, the owner of the pit shall make it good; he shall give money unto the owner thereof, and the dead beast shall be his.

35 And if one man’s ox hurt another’s, so that it dieth, then they shall sell the live ox, and divide the price of it; and the dead also they shall divide. 36 Or if it be known that the ox was wont to gore in time past, and its owner hath not kept it in; he shall surely pay ox for ox, and the dead beast shall be his own.

22 If a man shall steal an ox or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it; he shall pay five oxen for an ox, and four sheep for a sheep. 2 If the thief be found breaking in, and be smitten so that he dieth, there shall be no bloodguiltiness for him.

3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be bloodguiltiness for him; he shall make restitution: if he have nothing, then he shall be sold for his theft. 4 If the theft be found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep; he shall pay double.

5 If a man shall cause a field or vineyard to be eaten, and shall let his beast loose, and it feed in another man’s field; 190 the best of the best of his own field, and of the best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution.

6 If fire break out, and catch in thorns, so that the shocks of grain, or the standing grain, or the field are consumed; he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution.

7 If a man shall deliver unto his neighbor money or stuff to keep, and it be stolen out of the man’s house; if the thief be found, he shall pay double. 8 If the thief be not found, then the master of the house shall come near unto 192 God, to see whether he have not put his hand unto his neighbor’s goods.

9 For every matter of trespass, whether it be for ox, for ass, for sheep, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, whereof one saith, This is it, the cause of both parties shall come before God; he whom God shall condemn shall pay double unto his neighbor.

10 If a man deliver unto his neighbor an ass, or an ox, or a sheep, or any beast, to keep; and it die, or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it; 11 the oath of Jehovah shall be between them both, whether he hath not put his hand unto his neighbor’s goods; and the owner thereof shall accept it, and he shall not make restitution. 12 But if it be stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the owner thereof.

13 If it be torn in pieces, let him bring it for witness; he shall not make good that which was torn.

14 And if a man 193 borrow aught of his neighbor, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof not being with it, he shall surely make restitution. 15 If the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make it good: if it be a hired thing, 193 it came for its hire.

16 And if a man entice a virgin that is not betrothed, and she be with child; the father of the young woman shall come near unto the judges, 17 and shall bring the mother of the young woman unto the judges.

18 Thou shalt not suffer a sorceress to live.

19 Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to death.

20 He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto Jehovah only, shall be utterly destroyed. 21 And a sojourner shalt thou not wrong, neither shalt thou oppress him: for ye were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 22 Ye shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. 23 If thou afflict them at all, and they cry at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; 24 and I will smite them at all unto me, I will surely hear their cry; and I will smite them with the sword; and your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

25 If thou lend money to any of my people with thee that is poor, thou shalt not be to him as a creditor; neither shall ye lay upon him interest.

26 If thou at all take thy neighbor’s garment

186 Hb. qtol, to esteem lightly Hence, revileth
187 Hb. his sitting, or his ceasing
188 Or, his bondman, or his bondwoman, with the rod
189 Hb. blood Also in vs. 3.
190 So Massoretic, Aram., Vg., Sam., Sept. (4QpaleoExod(3)) insert he shall make restitution according to the fruits thereof out of his own field;
191 Hb. ha elohim, or the judges, And twice in vs. 9.
192 Hb. ask
193 Or, it is reckoned in (Hb. cometh into) its hire
194 Hb. devoted (to destruction).
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to pledge, thou shalt restore it unto him before the sun goeth down: 27 for that is his only covering, it is his garment for his skin: wherein shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious.

28 Thou shalt not revile 195 the judges, nor curse a ruler of thy people! 29 Thou shalt not delay to offer 196 of thy harvest, and of the outflow of thy presses. The firstborn of thy sons shalt thou give unto me. 30 Likewise shalt thou do with thy vineyard, and with thy olive yard: seven days it shall be with its dam; on the eighth day thou shalt give it me. 31 And ye shall be holy men unto me: therefore ye shall not eat any flesh that is torn in beasts in the field; ye shall cast it to the dogs.

23 Thou shalt not take up a false report: put not thy hand with the wicked to be an unrighteous witness.

2 Thou shalt not follow a multitude to do evil; neither shalt thou 197 speak in a cause to turn aside after a multitude to wrest justice: 3 neither shalt thou favor a poor man in his cause.

4 If thou see the ass of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, 198 thou shalt forbear to leave him, thou shalt surely release it with him.

6 Thou shalt not wrest the justice due to thy poor in his cause. 7 Keep thee far from a false matter; and 199 the innocent and righteous slay thou not: for I will not justify the wicked. 8 And thou shalt take no bribe: for a bribe blindeth the eyes of them that have sight, and perverteth 199 words of the righteous. 9 And a sojourner shalt thou not oppress: for ye know the soul of a sojourner, seeing ye were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 10 And six years shalt thou sow thy land, and shalt gather in the increase thereof; 11 but the seventh year thou shalt 200 let it rest and lie fallow, that the poor of thy people may eat: and six years shalt thou sow thy land, but the seventh shalt thou let it rest and lie fallow.

12 Six days shalt thou work, and on the seventh day shalt thou 201 rest; that thine ox and thine ass may have rest, and 201 the son of thy handmaid, and the sojourner, may be refreshed. 13 And in all things that I have said unto you take ye heed: and make no mention of the name of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

14 Three times shalt thou keep a feast unto me in the year.

15 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep: seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, at the time appointed in the month Abib (for in it thou camest out from Egypt); and none shall appear before me empty: 16 and the feast of harvest, the firstfruits of thy labors, which thou sest west in the field: and the feast of ingathering, at the end of the year, when thou gatherest in thy labors out of the field. 17 Three times in the year all thy males shall appear before the Lord Jehovah.

18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of my feast remain all night until the morning. 19 The first of the firstfruits of thy ground thou shalt bring into the house of Jehovah thy God. Thou shalt not boil a kid in its mother’s milk.

20 Behold, I send an angel before thee, to keep thee by the way, and to bring thee into the place which I have prepared.

21 Take ye heed before him, and hearken unto his voice; provoke him not; for he will not pardon your transgression: for my name is in him. 22 But if thou shalt indeed hearken unto his voice, and do all that I speak; then I will be an enemy unto thine enemies, and an adversary unto thine adversaries. 23 For mine angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the land of the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite: and I will cut them off. 24 Thou shalt not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after their works; but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, and break in pieces their 200 pillars. 25 And ye shall serve Jehovah your God, and he will bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will take sickness away from the midst of thee. 26 There shall none cast her young, nor be barren, in thy land: the number of thy days I will fulfil.

27 I will send my terror before thee, and will discomfit all the people to whom thou shalt come, and I will make all thine enemies turn their backs unto thee. 28 And I will send the hornet before thee, which shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the Hittite, from before thee. 29 I will not drive them out from before thee in one year, lest the land become desolate, and the beasts of the field multiply against thee. 30 By little and little I will drive them out from before thee, until thou be increased, and inherit the land. 31 And I will set thy border from the Red Sea even unto 206 the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness unto 206 the River: for I will deliver the inhabitants of the land into your hand; and thou shalt drive them out before thee. 32 Thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor with their gods. 33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me; for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

24 And he said unto Moses, Come up unto Jehovah, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel; and worship ye afar off: 2 and Moses alone shall come near unto Jehovah; but they shall not come near; neither shall the people go up with him. 3 And Moses came and told the people all the words of Jehovah, and all the ordinances: and all the people answered with one voice, and said, All the words which Jehovah hath spoken will we do. 4 And Moses wrote all the words of Jehovah, and rose up early in the morning, and builded an altar under the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And

195 Hb. Elohim, or, God.
196 Hb. thy fulness and thy tear.
197 Or, bear witness in a cause
198 Or, and wouldst forbear to release it for him, thou shalt surely release it with him.
199 Or, cause
200 Or, release it and let it lie fallow, See Dt 15:2.
201 Or, keep sabbath;
202 Or, be not rebellious against him;
203 The absence of the names Kenite, Kenizzite, Kadmonite, and Girgashite, may imply they were not independent in the year of the Exodus.
204 Or, obelisks.
205 The absence of the names Amorite, Perrizite, and Jebusite might imply they were not to be among the first which should be conquered and evicted.
206 That is, the Mediterranean Sea,
207 That is, the Euphrates:
he sent young men of the children of Israel, who offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings of oxen unto Jehovah. 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 in the audience of the people: and they said, All that Jehovah hath spoken will we do, and be obedient. 8 And Moses took the blood, and sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood of the covenant, which Jehovah hath 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 as it were 208 a paved work of sapphire stone, and as it were the very heaven for clearness. 11 And upon the nobles of the children of Israel he laid not his hand: and they beheld God, and did eat and drink.

12 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Come up to me into the mount, and be there: and I will give thee the tables of stone, and the law and the commandment, which I have written, that thou mayest teach them. 13 And Moses rose up, and Joshua his minister: and Moses went up into the mount of God. 14 And he said unto the elders, Tarry ye here for us, until we come again unto you: and, behold, Aaron and Hur are with you; whosoever hath a cause, let him come near unto them. 15 And Moses went up into the mount, and the cloud covered the mount. 16 And the glory of Jehovah abode upon mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days: and the seventh day he called unto Moses out of the midst of the cloud. 17 And the appearance of the glory of Jehovah was like devouring fire on the top of the mount in the eyes of the children of Israel. 18 And Moses entered into the midst of the cloud, and went up into the mount: and Moses was in the mount forty days and forty nights.

25 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they take for me an offering: of every man whose heart maketh him willing ye shall take my offering. 3 And this is the offering which ye shall take of them: gold, and silver, and copper, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats’ hair, and rams’ skins dyed red, and seal skins, and acacia wood, oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, 4 onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate. 5 And let them make me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them. 6 According to all that I show thee, the pattern of the tabernacle, and the pattern of all the furniture thereof, even so shall ye make it.

10 And they shall make an ark of acacia wood: two 216 cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. 11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it, and shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. 12 And thou shalt cast four rings of gold for it, and put them in the four feet thereof; and two rings shall be on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. 13 And thou shalt make staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 And thou shalt put the staves into the rings on the sides of the ark, wherewith to bear the ark. 15 The staves shall be in the rings of the ark: they shall not be taken from it. 16 And thou shalt put into the ark the testimony which I shall give thee. 17 And thou shalt make a mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half shall be the length thereof, and a cubit and a half the breadth thereof. 18 And thou shalt make two cherubim of gold; of one piece with the mercy-seat shall ye make the cherubim on the two ends thereof. 20 And the cherubim shall spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy-seat shall the faces of the cherubim be. 21 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat above upon the ark; and in the ark thou shalt put the testimony that I shall give thee. 22 And there I will meet with thee, and I will commune with thee from above the mercy-seat, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, of all things which I will give thee in commandment unto the children of Israel.

23 And thou shalt make a table of acacia wood: two cubits shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a half the height thereof. 24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. 25 And thou shalt make unto it a border of a handbreadth round about; and thou shalt make a golden crown to the border thereof round about. 26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that are on the four feet thereof. 27 Close by the border shall the rings be, for places for the staves to bear the table. 28 And thou shalt make the staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold, that the table may be borne with them. 29 And thou shalt make the dishes thereof, and the spoons thereof, and the flagons thereof, and the bowls thereof, wherewith to pour out of: pure gold shalt thou make them. 30 And thou shalt set upon the table showbread before me always.

31 And thou shalt make a lampstand of pure gold: of beaten work shall the lampstand be made, even its base,
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and its shaft; its cups, its knops, and its flowers, shall be 226 of one piece with it: 32 and there shall be six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the lampstand out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side thereof: 33 three cups made like almond-blossoms in one branch, a knop and a flower; and three cups made like almond-blossoms in the other branch, a knop and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the lampstand: 34 and in the lampstand four cups made like almond-blossoms, the knobs thereof, and the flowers thereof; 35 and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of the lampstand. 36 Their knobs and their branches shall be of one piece with it; the whole of it one beaten work of pure gold. 37 And thou shalt make the lamps thereof, seven: and they shall 227 light the lamps thereof, to give light over against it. 38 And the snuffers thereof, and the 228 snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold. 39 Of a talent of pure gold shalt thou make it, with all these vessels. 40 And see that thou make them after their pattern, which hath been shown thee in the mount.

Moreover thou shalt make the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, 26 with cherubim the work of the skilful workman shalt thou make them. 2 The length of each curtain shall be twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: all the curtains shall have one measure. 3 Five curtains shall be coupled together one to another; and the other five curtains shall be coupled one to another. 4 And thou shalt make loops of blue upon the edge of the one curtain, 229 from the selvedge in the coupling; and likewise shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is outmost in the second coupling. 5 Fifty loops shalt thou make in the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make in the edge of the curtain that is in the second coupling; the loops shall be opposite one to another. 6 And thou shalt make fifty clasps of gold, and couple the curtains one to another with the clasps: and the tabernacle shall be one whole.

And thou shalt make curtains of goats’ hair for a tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains shalt thou make them. 8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: the eleven curtains shall have one measure. 9 And thou shalt couple five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves, and shalt double the sixth curtain in the forefront of the tent. 10 And thou shalt make fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is outmost in the second coupling, and fifty loops upon the edge of the curtain which is outmost in the second coupling. 11 And thou shalt make fifty clasps of copper, and put the clasps into the loops, and couple the tent together, that it may be one. 12 And the overhanging part that remaineth of the curtains of the tent, the half curtain that remaineth, shall hang over the back of the tabernacle. 13 And the cubit on the one side, and the cubit on the other side, of that which remaineth in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall hang over the sides of the tabernacle on this side and on that side, to cover it. 14 And thou shalt make a covering for the tent of rams’ skins dyed red, and a covering of sealskins above.

15 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle of acacia wood, standing up. 16 Ten cubits shall be the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each board. 17 Two tenons shall there be in each board, 234 joined one to another: thus shalt thou make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 18 And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle, twenty boards for the south side southward. 19 And thou shalt make forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under another board for its two tenons: 20 and for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, twenty boards, 21 and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 22 And for the hinder part of the tabernacle westward thou shalt make six boards. 23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the hinder part. 24 And they shall be double beneath, and in like manner they shall be entire unto the top thereof unto the one ring: thus shall it be for them both; they shall be for the two corners. 25 And there shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board.

And thou shalt make bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, 26 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 hinder part westward. 28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards shall pass through from end to end. 29 And thou shalt overlay the boards with gold, and make their rings of gold for places for the bars: and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold. 30 And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle according to the fashion thereof which hath been showed thee in the mount.

And thou shalt make a veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim the work of the skilful workman shalt thou make it: 32 and thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of acacia overlaid with gold; their hooks shall be of gold, upon four sockets of silver. 33 And thou shalt hang up the veil under the clasps, and shalt bring in thither within the veil the ark of the testimony: and the veil shall separate unto you between the holy place and the most holy. 34 And thou shalt put the mercy-seat upon the ark of the testimony in the most holy place. 35 And thou shalt set the table without the veil, and the lampstand over against the table on the side of the tabernacle toward the south: and thou shalt put the table on the north side.

And thou shalt make a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer. 37 And thou shalt make for the screen five pillars of acacia, and overlay them with gold; their hooks shall be of gold: and thou shalt cast five sockets of copper for them.

225 Hb. thigh,
226 Hb. out of the same:  And in vss. 35 (twice) and 36.
227 Or, set up
228 Lit. censors
229 Or, that is outmost in the first set;
230 Or, set.  Also in vss. 5, 10.
231 Or, first set,
232 Or, bronze, or brass,  And so everywhere.
233 Or, porpoise-skins
234 Or, mortised
235 Or, the first ring:
236 Or, bronze, or brass,  And so everywhere.
And thou shalt make the altar of acacia wood, five cubits long, and five cubits broad; the altar shall be foursquare: and the height thereof shall be three cubits. 2 And thou shalt make the horns of it upon the four corners thereof; the horns thereof shall be of one piece with it: and thou shalt overlay it with 249 copper. 3 And thou shalt make its pots to take away its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its flesh-hooks, and its 238 firespans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of copper. 4 And thou shalt make for it a grating of network of copper; and upon the net shalt thou make four copper rings in the four corners thereof. 5 And thou shalt put it under the ledge round the altar beneath, that the net may reach half-way up the altar. 6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with copper. 7 And the staves thereof shall be put into the rings, and the staves shall be upon the two 240 sides of the altar, in bearing it. 8 Hollow with planks shalt thou make it: as it hath been showed thee in the mount, so shall they make it.

9 And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side southward there shall be hangings for the court of fine twined linen a hundred cubits long for one side: 10 and the pillars thereof shall be twenty, and their sockets twenty, of copper; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. 11 And likewise for the north side in length there shall be hangings a hundred cubits long, and the pillars thereof twenty, and their sockets twenty, of copper; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, 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 for the one side of the gate shall be fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 15 And for the other side shall be hangings of 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, the work of the embroiderer; their pillars four, and their sockets four. 17 All the pillars of the court round about shall be filleted with silver; their hooks of silver, and their sockets of copper. 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 copper. 19 All the instruments of the tabernacle in all the service thereof, and all the pins thereof, and all the pins of the court, shall be of copper.

20 And thou shalt command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure olive oil beaten for the light, 241 to cause a lamp to burn continually. 21 In the 242 tent of meeting, without the veil which is before the testimony, Aaron and his sons shall keep it in order from evening to morning before Jehovah: it shall be a statute for ever throughout their generations on the behalf of the children of Israel.

And bring thou near unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office, even Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar, Aaron’s sons. 2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory and for beauty. 3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wise-hearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they make Aaron’s garments to sanctify him, that he may minister unto 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 a coat of checker work, a 244 mitre, and a girdle: and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and his sons, that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office. 5 And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and the purple, and the scarlet, and the fine linen.

6 And they shall make the ephod of gold, of blue, and purple, scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the skilful workman. 7 It shall have two shoulder-pieces joined to the two ends thereof, that it may be joined together. 8 And the skilfully woven band, which is upon it, wherewith to gird it on, shall be like the work thereof and of the same piece; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 And thou shalt take two 245 onyx stones, and grave on them the names of the children of Israel: six of their names on the one stone, and the names of the six that remain on the other stone, according to their birth. 11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the engravings of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two stones, according to the names of the children of Israel: thou shalt make them to be inclosed in settings of gold. 12 And thou shalt put the stones upon the shoulders of Aaron, and upon his two sides, according to his name, they shall be for the memorial of the children of Israel, 13 And thou shalt make for Aaron an ephod of gold, and a mitre, and a turban, and a girdle: 14 and two chains of gold, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel: and Aaron shall bear their names before Jehovah upon his two shoulders for a memorial. 15 And thou shalt make a breastplate of judgment, the work of the skilful workman; like the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, shalt thou make it. 16 Foursquare it shall be and double; a span shall be the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof. 17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, four rows of stones: a row of 246 sardius, topaz, and carbuncle shall be the first row; 18 and the second row an 247 emerald, a sapphire, and a 248 diamond; 19 and the third row a 249 beryl, an agate, and an amethyst; 20 and the fourth row a 250 beryl, and an 251 onyx, and a jasper: they shall be inclosed in gold in their settings. 21 And the stones shall be according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engraving of a signet, every one according to his name, they shall be for the twelve tribes. 22 And thou shalt
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make upon the breastplate chains like cords, of wreatheén work of pure gold. 23 And thou shalt make upon the breastplate two rings of gold, and shalt put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 24 And thou shalt put the two wreatheén chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. 25 And the other two ends of the two wreatheén chains thou shalt put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod in the forepart thereof. 26 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, upon the edge thereof which is toward the side of the ephod inward. 27 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and shalt put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, in the forepart thereof, close by the coupling thereof, above the skilfully woven band of the ephod. 28 And they shall bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it may be upon the skilfully woven band of the ephod, and that the breastplate be not loosed from the ephod. 29 And Aaron shall bear the names of the children of Israel in the breastplate of judgment upon his heart, when he goeth in unto the holy place, for a memorial before Jehovah continually. 30 And thou shalt put in the breastplate of judgment 253 the Urim and the Thummim; and they shall be upon Aaron’s heart, when he goeth in before Jehovah: and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before Jehovah continually. 31 And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod all of blue. 32 And 254 it shall have a hole for the head in the midst thereof: it shall have a binding of woven work round about the hole of it, as it were the hole of a coat of mail, that it be not rent. 33 And upon the skirts of it thou shalt make pomegranates of blue, and of purple, and of scarlet, round about the skirts thereof; and bells of gold between them round about: 34 a golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, upon the skirts of the robe round about. 35 And it shall be upon Aaron to minister: and the sound thereof shall be heard when he goeth in unto the holy place before Jehovah, and when he cometh out, that he die not. 36 And thou shalt make a plate of pure gold, and grave upon it, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO JEHOVAH. 37 And thou shalt put it upon a lace of blue, and it shall be upon the 255 ephod; upon the forepart of the mitre it shall be. 38 And it shall be upon Aaron’s forehead, and Aaron shall bear the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be always upon his forehead, that they may be accepted before Jehovah. 39 And thou shalt weave the coat in checker work of fine linen, and thou shalt make the mitre of 256 fine linen, and thou shalt make a girdle, the work of the embroiderer. 40 And for Aaron’s sons thou shalt make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles, and head-tires shalt thou make for them, for glory and for beauty. 41 And thou shalt put them upon Aaron thy brother, and upon his sons with him, and shalt anoint them and 257 consecrate them, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest’s office.

42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover the flesh of their nakedness; from the loins even unto the thighs they shall reach: 43 and they shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they go in unto the tent of meeting, or when they come near unto the altar to minister in the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die: it shall be a statute for ever unto him and unto his seed after him.

29 And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to minister unto me in the priest’s office: take one young bullock and two rams without blemish, 2 and unleavened bread, and cakes unleavened mingled with oil, and wafers unleavened anointed with oil: of fine wheaten flour shalt thou make them. 3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams. 4 And Aaron and his sons thou shalt bring unto the door of the tent of meeting, and shalt wash them with water. 5 And thou shalt 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 258 the skilfully woven band of the ephod; 6 and thou shalt set the 259 mitre upon his head, and put the holy crown upon the mitre. 7 Then shalt thou take the anointing oil, and pour it upon his head, and anoint him. 8 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them. 9 And thou shalt gird them with girdles, Aaron and his sons, and bind head-tires on them: and they shall have the priest-hood by a perpetual statute: and thou shalt consecrate Aaron and his sons.

10 And thou shalt bring the bullock before the tent of meeting: and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock. 11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before Jehovah, at the door of the tent of meeting. 12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger; and thou shalt pour out all the blood at the base of the altar. 13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul upon 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 bullock, and its skin, and its dung, shalt thou burn with the fire without the camp: it is a 259 sin-offering.

15 Thou shalt also take one ram; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram. 16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take its blood, and sprinkle it round about upon the altar. 17 And thou shalt cut the ram into its pieces, and wash its inwards, and its legs, and put them 260 with its pieces, and with its head. 18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon the altar: it is a 261 burnt-offering unto Jehovah; it is a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah.

19 And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the ram. 20 Then shalt thou 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

253 That is, the Lights and the Perfections; 254 Or, there shall be a hole in the top of it; 255 Or, turban; (both times) 256 Or, silk, 257 Hb. fill their hand, 258 Or, turban; (both times) 259 Hb. sin. And so everywhere. Hebrew shows the close connection of the sin with the sin-offering by using the same word for both. 260 Or, upon (both times) 261 Lit. an ascending (as flame or smoke)
upon the big toe of their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. 21 And thou shalt 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 hallowed, and his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him. 22 Also thou shalt take of the ram the fat, and the fat tail, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the caul of the liver, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, and the right 282 thigh (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 unleavened bread that is before Jehovah: 24 and thou shalt put the whole upon the hands of Aaron, and upon the hands of his sons, and shall wave them for a wave-offering before Jehovah. 25 And thou shalt take them from their hands, and burn them on the altar upon the burnt-offering, for a sweet savor before Jehovah: it is an offering made by fire unto Jehovah.

26 And thou shalt take the breast of Aaron's ram of consecration, and wave it for a wave-offering before Jehovah: and it shall be thy portion. 27 And thou shalt sanctify the breast of the wave-offering, and the thigh of the heave-offering, which is waved, and which is heaved up, of the ram of consecration, even of that which is for Aaron, and of that which is for his sons: 28 and it shall be for Aaron and his sons as their portion for ever from the children of Israel; for it is a heave-offering: and it shall be a heave-offering from the children of Israel of the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, even their heave-offering unto Jehovah.

29 And the holy garments of Aaron shall be for his sons after him, to be anointed in them, and to be consecrated in them. 30 Seven days shall the son that is the priest in his stead put them on, when he cometh into the tent of meeting to minister in the holy place.

31 And thou shalt take the ram of consecration, and boil its flesh in a holy place. 32 And Aaron and his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, at the door of the tent of meeting. 33 And they shall eat those things wherewith atonement was made, to consecrate and to sanctify them: but a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are holy. 34 And if aught of the flesh of the consecration, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, then thou shalt burn the remainder with fire: it shall not be eaten, because it is holy. 35 And thus shalt thou do unto Aaron, and to his sons, according to all that I have commanded thee; seven days shalt thou consecrate them. 36 And every day shalt thou offer the bullock of sin-offering for atonements: and thou shalt 263 cleanse the altar, when thou makest atonement for it; and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify it. 37 Seven days shalt thou make atonement for the altar, and sanctify it: and the altar shall be most holy; 264 whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy.

38 Now this is that which thou shalt offer upon the altar: two lambs a year old day by day continually. 39 The one lamb thou shalt offer in the morning; and the other lamb thou shalt offer 265 between the two evenings: 40 and with the one lamb a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the fourth part of a 266 hin of beaten oil; and the fourth part of a hin of wine for a drink-offering. 41 And the other lamb thou shalt offer between the two evenings, and shalt do thereto according to the meal-offering of the morning, and according to the drink-offering thereof, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 42 It shall be a continual burnt-offering throughout your generations at the door of the tent of meeting before Jehovah, where I will meet with you, to speak there unto thee. 43 And there I will meet with the children of Israel; and the Tent shall be sanctified by my glory. 44 And I will sanctify the tent of meeting, and the altar: Aaron also and his sons will I sanctify, to minister 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 Jehovah their God, that brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them: I am Jehovah their God.

30 And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon: of acacia wood shalt thou make it. 2 A 268 cubit shall be the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof; foursquare shall it be; and two cubits shall be the height thereof: the horns thereof shall be of one piece with it. 3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, the 269 top thereof, and the 270 sides thereof round about, and the horns thereof; and thou shalt make unto it a 271 crown of gold round about. 4 And two golden rings shalt thou make for it under the crown thereof; upon the two ribs thereof, upon the two sides of it shalt thou make them; and they shall be for places for staves wherewith to bear it. 5 And thou shalt make the staves of acacia wood, and overlay them with gold. 6 And thou shalt put it before the veil that is by the ark of the testimony, before the mercy-seat that is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee. 7 And Aaron shall burn thereon incense of sweet spices: every morning, when he dresseth the lamps, he shall burn it. 8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps 272 between the two evenings, he shall burn it, a perpetual incense before Jehovah throughout your generations. 9 Ye shall offer 274 no strange incense thereon, nor burnt-offering, nor meal-offering; and ye shall pour no drink-offering thereon. 10 And Aaron shall make atonement 276 upon the horns of it once in the year; with the blood of the sin-

262 Or, shoulder. And in vs. 27.

263 Or, purge the altar, by thy making atonement for it;

264 Or, whosoever.

265 Or, at twilight. Also in vs. 41. Here the time is contrasted with morning. See footnote on Ex 12:6.


267 The tent of meeting is here explained to be the place of meeting between God and man.

268 The common cubit is about 44.45 cm long. It was reckoned as the length from elbow to fingertip. See footnote on ch. 25:10.

269 Hb. זה (gag), roof

270 Hb. צִדָּה (qiryoth), walls

271 Or, rim or, moulding

272 Or, setteth up. Hb. causeth to ascend

273 Or, at twilight. Here the time is contrasted with morning. See footnote on Ex 12:6.

274 Exodus gives instructions for the tabernacle, while Leviticus tells what was done. A contrary practice to this instruction is related in Lv 10.

275 Or, for
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offering of atonements once in the year shall he make atonement {276}for it throughout your generations: it is most holy unto Jehovah.

11 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 12 When thou takest the sum of the children of Israel, according to those that are numbered of them, then shall they give every man a payment for his soul unto Jehovah, when thou numberest them; that there be no plague among them, when thou numberest them. 13 This they shall give, every one that passeth over unto them that are numbered: half a shekel after the shekel of {277}the Holy (the {278}shekel is twenty gerahs), half a shekel for an offering to Jehovah. 14 Every one that passeth over unto them that are numbered, from twenty years old and upward, shall give the offering of Jehovah. 15 The rich shall not give more, and the poor shall not give less, than the half shekel, when they give the offering of Jehovah, to make atonement for your souls. 16 And thou shalt take the atonements money from the children of Israel, and shalt appoint it for the service of the tent of meeting; that it may be a memorial for the children of Israel before Jehovah, to make atonement for your souls.

17 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 18 Thou shalt also unto thee the chief spices: of flowing myrrh five hundred shekels, and of sweet cinnamon half so much, even two hundred fifty, and of cassia five hundred, after the perfumer: it shall be a holy anointing oil. 19 Thou shalt also make a laver of copper, and the base thereof of copper, whereat thou shalt wash their hands and their feet thereat: 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 an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 21 So that they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not: and it shall be a statute for ever to them, even to him and to his seed throughout their generations.

22 Moreover Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 23 Take thou also unto thee the children of Israel, according to those that are numbered of them, and thou shalt sanctify them, that they may be most holy: 24 whatsoever toucheth them shall be holy. 25 And thou shalt anoint Aaron and his sons, and sanctify them, that they may minister unto me in the priest’s office. 26 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, This shall be a holy anointing oil unto me throughout your generations. 27 Upon the flesh of man shall it not be poured, neither shall ye make any like it, according to the composition thereof: it is holy, and it shall be holy unto you. 28 Whosoever compoundeth any like it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a stranger, he shall be cut off from his people. 29 And Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and {284}was refreshed.

30 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, Take unto thee sweet spices, {282}stacte, and onycha, and galbanum; sweet spices with pure frankincense: of each shall there be a like weight; 31 and thou shalt make of it incense, a perfume after the art of the perfumer, {282}seasoned with salt, pure and holy: 32 and thou shalt beat some of it very small, and put of it before the testimony in the tent of meeting, where I will meet with thee: it shall be unto you most holy. 33 And the incense which thou shalt make, according to the composition thereof ye shall not make for yourselves: it shall be unto thee holy for Jehovah. 34 Whosoever shall make like unto that, to smell thereof, he shall be cut off from his people.

31 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 See, I have called by name Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah: 3 and I have filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, and in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship, 4 to devise skilful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in copper, and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of workmanship. 5 And I, behold, I have appointed with him Oholiab, the son of Ahisamach, of the tribe of Dan; and in the hearts of all that are wise-hearted I have put wisdom, that they may make all that I have commanded thee: 7 the tent of meeting, and the ark of the testimony, and the mercy seat that is thereupon, and all the furniture of the Tent, 8 and the table and its vessels, and the pure lampstand with all its vessels, and the altar of incense, 9 and the altar of burnt-offering with all its vessels, and the laver and its base, 10 and the finely wrought garments, 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 the incense of sweet spices for the holy place: according to all that I have commanded thee shall they do.

12 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 13 Speak thou also unto the children of Israel, saying, Truly ye shall keep my sabbaths: for it is a sign between me and you throughout your generations; that ye may know that I am Jehovah who sanctifieth you. 14 Ye shall keep the sabbath therefore; for it is holy unto you: every one that profaneth it shall surely be put to death; for whosoever doeth any work therein, that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, holy to Jehovah; whosoever doeth any work on the sabbath day, he shall surely be put to death. 16 Wherefore the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to observe the sabbath throughout their generations, for a perpetual covenant. 17 It is a sign between me and the children of Israel for ever: for in six days Jehovah made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he rested, and {284}was refreshed.

18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had made an end of comming with him upon mount Sinai, the two tables of the testimony, tables of stone, written with the finger of God.

32 And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount, the people gathered themselves

276 Or, upon
277 Or, the sanctuary  And in vs. 24,  and ch. 38:24-26.
279 Or, bronze,  or, brass,  And so everywhere.
280 Or, costus
281 Or, whosoever
282 Or, opobalsam,  (So the Rabbins,  per Wm. Wilson)
283 Or, tempered together with salt,
284 Or, ceased working.  Hb. naphash, took a breath.
And Moses turned, and went down from the mount, two tables of the testimony in his hand; tables that were written on both their sides; on the one side and on the other were they written. And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables. And when Joshua heard the noise of the people as they shouted, he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. And he said, It is not the voice of them that shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of them that cry for being overcome; but the noise of them that sing do I hear. And it came to pass, as soon as he came nigh unto the camp, that he saw the calf and the dancing: and Moses’ anger waxed hot, and he cast the tables out of his hands, and brake them beneath the mount. And he took the calf which they had made, and burnt it in the fire, and ground it to powder, and strewed it upon the water, and made the children of Israel drink of it.

21 And Moses said unto Aaron, What did this people unto thee, that thou hast brought a great sin upon them? 22 And Aaron said, Let not the anger of my lord wax hot: thou knowest the people, that they are set on evil. 23 For they said unto me, Make us gods, which shall go before us; for as for this Moses, the man that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. 24 And I said unto them, Whosoever hath any gold, let them break it off: so they gave it me; and I cast it into the fire, and there came out this calf.

25 And when Moses saw that the people were broken loose (for Aaron had let them loose for a derision among their enemies), 26 then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Whoso is on Jehovah’s side, let him come unto me. And all the sons of Levi gathered themselves together unto him. 27 And he said unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Put ye every man his sword upon his thigh, and go in and fro from gate to gate throughout the camp, and slay every man his brother, and every man his companion, and every man his neighbor. And the sons of Levi did according to the word of Moses: and there fell of the people that day about three thousand men. 29 And Moses said, Consecrate yourselves today unto Jehovah, yea, 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 morrow, that Moses said unto the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I will go up unto Jehovah; peradventure I shall make atonement for your sin. 31 And Moses returned unto Jehovah, and said, Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. 32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin--; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book which thou hast written. 33 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out of my book. 34 And now go, lead the people unto the place of which I have spoken unto thee: behold, mine angel shall go before thee; nevertheless in the day when I visit, I will visit their sin upon them. 35 And Jehovah smote the people, because they made the calf, which Aaron made.
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33 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, Depart, go up hence, thou and the people that thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land of which I sware unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: and I will send an angel before thee; and I will drive out the Canaanite, the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: unto a land flowing with milk and honey: for I will not go up in the midst of thee; for thou art a stiffnecked people; lest I consume thee in the way. And when the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: and no man did put on him his ornaments. And Jehovah said unto Moses, Say unto the children of Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people; if I go up into the midst of thee for one moment, I shall consume thee: therefore now put off thy ornaments. And the children of Israel stripped themselves of their ornaments from mount Horeb onward.

7 Now Moses used to take the tent and to pitch it without the camp, afar off from the camp; and he called it, The tent of meeting. And it came to pass, that every one that sought Jehovah went out unto the tent of meeting, which was without the camp. And it came to pass, when Moses went out unto 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. And it came to pass, when Moses entered into the Tent, the pillar of cloud descended, and stood at the door of the Tent: and Jehovah spake with Moses. And all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the door of the Tent: and all the people rose up and worshipped, every man at his tent door. And Jehovah spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. And he turned again into the camp: but his minister Joshua, the son of Nun, a young man, departed not out of the Tent.

12 And Moses said unto Jehovah, See, thou sayest unto me, Bring up this people: and thou hast not let me know 298 whom thou wilt send with me. Yet thou hast said, I know thee by name, and thou hast also found favor in my sight. Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found favor in thy sight, show me now thy ways, that I may know thee, to the end that I may find favor in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people. And he said, My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest. And he said unto him, If thy presence go not with me, carry us not up hence. For wherein now shall it be known that I have found favor in thy sight, I and thy people? is it not in that thou goest with us, so that we are separated, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth?

17 And Jehovah said unto Moses, I will do this thing also that thou hast spoken; for thou hast found favor in my sight, and I know thee by name. And he said, Show me, I pray thee, thy glory. And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and will proclaim the name of Jehovah before thee; and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will show mercy on whom I will show mercy. And he said, Thou canst not see my face; for man shall not see me and live. And Jehovah said, Behold, there is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock: and it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth by, that I will put thee in a cleft of the rock, and will cover thee with my hand until I have passed by: and I will take away my hand, and thou shalt see my back; but my face shall not be seen.

34 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first: and I will write upon the tables the words that were on the first tables, which thou brakest. And be ready by the morning, and come up in the morning unto mount Sinai, and present thyself there to me on the top of the mount. And no man shall come up with thee; neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks nor herds feed before that mount. And he hewed two tables of stone like unto the first; and Moses rose up early in the morning, and went up unto mount Sinai, as Jehovah had commanded him, and took in his hand two tables of stone. And Jehovah descended in the cloud, 300 and stood with him there, and proclaimed 301 the name of Jehovah. And Jehovah passed by before him, and proclaimed, Jehovah, Jehovah, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth; 7 keeping lovingkindness 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, upon the third and upon the fourth generation. And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and worshipped. And he said, If now I have found favor in thy sight, 302 O Jehovah, let Jehovah, I pray thee, go in the midst of us; for it is a stiffnecked people; and pardon our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thine inheritance.

10 And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people I will do marvels, such as have not been wrought in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among which thou art shall see the work of Jehovah; for it is an awesome thing that I do with thee. Observe thou that which I command thee this day: behold, I drive out before thee the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite. Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee: but ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and ye shall cut down their Asherim 14 (for thou shalt worship no other god: for Jehovah, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God); lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot after their gods, and sacrifice unto their gods, and one call thee and thou eat of his sacrifice; and thou take of their daughters unto thy sons, and their daughters play the harlot after their gods and make thy sons play the harlot after their gods. Thou shalt make thee no molten gods.

18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep. Seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread, as I commanded thee, at the time appointed in the month Abib; for in the month Abib thou camest out from Egypt. All that openeth the womb is mine; and all thy cattle that is male, the firstlings of cow and sheep. And the firstling of an ass thou shalt re-

298 Hb. created
300 Or, and he stood with him there, and called upon
301 Or, Jehovah by name.
302 Sopherim changed to O Lord, let the Lord,
deem with a 

306 lamb: and if thou wilt not redeem it, then thou shalt break its neck. All the firstborn of thy sons thou shalt redeem. And none shall appear before me empty.

21 Six days shalt thou work, but on the seventh day shalt thou rest: in plowing time and in harvest thou shalt rest.

22 And thou shalt observe the feast of weeks, even of the firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year’s end. Three times in the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord Jehovah, the God of Israel. For I will cast out nations before thee, and enlargeth borders: neither shall any man desire thy land, when thou goest up to appear before Jehovah thy God three times in the year.

25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the sacrifice of the feast of the passover be left unto the morning. The firstfruits of wheat harvest, and the feast of ingathering at the year’s end.

26 The firstfruits of thy ground thou shalt bring unto the house of Jehovah thy God. Thou shalt not boil a kid in its mother’s milk.

27 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Write thou these words: And Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But when Moses went in before Jehovah to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and he spoke with Jehovah, while he talked with him.

28 And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that Jehovah had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone: and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses spake to them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that Jehovah had spoken with him in mount Sinai.

32 And it came to pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai with the two tables of the testimony in Moses’ hand, when he came down from the mount, that Moses knew not that the skin of his face shone by reason of his speaking with him. And when Aaron and all the children of Israel saw Moses, behold, the skin of his face shone: and they were afraid to come nigh him. And Moses called unto them; and Aaron and all the rulers of the congregation returned unto him: and Moses spake to them. And afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he gave them in commandment all that Jehovah had spoken with him in mount Sinai. And when Moses had done speaking with them, he put a veil on his face. But when Moses went in before Jehovah to speak with him, he took the veil off, until he came out; and he came out, and spake unto the children of Israel that which he was commanded. And the children 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.

35 And Moses assembled all the congregation of the children of Israel, and said unto them, These are the words which Jehovah hath commanded, that ye should do them. Six days shall work be done; but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of solemn rest to Jehovah: whosoever doeth any work therein shall be put to death. Ye shall kindle no fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day.

4 And Moses spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which Jehovah commanded, saying, Take ye from among you an offering unto Jehovah: whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, Jehovah’s offering: gold, and silver, and copper, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats’ hair, and rams’ skins dyed red, and sealskins, and acacia wood, oil for the light, and spices for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense, and onyx stones, and stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate.

10 And let every wise-hearted man among you come, and make all that Jehovah hath commanded: the tabernacle, its tent, and its covering, its clasps, and its boards, its pillars, its sockets; the ark, and the staves thereof, the mercy-seat, and the veil of the screen; the table, and its staves, and all its vessels, and the showbread; the lampstand also for the light, and its vessels, and its lamps, and the oil for the light; and the altar of incense, and its staves, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the screen for the door, at the door of the tabernacle; the altar of burnt-offering, with its grating of copper, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base; the hangings of the court, the pillars thereof, and their sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court; the pins of the tabernacle, and the pins of the court, and their cords; the finely wrought garments, for ministering in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest’s office.

20 And all the congregation of the children of Israel departed from the presence of Moses. And they came, every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whom his spirit made willing, and brought Jehovah’s offering, for the work of the tent of meeting, and for all the service thereof, and for the holy garments. And they came, both men and women, as many as were willing-hearted, and brought brooches, and ear-rings, and signet-rings, and armlets, all jewels of gold; even every man that offered an offering of gold unto Jehovah. And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine linen, and goats’ hair, and rams’ skins dyed red, and sealskins, brought them. Every one that did offer an offering of silver and copper brought Jehovah’s offering; and every man, with whom was found acacia wood for any work of the service, brought it. And all the women that were wise-hearted did spin with their hands, and brought that which they had spun, the blue, and the purple, the scarlet, and the fine linen. And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun the goats’ hair. And the rulers brought the onyx stones, and the stones to be set, for the ephod, and for the breastplate; and the spice, and the oil; for the light, and for the anointing oil, and for the sweet incense. The children of Israel brought a freewill-offering unto Jehovah; every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all the work, which Jehovah had commanded to be made by Moses.

30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, Jehovah hath called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he hath filled him with the Spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship; and to devise skilful works, to work in gold, and in silver, and in copper, and in cutting of stones for setting, and in carving of wood, to work in all manner of skilful workmanship. And he hath put in his heart that he may teach, both he, and Oholiab, the 311}

311 Or, Presence-bread;
312 Or, nose-rings;
313 Or, necklaces;
314 Or, beryl
36 And Bezalel and Oholiab shall work, and every wise-hearted man, in whom Jehovah hath put wisdom and understanding to know how to work all the work for the service of the Holy, according to all that Jehovah hath commanded.

2 And Moses called Bezalel and Oholiab, and every wise-hearted man, in whose heart Jehovah had put wisdom, even every one whose heart stirred him up to come unto the work to do it; 3 and they received of Moses all the offering which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the Holy, wherewith to make it. And they brought yet unto him freewill-offerings every morning. 4 And all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the Holy, came every man from his work which they wrought; 5 and they spake unto Moses, saying, The people bring much more than enough for the service of the work which Jehovah commanded to make.

6 And Moses gave commandment, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman make any more work for the offering of the Holy. So the people were restrained from bringing. 7 For the stuff they had was sufficient for all the work to make it, and too much.

8 And all the wise-hearted men among them that wrought the work made the tabernacle with ten curtains; of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, with cherubim, the work of the skilful workman, Bezalel made them. 9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: all the curtains had one measure.

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 upon the edge of the one curtain from the selvedge in the coupling: likewise he made in the edge of the curtain that was outmost in the second coupling. 12 Fifty loops made he in the one curtain, and fifty loops made he in the edge of the curtain that was in the second coupling: the loops were opposite one to another. 13 And he made fifty clasps of gold, and coupled the curtains one to another with the clasps: so the tabernacle was one.

14 And he made curtains of goats’ hair for a tent over the tabernacle: eleven curtains he made them. 15 The length of each curtain was thirty cubits, and four cubits the breadth of each curtain: the eleven curtains had one measure. 16 And he coupled five curtains by themselves, and six curtains by themselves. 17 And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was outmost in the second coupling, and fifty loops made he upon the edge of the curtain which was outmost in the second coupling. 18 And he made fifty clasps of copper 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 sealskins above.

20 And he made the boards for the tabernacle, of acacia wood, standing up. 21 Ten cubits was the length of a board, and a cubit and a half the breadth of each board. 22 Each board had ten ends, joined one to another: thus did he make for all the boards of the tabernacle. 23 And he made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side southward; 24 and he made forty sockets of silver under the twenty boards; two sockets under one board for its two ends, and two sockets under another board for its two ends. 25 And for the second side of the tabernacle, on the north side, he made twenty boards, and their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under one board, and two sockets under another board. 26 And for the hinder part of the tabernacle westward he made six boards. 27 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the hinder part. 28 And they were double beneath; and in like manner they were entire unto the top thereof unto one ring: thus he did to both of them in the two corners. 29 And there were eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets; under every board two sockets.

30 And he made bars of acacia wood; five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the hinder part westward. 31 And he made the middle bar to pass through in the midst of the boards from the one end to the other. 32 And he overlaid the boards with gold, and made their rings of gold for places for the bars, and overlaid the bars with gold.

33 And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen: with cherubim, the work of the skilful workman, made he it. 34 And he made thereunto four pillars of acacia, and overlaid them with gold: their hooks were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver. 35 And he made a screen for the door of the Tent, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen, the work of the embroiderer; and the five pillars of it with their hooks: and he overlaid their capitals and their fillets with gold; and their five sockets were of copper.

36 And Bezalel made the ark of acacia wood: two cubits and a half was the length of it, and a cubit and a half the breadth of it, and a cubit and a half the height of it. 2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without, and made a crown of gold to it round about. 3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, in the four feet thereof; even two rings on the one side, and two rings on the other side of it. 4 And he made staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 5 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the ark, to bear the ark. 6 And he made a mercy-seat of pure gold: two cubits and a half was the length thereof, and a cubit
and a half the breadth thereof. 7 And he made two cherubim of gold; of beaten work made he them, at the two ends of the mercy-seat; 8 one cherub at the one end, and one cherub at the other end: of one piece with the mercy-seat made he the cherubim at the two ends thereof. 9 And the cherubim spread out their wings on high, covering the mercy-seat with their wings, with their faces one to another; toward the mercy-seat were the faces of the cherubim.

10 And he made the table of acacia wood: two cubits was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, and a cubit and a half the height thereof. 11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereto a crown of gold round about. 12 And he made unto it a border of a handbreadth round about, and made a golden crown to the border thereof round about. 13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and put the rings in the four corners that were on the four feet thereof. 14 Close by the border were the rings, the places for the staves to bear the table. 15 And he made the staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table. 16 And he made the vessels which were upon the table, the dishes thereof, and the spoons thereof, and the bowls thereof, and the flagons thereof, wherein to pour out, of pure gold.

17 And he made the lampstand of pure gold: of beaten work made he the lampstand, even its base, and its shaft; its cups, its knobs, and its flowers, were of one piece with it. 18 And there were six branches going out of the sides thereof; three branches of the lampstand out of the one side thereof, and three branches of the lampstand out of the other side thereof: 19 three cups made like almond-blossoms in the one branch, a knop and a flower; and three cups made like almond-blossoms in the other branch, a knop and a flower: so for the six branches going out of the lampstand. 20 And in the lampstand were four cups made like almond-blossoms, the knops thereof, and the flowers thereof; 21 and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, and a knop under two branches of one piece with it, for the six branches going out of it. 22 Their knobs and their branches were of one piece with it: the whole of it was beaten work of pure gold. 23 And he made the lamps thereof, seven, and the snuffers thereof, and the 329 snuffdishe thereof, of pure gold. 24 Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all the vessels thereof.

25 And he made the altar of incense of acacia wood: a cubit was the length thereof, and a cubit the breadth thereof, foursquare; and two cubits was the height thereof; the horns thereof were of one piece with it. 26 And he overlaid it with pure gold, the top thereof, and the sides thereof round about, and the horns of it: and he made unto it a crown of gold round about. 27 And he made for it two golden rings under the crown thereof, upon the two ribs thereof, upon the two sides of it, for places for staves wherewith to bear it. 28 And he made the staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with gold. 29 And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of sweet spices, after the art of the perfumer.

38 And he made the altar of burnt-offering of acacia wood: five cubits was the length thereof, and five cubits the breadth thereof, four-square; and three cubits the height thereof. 2 And he made the horns thereof upon the four corners of it; the horns thereof were of one piece with it: and he overlaid it with copper. 3 And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, the basins, the flesh-hooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of copper.

4 And he made for the altar a grating of network of copper; under the ledge round it beneath, reaching halfway up. 5 And he cast four rings for the four ends of the grating of copper, to be places for the staves. 6 And he made the staves of acacia wood, and overlaid them with copper. 7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, wherewith to bear it; he made it hollow with planks.

8 And he made the laver of copper, and the base thereof of copper, of mirrors of 330 the ministering women that ministered at the door of the tent of meeting.

9 And he made the court: for the south side southward the hangings of the court were of fine twined linen, 331 a hundred cubits; 10 their pillars were twenty, and their sockets twenty, of copper; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets were of silver. 11 And for the north side a hundred cubits, their pillars twenty, and their sockets twenty, of copper; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, 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 fillets, of silver. 13 And for the east side eastward fifty cubits. 14 The hangings for the one side of the gate were fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three; 15 and so for the other side: on this hand and that hand by the gate of the court were hangings of fifteen cubits; their pillars three, and their sockets three. 16 All the hangings of the court round about were of fine twined linen. 17 And the sockets for the pillars were of copper; the hooks of the pillars, and their fillets, of silver; and the overlaying of their capitals, of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. 18 And the screen for the gate of the court was the work of the embroiderer, 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, answerable to the hangings of the court. 19 And their pillars were four, and their sockets four, of copper; their hooks of silver, and the overlaying of their capitals, and their fillets, of silver. 20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about, were of copper.

21 This is the sum of the things for the tabernacle, even the tabernacle of the testimony, as they were counted, according to the commandment of Moses, after the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. 22 And Bezaleel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that Jehovah commanded Moses. 23 And with him was Oholibam, the 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 in fine linen.

24 All the gold that was used for the work in all the work of the Holy, even the gold of the offering, was twenty-nine talents, and seven hundred thirty shekels, after the shekel of the Holy. 25 And the silver of them that were numbered of the congregation was a hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels, after the shekel of the Holy: 26 a beka a head, that is, half a shekel, after the shekel of the Holy, for every one that passed over to them that were numbered, from twenty years old and upward, for six hundred three thou-

328 Or, turned
329 Lit. censers
330 Lit. hosting women who served in the host at
331 100 cubits is about 44.45 m long (48.6 yards).
sand five hundred fifty men. 27 And the hundred talents of silver were for casting the sockets of the Holy, and the sockets of the veil; a hundred sockets for the hundred talents, a talent for a socket. 28 And of the thousand seven hundred seventy-five shekels he made hooks for the pillars, and overlaid their capitals, and made fillets for them. 29 And the copper of the offering was seventy talents, and two thousand four hundred shekels. 30 And therewith he made the sockets to the door of the tent of meeting, and the copper altar, and the copper grating for it, and all the vessels of the altar, 31 and the sockets of the court round about, and the sockets of the gate of the court, and all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the court round about.

39 And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet, they made finely wrought garments, for ministering in the holy place, and made the holy garments for Aaron; as Jehovah 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, the work of the skilful workman. 4 They made shoulder-pieces for it, joined together; at the two ends was it joined together. 5 And the skilfully wrought band, that was upon it, wherewith to gird it on, was of the same piece and like the work thereof; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

6 And they wrought the onyx stones, inclosed in settings of gold, graven with the engravings of a signet, according to the names of the children of Israel. 7 And he put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, to be stones of memorial for the children of Israel; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

8 And he made the breastplate, the work of the skilful workman, like the work of the ephod; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet, and fine twined linen. 9 It was foursquare; they made the breastplate double: a span was the length thereof, and a span the breadth thereof, being double. 10 And they set in it four rows of stones. A row of sardius, topaz, and carbuncle was the first row; 11 and the second row, an emerald, a sapphire, and a diamond; 12 and the third row, a jacinth, an agate, and an amethyst; 13 and the fourth row, a beryl, an onyx, and a jasper: they were inclosed in inclosings of gold in their settings. 14 And the stones were according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; like the engravings of a signet, every one according to his name, for the twelve tribes. 15 And they made upon the breastplate chains like cords, of brazen work of pure gold. 16 And they made two settings of gold, and two gold rings, and put the two rings on the two ends of the breastplate. 17 And they put the two brazen chains of gold in the two rings at the ends of the breastplate. 18 And the other two ends of the two brazen chains they put on the two settings, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, in the forepart thereof. 19 And they made two rings of gold, and put them upon the two ends of the breastplate, upon the edge thereof, which was toward the side of the ephod inward. 20 And they made two rings of gold, and put them on the two shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, in the forepart thereof, close by the coupling thereof, above the skilfully wrought band of the ephod. 21 And they did bind the breastplate by the rings thereof unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, that it might be upon the skilfully wrought band of the ephod, and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the ephod; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

22 And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, all of blue; 23 and the hole of the robe in the midst thereof, as the hole of a coat of mail, with a binding round about the hole of it, that it should not be rent. 24 And they made upon the skirts 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 skirts of the robe round about, between the pomegranates; 26 a bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, upon the skirts of the robe round about, to minister in; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

27 And they made the coats of fine linen of woven work for Aaron, and for his sons, and the 334-mitre of fine linen, and the girdle of fine twined linen, and the linen breeches of fine twined linen, 29 and the girdle of fine twined linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet, the work of the embroiderer; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 30 And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like the engravings of a signet, HOLY TO JEHOVAH. 31 And they tied unto it a lace of blue, to fasten it upon the mitre above; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

32 Thus was finished all the work of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting: and the children of Israel did according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses; so did they. 33 And they brought the tabernacle unto Moses, the Tent, and all its furniture, its claps, its boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets; 34 and the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering of 335-sealskins, and the veil of the screen; 35 the ark of the testimony, and the staves thereof, and the mercy-seat; 36 the table, all the vessels thereof, and the showbread; 37 the pure lampstand, the lamps thereof, even the lamps to be set in order, and all the vessels thereof, and the oil for the light; 38 and the golden altar, and the anointing oil, and the sweet incense, and the screen for the door of the Tent; 39 the copper altar, and its grating of copper, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver and its base; 40 the hangings of the court, its pillars, and its sockets, and the screen for the gate of the court, the cords thereof, and the pins thereof, and all the instruments of the service of the tabernacle, for the tent of meeting; 41 the finely wrought garments for ministering in the holy place and the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of his sons, to minister in the priest's office. 42 According to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, 336 so the children of Israel did all the work. 43 And Moses saw all the work, and, behold, they had done it; as Jehovah had commanded, even so had they done it: and Moses blessed them.

332 Or, a craftsman,
334 Or, turban Also in vs. 31.
335 Or, porpoise-skins,
336 Vss. 32-41 constitute the check-list of things done.
40 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou rear up the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. 3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and thou shalt screen the ark with the veil. 4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and set in order the things that are upon it; and thou shalt bring in the lampstand, and light the lamps thereof. 5 And thou shalt set the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and put the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 6 And thou shalt set the altar of burnt-offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. 7 And thou shalt set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and shalt put water therein. 8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and hang up the screen of the gate of the court. 9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle, and all that is therein, and shalt sanctify it, and all the furniture thereof: and it shall be holy. 10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of burnt-offering, and all its vessels, and sanctify the altar: and the altar shall be most holy. 11 And thou shalt anoint the laver and its base, and sanctify it. 12 And thou shalt bring Aaron and his sons unto the door of the tent of meeting, and shalt wash them with water. 13 And thou shalt put upon Aaron the holy garments; and thou shalt anoint him, and sanctify him, that he may minister unto me in the priest’s office. 14 And thou shalt bring his sons, and put coats upon them; 15 and thou shalt anoint them, as thou didst anoint their father, that they may minister unto me in the priest’s office: and their anointing shall be to them for an everlasting priesthood throughout their generations. 16 Thus did Moses: according to all that Jehovah commanded him, so did he.

17 And it came to pass in the first month in the second year after they came out of Egypt, that the tabernacle was reared up. 18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle, and laid its sockets, and set up the boards thereof, and put in the bars thereof, and reared up its pillars. 19 And he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent above upon it, as Jehovah commanded Moses. 20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and set the staves on the ark, and put the mercy-seat above upon the ark: 21 and he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 22 And he put the table in the tent of meeting, upon the side of the tabernacle northward, without the veil. 23 And he set the bread in order upon it before Jehovah; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 24 And he put the lampstand in the tent of meeting, over against the table, on the side of the tabernacle southward. 25 And he lighted the lamps before Jehovah; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 26 And he put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the veil: and he burnt thereon incense of sweet spices; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 28 And he put the screen of the door to the tabernacle. 29 And he set the altar of burnt-offering at the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered upon it the burnt-offering and the meal-offering; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 30 And he set the laver between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water therein, whereewith to wash. 31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet thereat; 32 when they went into the tent of meeting, and when they came near unto the altar, they washed; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 33 And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work.

34 Then the cloud covered the tent of meeting, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. 35 And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of meeting, because the cloud abode thereon, and the glory of Jehovah filled the tabernacle. 36 And when the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle, the children of Israel went onward, throughout 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 Jehovah was upon the tabernacle by day, and there was fire therein by night, in the sight of all the house of Israel, throughout all their journeys.

337 Or, set up the lamps thereof.
338 4QExod-Lev* Sept., Sam. read second year after they came out of Egypt, So Abegg.
339 That is, opposite the table, Similarly everywhere.
340 Or, set up the lamps
Leviticus

(3 Moses)

1:3 The Law of Burnt-offerings — 2:1 of Meal-offerings
3:1 of Peace-offerings — 4:1 of Sin-offerings — 8:1 The Priesthood

1 And Jehovah called unto Moses, and spake unto him out of the tent of meeting, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man of you offereth an offering unto Jehovah, ye shall offer your oblation of the cattle, even of the herd and of the flock.

3 If his oblation be a burnt-offering of the herd, he shall offer it a male without blemish: he shall offer it at the door of the tent of meeting, that he may be accepted before Jehovah.

4 And he shall lay 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 bullock before Jehovah: and Aaron’s sons, the priests, shall present the blood, and sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is at the door of the tent of meeting. 6 And he shall flay the burnt-offering, and cut it into its pieces. 7 And the sons of Aaron the priest shall put fire upon the altar, and shall lay wood in order upon the fire; 8 and Aaron’s sons, the priests, shall lay the pieces, the head, and the fat, in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: 9 but its inwards and its legs shall he wash with water. And the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, for a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah.

10 And if his oblation be of the flock, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-offering; he shall offer it a male without blemish. 11 And he shall kill it on the side of the altar northward before Jehovah: and Aaron’s sons, the priests, shall sprinkle its blood upon the altar round about. 12 And he shall cut it into its pieces, with its head and its fat; and the priest shall lay them in order upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: 13 but the inwards and the legs shall he wash with water. And the priest shall offer the whole, and burn it upon the altar: it is a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah.

14 And if his oblation to Jehovah be a burnt-offering of birds, then he shall offer his oblation of turtle-doves, or of young pigeons. 15 And the priest shall bring it unto the altar, and 2wring off its head, and burn it on the altar; and the blood thereof shall be drained out on the side of the altar 16 and he shall take away its crop with the 3thilth thereof, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, in the place of the ashes: 17 and he shall rend it by the wings thereof, 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-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah.

2 And when a soul offereth an oblation of a meal-offering unto Jehovah, his oblation shall be of fine flour; and he shall pour oil upon it, and put frankincense thereon: 2 and he shall bring it to Aaron’s sons, the priests; and he shall take thereout his handful of the fine flour thereof, and oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof. And the priest shall burn it as the memorial thereof upon the altar, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah: 3 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 Jehovah made by fire.

4 And when thou offerest an oblation of a meal-offering baked in the oven, it shall be unleavened cakes of fine flour minged with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. 5 And if thy oblation be a meal-offering of the baking-pan, it shall be of fine flour unleavened, mingled with oil. 6 Thou shalt part it in pieces, and pour oil thereon: it is a meal-offering. 7 And if thy oblation be a meal-offering of the frying-pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil. 8 And thou shalt bring the meal-offering that is made of these things unto Jehovah: and it shall be presented unto the priest, and he shall bring it unto the altar. 9 And the priest shall take up from the meal-offering the memorial thereof, and shall burn it upon the altar, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah. 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 Jehovah made by fire.

11 No meal-offering, which ye shall offer unto Jehovah, shall be made with leaven, for ye shall burn no leaven, nor any honey, as an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 12 As an oblation of the first-fruits ye shall offer them unto Jehovah: but they shall not come up a sweet savor on the altar. 13 And every oblation of thy meal-offering shalt thou season with salt, neither shalt thou suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meal-offering: with all thine oblations thou shalt offer salt.

14 And if thou offer a meal-offering of the first-fruits unto Jehovah, thou shalt offer for the meal-offering thy first-fruits grain in the ear parched with fire, bruised grain of the fresh ear. 15 And thou shalt put oil upon it, and lay frankincense thereon: it is a meal-offering. 16 And the priest shall burn the memorial of it, part of the bruised grain thereof, and part of the oil thereof, with all the frankincense thereof: it is an offering made by fire unto Jehovah.

3 And his oblation be a sacrifice of peace-offerings; if he offer of the herd, whether male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before Jehovah. 2 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his oblation, and kill it at the door of the tent of meeting: and Aaron’s sons the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. 3 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace-offerings an offering made by fire unto Jehovah; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 4 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, 5 with the kidneys, shall he take away. 6 And Aaron’s sons

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1 Hb. qorban, offering (blood or bloodless) Cf. Mk 7:11
2 Or; pinch off
3 Or; feathers
4 Hb. minchah, gift or; bloodless offering
5 So Massoretic. 4QExod-Lev 1 Sept., Sam. insert it is a meal-offering.
6 Or; flat plate,
7 Or; thank-offerings; And so everywhere.
shall burn it on the altar upon the burnt-offering, which is upon the wood that is on the fire: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah.

6 And if his oblation for a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jehovah be of the flock; male or female, he shall offer it without blemish. 7 If he offer a lamb for his oblation, then shall he offer it before Jehovah; 8 and he shall lay his hand upon the head of his oblation, and kill it before the tent of meeting: and Aaron’s sons shall sprinkle the blood thereof upon the altar round about. 9 And he shall offer of the sacrifice of peace-offerings an offering made by fire unto Jehovah; the fat thereof, the fat tail entire, he shall take away hard by the backbone; and the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 10 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away. 11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire unto Jehovah.

12 And if his oblation be a goat, then he shall offer it before Jehovah: 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 the blood thereof upon the altar round about. 14 And he shall offer thereof his oblation, even an offering made by fire unto Jehovah; the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 15 and the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys, shall he 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 Jehovah’s. 17 It shall be a perpetual statute throughout your generations in all your dwellings, that ye shall eat neither fat nor blood.

4 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a soul shall sin unwittingly, in any of the things which Jehovah hath commanded not to be done, and shall do any one of them: 3 if the anointed priest shall sin so as to bring guilt upon the people, then let him offer for his sin, which he hath sinned, a young bullock without blemish unto Jehovah for a sin-offering. 4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tent of meeting before Jehovah; and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the bullock, and kill the bullock before Jehovah. 5 And the anointed priest shall take of the blood of the bullock, 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 Jehovah, before the veil of the Holy. 7 And the priest shall put of the blood upon the horns of the altar of sweet incense before Jehovah, which is in the tent of meeting; and all the blood of the bullock shall he pour out at the base of the altar of burnt-offering, where the ashes are poured out, and burn it on wood with fire: where the ashes are poured out shall it be burnt.

13 And if the whole congregation of Israel err, and the thing be hid from the eyes of the assembly, and they have done any of the things which Jehovah hath commanded not to be done, and are guilty; 14 when the sin wherein they have sinned is known, then the assembly shall offer a young bullock for a sin-offering, and bring it before the tent of meeting. 15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before Jehovah; and the bullock shall be killed before Jehovah. 16 And the anointed priest shall bring of the blood of the bullock to the tent of meeting: 17 and the priest shall dip his finger in the blood, and sprinkle it seven times before Jehovah, before the veil. 18 And he shall put of the blood upon the horns of the altar which is before Jehovah, that is in the tent of meeting: and all the blood shall be poured out at the base of the altar of burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tent of meeting. 19 And all the fat thereof shall he take off from it, and burn it upon the altar. 20 Thus shall he do with the bullock; as he did with the bullock of the sin-offering, so shall he do with this; and the priest shall make atonement for them, and they shall be forgiven. 21 And he shall carry forth the bullock without the camp, and burn it as he burned the first bullock: it is a sin-offering for the assembly.

22 When a ruler sinneth, and doeth unwittingly any one of all the things which Jehovah his God hath commanded not to be done, and is guilty; 23 if his sin, wherein he hath sinned, be made known to him, he shall bring for his oblation a goat, 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 Jehovah: 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 the blood thereof shall be poured out at the base of the altar of burnt-offering. 26 And all the fat thereof shall he burn upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall make atonement for him as concerning his sin, and he shall be forgiven.

27 And if any soul of the common people sin unwittingly, in doing any of the things which Jehovah hath commanded not to be done, and be guilty; 28 if his sin, which he hath sinned, be made known to him, then he shall bring for his oblation a goat, a female without blemish, for his sin which he hath sinned. 29 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and kill the sin-offering in the place of burnt-offering. 30 And the priest shall take of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering; and all the blood thereof shall be poured out at the base of the altar. 31 And all the fat thereof shall he take away, 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 unto Jehovah; and the priest shall make atonement for him, and he shall be forgiven.  

32 And if he bring a lamb as his oblation for a sin-offering, he shall bring it a female without blemish.  

And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and kill it for a sin-offering in the place where they kill the burnt-offering.  

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 all the blood thereof shall be poured out at the base of the altar.  

And all the fat thereof shall he take away, as the fat of the lamb is taken away from the sacrifice of peace-offerings; and the priest shall burn them on the altar. Upon the offerings of Jehovah made by fire: it is a sin-offering.  

And the priest shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, unto Jehovah; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering.  

And he shall bring them unto the priest, who shall offer that which is for the sin-offering first, and shall sprinkle of the blood of the sin-offering upon the side of the altar; and the priest shall make atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, which he sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him as concerning his sin.  

And if a soul sin, in that he heareth the voice of adjuration, he being a witness, whether he hath seen or known, if he do not utter it, then he shall bear his iniquity.  

Or if a soul touch any unclean thing, whether it be the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass of unclean creeping things, and it be hidden from him, and he be unclean, then he shall be guilty.  

Or if he touch the uncleaness of man, whatsoever his uncleanness be wherewith he is unclean, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty.  

Or if a soul swear rashly with his lips to do evil, or to do good, whatsoever it be that a man shall utter rashly with an oath, and it be hid from him; when he knoweth of it, then he shall be guilty in one of these things.  

And it shall be, when he shall be guilty in one of these things, that he shall confess that wherein he hath sinned: and he shall bring his trespass-offering unto Jehovah for his sin which he hath sinned, a female from the flock, a lamb or a goat, for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him as touching his sin that he hath sinned, and he shall be forgiven.

And if a soul sin, and do any of the things which Jehovah hath commanded not to be done; though he knew it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.  

And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation, for a trespass-offering unto Jehovah, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation in silver by shekels, after the shekel of the Holy, for a trespass-offering: and he shall make restitution for that which he hath done amiss in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and he shall be forgiven.

And if a soul sin, and do any of the things which Jehovah hath commanded not to be done; though he knew it not, yet is he guilty, and shall bear his iniquity.  

And he shall bring a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation; for a trespass-offering unto Jehovah, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation, for a trespass-offering unto Jehovah; then he shall bring his trespass-offering unto Jehovah, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation in silver by shekels, after the shekel of the Holy, for a trespass-offering: and he shall make restitution for that which he hath done amiss in the holy thing, and shall add the fifth part thereto, and give it unto the priest; and the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and he shall be forgiven.

And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 If a soul sin, and commit a trespass against Jehovah, and deal falsely with his neighbor in a matter of deposit, or of bargain, or of robbery, or have oppressed his neighbor, or have found that which was lost, and deal falsely therein, and swear to a lie; in any of all these things that a man doeth, sinning therein;  

then it shall be, if he hath sinned, and is guilty, that he shall restore that which he took by robbery, or the thing which he hath gotten by oppression, or the deposit which was committed to him, or the lost thing which he found,  

or anything about which he hath sworn falsely; he shall even restore it in full, and shall add the fifth part more thereto: unto him to whom it appertaineth shall he give it, in the day of his being found guilty.  

And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto Jehovah, a ram without blemish out of the flock, according to thy estimation, for a trespass-offering unto Jehovah: and the priest shall make atonement for him before Jehovah; and he shall be forgiven concerning whatsoever he doeth so as to be guilty thereby.  

And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This is the law of the burnt-offering: the burnt-offering shall be upon the hearth upon the altar all night unto the morning; and the fire of the altar shall be kept burning thereon.  

And the priest shall put on his linen garment, and his linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh; and he shall take up the ashes whereto the fire hath consumed the burnt-offering on the altar, and he shall put them beside the altar.  

And he shall put off his garments, and put on other garments, and carry forth the ashes without the camp unto a clean place.  

And the fire upon the altar shall be kept burning thereon, it shall not go out; and the priest shall burn wood on it every morning: and he shall lay the burnt-offering
in order upon it, and shall burn thereon the fat of the peace-offerings. 13 Fire shall be kept burning upon the altar continually; it shall not go out.

14 And this is the law of the meal-offering: the sons of Aaron shall offer it before Jehovah, before the altar. 15 And he shall take up therefrom his handfull, of the fine flour of the meal-offering, and of the oil thereof, and all the frankincense which is upon the altar, the sacrifice of peace-offering, and shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor, as the memorial thereof, unto Jehovah. 16 And that which is left thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: it shall be eaten without leaven in a holy place; in the court of the tent of meeting they shall eat it. 17 It shall not be baken with leaven. I have given it as their portion of my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as the sin-offering, and as the trespass-offering. 18 Every male among the children of Aaron shall eat of it, as his portion for ever throughout your generations, from the offerings of Jehovah made by fire: whosoever toucheth them shall be holy.

19 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 20 This is the oblation of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto Jehovah in the day when he is anointed: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour shall be holy; and when there is brought into the most holy, it shall not be eaten. 21 On a baking-pan it shall be made with oil; when it is soaked, thou shalt bring it in: in pieces shalt thou offer the meal-offering for a sweet savor unto Jehovah. 22 And the anointed priest that shall be in his stead from among his sons shall offer it: by a statute for ever it shall be wholly burnt unto Jehovah. 23 And every meal-offering of the priest shall be wholly burnt: it shall not be eaten.

24 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is the law of the sin-offering: in the place where the burnt-offering is killed shall the sin-offering be killed before Jehovah: it is most holy. 26 The priest that offereth it for sin shall eat it: in a holy place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tent of meeting. 27 Whatsoever shall touch the flesh thereof shall be holy; and when there is sprinkled of the blood thereof upon any garment, thou shalt wash that whereon it was sprinkled in a holy place. 28 But the earthen vessel wherein it is boiled shall be broken; and if it be boiled in a copper vessel, it shall be scoured, and rinsed in water. 29 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it is most holy. 30 And no sin-offering, whereof any of the blood is brought into the tent of meeting to make atonement in the holy place shall be eaten: it shall be burnt with fire.

7 And this is the law of the trespass-offering: it is most holy. 2 In the place where they kill the burnt-offering shall they kill the trespass-offering; and the blood thereof shall he sprinkle upon the altar round about. 3 And he shall offer of it all the fat thereof: the fat tail, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is by the loins, and the caul upon the liver, with the kidneys, shall he take away; 4 and the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto Jehovah: it is a trespass-offering. 5 Every male among the priests shall eat thereof: it shall be eaten in a holy place: it is most holy. 6 As is the sin-offering, so is the trespass-offering; there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith, he shall have it. 8 And the priest that offereth any man’s burnt-offering, even the priest shall have to himself the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered. 9 And every meal-offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the frying-pan, and on the baking-pan, shall be the priest’s that offereth it. 10 And every meal-offering, mingled with oil, or dry, shall all the sons of Aaron have, one as well as another.

11 And this is the law of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which one shall offer unto Jehovah. 12 If he offer it for a thanksgiving, then he shall offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and cakes mingled with oil, of fine flour soaked. 13 With cakes of leavened bread he shall offer his obligation with the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for thanksgiving. 14 And of it he shall offer one out of each obligation for a heave-offering unto Jehovah; it shall be the priest’s that sprinkleth the blood of the peace-offerings.

15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings for thanksgiving shall be eaten on the day of his obligation; he shall not leave any of it until the morning. 16 But if the sacrifice of his obligation be a vow, or a freewill-offering, it shall be eaten on the day that he offereth his sacrifice; and on the morrow that remaineth of it shall be eaten: 17 but that which remaineth of the flesh of the sacrifice on the third day shall be burnt with fire. 18 And if any of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings be eaten on the third day, it shall not be accepted, neither shall it be imputed unto him that offereth it: it shall be an abomination, and the soul that eateth of it shall bear his iniquity.

19 And the flesh that toucheth any unclean thing shall not be eaten; it shall be burnt with fire. And as for the flesh, every one that is clean shall eat thereof: 20 but the soul that eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, that pertain unto Jehovah, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from his people. 21 And when a soul shall touch any unclean thing, the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any unclean abomination, and eat of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which pertain unto Jehovah, that soul shall be cut off from his people.

22 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 23 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Ye shall eat no fat, of ox, or sheep, or goat. 24 And the fat of that which dieth of itself, and the fat of that which is torn of beasts, may be used for any other service; but ye shall in no wise eat of it. 25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the beast, of which men offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah, even the soul that eateth it shall be cut off from his people. 26 And ye shall eat no manner of blood, whether it be of bird or of beast, in any of your dwellings.

27 Whosoever it be that eateth any blood, that soul shall be cut off from his people.

28 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 29 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, He that offereth the sacrifice of his peace-offerings unto Jehovah shall bring his obligation unto Jehovah out of the sacrifice of his peace-offerings: 30 his own hands shall bring the offerings of Jehovah made by fire; the fat with the breast shall he bring, that the breast may be waved for a wave-offering before Jehovah. 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 28thigh shall ye give unto the priest for a heave-offering out of the sacrifices of your peace-offerings. 33 He among the sons of Aaron that offereth the blood of the peace-offerings, and the fat, shall have the right thigh for a portion. 34 For the wave-breast and the heave-thigh have I taken of the children of Israel out of the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, and have given them unto Aaron the priest and unto his sons as their portion for ever from the children of Israel.

35 This is the anointing-portion of Aaron, and the anointing-portion of his sons, out of the offerings of Jehovah made by fire, in the day when he presented them to minister unto Jehovah in the priest's office; 36 which Jehovah commanded to be given them of the children of Israel, in the day that he anointed them. It is their portion for ever throughout their generations.

37 This is the law of the burnt-offering, of the meal-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the trespass-offering, and of the consecration, and of the sacrifice of peace-offerings; 38 which Jehovah commanded Moses in mount Sinai, in the day that he commanded the children of Israel to offer their oblations unto Jehovah, in the wilderness of Sinai.

And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bullock of the sin-offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread; 3 and assemble thou all the congregation at the door of the tent of meeting. 4 And Moses did as Jehovah commanded him; and the congregation was assembled at the door of the tent of meeting. 5 And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which Jehovah hath commanded to be done.

6 And Moses brought Aaron and his sons, and washed them with water. 7 And he put upon 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 skilfully woven band of the ephod, and bound it unto him therewith. 8 And he placed the breastplate upon him: and in the breastplate he put 29 the Urim and the Thummim. 9 And he set the 30mitre upon his head; and upon the mitre, in front, did he set the golden plate, the holy crown; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

10 And Moses took the anointing oil, and anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and sanctified them. 11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar seven times, and sanctified the altar and all its vessels, and the laver and its base, 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 Aaron's sons, and clothed them with coats, and girded them with girdles, and bound head-tires upon them; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

14 And he brought the bullock of the sin-offering: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the bullock of the sin-offering. 15 And he slew it; and Moses took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and poured out the blood at the base of the altar, and sanctified it, to make atonement for it. 16 And he took all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat; and Moses burned it upon the altar. 17 But the bullock, and its skin, and its flesh, and its dung, he burned with fire without the camp; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

18 And he presented the ram of 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 round about. 20 And he cut the ram into its pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat. 21 And he washed the inwards and the legs with water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt-offering for a sweet savor: it was an offering made by fire unto Jehovah; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

22 And he presented the other ram, a ram of the consecrations: and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. 23 And he slew it; and Moses took of the blood thereof, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. 24 And he brought Aaron's sons; and Moses put of the blood upon the tip of their right ear, and upon the thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of their right foot: and Moses sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about.

25 And he took the fat, and the fat tail, and all the fat that was upon the inwards, and the caul of the liver, and the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right 29thigh: 26 and out of the basket of unleavened bread, that was before Jehovah, he took one unleavened cake, and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and placed them on the fat, and upon the right thigh: 27 and he put the whole upon the hands of Aaron, and upon the hands of his sons, and waved them for a wave-offering before Jehovah. 28 And Moses took them from off their hands, and burnt them on the altar upon the burnt-offering: they were consecrations for a sweet savor: it was an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 29 And Moses took the breast, and waved it for a wave-offering before Jehovah: it was Moses' portion of the ram of consecrations; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

30 And Moses took of the anointing oil, and of the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled it upon Aaron, upon his garments, and upon his sons, and upon his sons' garments with him, and sanctified Aaron, his garments, and his sons, and his sons' garments with him.

31 And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil the flesh at the door of the tent of meeting: and there eat it and the bread that is in the basket of consecrations, as I commanded, saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it. 32 And that which remaineth of the flesh and of the bread shall ye burn with fire.

33 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tent of meeting seven days, until the day that the days of your consecrations be fulfilled: for he shall 30 be consecrate you seven days. 34 As hath been done this day, so Jehovah hath commanded to do, to make atonement for you. 35 And at the door of the tent of meeting shall ye abide day and night seven days, and keep the charge of Jehovah, that ye die not: for so I am commanded.

36 And Aaron and his sons did all the things which Jehovah commanded.
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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 unto Aaron, Take thee a calf of the herd for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and offer them before Jehovah. 3 And unto the children of Israel thou shalt speak, saying, Take ye a he-goat for a sin-offering; and a calf and a lamb, both a year old, without blemish, for a burnt-offering; 4 and an ox and a ram for peace-offerings, to sacrifice before Jehovah; and a meal-offering mingled with the oil: for today Jehovah appeareth unto you. 5 And they brought that which Moses commanded before the tent of meeting: and all the congregation drew near and stood before Jehovah. 6 And Moses said, This is the thing which Jehovah commanded that ye should do: and the glory of Jehovah shall appear unto you. 7 And Moses said unto Aaron, Draw near unto the altar, and offer thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and make atonement for thyself, and for the people; and offer the oblation of the people, and make atonement for them; as Jehovah commanded.

So Aaron drew near unto the altar, and slew the calf of the sin-offering, which was for himself. 9 And the sons of Aaron presented the blood unto 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 base of the altar: 10 but the fat, and the kidneys, and the caul from the liver of the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 11 And the flesh and the skin he burnt with fire without the camp.

12 And he slew the burnt-offering; and Aaron’s sons delivered unto him the blood, and he sprinkled it upon the altar round about. 13 And they delivered the burnt-offering unto him, piece by piece, and the head: and he burnt them upon the altar. 14 And he washed the inwards and the legs, and burnt them upon the burnt-offering on the altar.

15 And he presented the people’s oblation, and took the goat of the sin-offering which was for the people, and slew it, and offered it for sin, as the first. 16 And he presented the burnt-offering, and offered it according to the ordinance. 17 And he presented the meal-offering, and filled his hand therefrom, and burnt it upon the altar, besides the burnt-offering of the morning.

18 He slew also the ox and the ram, the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which was for the people: and Aaron’s sons delivered unto him the blood, which he sprinkled upon the altar round about, 19 and the fat of the ox and of the ram, the fat tail, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the caul of the liver: 20 and they put the fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar: 21 and the breasts and the right thigh Aaron waved for a wave-offering before Jehovah; as Moses commanded.

22 And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people, and blessed them; and he came down from offering the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings. 23 And Moses and Aaron went into the tent of meeting, and came out, and blessed the people: and the glory of Jehovah appeared unto all the people. 24 And there came forth fire from before Jehovah, and consumed upon the altar the burnt-offering and the fat: and when all the people saw it, they shouted, and fell on their faces.

And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took each of them his censer, and put fire therein, and laid incense thereon, and offered strange fire before Jehovah, which he had not commanded them. 2 And there came forth fire from before Jehovah, and devoured them, and they died before Jehovah. 3 Then Moses said unto Aaron, This is it that Jehovah spake, saying, I will be sanctified in them that come nigh me, and before all the people I will be glorified. And Aaron held his peace. 4 And Moses called Michael and Elizaphan, the sons of Uzziel the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Draw near, carry your brethren from before the Holy out of the camp. 5 So they drew near, and carried them in their coats out of the camp, as Moses had said. 6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, 25Let not the hair of your heads go loose, neither rend your clothes; that ye die not, and that he be not wroth with all the congregation: but let your brethren, the whole house of Israel, bewail the burning which Jehovah hath kindled. 7 And ye shall not go out from the door of the tent of meeting, lest ye die; for the anointing oil of Jehovah is upon you. And they did according to the word of Moses.

8 And Jehovah spake unto Aaron, saying, 34Drink no wine nor strong drink, thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ye go into the tent of meeting, that ye die not: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations: 10 and 35that ye may make a distinction between the holy and the common, and between the unclean and the clean; 11 and that ye may teach the children of Israel all the statutes which Jehovah hath spoken unto them by Moses.

12 And Moses spake unto Aaron, and unto Eleazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, that were left, saying, Take the meal-offering that remaineth of the offerings of Jehovah made by fire, and eat it without leaven beside the altar; for it is most holy; 13 and ye shall eat it in a holy place, because it is thy portion, and thy sons’ portion, of the offerings of Jehovah made by fire: for so I am commanded. 14 And the wave-breast and the heave-thigh shall ye eat in a clean place, thou, and thy sons, and thy daughters with thee: for they are given as thy portion, and thy sons’ portion, out of the sacrifices of the peace-offerings of the children of Israel. 15 The heave-thigh and the wave-breast shall they bring with the offerings made by fire of the fat, to wave it for a wave-offering before Jehovah: and it shall be thine, and thy sons’ with thee, as a portion for ever; as Jehovah hath commanded.

16 And Moses diligently sought the goat of the sin-offering, and, behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Eleazar and with Ithamar, the sons of Aaron that were left, saying, Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-offering 36in the holy place, seeing it is most holy, and he hath given it you 37to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before Jehovah? 18 Behold, the blood of it was not brought incident suggests they may have been drunk.

32 Or, are nigh me,
33 Sept., Aram., Vg. read Uncover not your heads,
34 The proximity of this command to the Nadab and Abihu in-
35 Or, ye shall make Also in vs. 11.
36 Heb. in a place, the holy, Similarly elsewhere.
37 Or, to take away the iniquity
into the holy place within; ye should certainly have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded. 19 And Aaron spake unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin-offering and their burnt-offering before Jehovah; and there have befallen me such things as these: and if I had eaten the sin-offering today, would it have been well-pleasing in the sight of Jehovah? 20 And when Moses heard that, it was well-pleasing in his sight.

11 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, These are the living things which ye may eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. 3 Whosoever parteth the hoof, and is clovenfooted, and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that may ye eat. 4 Nevertheless these shall ye not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that part the hoof: the camel, because he cheweth the cud but parteth not the hoof, he is unclean unto you. 5 And the coney, because he cheweth the cud but parteth not the hoof, he is unclean unto you. 6 And the hare, because she cheweth the cud but is not clovenfooted, but cheweth not the cud, he is unclean unto you. 7 Of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch; they are unclean unto you.

9 These may ye eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the rivers, that may ye 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 all the living souls that are in the waters, they are an abomination unto you. 11 And they shall be an abomination unto you; ye shall not eat of their flesh, and their carcasses ye shall have in abomination. 12 Whosoever hath no fins nor scales in the waters, that is an abomination unto you.

13 And these ye shall have in abomination among the birds; they shall not be eaten, they are an abomination: the eagle, and the gier-eagle, and the ospray, and the kite, and the falcon after its kind, every raven after its kind, and the ostrich, and the night-hawk, and the sea-mew, and the hawk after its kind, and the little owl, and the cormorant, and the pelican, and the vulture, and the stork, the heron, and the hoopoe, and the bat.

20 All winged creeping things that go upon all fours are an abomination unto you. 21 Yet these may ye eat of all winged creeping things that go upon all fours, which have legs above their feet, wherewith to leap upon the earth; 22 even these of them ye may eat: the locust after its kind, and the bald locust after its kind, and the cricket after its kind, and the grasshopper after its kind. 23 But all winged creeping things, which have four feet, are an abomination unto you.

24 And by these ye shall become unclean: whosoever toucheth the carcass of them shall be unclean until the even;

25 and whosoever beareth aught of the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even. 26 Every beast which parteth the hoof, and is not clovenfooted, nor cheweth the cud, is unclean unto you: every one that toucheth them shall be unclean. 27 And whosoever goeth upon its paws, among all beasts that go on all fours, they are unclean unto you: whoso toucheth their carcass shall be unclean until the even. 28 And he that beareth the carcass of them shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: they are unclean unto you.

29 And these are they which are unclean unto you among the creeping things that creep upon the earth: the weasel, and the mouse, and the great lizard after its kind, and the gecko, and the land-crocodile, and the lizard, and the sand-lizard, and the chameleon. 30 These are they which are unclean to you among all that creep: whosoever doth touch them, when they are dead, shall be unclean until the even. 32 And whosoever eateth of them, when they are dead, doth fall, it shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or ramaint, or skin, or sack, whatsoever vessel it be, wherewith any work is done, it must be put into water, and it shall be unclean until the even; then shall it be clean. 33 And every earth vessel, whereinto of them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean, and it ye shall break. 34 All food therein which may be eaten, that on which water cometh, shall be unclean; and all drink that may be drunk in every such vessel shall be unclean. 35 And everything whereupon any part of their carcass falleth shall be unclean: whether oven, or range for pots, it shall be broken in pieces: they are unclean, and shall be unclean unto you. 36 Nevertheless a fountain or a pit wherein is a gathering of water shall be clean: but hath which toucheth their carcass shall be unclean. 37 And if aught of their carcass fall upon any sowing seed which is to be sown, it is clean. 38 But if water be put upon the seed, and aught of their carcass fall thereon, it is unclean unto you.

39 And if any beast, of which ye may eat, die; he that toucheth the carcass thereof shall be unclean until the even. 40 And he that eateth of the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: he also that beareth the carcass of it shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even.

41 And every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth is an abomination; it shall not be eaten. 42 Whosoever goeth upon the belly, and whatsoever goeth upon all fours, or whatsoever hath many feet, even all creeping things that creep upon the earth, them ye shall not eat; for they are an abomination. 43 Ye shall not make your souls abominable with any creeping thing that creepeth, neither shall ye make yourselves unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby. 44 For I am Jehovah your God: sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am holy: neither shall ye defile your souls with any manner of creeping thing that moveth upon the earth. 45 For I am Jehovah that brought you out of the land of Egypt, to known with certainty. Compare Mt 3:4?

46 Unglazed pottery is too porous to be easily cleansed from bacteria and other toxic substances.

47 Or, hearth.

48 Or, cistern

49 Or, he who toucheth
be your God: ye shall therefore be holy, for I am holy.

46 This is the law of the beast, and of the bird, and of every living soul that moveth in the waters, and of every soul that creepeth upon the earth; 47 to make a distinction between the unclean and the clean, and between the living thing that may be eaten and the living thing that may not be eaten.

12 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman conceive seed, and bear a man-child, then she shall be unclean seven days; as in the days of the impurity of her sickness she shall be unclean. 3 And in the eighth day the flesh of his foreskin shall be circumcised. 4 And she shall continue in the blood of her purifying thirty-three days; she shall touch no hallowed thing, nor come into the sanctuary, until the days of her purifying be fulfilled. 5 But if she bear a maid-child, then she shall be unclean two weeks, as in her impurity; 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 a year old for a purifying, or a young pigeon, or a turtle-dove, for a sin-offering, unto the door of the tent of meeting, unto the priest: 7 and he shall offer it before Jehovah, and make atonement for her; and she shall be cleansed from the fountain of her blood; and she shall continue in the law of the beast, and of the bird, and of every living thing that may not be eaten.

7 When the flesh is the head or of the beard.

51 The blood-clotting factor, Vitamin K, is not produced in a baby's intestinal tract until the 5th to 7th day of life, and the necessary prothrombin is maximum on the 8th day of life.

52 Priests were therefore also public health officers.
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32 and in the seventh day the priest shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the scall be not spread, and there be in it no yellow hair, and the appearance of the scall be not deeper than the skin, 33 then he shall be shaven, but the scall shall he not shave; and the priest shall shut up him that hath the scall seven days more: 34 and in the seventh day the priest shall look on the scall; and, behold, if the scall be not spread in the skin, and the appearance thereof be not deeper than the skin; then the priest shall pronounce him clean: and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 35 But if the scall spread abroad in the skin after his cleansing, 36 then the priest shall look on him; and, behold, if the scall be spread in the skin, the priest shall not seek for the yellow hair; he is unclean. 37 But if in his eyes the scall be at a stay, and black hair be grown up therein; the scall is healed, he is clean: and the priest shall pronounce him clean.

38 And when a man or a woman hath in the skin of the flesh bright spots, even white bright spots; 39 then the priest shall look; and, behold, if the bright spots be of a dull white, it is a tetter, it hath broken out in the skin; he is clean.

40 And if a man’s hair be fallen off his head, he is bald; yet he is clean. 41 And if his hair be fallen off from the front part of his head, he is forehead bald; yet he is clean. 42 But if there be in the bald head, or the bald forehead, a reddish-white plague; it is leprosy breaking out in his bald head, or his bald forehead. 43 Then the priest shall look upon him; and, behold, if the rising of the plague be reddish-white in his bald head, or in his bald forehead, as the appearance of leprosy in the skin of the flesh; 44 he is a leprous man, he is unclean: the priest shall surely pronounce him unclean; his plague is in his head.

45 And the leper in whom the plague is, his clothes shall be rent, and the hair of his head shall go loose, and he shall cover his upper lip, and shall cry, Unclean, unclean. 46 All the days wherein the plague is in him he shall be unclean; he is unclean: he shall dwell alone; without the camp shall his dwelling be.

47 The garment also that the plague of leprosy is in, whether it be a woolen garment, or a linen garment; 48 whether it be in the warp, or woof; of linen, or of woolen; whether in a skin, or in anything made of skin; 49 if the plague be greenish or reddish in the garment, or in the skin, or in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin; it is the plague of leprosy, and shall be shewed unto the priest. 50 And the priest shall look upon the plague, and shut up that which hath the plague seven days: 51 and he shall look on the plague on the seventh day: if the plague be spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in the skin, whatever service skin is used for; the plague is a fretting leprosy; it is unclean. 52 And he shall burn the garment, whether the warp or the woof, in woolen or in linen, or anything of skin, wherein the plague is: for it is a fretting leprosy; it shall be burnt in the fire.

53 And if the priest shall look, and, behold, the plague be not spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin; 54 then the priest shall command that they wash the thing wherein the plague is, and he shall shut it up seven days more: 55 and the priest shall look, after that the plague is washed; and, behold, if the plague have not changed its color, and the plague be not spread, it is unclean; thou shalt burn it in the fire: it is a fret, & was whether the bareness be within or without.

56 And if the priest look, and, behold, the plague be dim after the washing thereof, then he shall rend it out of the garment, or out of the skin, or out of the warp, or out of the woof: 57 and if it appear still in the garment, either in the warp, or in the woof, or in anything of skin, it is breaking out: thou shalt burn that wherein the plague is with fire. 58 And the garment, either the warp, or the woof, or whatsoever thing of skin it be, which thou shalt wash, if the plague be departed from them, then it shall be washed a second time, and shall be clean.

59 This is the law of the plague of leprosy in a garment of woolen or linen, either in the warp, or the woof, or anything of skin, to pronounce it clean, or to pronounce it unclean.

14 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 This shall be the law of the leper in the day of his cleansing: he shall be brought unto the priest: 3 and the priest shall go forth out of the camp; and the priest shall look; and, behold, if the plague of leprosy be healed in the leper, 4 then shall the priest command to take for him that is to be cleansed two living clean birds, and cedar-wood, and scarlet, and hyssop: 5 and the priest shall command to kill one of the birds in an earthen vessel 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 that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven times, and shall pronounce him clean, and shall let go the living bird into the open field. 8 And he that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and shave off all his hair, and bathe himself in water; and he shall be clean: and after that he shall come into the camp, but shall dwell outside his tent seven days. 9 And it shall be on the seventh day, that he shall shave all his hair off his head and his beard and his eyebrows, even all his hair he shall shave off: and he shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and he shall be clean.

10 And on the eighth day he shall take two he-lambs without blemish, and one ewe-lamb a year old without blemish, and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and one log of oil. 11 And the priest that cleanseth him shall set the man that is to be cleansed, and those things, before Jehovah, at the door of the tent of meeting. 12 And the priest shall take one of the he-lambs, and offer him for a trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and wave them for a wave-offering before Jehovah: 13 and he shall kill the he-lamb in the place where they kill the sin-offering and the burnt-offering, in the place of the holy holy: for as the sin-offering is the priest’s, so is the trespass-offering: it is most holy. 14 And the priest shall take of the blood of the trespass-offering, and the priest shall put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot. 15 And the priest shall take 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

53 Or, woven or knitted stuff; Also in vs. 49, etc.
54 Hb. whether it be bald in the head thereof, or in the forehead thereof.
55 Hb. living water. Also in vs. 6.
56 Or, sanctuary:
his left hand, and shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times before Jehovah. 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 that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the blood of the trespass-offering: 18 and the rest of the oil that is in the priest’s hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: and the priest shall make atonement for him before Jehovah. 19 And the priest shall offer the sin-offering, and make atonement for him that is to be cleansed because of 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 atonement for him, and he shall be clean.

21 And if he be poor, and cannot get so much, then he shall take one he-lamb for a trespass-offering to be waved, to make atonement for him, and one tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering, and a log of oil; 22 and two turtle-doves, 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 on the eighth day he shall bring them for his cleansing unto the priest, unto the door of the tent of meeting, before Jehovah: 24 and the priest shall take the lamb of the trespass-offering, and the log of oil, and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before Jehovah. 25 And he shall kill the lamb of the trespass-offering; and the priest shall take of the blood of the trespass-offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great 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 Jehovah: 28 and the priest shall put of the oil that is in his hand upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right foot, upon the place of the blood of the trespass-offering: 29 and the rest of the oil that is in the priest’s hand he shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed, to make atonement for him before Jehovah. 30 And he shall offer one of the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, such as he is able to get, 31 even 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 atonement for him that is to be cleansed before Jehovah. 32 This is the law of him in whom is the plague of leprosy, who is not able to get that which pertaineth to his cleansing.

33 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 34 When ye are come into the land of Canaan, which I give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of leprosy in a house of the land of your possession; 35 then he that owneth the house shall come and tell the priest, saying, There seemeth to me to be as it were a plague in the house. 36 And the priest shall command that they empty the house, before the priest goeth in to see the plague, that all that is in the house be not made unclean: and afterward the priest shall go in to see the house: 37 and he shall look on the plague; and, behold, if the plague be in the walls of the house with hollow streaks, greenish or reddish, and the appearance thereof be 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 plague be spread in the walls of the house; 40 then the priest shall command that they take out the stones in which the plague is, and cast them into an unclean place without the city: 41 and he shall cause the house to be scraped within round about, and they shall pour out the mortar, that they scrape off, without the city into an unclean place: 42 and they shall take other stones, and put them in the place of those stones; and they shall take other mortar, and shall plaster the house.

43 And if the plague come again, and break out in the house, after that he hath taken out the stones, and after he hath scraped the house, and after it is plastered; 44 then the priest shall come in and look; and, behold, if the plague be spread in the house, it is a fretting leprosy in the house: it is unclean. 45 And they shall break down the house, the stones of it, and the timber thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them forth out of the city into an unclean place. 46 Moreover he that goeth into the house all the while that it is shut up shall be unclean until the even. 47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes.

48 And if the priest shall come in, and look, and behold, the plague hath not spread in the house, after the house was plastered; then the priest shall pronounce the house clean, because the plague 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 vessel 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 field: so shall he make atonement for the house; and it shall be clean.

54 This is the law for all manner of plague of leprosy, and for a scall, and for the leprosy of a garment, and for a house, and for a rising, and for a scab, and for a bright spot; 57 to teach when it is unclean, and when it is clean: this is the law of leprosy.

15 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When any man hath an issue out of his flesh, because of his issue he is unclean. 3 And this shall be his uncleanness in his issue: whether his flesh run with his issue, or his flesh be stopped from his issue, it is his uncleanness. 4 Every bed whereon he that hath the issue lieth shall be unclean; and everything whereon he sitteth shall be unclean. 5 And whosoever toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself
in water, and be unclean until the even. 6 And he that sitteth on anything whereon he that hath the issue sat shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 7 And he that toucheth the flesh of him that hath the issue shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean, then he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 9 And whatsoever saddle he that hath the issue ride upon shall be unclean. 10 And whosoever toucheth anything that was under him shall be unclean until the even: and he that beareth those things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 11 And whosoever he that hath the issue toucheth, without having rinsed his hands in water, he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 12 And the earthen vessel, which he that hath the issue toucheth, shall be broken; and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water.

13 And when he that hath an issue is cleansed of his issue, then he shall number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes; and he shall bathe his flesh in running water, and shall be clean. 14 And on the eighth day he shall take to him two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and come before Jehovah unto the door of the tent of meeting, and give them unto the priest: 15 and the priest shall offer them, the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for him before Jehovah for his issue.

16 And if any man’s seed of copulation go out from him, then he shall bathe all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the even. 17 And every garment, and every skin, wherein is the seed of copulation, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the even. 18 The woman also with whom a man shall lie with seed of copulation, they shall both bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the even.

19 And if a woman have an issue, and her issue in her flesh be blood, she shall be in her impurity seven days: and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the even. 20 And everything that she lieth upon in her impurity shall be unclean: everything also that she sitteth upon shall be unclean. 21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 22 And whosoever toucheth anything that she sitteth upon shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 23 And if it be on the bed, or on anything whereon she sitteth, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the even. 24 And if any man lie with her, and her impurity be upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed wherein he lieth shall be unclean.

25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days not in the time of her impurity, or if she have an issue beyond the time of her impurity; all the days of the issue of her uncleanness she shall be as in the days of her impurity: she is unclean. 26 Every bed wherein she lieth all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her impurity: and everything whereon she sitteth shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her impurity. 27 And whosoever toucheth those things shall be unclean, and shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the even. 28 But if she be cleansed of her issue, then she shall number to herself seven days, and after that she shall be clean. 29 And on the eighth day she shall take unto her two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tent of meeting. 30 And the priest shall offer the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and the priest shall make atonement for her before Jehovah for the issue of her uncleanness.

31 Thus shall ye separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness, that they die not in the uncleanness, when they defile my tabernacle that is in the midst of them.

32 This is the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose seed of copulation goeth from him, so that he is unclean thereby; 33 and of her that is sick with her impurity, and of him that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, and of him that lieth with her that is unclean.

16 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they drew near before Jehovah, and died; 2 and Jehovah said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place while the mercy-seat which is upon the ark; that he die not: for I will appear in the cloud upon the mercy-seat. 3 Herewith shall Aaron come into the holy place: 4 with a young bullock for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering. 4 He shall put on the holy linen coat, and shall have the linen breeches upon his flesh, and shall be girded with the linen girdle, and with the linen mitre shall he be attired: they are the holy garments; and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and put them on. 5 And he shall take of the congregation of the children of Israel two he-goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burnt-offering.

6 And Aaron shall present the bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and make atonement for himself, and for his house. 7 And he shall take the two goats, and set them before Jehovah at the door of the tent of meeting. 8 And Aaron shall cast lots upon the two goats; one lot for Jehovah, and the other lot for the departure. 9 And Aaron shall present the goat upon which the lot fell for Jehovah, and offer him for a sin-offering. 10 But the goat, on which the lot fell for departure, shall be set alive before Jehovah, to make atonement over him, to send him away for departure into the wilderness.

11 And Aaron shall present the bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and shall make atonement for himself, and for his house, and shall kill the bullock of the sin-offering which is for himself. 12 And he shall take a censer full of coals of fire from off the altar before Jehovah, and his hands full of sweet incense beaten small, and bring it within the veil: 13 and he shall put the incense upon the fire before Jehovah, that the cloud of the incense may cover the mercy-seat that is upon the testimony, that he die not: 14 and he shall take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with his finger around the mercy-
Then shall he kill the goat of the sin-offering, that is for the people, and bring his blood within the veil, and do with his blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it upon the mercy-seat, and before the mercy-seat:

16 and he shall make atonement for the holy place, because of the uncleannesses of the children of Israel, and because of their transgressions, even all their sins: and so shall he do for the tent of meeting, that dwelleth with them in the midst of their uncleannesses. 17 And there shall be no man in the tent of meeting when he goeth in to make atonement in the holy place, until he come out, and have made atonement for himself, and for his household, and for all the assembly of Israel. 18 And he shall go out unto the altar that is before Jehovah, and make atonement for it: and shall take of the blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. 19 And he shall sprinkle of the blood upon it with his finger seven times, and cleanse it, and sanctify it from the uncleannesses of the children of Israel.

20 And when he hath made an end of atoning for the holy place, and the tent of meeting, and the altar, he shall present 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 children of Israel, and all their transgressions, even all their sins; and he shall put them upon the head of the goat, and shall send him away by the hand of a man that is in readiness into the wilderness: 22 and the goat shall bear upon him all his iniquities unto a solitary land: and he shall let go the goat in the wilderness.

23 And Aaron shall come into the tent of meeting, and shall put off the linen garments, which he put on when he went into the holy place, and shall leave them there: 24 and he shall bathe his flesh in water a holy place, and put on his garments, and come forth, and offer his burnt-offering and the burnt-offering of the people, and make atonement for himself and for the people. 25 And the fat of the sin-offering shall he burn upon the altar. 26 And he that letteth go the goat shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp. 27 And the bullock of the sin-offering, and the goat of the sin-offering, whose blood was brought in to make atonement in the holy place, shall be carried forth without the camp: and they shall burn in the fire their skins, and their flesh, and their dung. 28 And he that burneth them shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he shall come into the camp.

29 And it shall be a statute forever unto you: in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month, ye shall afflict your souls, and shall do no manner of work, the home-born, or the stranger that sojourneth among you: 30 for on this day shall atonement be made for you, to cleanse you; from all your sins that sojourneth among you, who eateth any manner of blood; I will set my face against that soul that eateth blood, and will cut him off from among his people. 11 And whatsoever man there be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, that offereth a burnt-offering or sacrifice, and bringeth it not unto the door of the tent of meeting, to sacrifice it unto Jehovah; that man shall be cut off from his people.

12 Therefore I said unto the children of Israel, No soul of you shall eat blood, neither shall any stranger that sojourneth among you eat blood. 13 And whatsoever man there be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, who taketh in hunting any beast or bird that may be eaten; he shall not eat thereof, lest he profane himself; for it is the blood that maketh atonement by reason of the life. 14 For as to the life of all flesh, the blood thereof is all one with the life thereof: therefore I said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall eat the blood of no manner of flesh; for the life of all flesh is the blood thereof: whosoever eateth it shall be cut off. 15 And every soul that eateth it, shall be cut off. 16 But if he wash them not, nor bathe his flesh, then he shall bear his iniquity.

And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am Jehovah your God. 3 After the doings of the land of Egypt, wherein ye dwelt, shall ye not do: and after the doings of the land of

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**Notes:**

70 Or, appointed into the wilderness.

71 Hb. nephesh, soul (both times) 3 times in vs. 14.

72 Or, dust. or, mud.

73 Hb. a carcass,
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Canaan, whither I bring you, shall ye not do; neither shall ye walk in their statutes. 4 Mine ordinances shall ye do, and my statutes shall ye keep, to walk therein: I am Jehovah your God. 5 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes, and mine ordinances; which if a man do, he shall live 74in them: I am Jehovah.

6 None of you shall approach unto any that are near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am Jehovah. 7 Their nakedness of thy father, even the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 8 The nakedness of thy wife’s sister shalt thou not uncover; it is thy father’s nakedness. 9 The nakedness of thy son’s daughter, or of thy daughter’s daughter, even their nakedness thou shalt not uncover: for theirs is thine own nakedness. 10 The nakedness of thy brother’s wife shalt thou not uncover. 11 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law: she is thy son’s wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 12 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother’s wife: it is thy brother’s nakedness. 13 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter’s daughter, or of thy daughter’s daughter’s daughter, even their nakedness: it is wickedness. 14 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy father’s daughter, or of thy daughter’s daughter, or of thy daughter’s daughter’s daughter, nor of thy daughter’s daughter’s daughter; thou shalt not uncover any of their nakedness: it is wickedness. 15 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy daughter-in-law: she is thy son’s wife; thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 16 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy brother’s wife: it is thy brother’s nakedness. 17 Thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of a woman and her daughter; thou shalt not take her son’s daughter, or her daughter’s daughter, to uncover her nakedness; they are near kinswomen: it is wickedness. 18 And thou shalt not take a wife to her sister, to be a rival to her, to uncover her nakedness, besides the other in her lifetime.

19 And thou shalt not uncover unto a woman a nakedness that is impure by her uncleanness. 20 And thou shalt not lie carnally with thy neighbor’s wife, to defile thyself with her. 21 And thou shalt not give any of thy seed 75to make them pass through the fire to Molech; neither shalt thou profane the name of thy God: I am Jehovah. 22 Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination. 23 And thou shalt not lie with any beast to defile thyself therewith; neither shall any woman stand before a beast, to lie down thereto: it is confusion.

24 Defile not ye yourselves in any of these things: for in all these the nations are defiled which I cast out from before you; and the land is defiled: therefore I do visit the iniquity thereof upon it, and the land vomiteth out her inhabitants. 25 Ye therefore shall keep my statutes and mine ordinances, and shall not do any of these abominations; neither the home-born, nor the stranger that sojourneth among you 27(for all these abominations have the men of the land done, that were before you, and the land is defiled); 28 that the land vomit not you out also, when ye defile it, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. 29 For whosoever shall do any of these abominations, even the souls that do them shall be cut off from among their people. 30 Therefore shall ye keep my charge, that ye practise not any of these abominable customs, which were practised before you, and that ye defile not yourselves therein: I am Jehovah your God.

19 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy; for I Jehovah your God am holy. 3 Ye shall fear every man his mother, and his father; and ye shall keep my sabbaths: I am Jehovah your God. 4 Turn ye not unto 78idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am Jehovah your God.

5 And when ye offer a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jehovah, ye shall offer it that ye may be accepted. 6 It shall be eaten the same day ye offer it, and on the morrow: and if it remain until the third day, it shall be burnt with fire. 7 And if it be eaten at all on the third day, it is an abomination: it shall not be accepted: 8 but every one that eateth it shall bear his iniquity, because he hath profaned the holy thing of Jehovah: and that soul shall be cut off from his people.

9 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest. 10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, neither shalt thou gather the fallen fruit of thy vineyard; thou shalt leave them for the poor and for the sojourner: I am Jehovah your God.

11 Ye shall not steal; neither shall ye deal falsely, nor lie one to another. 12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, and profane the name of thy God: I am Jehovah.

13 Thou shalt not oppress thy neighbor, nor rob him: the wages of a hired servant shall not abide with thee all night until the morning. 14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumblingblock before the blind; but thou shalt fear thy God: I am Jehovah.

15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment: thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the mighty; but in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor. 16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people: neither shalt thou stand against the blood of thy neighbor: I am Jehovah.

17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart: thou shalt surely rebuke thy neighbor, and not bear sin because of him. 18 Thou shalt not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people; but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself: I am Jehovah.

19 Ye shall keep my statutes. Thou shalt not let thy cattle gender with a diverse kind: thou shalt not sow thy field with two kinds of seed: neither shall there come upon thee a garment of two kinds of stuff mingled together. 20 And whosoever lieth carnally with a woman, that is a bondmaid, betrothed to a husband, and not at all redeemed, nor freedom given her; 79they shall be punished; they shall not be put to death, because she was not free. 21 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto Jehovah, unto the door of the tent of meeting, even a ram for a trespass-offering. 22 And the priest shall make atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering before Jehovah for his sin which he hath sinned: and the sin which he hath sinned shall be forgiven him.

74 Or, by them.
75 Or, enormity.
76 Or, separated for her uncleanness.
77 Or, to set them apart to Molech.
78 Hb. the things of nought.
79 Hb. there shall be inquest;
23 And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as their uncircumcision: three years shall they be as uncircumcised unto you; it shall not be eaten. 24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy, for giving praise unto Jehovah. 25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I am Jehovah your God.

26 Ye shall not eat anything with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantments, nor practice augury. 27 Ye shall not round the corners of your heads, neither shalt thou mar the corners of thy beard. 28 Ye shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead soul, nor print any marks upon you: I am Jehovah.

29 Profane not thy daughter, to make her a harlot; lest the land fall to whoredom, and the land become full of wickedness. 30 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am Jehovah.

31 Turn ye not unto them that have familiar spirits, nor unto the wizards; seek them not out, to be defiled by them: I am Jehovah your God.

32 Thou shalt rise up before the hoary head, and honor the face of the old man, and thou shalt fear thy God: I am Jehovah.

33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not do him wrong. 34 The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were sojourners in the land of Egypt: I am Jehovah your God.

35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in measures of length, of weight, or of quantity. 36 Just balances, just weights, a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am Jehovah your God.

37 And ye shall observe all my statutes, and all mine ordinances, and do them: I am Jehovah.

20 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Moreover, thou shalt say to the children of Israel, Whosoever he be of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth of his seed unto Molech; he shall surely be put to death: the people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3 I also will set my face against that man, and will cut him off from among his people; because he hath given of his seed unto Molech, to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. 4 And if the people of the land do at all hide their eyes from that man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, and put him not to death; 5 then will I set my face against that man, and against his family, and will cut him off, and all that play the harlot after him, to play the harlot with Molech, from among their people.

6 And the soul that turneth unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto the wizards, to play the harlot after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people. 7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am Jehovah your God.

8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am Jehovah who sanctifieth you. 9 For every one that curseth his father or his mother shall surely be put to death: he hath cursed his father or his mother; his blood shall be upon him.

10 And the man that committh adultery with another man’s wife, even he that committed adultery with his neighbor’s wife, the adulterer and the adulteress shall surely be put to death. 11 And the man that lieth with his father’s wife hath 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 lie with his daughter-in-law, both of them shall surely be put to death: they have wrought confusion; their blood shall be upon them. 13 And if a man lie with mankind, as with womankind, both of them have committed abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 14 And if a man take a wife and her mother, it is wickedness: they shall be burnt with fire, both he and they; that there be no wickedness among you. 15 And if a man lie with a beast, he shall surely be put to death: and ye shall slay the beast. 16 And if a woman approach unto any beast, and lie down thereto, thou shalt 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 shameful thing; and they shall be cut off in the sight of the children of their people; he hath uncovered his sister’s nakedness; he shall bear his iniquity. 18 And if a man shall lie with a woman having her sickness, and shall uncover her nakedness; he hath made naked her fountain, and she hath uncovered the fountain of her blood: and both of them shall be cut off from among their people. 19 And thou shalt not uncover the nakedness of thy mother’s sister, nor of thy father’s sister; for he hath made naked his near kin: they shall bear their iniquity. 20 And if a man shall lie with his uncle’s wife, he hath 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 impurity: he hath uncovered his brother’s nakedness; they shall be childless.

22 Ye shall therefore keep all my statutes, and all mine ordinances, and do them; that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, vomit you not out. 23 And ye shall not walk in the customs of the nation, which I cast out before you: for they did all these things, and therefore I abhorred them. 24 But I have said unto you, Ye shall inherit their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey: I am Jehovah your God, who hath separated you from the peoples. 25 Ye shall therefore make a distinction between the clean beast and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean: and ye shall not make your souls abominable by beast, or by bird, or by anything wherewith the ground teemeth, which I have separated from you as unclean. 26 And ye shall be holy unto me: for I, Jehovah, am holy, and

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80 Or, enormity.
81 1 talent = 3,000 shekels; 1 shekel = 11.6 gm.
82 That is, The executioner shall not be guilty of murder. And similarly elsewhere.
83 Or, enormity:
84 Hb. creepeth,
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have set you apart from the peoples, that ye should be mine.
27 A man also or a woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that
is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them
with stones; their blood shall be upon them.

21 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests, the
sons of Aaron, and say unto them, There shall none defile himself for the dead among his people; 2 except for his kin, that is near unto him, 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, that is near unto him, that hath had no husband; for her may he defile himself. 4 He shall not defile himself, being a chief man among his people, to profane himself. 5 They shall not make baldness upon their head, neither shall they shave off the corner of their beard, nor make any cuttings in their flesh. 6 They shall be holy unto their God, and not profane the name of their God; for the offerings of Jehovah made by fire, the bread of their God, they do offer: therefore they shall be holy. 7 They shall not take a woman that is a harlot, or profane; neither shall they take a woman put away from her husband: for he is holy unto his God. 8 Thou shalt sanctify him therefore; for he offereth the bread of thy God: he shall be holy unto thee; for I Jehovah, who sanctify thee, am holy. 9 And the daughter of any priest, if she profane herself by playing the harlot, she profaneth her father: she shall be burnt with fire.

10 And he that is the high priest among his brethren, upon
whose head the anointing oil is poured, and that is consecrated to put on the garments, shall not let the hair of his head go loose, nor rend his clothes; 11 neither shall he go in to any dead souls, 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 Jehovah. 13 And he shall take a wife in her virginity. 14 A widow, or one divorced, or a profane woman, a harlot, these shall he not take: but a virgin of his own people shall he take to wife. 15 And he shall not profane his seed among his people: for I am Jehovah who sanctifieth him.

16 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whoseover he be of thy seed throughout their generations that hath a blemish, let him not approach to offer the bread of his God. 18 For whatsoever man he be that hath a blemish, he shall not approach: a blind man, or a lame, or he that hath a flat nose, or anything superfluous, or a man that is broken-footed, or broken-handed, or crook-backed, or a dwarf, or that hath a blemish in his eye, or is scurvy, or scabbed, or hath his stones broken; 20 no man of the seed of Aaron the priest, that hath a blemish, shall come nigh to offer the offerings of Jehovah made by fire: he hath a blemish; he shall not come nigh 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 unto the veil, nor come nigh unto the altar, because he hath a blemish; that he profane not my sanctuaries: for I am Jehovah who sanctifieth them. 24 So Moses spake unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel.

22 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they separate themselves from the holy things of the children of Israel, which they hallow unto me, and that they profane not my holy name: I am Jehovah. 3 Say unto them, Whosoever he be of all your seed throughout your generations, that approacheth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto Jehovah, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from me: I am Jehovah. 4 What man soever of the seed of Aaron is a leper, or hath an issue; he shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean. And whoso toucheth anything that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him; 5 or whosoever toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man of whom he may take uncleanness, whatsoever uncleanness he hath; 6 the soul that toucheth any such shall be unclean until the even, and shall not eat of the holy things, unless he bathe his flesh in water. 7 And when the sun is down, he shall be clean; and afterward shall he eat of the holy things, because it is his bread. 8 That which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts, he shall not eat, to defile himself therewith: I am Jehovah. 9 They shall therefore keep my charge, lest they bear sin for it, and die therein, if they profane it: I am Jehovah who sanctifieth them.

10 There shall no stranger eat of the holy thing: a sojourner of the priest’s, or a hired servant, shall not eat of the holy thing. 11 But if a priest buy any soul, the purchase of his money, he shall eat of it; and such as are born in his house, they shall eat of his bread. 12 And if a priest’s daughter be married unto a stranger, she shall not eat of the heave-offering of the holy things. 13 But if a priest’s daughter be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and be returned unto her father’s house, as in her youth, she shall eat of her father’s bread: but there shall no stranger eat thereof. 14 And if a man eat of the holy thing unwittingly, then he shall put the fifth part thereof unto it, and shall give unto the priest the holy thing. 15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto Jehovah, and so cause them to bear the iniquity that bringeth guilt, when they eat their holy things: for I am Jehovah who sanctifieth them.

17 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 18 Speak unto Aaron, and to his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, Whosoever he be of the house of Israel, or of the sojourners in Israel, that offereth his oblation, whether it be any of their vows, or any of their freewill-offerings, which they offer unto Jehovah for a burnt-offering; 19 that ye may be accepted, ye shall offer a male without blemish, of the bullocks, of the sheep, or of the goats. 20 But whatsoever hath a blemish, that shall ye not offer: for it shall not be acceptable for you. 21 And whosoever offereth a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jehovah to accomplish a vow, or for a

85 Hb. nephesh, soul or, being Similar usage for dead body is in vs. 11, ch. 19:28, 22:4, Nu 5:2, etc.
86 Or, as a husband among his people
87 Or, polluted;
88 So Massoretic, Aram. 11QpaleoLev* Sam., Sept., Vg. read them,
89 Hb. whose hand is filled to put on etc.
90 Or, consecration
91 Or, slit nose
92 Or, anyone
93 Hb. nephesh, soul, or, being, Cf. ch. 21:1.
94 Or, make a special vow,
freewill-offering, of the herd or of the flock, it shall be perfect to be accepted; there shall be no blemish therein. 22 Blind, or broken, or maimed, or having 98a wen, or scurvy, or scabbed, ye shall not offer these unto Jehovah, nor make an offering by fire of them upon the altar unto Jehovah. 23 Either a bullock or a lamb that hath anything superfluous or lacking in his parts, that mayest 99hast offer for a freewill-offering; but for a vow it shall not be accepted. 24 That which hath its stones bruised, or crushed, or broken, or cut, ye shall not offer unto Jehovah; neither shall ye 99do thus in your land. 25 Neither from the hand of a son of a foreigner shall ye offer the bread of your God of any of these; because their corruption is in them, there is a blemish in them: they shall not be accepted for you.

26 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 27 When a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then it shall be seven days under its dam; and from the eighth day and thenceforth it shall be accepted for the oblation of an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 28 And whether it be cow or ewe, ye shall not kill it and its young both in one day. 29 And when ye sacrifice a sacrifice of thanksgiving unto Jehovah, ye shall sacrifice it that may be accepted. 30 On the same day it shall be eaten; ye shall leave none of it until the morning: I am Jehovah. 31 Therefore shall ye keep my commandments, and do them: 99I am Jehovah. 32 And ye shall not profane my holy name; but I will be hallowed among the children of Israel: I am Jehovah who halloweth you, 33 who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am Jehovah.

23 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, The 99set feasts of Jehovah, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, even these are my set feasts. 3 Six days shall work be done: but on the seventh day is a sabbath of solemn rest, a holy convocation; ye shall do no manner of work: it is a sabbath unto Jehovah in all your dwellings.

4 These are the set feasts of Jehovah, even holy convocations, which ye shall proclaim in their appointed season. 5 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month 100between the two evenings, is Jehovah’s passover. 6 And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto Jehovah: seven days ye shall eat unleavened bread. 7 In the first day ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work. 8 But ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah seven days: in the seventh day is a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

9 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are come into the land which I give unto you, and shall reap the harvest thereof, then ye shall bring the sheaf of the 102first-fruits of your harvest unto the priest: 11 and he shall wave the sheaf before Jehovah, to be accepted for you; 103on the morrow after the sabbath the priest shall wave it. 12 And in the day when ye wave the sheaf, ye shall offer a he-lamb without blemish a year old for a burnt-offering unto Jehovah. 13 And the meal-offering thereof shall be two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with oil, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah for a sweet savor; and the drink-offering thereof shall be of wine, the fourth part of a hin. 14 And ye shall eat neither bread, nor parched grain, nor fresh ears, until this selfsame day, until ye have brought the oblation of your God: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

15 And ye shall count unto you from the morrow after the sabbath, from the day that ye brought the sheaf of the wave-offering; seven sabbaths shall there be complete: 16 even unto the morrow after the seventh sabbath shall ye number fifty days; and ye shall offer a new meal-offering unto Jehovah.

17 Ye shall bring out of your habitations two wave-loaves of two tenth parts of an ephah: they shall be of fine flour, they shall be baked with leaven, for first-fruits unto Jehovah. 18 And ye shall present with the bread seven lambs without blemish a year old, and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be a burnt-offering unto Jehovah, with their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings, even an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah. 19 And ye shall offer one he-goat for a sin-offering, and two he-lambs a year old 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 Jehovah, with the two lambs: they shall be holy to Jehovah for the priest. 21 And ye shall make proclamation on the selfsame day; there shall be a holy convocation unto you; ye shall do no servile work: it is a statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your generations.

22 And when ye reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather the gleanings of thy harvest: thou shalt leave them for the poor, and for the sojourner: I am Jehovah your God.

23 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall be a solemn rest unto you, a memorial of blowing of trumpets, a holy convocation. 25 Ye shall do no servile work; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah.

26 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 27 Howbeit on the tenth day of this seventh month is the day of atonements: it shall be a holy convocation unto you, and ye shall afflict your souls; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 28 And ye shall do no manner of work in that same day; for it is a day of atonements, to make atonement for you before Jehovah your God. 29 For whatsoever soul it be that shall not be afflicted in that same day; he shall be cut off from his people. 30 And whatsoever soul it be that doeth any manner of work in that same day, that soul shall I destroy from among his people. 31 Ye shall do no manner of work: it is a statute

95 Or, sores,
96 So Massoretic, Sept., Vg. 4QLev b 11QpaleoLev a Sam. read you (plural).
97 Or, sacrifice them in your land.
98 4QLev b Sam., Sept. omit I am Jehovah
99 Or, appointed seasons of Jehovah,
100 Or, at twilight,
101 Hb. work of labor.
102 Or, topmost. At the beginning of barley harvest.
103 That is, on the sabbath after passover; hence, on one of the days of the feast of unleavened bread.
104 Leaven is usually unacceptable in an offering, as a corrupting influence. But contrast Mt 28:1-6 and Ac 2:1-4, on the two days of offerings of firstfruits.
105 At the beginning of wheat harvest, in the 3rd month.
forever throughout your generations in all your dwellings. 32 It shall be unto you a sabbath of solemn rest, and ye shall afflict your souls: in the 10th day of the month towards evening, from even unto even, shall ye keep your sabbath.

33 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, On the fifteenth day of this seventh month is the feast of booths for seven days unto Jehovah. 35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work. 36 Seven days ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah: on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah: it is a 10th solemn assembly; ye shall do no servile work.

37 These are the set feasts of Jehovah, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto Jehovah, a burnt-offering, and a meal-offering, a sacrifice, and drink-offerings, each on its own day; 38 besides the sabbaths of Jehovah, and besides your gifts, and besides all your vows, and besides all your freewill-offerings, which ye give unto Jehovah.

39 Howbeit on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the increase of the land, ye shall keep the feast of Jehovah seven days: on the first day shall be a solemn rest, and on the eighth day shall be a solemn rest. 40 And ye shall take you on the first day the fruit of goodly trees, branches of palm-trees, and boughs of thick trees, and willows of the brook; and ye shall rejoice before Jehovah your God seven days. 41 And ye shall keep it a feast unto Jehovah seven days in the year: it is a statute for ever throughout your generations; ye shall keep it in the seventh month. 42 Ye shall dwell in booths seven days; all that are home-born in Israel shall dwell in booths; 43 that your generations may know that I brought them out of the land of Egypt: I am Jehovah your God. 44 And Moses declared unto the children of Israel the set feasts of Jehovah.

24 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure olive oil beaten for the light, 10th to cause a lamp to burn continually. 3 Without the veil of the testimony, in the tent of meeting shall Aaron keep it in order from evening to morning before Jehovah continually: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations. 4 He shall keep in order the lamps upon the pure lampstand before Jehovah continually.

5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake twelve cakes thereof: two tenth parts of an ephah shall be in one cake. 6 And thou shalt set them in two rows, six on a row, upon the pure table before Jehovah. 7 And thou shalt put pure frankincense upon each row, that it may be to the bread for a memorial, even an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 8 Every sabbath day he shall set it in order before Jehovah continually: it is on the behalf of the children of Israel, an everlasting covenant. 9 And it shall be for Aaron and his sons;

and they shall eat it in a holy place: for it is most holy unto him of the offerings of Jehovah made by fire by a perpetual statute.

10 And the son of an Israelitish woman, whose father was an Egyptian, went out among the children of Israel; and the son of the Israelitish woman and a man of Israel strove together in the camp: 11 and the son of the Israelitish woman blasphemed the Name, and cursed; and they brought him unto Moses. And his mother’s name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan. 12 And they put him in ward, that it might be declared unto them at the mouth of Jehovah.

13 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 14 Bring forth him that hath cursed without the camp; and let all that heard him lay their hands upon his head, and let all the congregation stone him. 15 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying Whosoever curseth his God shall bear his sin. 16 And he that blasphemeth the name of Jehovah, he shall surely be put to death; all the congregation shall certainly stone him: as well the sojourner, as the home-born, when he blasphemeth the name of Jehovah, shall be put to death. 17 And he that smiteth any soul of a man mortally shall surely be put to death. 18 And he that smiteth the soul of a beast shall make it good, soul for soul. 19 And if a man cause a blemish in his neighbor; as he hath done, so shall it be done to him: 20 breach for breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth; as he hath caused a blemish in a man, so shall it be rendered unto him. 21 And he that killeth a beast shall make it good: and he that killeth a man shall be put to death. 22 Ye shall have one manner of law, as well for the sojourner, as for the home-born: for I am Jehovah your God. 23 And Moses spake to the children of Israel; and they brought forth him that had cursed out of the camp, and stoned him with stones. And the children of Israel did as Jehovah commanded Moses.

25 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in mount Sinai, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land which I give you, then shall the land keep a sabbath unto Jehovah. 3 Six years thou shalt sow thy field, and six years thou shalt prune thy vineyard, and gather: it shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. 4 But in the seventh year shall be a sabbath of solemn rest for the land, a sabbath unto Jehovah: thou shalt neither sow thy field, nor prune thy vineyard. 5 That which groweth of itself of thy harvest thou shalt not gather: it shall be a year of solemn rest for the land. 6 And the sabbath of the land shall be for food for you; for thee, and for thy servant and for thy maid, and for thy hired servant and for thy stranger, who sojourn with thee. 7 And for thy cattle, and for the beasts that are in thy land, shall all the increase thereof be for food.

8 And thou shalt number seven sabbaths of years unto thee, seven times seven years; and there shall be unto thee the days of seven sabbaths of years, even forty-nine years. 9 Then shall thou send abroad the loud trumpet on the tenth day of the sev-

106 Thus, the daytime of Tishri 10 would be on the high holy sabbath, whether the day was then reckoned as beginning at sunrise or at sunset.

107 Hb. Sukkoth or, wicker-work huts As in vss. 42 (twice), 43.

108 Or, closing festival;

109 Or, to set up a lamp continually.

110 Or, two piles, six in a pile,

111 Or, pile,

112 Or, from

113 Hb. owlam, without any fixed expiration See footnote on Ex 21:6.

114 Hb. a smiter of the soul of an animal shall make it good, soul for soul.
enth month; in the day of atonements shall ye send abroad the trumpet throughout all your land. 10 And ye shall sanctify the fiftieth year, and proclaim liberty throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof: it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return every man unto his possession, and ye shall return every man unto his family. 11 A jubilee shall that fiftieth year be unto you: ye shall not sow, neither reap that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather the grapes in it of the undressed vines. 12 For it is a jubilee; it shall be holy unto you: ye shall eat the increase thereof out of the field.

13 In this year of jubilee ye shall return every man unto his possession. 14 And if thou sell aught unto thy neighbor, or buy of thy neighbor’s hand, ye shall not wrong one another. 15 According to the number of years after the jubilee thou shalt buy of thy neighbor, and according unto the number of years of the crops he shall sell unto thee. 16 According to the multitude of the years thou shalt increase the price thereof, and according to the fewness of the years thou shalt diminish the price of it: for the number of the crops doth he sell unto thee. 17 And ye shall not wrong one another; but thou shalt fear thy God: for I am Jehovah your God.

18 Wherefore ye shall do my statutes, and keep mine ordinances and do them; and ye shall dwell in the land in safety. 19 And the land shall yield its fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell therein in safety. 20 And if ye shall say, What shall we eat the seventh year: behold, we shall not sow, nor gather in our increase; 21 then I will command my blessing upon you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth increase for the three years. 22 And ye shall sow the eighth year, and eat of the increase, the old store; until the ninth year, until its increase come in, ye shall eat the old store.

23 And the land shall not be sold in perpetuity; for the land is mine: for ye are strangers and sojourners with me. 24 And in all the land of your possession ye shall grant a ransom for the land. 25 If thy brother be waxed poor, and sell some of his possession, then shall his kinsman that is next unto him come, and shall ransom that which his brother hath sold. 26 And if a man have no one to ransom it, and he be waxed rich and find sufficient to ransom it; 27 then let him reckon the years of the sale thereof, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; and he shall return unto his possession. 28 But if he be not able to get it back for himself, then that which he hath sold shall remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of jubilee: and in the jubilee it shall go out, and he shall return unto his possession.

29 And if a man sell a dwelling-house in a walled city, then he may ransom it within a whole year after it is sold; for a full year shall he have the right of ransom. 30 And if it be not ransomed within the space of a full year, then the house that is in the walled city shall be made sure in perpetuity to him that bought it, throughout his generations: it shall not go out in the jubilee. 31 But the houses of the villages which have no wall round about them shall be reckoned with the fields of the country: they may be ransomed, and they shall go out in the jubilee. 32 Nevertheless the cities of the Levites, the houses of the cities of their possession, may the Levites ransom at any time. 33 And if one of the Levites ransom, then the house that was sold, and the city of his possession, shall go out in the jubilee; for the houses of the cities of the Levites are their possession among the children of Israel. 34 But the field of the suburbs of their cities may not be sold; for it is their perpetual possession.

35 And if thy brother be waxed poor, and his hand fail with thee; then thou shalt upon him: as a stranger and a sojourner shall he live with thee. 36 Take thou no interest of him or increase, but fear thy God; that thy brother may live with thee. 37 Thou shalt not give him thy money upon interest, nor give him thy victuals for increase. 38 I am Jehovah your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give you the land of Canaan, and to be your God.

39 And if thy brother be waxed poor with thee, and sell himself unto thee; thou shalt not make him to serve as a bond-servant. 40 As a hired servant, and as a sojourner, he shall be with thee; he shall serve with thee unto the year of jubilee: 41 then shall he go out from thee, he and his children with him, and shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. 42 For they are my servants, whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: they shall not be sold as bondmen. 43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigor, but shalt fear thy God. 44 And as for thy bondmen, and thy bondmaids, whom thou shalt have; of the nations that are round about you, of them shall ye buy bondmen and bondmaids. 45 Moreover of the children of the strangers that sojourn among you, of them shall ye buy, and of their families that are with you, which they have begotten in your land: and they shall be your possession. 46 And ye shall make them an inheritance for your children after you, to hold for a possession; of them shall ye take your bondmen for ever: but over your brethren the children of Israel ye shall not rule, one over another, with rigor.

47 And if a stranger or sojourner with thee be waxed rich, and thy brother be waxed poor beside him, and sell himself unto the stranger or sojourner with thee, or to the stock of the stranger’s family; 48 after that he is sold he may be ransomed: one of his brethren may ransom him; 49 or his uncle, or his uncle’s son, may ransom him, or any that is nigh of kin unto him of his family may ransom him; or if he be waxed rich, he may ransom himself. 50 And he shall reckoned with him that bought him from the year that he sold himself to him unto the year of jubilee: and the price of his sale shall be according unto the number of years; according to the time of a hired servant shall he be with him. 51 If there be yet many years, according unto them he shall give back the price of his ransoming out of the money that he was bought for. 52 And if there remain but few years unto the year of jubilee, then he shall reckon with him; according unto his years shall he give back the price of his ransoming. 53 As a servant hired year by year shall he be with him: he shall not rule with rigor over him in thy sight. 54 And if he be not ransomed by these means, then he shall go out in the year of jubilee, he and his children with him. 55 For unto me the children of Israel are servants; they are my servants whom I brought forth out of the land of Egypt: I am Jehovah your God.

115 Or, if a man ransom from the Levites, or, according to Vg., if they have not been redeemed,
116 Or, pasture lands of their cities
117 Or, relieve him:
118 So Massoretic, Sam. 4QLev<sup>a</sup> Sept., Aram. read bequest.
119 Or, in these years,
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26 Ye shall make you no idols, neither shall ye rear you up a graven image, or a pillar, neither shall ye place any figured stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am Jehovah your God. 2 Ye shall keep my sabbaths, and reverence my sanctuary: I am Jehovah.

3 If ye walk in my statutes, and keep my commandments, and do them; 4 then I will give your rains in their season, and the land shall yield its increase, and the trees of the field shall yield their fruit. 5 And your threshing shall reach unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto the sowing time; and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and dwell in your land safely.

6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, and none shall make you afraid: and I will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land, neither shall the sword go through your land. 7 And ye 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 chase ten thousand; and your enemies shall fall before you by the sword. 9 And I will have respect unto you, and make you fruitful, and multiply you, and will establish my covenant with you.

10 And ye shall eat old store long kept, and ye shall bring forth the old because of the new. 11 And I will set my tabernacle among you: and my soul shall not abhor you. 12 And I will walk among you, and will be your God, and ye shall be my people. 13 I am Jehovah your God, who brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be their bondmen; and I have broken the bars of your yoke, and made you go upright.

14 But if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these commandments; 15 and if ye shall reject my statutes, and if your soul abhor mine ordinances, so that ye will not do all my commandments, but break my covenant; 16 I also will do this unto you: I will appoint terror over you, even consumption and fever, that shall consume this unto you: I will appoint terror over you, even consummation and pestilence, and you will I scatter among the nations, and I will draw out the sword after you: and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

17 Then shall the land enjoy its sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye are in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy its sabbaths. 18 As long as it lieth desolate, it shall have rest, even the rest which it had not in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. 19 And as for them that are left of you, I will send a faintness into their heart in the lands of their enemies: and the sound of a driven leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as one fleeth from the sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. 20 And they shall stumble one upon another, as it were before the sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies. 21 And ye shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 22 And ye shall pine away in your enemies' lands; and also in the iniquities of their fathers shall they pine away with them.

23 And if ye will not hearken unto me, and will not hearken unto me, I will bring seven times more plagues upon you according to your sins. 24 And I will send the beast of the field among you, which shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, and make you few in number; and your ways shall become desolate.

25 And if by these things ye will not be reformed unto me, but will walk contrary unto me; 26 then will I also walk contrary unto you; and I will smite you, even I, seven times for your sins. 27 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute the vengeance of the covenant; and ye shall be gathered together within your cities: and I will send the pestilence among you; and ye shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy. 28 When I break your staff of bread, ten women shall bake your bread in oneoven, and they shall deliver your bread again by weight: and ye shall eat, and not be satisfied.

29 And if ye will not for all this hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me; 30 then I will walk contrary unto you in wrath; and I also will chastise you seven times for your sins.

31 And ye shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your daughters shall ye eat. 32 And I will destroy your high places, and cut down your sun-images, and cast your dead bodies upon the bodies of your idols; and my soul shall abhor you.

33 And I will make your cities a waste, and will bring your sanctuaries unto desolation, and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors. 34 And I will bring the land into desolation; and your enemies that dwell therein shall be astonished at it.

35 And ye will I scatter among the nations, and I will draw out the sword after you: and your land shall be a desolation, and your cities shall be a waste.

36 Then shall the land enjoy its sabbaths, as long as it lieth desolate, and ye are in your enemies' land; even then shall the land rest, and enjoy its sabbaths. 37 As long as it lieth desolate, it shall have rest, even the rest which it had not in your sabbaths, when ye dwelt upon it. 38 And as for them that are left of you, I will send a faintness into their heart in the lands of their enemies: and the sound of a driven leaf shall chase them; and they shall flee, as one fleeth from the sword; and they shall fall when none pursueth. 39 And they shall stumble one upon another, as it were before the sword, when none pursueth: and ye shall have no power to stand before your enemies.

40 And ye shall perish among the nations, and the land of your enemies shall eat you up. 41 And they that 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.

42 And I also walked contrary unto them, and brought them into the land of their enemies: if then their uncircumcised heart be humbled, and they then accept of the punishment of their iniquity: 43 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. 44 The land also shall be left by them, and shall enjoy its sabbaths, while it lieth desolate without them: and they shall accept of the punishment of their iniquity; because, even because they rejected mine ordinances, and their soul abhorred my statutes.

45 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 Jehovah.

46 These are the statutes and ordinances and laws, which Jehovah made between him and the children of Israel in mount Sinai by Moses.
And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When a man shall accomplish a vow, the souls shall be for Jehovah by thy estimation. 3 And thy estimation shall be of the male from twenty years old even unto sixty years old, even thy estimation shall be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the Holy. 4 And if it be a female, then thy estimation shall be thirty shekels. 5 And if it be from five years old even unto twenty years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 6 And if it be a month old even unto five years old, then thy estimation shall be of the male five shekels of silver, and for the female thy estimation shall be three shekels of silver. 7 And if it be from sixty years old and upward; if it be a male, then thy estimation shall be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 8 But if he be poorer than thy estimation, then he shall be set before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability of him that vowed shall the priest value him.

9 And if it be a beast, whereof men offer an oblation unto Jehovah, all that any man giveth of such unto Jehovah 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 both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy. 11 And if it be any unclean beast, of which they do not offer an oblation unto Jehovah, then shall the priest set the beast before the priest; 12 and the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad: as thou the priest valuest it, so shall it be. 13 But if he will indeed ransom it, then he shall add the fifth part thereof unto thy estimation.

14 And when a man shall sanctify his house to be holy unto Jehovah, then the priest shall estimate it, whether it be good or bad: as the priest shall estimate it, so shall it stand. 15 And if he that sanctified it will ransom his house, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be his.

16 And if a man shall sanctify unto Jehovah part of the field of his possession, then thy estimation shall be according to the sowing thereof: the sowing of a homer of barley shall be valued at fifty shekels of silver. 17 If he sanctify his field from the year of jubilee, according to thy estimation it shall stand. 18 But if he sanctify his field after the jubilee, then the priest shall reckon unto him the money according to the years that remain unto the year of jubilee; and an abatement shall be made from thy estimation. 19 And if he that sanctified the field will indeed ransom it, then he shall add the fifth part of the money of thy estimation unto it, and it shall be assured to him. 20 And if he will not ransom the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be ransomed any more: 21 but the field, when it goeth out in the jubilee, shall be holy unto Jehovah, as a field devoted; the possession thereof shall be the priest's. 22 And if he sanctify unto Jehovah a field which he hath bought, which is not of the field of his possession; 23 then the priest shall reckon unto him the worth of thy estimation unto the year of jubilee: and he shall give thine estimation in that day, as a holy thing unto Jehovah. 24 In the year of jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom it was bought, even to him to whom the possession of the land belongeth. 25 And all thy estimations shall be according to the shekel of the Holy: twenty gerahs shall be the shekel.

26 Only the firstling among beasts, which is made a firstling unto Jehovah, no man shall sanctify it; whether it be ox or sheep, it is Jehovah's. 27 And if it be of an unclean beast, then he shall ransom it according to thine estimation, and shall add unto it the fifth part thereof: or if it be not ransomed, then it shall be sold according to thy estimation.

28 Notwithstanding, no devoted thing, that a man shall devote unto Jehovah of all that he hath, whether of man or beast, or of the field of his possession, shall be sold or ransomed: every devoted thing is most holy unto Jehovah. 29 No one devoted, that shall be devoted from among men, shall be ransomed; he 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 Jehovah's: it is holy unto Jehovah. 31 And if a man will ransom aught of his tithe, he shall add unto it the fifth part thereof. 32 And all the tithe of the herd or the flock, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto Jehovah. 33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he change it at all, then both it and that for which it is changed shall be holy; it shall not be ransomed.

34 These are the commandments, which Jehovah commanded Moses for the children of Israel in mount Sinai.
1 And Jehovah spake unto 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 were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, every male, by their polls; 3 from twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel, thou and Aaron shall number them by their hosts. 4 And with you there shall be a man of every tribe; every one head of his fathers’ house. 5 And these are the names of the men that shall stand with you.

Of Reuben: Elizur the son of Shedeur.
6 Of Simeon: Shelumiel the son of Zuri-shaddai.
7 Of Judah: Nahshon the son of Amminadab.
8 Of Issachar: Nethanel the son of Zuar.
9 Of Zebulun: Eliab the son of Helon.
10 Of the children of Joseph:
11 Of Ephraim: Elishama the son of Ammihud.
12 Of Manasseh: Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.
13 Of Benjamin: Abidan the son of Gideoni.
14 Of Dan: Ahiezer the son of Ammihud.
15 Of Asher: Pagiel the son of Ochran.
16 Of Gad: Eliasaph the son of Deuel.
17 Of Naphtali: Ahira the son of Enan.

18 These are they that were called of the congregation, the princes of the tribes of their fathers; they were the heads of the thousands of Israel. 19 And Moses and Aaron took these men that are mentioned by name; 18 and they assembled all the congregation together on the first day of the second month; and they declared their pedigrees after their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, by their polls. 19 As Jehovah commanded Moses, so he numbered them in the wilderness of Sinai. 3

20 And the children of Reuben, Israel’s firstborn, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 21 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Reuben, were forty-six thousand five hundred.

22 Of the children of Simeon, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, those that were numbered thereof, according to the number of the names, by their polls, every male from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 23 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Simeon, were fifty-nine thousand three hundred.

24 Of the children of Gad, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 25 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Gad, were forty-five thousand six hundred fifty.

26 Of the children of Judah, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 27 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Judah, were seventy-four thousand six hundred. 4

28 Of the children of Issachar, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 29 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty-four thousand four hundred.

30 Of the children of Zebulun, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 31 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred.

32 Of the children of Joseph, namely, of the children of Ephraim, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 33 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand five hundred.

34 Of the children of Manasseh, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 35 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Manasseh, were thirty-two thousand two hundred.

36 Of the children of Benjamin, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 37 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Benjamin, were thirty-five thousand four hundred.

38 Of the children of Dan, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 39 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Dan, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred.

40 Of the children of Asher, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 41 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Asher, were forty-one thousand five hundred.

42 Of the children of Naphtali, their generations, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, according to the number

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1 In ch. 2:14, Reuel.
2 Or, families
3 The smallest unit was apparently fifty, as in 1Sa 8:12;
4 Thus, nearly one out of eight soldiers was from Judah. In the time of King David the proportion had grown to about two out of every five. See 2Sa 24, 1Chr 21.
of the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 43 those that were numbered of them, of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty-three thousand four hundred.

44 These are they that were numbered, whom Moses and Aaron numbered, and the princes of Israel, being twelve men: they were each one for his fathers’ house. 45 So all they that were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers’ houses, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in Israel; 46 even all they that were numbered were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty.

47 But the Levites after the tribe of their fathers were not numbered among them. 48 For Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 49 Only the tribe of Levi thou shalt not number, neither shalt thou take the sum of them among the children of Israel; 50 but appoint thou the Levites over the tabernacle of the testimony, and over all the furniture thereof, and over all that belongeth to it: they shall bear the tabernacle, and all the furniture thereof; and they shall minister unto it, and shall encamp round about the tabernacle. 51 And when the tabernacle setteth forth, the Levites shall take it down; and when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. 52 And the children of Israel shall pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and every man by his own standard, according to their hosts. 53 But the Levites shall encamp round about the tabernacle of the testimony, that there be no wrath upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of the testimony. 54 Thus did the children of Israel; according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so did they.

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And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying,

2  The children of Israel shall encamp every man by his own standard, with the ensigns of their fathers’ houses: over against the tent of meeting shall they encamp round about. 3 And those that encamp on the east side toward the sunrising shall be they of the standard of the camp of Judah, according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Judah shall be Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 4 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were seventy-four thousand six hundred. 5 And those that encamp next unto him shall be the tribe of Issachar: and the prince of the children of Issachar shall be Nethanel the son of Zuar. 6 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty-four thousand four hundred. 7 And the tribe of Zebulun: and the prince of the children of Zebulun shall be Eliab the son of Helon. 8 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty-seven thousand four hundred. 9 All that were numbered of the camp of Judah were a hundred eighty-six thousand four hundred, according to their hosts. They shall set forth first.

10 On the south side shall be the standard of the camp of Reuben according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Reuben shall be Eliab the son of Shedeur. 11 And his host, and those that were numbered thereof, were forty-six thousand five hundred. 12 And those that encamp next unto him shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the prince of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Zuri-shaddai. 13 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty-nine thousand three hundred. 14 And the tribe of Gad: and the prince of the children of Gad shall be Eliasaph the son of Reuel. 15 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty-five thousand six hundred fifty. 16 All that were numbered of the camp of Reuben were a hundred fifty-one thousand four hundred fifty, according to their hosts. And they shall set forth second.

17 Then the tent of meeting shall set forward, with the camp of the Levites in the midst of the camps: as they encamp, 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 hosts: and the prince of the children of Ephraim shall be Elishama the son of Ammihud. 19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand five hundred. 20 And next unto him shall be the tribe of Manasseh: and the prince of the children of Manasseh shall be Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty-two thousand two hundred. 22 And the tribe of Benjamin: and the prince of the children of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gideoni. 23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty-five thousand four hundred. 24 All that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were a hundred eighty thousand one hundred, according to their hosts. And they shall set forth third.

25 On the north side shall be the standard of the camp of Dan according to their hosts: and the prince of the children of Dan shall be Abiezer the son of Ammi-shaddai. 26 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were sixty-two thousand seven hundred. 27 And those that encamp next unto him shall be the tribe of Asher: and the prince of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the son of Ochran. 28 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty-one thousand five hundred. 29 And the tribe of Naphtali: and the prince of the children of Naphtali shall be Ahira the son of Enan. 30 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were fifty-three thousand four hundred. 31 All that were numbered of the camp of Dan were a hundred fifty-seven thousand six hundred. They shall set forth hindmost by their standards.

32 These are they that were numbered of the children of Israel by their fathers’ houses: all that were numbered of the camps according to their hosts were six hundred three thousand five hundred fifty. 33 But the Levites were not numbered among the children of Israel; as Jehovah commanded Moses. 34 Thus did the children of Israel; according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so they encamped by their standards, and so they set forth, every one by their families, according to their fathers’ houses.
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3 Now these are the generations of Aaron and Moses in the day that Jehovah spake with Moses in mount Sinai. And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: Nadab the firstborn, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests that were anointed, whom he consecrated to minister in the priest's office. And Nadab and Abihu died before Jehovah, when they offered strange fire before Jehovah, 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 Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, Bring the tribe of Levi near, and set them before Aaron the priest, that they may minister unto him. 6 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. 7 And they shall keep all the furniture of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the children of Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle. 8 And thou shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons: they are wholly given unto him on the behalf of the children of Israel. 9 And thou shalt appoint Aaron and his sons, and they shall keep their priesthood: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

11 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from among the children of Israel instead of all the firstborn that openeth the womb among the children of Israel; and the Levites shall be mine: for all the firstborn are mine; on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified unto me all the firstborn in Israel, both man and beast; mine they shall be: I am Jehovah.

14 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saying, Number the children of Levi by their families: Libni and Shimei.

16 And Moses numbered them according to the word of Jehovah, as he was commanded. 17 And these were the sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kohath, and Merari. 18 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon by their families: Libni and Shimei. 19 And the sons of Kohath 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 their fathers' houses.

21 Of Gershon was the family of the Libnites, and the family of the Shimeites: these are the families of the Gershonites.

22 Those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them were seven thousand five hundred. 23 The families of the Gershonites shall encamp behind the tabernacle westward. 24 And the prince of the fathers' house of the Gershonites shall be Elisaph the son of Laiel.

25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tent of meeting shall be the tabernacle, and the Tent, the covering thereof, 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 by the altar round about, and the cords of it for all the service thereof.

27 And of Kohath 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 Kohathites. 28 According to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, there were eighteen thousand six hundred, keeping the charge of the Holy. 29 The families of the sons of Kohath shall encamp on the side of the tabernacle southward. 30 And the prince of the fathers' house of the families of the Kohathites 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 vessels of the Holy with which they minister, and the screen, and all the service thereof. 32 And Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be prince of the princes of the Levites, and have the oversight of them that keep the charge of the Holy.

33 Of Merari was the family of the Mahlites, and the family of the Mushites: these are the families of Merari. 34 And those that were numbered of them, according to the number of all the males, from a month old and upward, were six thousand two hundred. 35 And the prince of the fathers' house of the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abihail: they shall encamp on the side of the tabernacle northward. 36 And the appointed charge of the sons of Merari shall be the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and all the instruments thereof, and all the service thereof, and the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords.

38 And those that encamp before the tabernacle eastward, before the tent of meeting toward the sunrise, shall be Moses, and Aaron and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. 39 All that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses numbered at the commandment

8 Hb. given, given

9 Or, from

10 Lit. sons of Israel. And so elsewhere.

11 Or, number

12 So Massoretic, 4QLev-Num9. Sam., Sept. add their ransom shall be among the children of Israel;

13 The subtotals add up to 22,300, not to 22,000 given in vs. 39, and inferred from vs. 43 minus 46. The Massoretic Hebrew text reads:

The simplest explanation is that the letter shin (ש) at the beginning of the next word was very early mistaken for an extra 300. If so, the true sum is:

3:22 Gershon 7,500
3:28 Kohath 8,300
3:34 Merari 6,200

3:39 Levi total 22,000

The ease with which some alphabetic numerics could be misread then prompted the Massoretes (and Greek uncial scribes) to write out the numbers.

14 Or, sanctuary. Similarly in vss. 31, 32, 47, 50.

15 Hb. the office of the charge

16 Or, even

17 Sopherim added (marked as doubtful) and Aaron
of Jehovah, by their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty-two thousand.

40 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Number all the firstborn males of the children of Israel from a month old and upward, and take the number of their names. 41 And thou shalt take the Levites for mine (I am Jehovah) instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the firstlings among the cattle of the children of Israel. 42 And Moses numbered, as Jehovah commanded him, all the firstborn among the children of Israel. 43 And all the firstborn males according to the number of names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were eighteen-two thousand two hundred seventy-three.

44 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 45 Take the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I am Jehovah. 46 And for the redemption of the two hundred seventy-three of the firstborn of the children of Israel, that are over and above the number of Levites, thou shalt take five shekels apiece by the poll; after the shekel of the Holy shall thou take them (the shekel is twenty gerahs): 48 and thou shalt give the money, wherewith the odd number of them is redeemed, unto Aaron and to his sons.

49 And Moses took the redemption-money from them that were over and above them that were redeemed by the Levites; 50 from the firstborn of the children of Israel took he the money, a thousand three hundred sixty-five shekels; 51 and Moses gave 20 the redemption-money unto Aaron and to his sons, according to the word of Jehovah, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

4 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 2 Take the sum of the sons of Kohath from among the sons of Levi, by their families, by their fathers' houses, 3 from thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that enter upon the service, to do the work in the tent of meeting. 4 This is the service of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting, about the most holy things: 5 when the camp setteth forward, Aaron shall go in, and his sons, and they shall take down the veil of the screen, and cover the ark of the testimony with it. 6 and shall put thereon a covering of sealskin, and shall spread over it a cloth all of blue, and shall put in the staves thereof. 7 And upon the table of showbread they shall spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the bowls and the cups wherewith to pour out; and the continual bread shall be thereon: 8 and they shall spread upon them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in the staves thereof. 9 And they shall take a cloath of blue, and cover the lampstand of the light, and its lamps, and its snuffers, and its seven snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it: 10 and they shall put it and all the vessels thereof within a covering of sealskin, and shall put it upon the frame. 11 And upon the golden altar they shall spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of sealskin, and shall put in the staves thereof: 12 and they shall take all the vessels of ministry, wherewith they minister in the Holy, and put them in a cloth of blue, and cover them with a covering of sealskin, and shall put them on the frame. 13 And they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and spread a purple cloth thereon: 14 and they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, the firepans, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the basins, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of sealskin, and put in the staves thereof. 15 And when Aaron and his sons have made an end of covering the Holy, and all the furniture of the Holy, as the camp is to set forward; after that, the sons of Kohath shall come to bear it: but they shall not touch the holy thing, lest they die. These things are the burden of the sons of Kohath in the tent of meeting. 18 And the charge of Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be the oil for the light, and the sweet incense, and the continual meal-offering, and the anointing oil, the charge of all the tabernacle, and of all that therein is, the Holy, and the furniture thereof.

17 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 18 Cut ye not off the tribe of the families of the Kohathites from among the Levites; 19 but thus do unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his sons shall go in, and appoint them every one to his service and to his burden; 20 but they shall not go in to see the holy thing even for a moment, lest they die.

21 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 22 Take the sum of the sons of Gershon also, by their fathers' houses, by their families; 23 from thirty years old and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number them; all that enter in to wait upon the service, to do the work in the tent of meeting. 24 This is the service of the families of the Gershonites, in serving and in bearing burdens: 25 they shall bear the curtains of the tabernacle, and the tent of meeting, its covering, and the covering of sealskin that is above upon it, and the screen for the door of the tent of meeting, and the hangings of the court, and the screen for the door of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the instruments of their service, and whatsoever shall be done with them: therein shall they serve. 27 At the commandment of Aaron and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of the Gershonites, in all their burden, and in all their service; and ye shall appoint unto them in charge all their burden. 28 This is the service of the families of the sons of the Gershonites in the tent of meeting: and their charge shall be under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest.

29 And this is the charge of the burden, according to all their service in the tent of meeting: the boards of the tabernacle, and the bars thereof, and the pillars thereof, and the sockets thereof, and the pillars of the court round

18 Compare footnote on ch. 1:46.
19 Or, those that are to be redeemed, the 273 etc.
20 Or, the money of them that were redeemed
21 Hb. warfare, or, host, Also in vss. 35, 39, 43.
22 Or, work
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about, and their sockets, and their pins, and their cords, with all their instruments, and with all their service: and by name ye shall appoint 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 princes of the congregation numbered the sons of the Kohathites by their families, and by their fathers’ houses, 35 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in the tent of meeting: 36 and those that were numbered of them by their families were two thousand seven hundred fifty. 37 These are they that were numbered of the families of the Kohathites, all that did serve in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

38 And those that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, 39 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in the tent of meeting, 40 even those that were numbered of them, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, were two thousand six hundred thirty. 41 These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Gershon, all that did serve in the tent of meeting, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of Jehovah.

42 And those that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, by their families, by their fathers’ houses, 43 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered upon the service, for work in the tent of meeting, 44 even those that were numbered of them by their families, were three thousand two hundred. 45 These are they that were numbered of the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses and Aaron numbered according to the commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses and Aaron and the princes of Israel numbered, by their families, and by their fathers’ houses, 47 from thirty years old and upward even unto fifty years old, every one that entered in to do the work of service, and the work of bearing burdens in the tent of meeting, 48 even those that were numbered of them, were eight thousand five hundred eighty. 49 According to the commandment of Jehovah they were numbered by Moses, every one according to his service, and 50 according to his burden: thus were they numbered of him, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

5 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that they put out of the camp every leper, and everyone that hath an issue, and whosoever is unclean by a dead soul: 3 both male and female shall ye put out, without the camp shall ye put them; that they defile not their camp, in the midst whereof I dwell. 4 And the children of Israel did so, and put them without the camp; as Jehovah spake unto Moses, so did the children of Israel.

5 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 6 Speak unto the children of Israel, when a man or woman shall commit any sin that man commits, so as to trespass against Jehovah, and that soul shall be guilty; 7 then he shall confess his sin which he hath done: and he shall make restitution for his guilt in full, and add unto it the fifth part thereof, and give it unto him in respect of whom he hath been guilty. 8 But if the man have no kinsman to whom restitution may be made for the guilt, the restitution for guilt which is made unto Jehovah shall be the priest’s; besides the ram of the atonements, whereby atonement shall be made for him. 9 And every heave-offering of all the holy things of the children of Israel, which they present unto the priest, shall be his. 10 And every man’s holy things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth the priest, it shall be his.

11 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If any man’s wife go aside, and commit a trespass against him, 13 and a man lie with her carnally, and it be hid from the eyes of her husband, and be kept close, and she be defiled, and there be no witness against her, and she be not taken in the act; 14 and the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be defiled: or if the spirit of jealousy come upon him, and he be jealous of his wife, and she be not defiled; 15 then shall the man bring his wife unto the priest, and shall bring her oblation for her, the tenth part of an ephah of barley meal; he shall pour no oil upon it, nor put frankincense thereon; for it is a meal-offering of jealousy, a meal-offering of memorial, bringing iniquity to remembrance.

16 And the priest shall bring her near, and set her before Jehovah: 17 and the priest shall take holy water in an earthen vessel; and of the dust that is on the floor of the tabernacle the priest shall take, and put it into the water. 18 And the priest shall set the woman before Jehovah, and let the hair of the woman’s head go loose, and put the meal-offering in her hands, which is the meal-offering of jealousy: and the priest shall have in his hand the water of bitterness that causeth the curse! 19 And the priest shall cause her to swear, and shall say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou have not gone aside to uncleanness, 20 being under thy husband, be thou free from this water of bitterness that causeth the curse! 21 But if thou have gone aside, being under thy husband, and if thou be defiled, and some man have lain with thee besides thy husband: 22 then the priest shall cause the woman to swear with the oath of cursing, and the priest shall say unto the woman, Jehovah make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when Jehovah doth make thy 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 into the water of bitterness: 24 and he shall make the woman drink the water of bitterness that causeth the curse; and the water that causeth the curse shall enter into

28 Or, number
29 Or, according to his burden and his duty, as etc.
30 Or, nephesh, soul or, being Similar usage for dead body is in, ch. 6:6, 11; 9:6, 7, 10; 19:11,13; Lv 21:1, etc.
31 Or, with another instead of thy husband, And in vs. 20. See Ez 23:5, Ro 7:2
32 Or, adjuration, (Similarly later in this vs.)
33 That is, one separated or consecrated.

her and become bitter! 25 And the priest shall take the meal-offering of jealousy out of the woman’s hand, and shall wave the meal-offering before Jehovah, and bring it unto the altar: 26 and the priest shall take a handful of the meal-offering, as the memorial thereof, and burn it upon the altar, and afterward shall make the woman drink the water. 27 And when he hath made her drink the water, then it shall come to pass, if she be defiled, and have committed a trespass against her husband, that the water that causeth the curse shall enter into her and become bitter, and her body shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away: and the woman shall be a curse among her people. 28 And if the woman be not defiled, but be clean; then she shall be free, and shall conceive seed.

29 This is the law of jealousy, when a wife, being under her husband, goeth aside, and is defiled; 30 or when the spirit of jealousy cometh upon a man, and he is jealous of his wife; then shall he set the woman before Jehovah, and the priest shall execute upon her all this law. 31 And the man shall be free from iniquity, and that woman shall bear her iniquity.

6 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman shall make a special vow, the vow of a Nazirite, to separate himself unto Jehovah, 3 he shall separate himself from wine and strong drink; he shall drink no vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink, neither shall he drink any juice of grapes, nor eat fresh grapes or dried. 4 All the days of his separation shall he eat nothing that is made of the grape-vine, from the kernels even to the husk.

5 All the days of his vow of separation there shall no razor come upon his head: until the days be fulfilled, in which he separteth himself unto Jehovah, he shall be holy; he shall let the locks of the hair of his head grow long.

6 All the days that he separateth himself unto Jehovah he shall not come near to 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 his separation unto God is upon his head. 8 All the days of his separation he is holy unto Jehovah.

9 And if any man die very suddenly beside him, and he defile the head of his separation; then shall he 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 turtle-doves, 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 atonement for him, for that he sinned by reason of the dead, and shall sanctify his head that same day. 12 And he shall separate unto Jehovah the days of his separation, and shall bring a he-lamb a year old for a trespass-offering: but the former days shall be void, because his separation was defiled.

13 And this is the law of the Nazirite, when the days of his separation are fulfilled: he shall be brought unto the door of the tent of meeting: 14 and he shall offer his obligation unto Jehovah, one he-lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt-offering, and one ewe-lamb a year old 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 mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers anointed with oil, and their meal-offering, and their drink-offerings. 16 And the priest shall present them before Jehovah, and shall offer his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering: 17 and he shall offer the ram for a sacrifice of peace-offerings unto Jehovah, with the basket of unleavened bread: the priest shall offer also the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof. 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 on the fire which is under the sacrifice of 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 he hath shaven the head of his separation; and the priest shall wave them for a wave-offering before Jehovah; this is holy for the priest, together with the wave-breast and heave-thigh: and after that the Nazirite may drink wine.

20 This is the law of the Nazirite who voweth, and of his oblation unto Jehovah for his separation, besides that which is able to get: according to his vow which he voweth, so he must do after the law of his separation.

21 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 22 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, On this wise ye shall bless the children of Israel: ye shall say unto them, 24 Jehovah bless thee, and keep thee: 25 Jehovah make his face to shine upon thee, and be gracious unto thee:

26 Jehovah lift up his countenance upon thee, and give thee peace.

27 So shall they put my name upon the children of Israel; and I will bless them.

7 And it came to pass on the day that Moses had made an end of setting up the tabernacle, and had anointed it and sanctified it, and all the furniture thereof, and the altar and all the vessels thereof, and had anointed them and sanctified them; 2 that the princes of Israel, the heads of their fathers’ houses, offered. These were the princes of the tribes, these are they that were over them that were numbered: 3 and they brought their obligation before Jehovah, six covered wagons, and twelve oxen; a wagon for every two of the princes, and for each one an ox: and they presented them before the tabernacle. 4 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 5 Take it of them, that they may be used in doing the service of the tent of meeting; and thou shalt give them unto the Levites, to every man according to his service. 6 And Moses took the wagons and the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites. 7 Two wagons and four oxen he gave unto the sons of Gershon, according to their service: 8 and four wagons and eight oxen he gave unto the sons of Merari, according unto their service, under the hand of Ithamar the son of Aaron the priest. 9 But unto the sons of Kohath he gave none, because the service of the Holy belonged unto them; they bare it upon their shoulders. 10 And the princes offered for the dedication of the altar in the day
that it was anointed, even the princes offered their oblation before the altar. And Jehovah said unto Moses, They shall offer their oblation, each prince on his day, for the dedication of the altar.

12 And he that offered his oblation the first day was Nahshon the son of Amminadab, of the tribe of Judah: and his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 14 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 15 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 16 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 17 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Nahshon the son of Amminadab.

18 On the second day Nathaniel the son of Zuar, prince of Issachar, did offer: 19 he offered for his oblation one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 20 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 21 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 22 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 23 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Nathaniel the son of Zuar.

24 On the third day Eliaib the son of Helon, prince of the children of Zebulon: 25 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 26 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 27 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 28 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 29 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Eliaib the son of Helon.

30 On the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, prince of the children of Reuben: 31 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 32 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 33 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 34 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 35 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Elizur the son of Shedeur.

36 On the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, prince of the children of Simeon: 37 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 38 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 39 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 40 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 41 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai.

42 On the sixth day Elisaphiel the son of Deuel, prince of the children of Gad: 43 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 44 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 45 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 46 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 47 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Elisaphiel the son of Deuel.

48 On the seventh day Elishama the son of Ammihud, prince of the children of Ephraim: 49 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 50 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 51 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 52 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 53 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Elishama the son of Ammihud.

54 On the eighth day Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur, prince of the children of Manasseh: 55 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 56 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 57 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 58 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 59 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur.

60 On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gideoni, prince of the children of Benjamin: 61 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 62 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 63 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 64 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 65 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Abidan the son of Gideoni.

66 On the tenth day Ahizecar the son of Ammishaddai, prince of the children of Dan: 67 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 68 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 69 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 70 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 71 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the oblation of Ahizecar the son of Ammishaddai.

72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of Ocran, prince of the children of Asher: 73 his oblation was one silver platter,
the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 74 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 75 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 76 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 77 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the offering of Ogil the son of Ochran.

78 On the twelfth day Ahira the son of Enan, prince of the children of Naphtali: 79 his oblation was one silver platter, the weight whereof was a hundred thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering; 80 one golden spoon of ten shekels, full of incense; 81 one young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb a year old, for a burnt-offering; 82 one male of the goats for a sin-offering; 83 and for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five he-lambs a year old: this was the offering of Ahira the son of Ochran.

84 This was the dedication of the altar, in the day when it was anointed 44 by the princes of Israel: twelve silver platters, twelve silver bowls, twelve golden spoons; 85 each silver platter weighing a hundred thirty shekels, and each bowl seventy; all the silver of the vessels 45 two thousand four hundred shekels, after the shekel of the Holy; 86 the twelve golden spoons, full of incense, weighing ten shekels apiece, after the shekel of the Holy; all the gold of the spoons a hundred twenty shekels; 87 all the oxen for the burnt-offering twelve bullocks, the rams twenty, the he-lambs a year old twelve, and their meal-offering; and the males of the goats for a sin-offering twelve; 88 and all the oxen for the sacrifice of peace-offerings twenty-four bullocks, the rams sixty, the he-goats sixty, the he-lambs a year old sixty. This was the dedication of the altar, after that it was anointed.

89 And when Moses went into the tent of meeting to speak with him, then he heard the Voice speaking unto him from above the mercy-seat that was upon the ark of the testimony, from between the two cherubim: and he spake unto him.

90 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou 46 lightest the lamps, the seven lamps shall give light in front of the lampstand. 3 And Aaron did so; he lighted the lamps thereof so as to give light in front of the lampstand, as Jehovah commanded Moses. 4 And this was the work of the lampstand, 47 beaten work of gold; unto the base thereof, and unto the flowers thereof, it was beaten work: according unto the pattern which Jehovah had showed Moses, so he made the lampstand.

5 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 6 Take the Levites from among the children of Israel, and cleanse them. 7 And thus shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: sprinkle the water of expiation upon them, and let them cause a razor to pass over all their flesh, and let them wash their clothes, and cleanse themselves. 8 Then let them take a young bullock, and its meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil; and another young bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering. 9 And thou shalt present the Levites before the tent of meeting: and thou shalt assemble the whole congregation of the children of Israel: 10 and thou shalt present the Levites before Jehovah. And 11 and Aaron shall offer the Levites before Jehovah for a wave-offering, 49 on the behalf of the children of Israel, that it may be theirs to do the service of Jehovah. 12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and offer thou the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, unto Jehovah, to make atonement for the Levites. 13 And thou shalt set the Levites before Aaron, and before his sons, and offer them for a wave-offering unto Jehovah.

14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from among the children 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 thou shalt cleanse them, and offer them for a wave-offering. 16 For they are wholly given unto me from among the children of Israel; instead of all that openeth the womb, even the firstborn of all the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me. 17 For all the firstborn among the children of Israel are mine, both man and beast: on the day that I smote all the firstborn in the land of Egypt I sanctified them for myself. 18 And I have taken the Levites instead of all the firstborn among the children of Israel. 19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from among the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tent of meeting, and to make atonement for the children of Israel; that there be no plague among the children of Israel, 52 when the children of Israel come nigh unto the Holy.

20 Thus did Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the Levites: according unto all that Jehovah commanded Moses touching the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them. 21 And the Levites purified themselves from sin, and they washed their clothes: and Aaron offered them for a wave-offering before Jehovah; and Aaron made 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 Jehovah had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did they unto them.

23 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 24 This is that which belongeth unto the Levites: from twenty-five years old and upward they shall go in to do the work of the tent of meeting: 25 and from the age of fifty years they shall cease waiting upon the work, and shall serve no more, 26 but shall minister with their brethren in the tent of meeting, to keep the charge, and shall do no service. Thus shalt thou do unto the Levites touching their charges.

9 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the first month of the second year after they were come out of the land of Egypt, saying, 2 Moreover let the chil-

43 Or, dedication-gift of the altar, And in vs. 88.
44 Or, at the hands of the princes
45 Thus, 2,520 shekels of metals, and 252 animals.
46 Or, settest up the lamps, Similarly in vs. 3.
47 Or, turned (both times)
48 Hb. wave And in vss. 13, 15, 21.
49 Or, from
50 Hb. Nethunim, given
51 Or, through the children of Israel coming nigh
52 Hb. to war the warfare in the work
53 Hb. return from the warfare of the work,
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dren of Israel keep the passover in its appointed season. 3 In the fourteenth day of this month, 54 between the two evenings, ye shall keep it in its appointed season: according to all the statutes of it, and according to all the ordinances thereof, shall ye keep it. 4 And Moses spake unto the children of Israel, that they should keep the passover. 5 And they kept the passover in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, between the two evenings, in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel.

6 And there were certain men who were unclean by reason of 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 unto him, We are unclean by reason of the dead body of a man: wherefore are we kept back, that we may not offer the oblation of Jehovah in its appointed season among the children of Israel? 8 And Moses said unto them, Stay ye, that I may hear what Jehovah will command concerning you.

9 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man of you or of your generations shall be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be on a journey, 57 yet he shall keep the passover unto Jehovah. 11 In the second month on the fourteenth day between the two evenings they shall keep it; they shall eat it with unleavened bread and bitter herbs: 12 they shall leave none of it unto the morning, nor break a bone thereof: according to all the statute of the passover they shall keep it. 13 But the man that is clean, and not on a journey, and forbeareth to keep the passover, that soul shall be cut off from his people; because he offered not the oblation of Jehovah in its appointed season, that man shall bear his sin. 14 And if a stranger shall sojourn among you, and will keep the passover unto Jehovah; according to the statute of the passover, and according to the ordinance thereof, so shall he do: ye shall have one statute, both for the sojourner, and for him that is born in the land.

15 And on the day that the tabernacle was reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle, even the tent of the testimony: and in the evening it was upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, until morning. 16 So it was always: the cloud covered it, and the appearance of fire by night. 17 And whenever the cloud was taken up from over the tent, then after that the children of Israel journeyed; and in the place where the cloud abode, there the children of Israel encamped. 18 At the commandment of Jehovah the children of Israel journeyed, and at the commandment of Jehovah they encamped: as long as the cloud abode upon the tabernacle they remained encamped. 19 And when the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle many days, then the children of Israel kept the charge of Jehovah, and journeyed not. 20 And sometimes the cloud was a few days upon the tabernacle; then according to the commandment of Jehovah they remained encamped, and according to the commandment of Jehovah they journeyed. 21 And sometimes the cloud was from evening until morning; and when the cloud was taken up in the morning, they journeyed: or if it continued by day and by night, when the cloud was taken up, they journeyed. 22 Whether it were two days, or a month, or many days, that the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, abiding thereon, the children of Israel remained encamped, and journeyed not; but when it was taken up, they journeyed. 23 At the commandment of Jehovah they encamped, and at the commandment of Jehovah they journeyed: they kept the charge of Jehovah, at the commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Make thee two trumpets of silver; of beaten work shalt thou make them: and thou shalt use them for the calling of the congregation, and for the journeying of the camps. 3 And when they shall blow them, all the congregation shall gather themselves unto thee at the door of the tent of meeting. 4 And if they blow but one, then the princes, the heads of the thousands of Israel, shall gather themselves unto thee. 5 And when ye blow an alarm, the camps that lie on the east side shall take their journey. 6 And when ye blow an alarm the second time, the camps that lie on the south side shall take their journey: they shall blow an alarm for their journeys. 7 But when the assembly is to be gathered together, ye shall blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. 8 And the sons of Aaron, the priests, shall blow the trumpets; and they shall be to you for a statute forever throughout your generations. 9 And when ye go to war in your land against the adversary that oppresseth you, then ye shall sound an alarm with the trumpets: and ye shall be remembered before Jehovah your God, and ye shall be saved from your enemies. 10 Also in the day of your gladness, and in your set feasts, and in the beginnings of your months, ye shall blow the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; and they shall be to you for a memorial before your God: I am Jehovah your God.

11 And it came to pass in the second year, in the second month, on the twentieth day of the month, that the cloud was taken up from over the tabernacle of the testimony. 12 And the children of Israel set forward according to their journeys out of the wilderness of Sinai; and the cloud abode in the wilderness of Paran. 13 And they first took their journey according to the commandment of Jehovah by Moses. 14 And in the first place the standard of the camp of the children of Judah set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Nahshon the son of Amminadab. 15 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Issachar was Nethanel the son of Zuar. 16 And over the host of the tribe of the children 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, who bare the tabernacle, set forward. 18 And the standard of the camp of Reuben set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Elizur the son of Shedeur. 19 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Simeon was Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 20 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Gad was Eliasar the son of Deuel.

21 And the Kohathites set forward, bearing the sanctuary: and the others did set up the tabernacle against their coming. 22 And the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Elishama the son of Ammihud. 23 And over the host of the

54 Or, at twilight, And in vss. 5 and 11.
55 Lit. a soul of Adam, And in vs. 7.
56 Hb. nephesh, soul, or, being.
57 Sopherim added (marked as doubtful) afar off
58 Or, turned
tribe of the children of Manasseh was Gamaliel the son of Pedahzur. 24 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son of Gideoni.

25 And the standard of the camp of the children of Dan, which was the rearward of all the camps, set forward according to their hosts: and over his host was Ahiezer the son of Ammishaddai. 26 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Asher was Pagiel the son of Ocran. 27 And over the host of the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Ahire the son of Enan. 28 Thus were the journeyings of the children of Israel according to their hosts; and they set forward.

29 And Moses said unto Hobab, the son of Reuel the Midianite, Moses' father-in-law, We are journeying unto the place of which Jehovah said, I will give it you: come thou with us, and we will do thee good; for Jehovah hath spoken good concerning Israel. 30 And he said unto him, I will not go; but I will depart to mine own land, and to my kindred.

31 And he said, Leave us not, I pray thee; forasmuch as thou knowest how we are to encamp in the wilderness, and thou shalt be to us instead of eyes. 32 And it shall be, if thou go with us, yes, it shall be, that what good soever Jehovah shall do unto us, the same will we do unto thee.

33 And they set forward from the mount of Jehovah three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of Jehovah went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting-place for them. 34 And the cloud of Jehovah was over them by day, when they set forward from the camp.

35 And it came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses said, Rise up, O Jehovah, and let thine enemies be scattered; and let them that hate thee flee before thee. 36 And when it rested, he said, Return, O Jehovah, unto the ten thousands of the thousands of Israel.

11 And the people were as murmurers, speaking evil in the ears of Jehovah: and when Jehovah heard it, his anger was kindled; and the fire of Jehovah burnt among them, and devoured in the uttermost part of the camp. 2 And the people cried unto Moses; and Moses prayed unto Jehovah, and the fire abated. 3 And the name of that place was called Taborah, because the fire of Jehovah burnt among them.

4 And the mixed multitude that was among them lusted exceedingly: and the children of Israel also wept again, and said, Who shall give us flesh to eat? 5 We remember the fish, which we did eat in Egypt for nought; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the leeks, and the onions, and the garlics: 6 but now our soul is dried away; there is nothing at all save the manna to look upon. 7 And the manna was like coriander seed, and the appearance thereof was as the appearance of bdellium. 8 The people went about, and gathered it, and ground it in mills, or beat it in mortars, and boiled it in pots, and made cakes of it: and the taste of it was as the taste of fresh oil. 9 And when the dew fell upon the camp at night, the manna fell upon it.

10 And Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, every man at the door of his tent: and the anger of Jehovah was kindled greatly; and Moses was displeased.

11 And Moses said unto Jehovah, Wherefore hast thou dealt ill with thy servant? and wherefore have I not found favor in thy sight, that thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? 12 Have I conceived all this people? have I brought them forth, that thou shouldest say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing-father carrieth the suckling child, unto the land which thou swarest unto their fathers? 13 Whence should I have flesh to give unto all this people? for they weep unto me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may eat. 14 I am not able to bear all this people alone; because it is too heavy for me. 15 And if thou deal thus with me, kill me, I pray thee, out of hand, if I have found favor in thy sight; and let me not see thy evil.

16 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the elders of the people, and officers over them; and bring them unto the tent of meeting, that they may stand there with thee. 17 And I will come down and talk with thee there: and I will take of the spirit which is upon thee, and will put it upon them; and they shall bear the burden of the people with thee, that thou bear it not thyself alone. 18 And say thou unto the people, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow, and ye shall eat flesh; for ye have wept in the ears of Jehovah, saying, Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was well with us in Egypt: therefore Jehovah will give you flesh, and ye shall eat. 19 Ye shall not eat one day, nor two days, nor five days, neither ten days, nor twenty days, 20 but a whole month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it be loathsome unto you; because that ye have rejected Jehovah who is among you, and have wept before him, saying, Why came we forth out of Egypt? 21 And Moses said, The people, among whom I am, are six hundred thousand footmen; and thou hast said, I will give them flesh, that they may eat a whole month. 22 Shall flocks and 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 Jehovah said unto Moses, Is Jehovah's hand waxed short? now shalt thou see whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not.

24 And Moses went out, and told the people the words of Jehovah: and he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people, and set them round about the Tent. 25 And Jehovah came down in the cloud, and spake unto him, and took of the spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy elders: and it came to pass, that, when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied; but they did so no more.

26 But there remained two men in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and the name of the other Medad: and the spirit rested upon them; and they were of them that were written, but had not gone out unto the Tent; and they prophesied in the camp. 27 And there ran a young man, and told Moses, and said, Eldad and Medad do prophesy in the camp. 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, *one of his chosen men, answered and said, My lord Moses, forbid them. 29 And Moses said unto him, Art thou jealous for my sake? would that all Jehovah's people were prophets, that Jehovah would put his Spirit upon them! 30 And Moses
got himself into the camp, he and the elders of Israel.

31 And there went forth a wind from Jehovah, and brought quails from the sea, and let them fall 67 by the camp, about a day’s journey on this side, and a day’s journey on the other side, round about the camp, and about two cubits above the face of the earth. 32 And the people rose up all that day, and all the night, and all the next day, and gathered the quails: he that gathered least gathered 68 ten homers: and they spread them all abroad for themselves round about the camp. 33 While the flesh was yet between their teeth, ere it was chewed, the anger of Jehovah was kindled against the people, 69 and Jehovah smote the people with a very great plague. 34 And the name of that place was called 70 Kibroth-hattaavah, because there they buried the people that lusted. 35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeyed unto Hazeroth; and they abode at Hazeroth.

12 And Miriam and Aaron spake against Moses because of the 71 Cushite woman whom he had married; for he had married a Cushite woman. 2 And they said, Hath Jehovah indeed spoken only 72 with Moses? hath he not spoken also with us? And Jehovah heard it. 3 Now the man Moses was very meek, above all the men that were upon the face of the earth.

4 And Jehovah spake suddenly unto Moses, and unto Aaron, and unto Miriam. Come out ye three unto the tent of meeting. And they three came out. 5 And Jehovah came down in a pillar of cloud, and stood at 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 be a prophet among you, I Jehovah will make myself known unto him in a vision, I will speak with him in a dream. 7 My servant Moses is not so; he is faithful in all my house: 8 with him will I speak mouth to mouth, even manifestly, and not in dark speeches; and the form of Jehovah shall he behold: wherefore then were ye not afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses?

9 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against them; and he departed. 10 And the cloud removed from over the Tent; and, behold, Miriam was leprous, as white as snow: and Aaron looked upon Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous. 11 And Aaron said unto Moses, Oh, my lord, lay not my lord’s soul to the soul of these men, and to the soul of those men, whose sin is this day. 12 And Moses cried unto Jehovah, say, Heal her, O God, I beseech thee. 13 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Send thou men, that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I gave unto the children of Israel: of every tribe of their fathers shall ye send a man, every one a prince among them. 3 And Moses sent them from the wilderness of Paran according to the commandment of Jehovah: all of them men who were heads of the children of Israel. 4 And these were their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua the son of Zaccur. 5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat the son of Hori. 6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Igal the son of Joseph. 8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea the son of Nun. 9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the son of Raphu. 10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel the son of Sodi. 11 Of the tribe of Joseph, namely, of the tribe of Manasseh, Gaddi the son of Sassi. 12 Of the tribe of Dan, Ammiel the son of Gemalli. 13 Of the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. 14 Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nahbi the son of Vophsi. 15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. 16 These are the names of the men that Moses sent to spy out the land. And Moses called 73 Hoshea the son of Nun 74 Joshua.

17 And Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and said unto them, Get ye up this way 75 by the South, and go up into the hill-country; 18 and see the land, what it is; and the people that dwell therein, whether they be strong or weak, whether they be few or many; 19 and what the land is that they dwell in, whether it be good or bad; and what cities they be that they dwell in, whether in camps, or in strongholds; 20 and what the land is, whether it be flat or lean, whether there be wood therein, or not. And be ye of good courage, and bring of the fruit of the land. Now the time was 76 the time of the first-ripe grapes.

21 So they went up, and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rehob, to the entrance of Hamath. 22 And they went up by the South, and came unto Hebron; and Ahiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of Anak, were there. (Now Hebron was built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.) 23 And they came unto the valley of Eschol, and cut down from thence a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bare it upon a staff between two; they brought also of the pomegranates, and of the figs. 24 That place was called the valley of 77 Eschol, because of the cluster which the children of Israel cut down from thence.

25 And they returned from spying out the land at the end of forty days. 26 And they went and came to Moses, and to Aaron, and to all the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the wilderness of Paran, to Kadesh; and brought back word unto them, and unto all the congregation, and showed them the fruit of the land. 27 And they told him, and said, We came unto the land whither thou sentest us; and surely it floweth with milk and honey; and this is the fruit of it. 28 Howbeit the people that dwell in the land are strong, and the cities are fortified, and very great: and moreover we saw...
the children of Anak there. 29 Amalek dwelleth in the land of the South; and the Hittite, and the Jebusite, and the Amorite, dwell in the hill-country; and the Canaanite dwelleth by the sea, and along by the side of the Jordan.

30 And Caleb stilled 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 that 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 out unto the children of Israel, saying, The land, through which we have gone to spy it out, is a land that eateth up the inhabitants thereof; and all the people that we saw in it are men of great stature. 33 And there we saw the Nephilim, the sons of Anak, who come of the Nephilim: and we were in our own sight as grasshoppers, and so we were in their sight.

14 And all the congregation lifted up their voice, and cried; and the people wept that night. 2 And all the children of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron; and the whole congregation said unto them, Would that we had died in the land of Egypt! or would that we had died in this wilderness! 3 And whither will ye lead us unto this land, to fall by the sword? Our wives and our little ones will be a prey: were it not better for us to return into Egypt?

4 And they said one to another, Let us make a captain, and let us return into Egypt. 5 Then Moses and Aaron fell on their faces before all the assembly of the congregation of the children of Israel. 6 And Joshua the son of Nun and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, who were of them that spied out the land, rent their clothes: 7 and they spake unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, saying, The land, which we passed through to spy it out, is an exceeding good land. 8 If Jehovah delight in us, then he will bring us into this land, and give it unto us; a land which floweth with milk and honey. 9 Only rebel not against Jehovah, neither fear ye the people of the land; for they are bread for us: their defence is removed from over them, and Jehovah is with us: fear them not. 10 But all the congregation bade stone them with stones. And the glory of Jehovah appeared in the tent of meeting unto all the children of Israel.

11 And Jehovah said unto Moses, How long will this people despise me? and how long will they not believe in me, for all the signs which I have wrought among them? 12 I will smite them with the pestilence, and disinherit them, and will make of thee a nation greater and mightier than they. 13 And Moses said unto Jehovah, Then the Egyptians will hear it; for thou broughtest up this people in thy might from among them; 14 and they will tell it to the inhabitants of this land. They have heard that thou Jehovah art in the midst of this people; for thou Jehovah art seen face to face, and thy cloud standeth over them, and thou goest before them, in a pillar of cloud by day, and in a pillar of fire by night. 15 Now if thou shalt kill this people as one man, then the nations which have heard the fame of thee will speak, saying, 16 Because Jehovah was not able to bring this people into the land which he sware unto them, therefore he hath slain them in the wilderness. 17 And now, I pray thee, let the power of Jehovah be great according as thou hast spoken, saying, 18 Jehovah is slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, forgiving iniquity and transgression; and that will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation. 19 Pardon, I pray thee, the iniquity of this people according unto the greatness of thy lovingkindness, and according as thou hast forgiven this people, from Egypt even until now.

20 And Jehovah said, I have pardoned according to thy word: 21 but in very deed, as I live, and as all the earth shall be filled with the glory of Jehovah; 22 because all those men that have seen my glory, and my signs, which I wrought in Egypt and in the wilderness, yet have tempted me these ten times, and have not hearkened to my voice; 23 surely they shall not see the land which I sware unto their fathers, neither shall any of them that despised me see it: 24 but my servant Caleb, because he had another spirit with him, and hath followed me fully, him will I bring into the land whereinto he went; and his seed shall possess it. 25 Now the Amalekite and the Canaanite dwell in the valley: tomorrow turn ye, and get you into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.

26 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 27 How long shall I bear with this evil congregation, that murmur against me? I have heard the murmurings of this people, which they murmur against me. 28 Say unto them, As I live, saith Jehovah, surely as ye have spoken in mine ears, so will I do to you: 29 your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness; and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward, that have murmured against me, 30 surely ye shall not come into the land, concerning which I sware that I would make you dwell therein, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But your little ones, that ye said should be a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the land which ye have rejected. 32 But as for you, your dead bodies shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And your children shall be wanderingers in the wilderness forty years, and shall bear your whoredoms, until your dead bodies be consumed in the wilderness. 34 After the number of the days in which ye spied out the land, even forty days, for every day a year, shall ye bear your iniquities, even forty years, and ye shall know that I will not bring you into the place whereinto ye have sinned.

35 I, Jehovah, have spoken, surely this will I do unto all this evil congregation, that are gathered together against me: in this wilderness they shall be consumed, and there they shall die.

36 And the men, whom Moses sent to spy out the land, who returned, and made all the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing up an evil report against the land, 37 even those men that did bring up an evil report of the land, died by the plague before Jehovah. 38 But Joshua the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Jephunneh, remained alive of those men that went to spy out the land.

79 Unlikely; the Nephilim were before the Flood, per Ge 6:4. Some 39 years later Israel had to face men of Bashan, who were larger than the sons of Anak.
80 Hb. shadow
81 Hb. eye to eye,
82 Sopherim changed to the Lord
83 Hb. lifted up my hand that I would make you dwell
84 Hb. shepherds
85 Hb. a day for a year, a day for a year, shall ye bear
86 Or, the revoking of my promise.
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39 And Moses told these words unto all the children of Israel: and the people mourned greatly. 40 And they rose up early in the morning, and got themselves up to the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, we are here, and will go up unto the place which Jehovah hath promised: for we have sinned. 41 And Moses said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the commandment of Jehovah, seeing it shall not prosper? 42 Go not up, for Jehovah is not among you; that ye be not smitten down before your enemies. 43 For there the Amalekite and the Canaanite are before you, and ye shall fall by the sword: because ye are turned back from following Jehovah, therefore Jehovah will not be with you. 44 But they presumed to go up to the top of the mountain: nevertheless the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and Moses, departed not out of the camp. 45 Then the Amalekite came down, and the Canaanite which dwelt in that mountain, and smote them and beat them down, even unto Hormah.

15 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye are come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you, and will make an offering by fire unto Jehovah, a burnt-offering, or a sacrifice, "to accomplish a vow, or as a freewill-offering, or in your set feasts, to make a sweet savor unto Jehovah, of the herd, or of the flock; 3 then shall he that offereth his oblation offer unto Jehovah a meal-offering of a tenth part of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the fourth part of a hin of oil: 4 and wine for the drink-offering, the fourth part of a hin, shalt thou prepare with the burnt-offering, or for the sacrifice, for each lamb. 5 Or for a ram, thou shalt prepare a meal-offering two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with the third part of a hin of oil: 6 and for the drink-offering thou shalt offer the third part of a hin of wine, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah. 7 And when thou preparest a bullock for a burnt-offering, or for a sacrifice, to accomplish a vow, or for peace-offerings unto Jehovah; 8 then shall he offer with the bullock a meal-offering of three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour mingled with half a hin of oil: 9 and thou shalt offer for the drink-offering half a hin of wine, for an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah.

11 Thus shall it be done for each bullock, or for each ram, or for each of the he-lambs, or of the kids. 12 According to the number that ye shall prepare, so shall ye do to every one according to their number. 13 All that are home-born shall do these things after this manner, in offering an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah. 14 And if a stranger sojourn with you, or whosoever may be among you throughout your generations, and will offer an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah; as ye do, so he shall do. 15 For the assembly, there shall be one statute for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you, a statute for ever throughout your generations: as ye are, so shall the sojourner be before Jehovah. 16 One law and one ordinance shall be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with you.

17 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 18 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land whither I bring you, 19 then it shall be, that, when ye eat of the bread of the land, ye shall offer up a heave-offering unto Jehovah. 20 Of the first of your dough ye shall offer up a cake for a heave-offering: as the heave-offering of the threshing-floor, so shall ye heave it. 21 Of the first of your dough ye shall give unto Jehovah a heave-offering throughout your generations.

22 And when ye shall err, and not observe all these commandments, which Jehovah hath spoken unto Moses, 23 even all that Jehovah hath commanded you by Moses, from the day that Jehovah gave commandment, and onward throughout your generations; 24 then it shall be, if it be done unwittingly, without the knowledge of the congregation, that all the congregation shall offer one young bullock for a burnt-offering, for a sweet savor unto Jehovah, with the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof, according to the ordinance, and one he-goat for a sin-offering. 25 And the priest shall make atonement for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and they shall be forgiven; for it was an error, and they have brought their oblation, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah, and their sin-offering before Jehovah, for their error: 26 and all the congregation of the children of Israel shall be forgiven, and the stranger that sojourneth among them; for in respect of all the people it was done unwittingly.

27 And if one soul sin unwittingly, then he shall offer a she-goat a year old for a sin-offering. 28 And the priest shall make atonement for the soul that erreth, when he sinneth unintentionally, before Jehovah, to make atonement for him; and he shall be forgiven. 29 Ye shall have one law for him that doeth aught with a high hand, whether he be born among the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them. 30 But the soul that doeth aught with a high hand, whether he be born among the children of Israel, or of the sojourner, the same blasphemeth Jehovah; and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 31 Because he hath despised the word of Jehovah, and hath broken his commandment, that soul shall utterly be cut off; his iniquity shall be upon him.

32 And while the children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a man gathering sticks upon the sabbath day. 33 And they that found him gathering sticks brought him unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the congregation. 34 And they put him in ward, because it had not been declared what should be done to him. 35 And Jehovah said unto Moses, The man shall surely be put to death: all the congregation shall stone him with stones without the camp. 36 And all the congregation brought him without the camp, and stoned him to death with stones; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

37 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 38 Speak unto the children 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 each border a cord of blue: 39 and it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look upon it, and remember all the commandments of Jehovah, and do them; and that ye follow not after your own heart and your own eyes, after which ye use to play the har-
lot; 40 that ye may remember and do all my commandments, and be holy unto your God. 41 I am Jehovah your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, to be your God: I am Jehovah your God.

16 Now Korah, the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eli- ah, and On, the son of Peleth, 94 sons of Reuben, took men: 2 and they rose up before Moses, with certain of the children of Israel, two hundred fifty princes of the congregation, called to the assembly, men of renown; 3 and they assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron, and said unto them, 95 Ye take too much upon you, seeing all the congregation are holy, every one of them, and Jehovah is among them: wherefore then lift ye up yourselves above the assembly of Jehovah?

4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face: 5 and he spake unto Korah and unto all his company, saying, In the morning Jehovah will show who are his, and who is holy, and will cause him to come near unto him: even him whom he shall choose will he cause to come near unto him. 6 This do: take your censers, Korah, and all his company; 7 and put fire in them, and put incense upon them before Jehovah tomorrow: and it shall be that the man whom Jehovah doth choose, he shall be holy: ye take too much upon you, ye sons of Levi. 8 And Moses said unto Korah, Hear now, ye sons of Levi: 9 seest thou not that Jehovah hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near to himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of Jehovah, and to stand before the congregation to minister unto them; 10 and that he hath brought thee near, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee? and seek ye the priesthood also? 11 Therefore thou and all thy company are gathered together against Jehovah: and Aaron, what is he that ye murmur against him?

12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; and they said, We will not come up: 13 is it a small thing that thou hast brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, but thou must needs make thyself also a prince over us? 14 Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, nor given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou 97 put out the eyes of these men? we will not come up.

15 And Moses was very wroth, and said unto Jehovah, Respect not thou their offering: I have not taken one ass from them, neither have I hurt one of them. 16 And Moses said unto Korah, Be thou and all thy company before Jehovah, thou, and they, and Aaron, tomorrow: 17 and take ye every man his censer, and put incense upon them, and bring ye before Jehovah every man his censer, two hundred fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each his censer. 18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire in them, and laid incense thereon, and stood at the door of the tent of meeting with Moses and Aaron. 19 And Korah assembled all the congregation against them unto the door of the tent of meeting: and the glory of Jehovah appeared unto all the congregation.

20 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto 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 wilt thou be wroth with all the congregation? 23 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you up from about the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.

25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and the elders of Israel followed him. 26 And he spake unto the congregation, saying, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing of theirs, lest ye be consumed in all their sins. 27 So they got themselves up from the tabernacle of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, and stood at the door of their tents, and their wives, and their sons, and their little ones. 28 And Moses said, Hereby ye shall know that Jehovah hath sent me to do all these works; for I have not done them of mine own mind. 29 If these men die the common death of all men, or if they be visited after the visitation of all men; then Jehovah hath not sent me. 30 But if Jehovah 98 make a new thing, and the ground open its mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertain unto them, and they go down alive into Sheol; then ye shall understand that these men have despised Jehovah.

31 And it came to pass, as he made an end of speaking all these words, that 99 the ground clave asunder that was under them; 32 and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and all the men that appertained unto Korah, and all their goods. 33 So they, and all that appertained to them, went down alive into Sheol: and the earth closed upon them, and they perished from among the assembly. 34 And all Israel that were round about them fled at the cry of them; for they said, Lest the earth swallow us up. 35 And fire came forth from Jehovah, and devoured the two hundred fifty men that offered the incense.

36 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 37 Speak unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he take up the censers out of the burning, and scatter thou the fire yonder; for they are holy, 38 even the censers of these sinners against their own souls; and let them be made beaten plates for a covering of the altar: for they offered them before Jehovah, therefore they are holy; and they shall be a sign unto the children of Israel. 39 And Eleazar the priest took the copper censers, which they that were burnt had offered; and they beat them out for a covering of the altar, 40 to be a memorial unto the children of Israel, to the end that no stranger, that is not of the seed of Aaron, come near to burn incense before Jehovah; that he be not as Korah, and as his company: as Jehovah spake unto him by Moses.

41 But on the morrow all the congregation of the children

94 Most Massoretic mss. read son (singular).
95 Hb. It is enough for you, Or, Ye assume too much authority. Similarly in vs. 7.
96 Or, whom he will cause to come near:
97 Hb. bore out the eyes
98 Hb. create a creation.
99 Such earthquakes are rare. Likely a shallow epicenter pinned by an elongated boulder.
100 Or, these men who have sinned at the cost of their lives;
101 Hb. nephesh, Or, lives; or, beings;
102 Or, bronze or, brazen (brass)
of Israel murmured against Moses and against Aaron, saying, Ye have killed the people of Jehovah. And it came to pass, when the congregation was assembled against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tent of meeting: and, behold, the cloud covered it, and the glory of Jehovah appeared. And Moses and Aaron came to the front of the tent of meeting. And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, Get you up from among this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. And Moses said unto Aaron, Take thy censer, and put fire therein from off the altar, and lay incense thereon, and carry it quickly unto the congregation, and make atonement for them: for there is wrath gone out from Jehovah; the plague is begun. And Aaron took as Moses spake, and ran into the midst of the assembly; and, behold, the plague was begun among the people: and he put on the incense, and made atonement for the people. And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. Now they that died by the plague were fourteen thousand seven hundred, and the living; and the plague was stayed.

And Jehovah spake unto Aaron, And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you they are a gift, given unto Jehovah, to do the service of the tent. And thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priesthood for everything of the altar, and for that within the veil; and ye shall serve: I give you the priesthood as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

And Jehovah spake unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy fathers’ house with thee shall bear the iniquity of the sanctuary; and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. And thy brethren also, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou near with thee, that they may be joined unto thee, and minister unto thee: but thou and thy sons with thee shall be before the tent of the testimony. And they shall keep thy charge, and the charge of all the Tent: only they shall not come nigh unto the vessels of the Holy and unto the altar, that they die not, neither they, nor ye. And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep the charge of the tent of meeting, for all the service of the Tent: and a stranger shall not come nigh unto you. And ye shall keep the charge of the Holy, and the charge of the altar; that there be wrath no more upon the children of Israel. And I, behold, I have taken your brethren the Levites from among the children of Israel: to you they are a gift, given unto Jehovah, to do the service of the tent. And thou and thy sons with thee shall keep your priesthood for everything of the altar, and for that within the veil; and ye shall serve: I give you the priesthood as a service of gift: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death.

And Jehovah spake unto Aaron, And I, behold, I have given thee the charge of my heave-offerings, even all the holy things of the children of Israel; unto thee have I given them by reason of the anointing, and to thy sons, as a portion for ever. This shall be thine of the most holy things, reserved from the fire: every oblation of theirs, even every meal-offering of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render unto me, shall be most holy for thee and for thy sons. As the most holy things shalt thou eat thereof: every male shall eat thereof: it shall be holy unto thee. And this is thine: the heave-offering of their gift, even all the wave-offerings of the children of Israel; I have given them unto thee, and to thy daughters with thee, as a portion for ever; every one that is clean in thy house shall eat thereof. All the best of the oil, and all the best of the vintage, and of the grain, the firstfruits of them which they give unto Jehovah, to thee have I given them. The first-ripe fruits of all that is in their land, which they bring unto Jehovah, shall be thine; every one that is clean in thy house shall eat thereof. Everything devoted in Israel shall be thine. Everything that openeth the womb, of all flesh which they offer unto Jehovah, both of man and beast shall be thine: nevertheless the firstborn of man shalt thou surely redeem, and the firstling of unclean beasts shalt thou redeem. And those that are to be redeemed of them from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to thine estimation, for the money of five shekels, after the shekel of the Holy (the same is twenty gerahs). But the firstling of a cow, or the firstling of a sheep, or the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are holy: thou shalt sprinkle their blood upon the altar, and shalt burn their fat for an offering made by fire, for a sweet savour unto Jehovah. And the flesh of them shall be thine; every one that is clean in thy house shall eat thereof.

The censer served as a portable altar. Or, shall die:

or, holy part; or, holy place;

for a portion,
be thine, as the wave-breast and as the right thigh, it shall be thine. 19 All the heave-offerings of the holy things, which the children of Israel offer unto Jehovah, have I given thee, and thy sons and thy daughters with thee, as a portion for ever: it is a covenant of salt for ever before Jehovah unto thee and to thy seed with thee. 20 And Jehovah said unto Aaron, Thou shalt have no inheritance in their land, neither shalt thou have any portion among them: I am thy portion and thine inheritance among the children of Israel.

21 And unto the children of Levi, behold, I have given all the tithe in Israel for an inheritance, in return for their service in the tent of meeting. 22 And henceforth the children of Israel shall not come nigh 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 for ever throughout your generations; and among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance. 24 For the tithe of the children of Israel, which they offer as a heave-offering unto Jehovah, I have given to the Levites for an inheritance: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

25 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 26 Moreover thou shalt speak unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of Israel the tithe which I have given you from them for your inheritance, then ye shall offer up a heave-offering of it for Jehovah, a tithe of the tithe. 27 And your heave-offering shall be reckoned unto you, as though it were the grain of the threshing-floor, and as the fulness of the winepress. 28 Thus ye also shall offer a heave-offering of Jehovah of all your tithes, which ye receive of the children of Israel; and thereof ye shall give Jehovah’s heave-offering the Levites for an inheritance: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance.

29 Out of all your gifts ye shall offer every heave-offering of Jehovah, of all the best thereof, even the sanctified part thereof out of it. 30 Therefore thou shalt say unto them, When ye heave the best thereof from it, then it shall be reckoned among the Levites as the increase of the threshing-floor, and as the increase of the winepress. 31 And ye shall eat it in every place, ye and your households: for it is your reward in return for your service in the tent of meeting. 32 And ye shall bear no sin by reason of it, when ye have heaved it from the best thereof: and ye shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, 117that ye die not.

19 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 2 This is the statute of the law which Jehovah hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring thee a red heifer, 113without spot, wherein is no blemish, and upon which never came yoke. 3 And ye shall give her unto Eleazar the priest, and he shall bring her forth without the camp, and one shall slay her before his face: 4 and Eleazar the priest shall take of her blood with his finger, and sprinkle of her blood toward the front of the tent of meeting seven times. 5 And one shall burn the heifer in his sight; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn: 6 and the priest shall take 115cedar-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 even. 8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water, and shall be unclean until the even. 9 And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the heifer, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children of Israel for a water for impurity: 116it is a sin-offering. 10 And he that gathereth the ashes of the heifer shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the even: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, for a statute for ever.

11 117He that toucheth the dead 118body of any man shall be unclean seven days: 12 the same shall purify himself therewith on the third day, 119and on the seventh day, so shall he be clean: but if he purify not himself the third day, 120and the seventh day, he shall not be clean. 13 Whosoever toucheth the dead person, the soul of a man that hath died, and purifieth not himself, defileth the tabernacle of Jehovah; and that soul shall be cut off from Israel: because the water for impurity was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his uncleanness is yet upon him.

14 This is the law when a man dieth in a tent: every one that cometh into the tent, and every one that is in the tent, shall be unclean seven days. 15 And every open vessel, which hath no covering bound upon it, is unclean. 16 And whosoever in the open field toucheth one that is slain with a sword, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. 17 And for the unclean they shall take of the ashes of the burning of the sin-offering; and 121running water shall be put thereto in a vessel: 18 and a clean person shall take hyssop, and dip it in the water, and sprinkle it upon the tent, and upon all the vessels, and upon the souls that were there, and upon him that touched the bone, or the slain, or the dead, or the 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 him: and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean in even.

20 But the man that shall be unclean, and shall not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from the midst of the assembly, because he hath defiled the sanctuary of Jehovah: the water for impurity hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean. 21 And it shall be a perpetual statute unto them: and he that sprinkleth the water for impurity shall wash his clothes, and he that toucheth the water for impurity shall be unclean until even. 22 And whatsoever the unclean person toucheth shall be unclean; and the soul that toucheth it shall be unclean until even.

20 And the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came into the wilderness of Zin in the first month.

112 Hb. fat And in vss. 30, 32.
113 Or, neither shall ye die.
114 Or, perfect,
115 Cedar is toxic to termites and other organisms.
116 But contrary to Lv 6.25-30. So possibly, it is for sin
117 This chapter appears more to be good public health practice, than ritual.
118 Hb. nephesh, soul or, being As in vs. 13.
119 Or, and on the seventh day he shall be clean:
120 Or, then the seventh day he But see vs. 19.
121 Hb. living water

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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 assembled themselves together against Moses and against Aaron. 3 And the people strove with Moses, and spake, saying, Would that we had died when our brethren died before Jehovah! 4 And why have ye brought the assembly of Jehovah into this wilderness, that we should die there, we and our beasts? 5 And wherefore have ye made us to come up out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it is no place of seed, or of figs, or of vines, or of pomegranates; neither is there any water to drink. 6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of the assembly unto the door of the tent of meeting, and fell upon their faces: and the glory of Jehovah appeared unto them. 7 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 8 Take the rod, and assemble the congregation, thou, and Aaron thy brother, and speak ye unto the rock before their eyes, that it give forth its water; and thou shalt bring forth to them water out of the rock; so thou shalt give the congregation and their cattle drink. 9 And Moses took the rod from before Jehovah, as he commanded him.

10 And Moses and Aaron gathered the assembly together before the rock, and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels; shall we bring you forth water out of this rock? 11 And Moses lifted up his hand, and smote the rock with his rod twice: and water came forth abundantly, and the congregation drank, and their cattle. 12 And Jehovah said unto Moses and Aaron, Because ye believed not in me, to sanctify me in the eyes of the children of Israel, therefore ye shall not bring this assembly into the land which I have given them. 13 These are the waters of Meribah; because the children of Israel strove with Jehovah, and he was sanctified in them.

14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom, Thus saith thy brother Israel, Thou knowest all the travail that hath befallen us: 15 how our fathers went down into Egypt; and we dwelt in Egypt a long time; and the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and our fathers: 16 and when we cried unto Jehovah, he heard our voice, and sent an angel, and brought us forth out of Egypt: and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city in the uttermost of thy border. 17 Let us pass, I pray thee, through thy land: we will not pass through field or through vineyard, neither will we drink of the water of the wells; we will go along the king’s highway; we will not turn aside to the right hand nor to the left, until we have passed thy border. 18 And Edom said unto him, Thou shalt not pass through me, lest I come out with the sword against thee. 19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go up by the highway: and if we drink of thy water, I and my cattle, then will I give the price thereof: let me only, without doing anything else, pass through on my feet. 20 And he said, Thou shalt not pass 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: wherefore Israel turned away from him.

22 And they journeyed from Kadesh: and the children of Israel, even the whole congregation, came unto mount Hor. 23 And Jehovah spake unto Moses and Aaron in mount Hor, by the border of the land of Edom, saying, 24 Aaron shall be gathered unto his people; for he shall not enter into the land which I have given unto the children of Israel, because ye rebelled against my word at the waters of Meribah. 25 Take Aaron and Eleazar his son, and bring them up unto mount Hor; 26 and strip Aaron of his garments, and put them upon Eleazar his son: and Aaron shall be gathered unto his people, and shall die there. 27 And Moses did as Jehovah commanded: and they went up into 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 on 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 wept for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel.

21 And the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who dwelt in the South, heard tell that Israel came by the way of Atharim; and he fought against Israel, and took some of them captive. 2 And Israel vowed a vow unto Jehovah, and said, If thou wilt indeed deliver this people into my hand, then I will utterly destroy their cities. 3 And Jehovah hearkened to the voice of Israel, and delivered up the Canaanites; and they utterly destroyed them and their cities: and the name of the place was called Horn.

4 And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people, was much discouraged because of the way. 5 And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Why have ye brought the assembly of Jehovah with behaviour? for there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. 6 And Jehovah sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and much people of Israel died. 7 And the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, because we have spoken against Jehovah, and against thee; pray unto Jehovah, that he take away the serpents from us. 8 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent, and set it upon a standard: and it shall come to pass, that every one that is bitten, when he seeth it, shall live. 9 And Moses made a serpent of copper, and set it upon the standard: and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he looked unto the serpent of copper, he lived.

10 And the children of Israel journeyed, and encamped in Oboth. 11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and encamped at Iye-abarim, in the wilderness which is before Moab (toward the sunrising). 12 From thence they journeyed, and encamped in the valley of Zered. 13 From thence they journeyed, and encamped on the other side of the Arnon River, which is in

122 That is, Strife;
123 Or, showed himself holy.
124 Or, of the spies;
125 Hb. devote their cities.
126 Hb. devoted them
127 From the same root as herem, a devoted thing.
128 That is, by way of the Arabah Valley, below sea level and therefore hot and dry.
129 Or, was impatient
130 Or, in the way.
131 Or, vile bread.
132 Or, shiny
133 Or, bronze, or brass, And so everywhere.
the wilderness, that cometh out of the border of the Amorites: for the Arnon is the border of Moab, between Moab and the Amorites. 14 Wherefore it is said in the book of the Wars of Jehovah,

134 Lamsa reads A flame of fire is in the whirlwind, Douay reads As he did in the Red Sea,
135 Or, in storm,
136 That is, A well:
137 Or, by order of the law-giver.
138 Or, Jeshimon.
139 Hb. daughters
140 Or, Bamoath of the Arnon.
141 Sopherim marked as doubtful the reading:
30 We have shot at them; Heshbon is perished even unto

Dibon,
And we have laid waste even unto Nophah,
Which reacheth unto Medeba.

142 Hb. the assembly lick up all
143 Possibly implying Moab and Midian had been allies since the days of Zippor.
144 That is, the Euphrates,
145 Hb. eye And in vs. 11.

31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Amorites. 32 And Moses sent to spy out Jazer; and they took the towns thereof, and drove out the Amorites that 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 battle at Edrei. 34 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Fear him not: for I will deliver him into thy hand, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do to him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. 35 So they smote him, and his sons and all his people, until there was none left him remaining: and they possessed his land.

22 And the children of Israel journeyed, and encamped in the plains of Moab beyond the Jordan at Jericho.

2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Amorites. 3 And Moab was sore afraid of the people, because they were many: and Moab was distressed because of the children of Israel. 4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now will this multitude lick up all that is round about us, as the ox licketh up the grass of the field. 5 And Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time. 6 And he sent messengers unto Balaam the son of Beor, to Pethor, which is by the river, to the land of the children 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 abide over against me. 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land; for I know that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest will be cursed!
7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak. 8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as Jehovah shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam. 9 And God came unto Balaam, and said, what men are these with thee? 10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent
unto me, saying, 11 Behold, the people that is come out of Egypt, it covereth the face of the earth: now, come curse me them: peradventure I shall be able to fight against them, and shall drive them out. 12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not with them; thou shalt not curse the people; for they are blessed! 13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land; for Jehovah refuseth to give me leave to go with you. 14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Balaam refuseth to come with us.

15 And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honorable than they. 16 And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, Let nothing, I pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me: 17 for I will promote thee unto very great honor, and whatsoever thou sayest unto me I will do: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people. 18 And Balaam answered and said unto the servants of Balak, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word of Jehovah my God, to do less or more. 19 Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what Jehovah will speak unto me more. 20 And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, 21 And the ass saw the angel of Jehovah standing in the way, and Jehovah opened the mouth of the ass, and she turned aside from me these three times: unless she had turned aside from me, surely now I had even slain thee, and saved her alive. 22 And Balaam said unto the angel of Jehovah, I have sinned; for I knew not that thou stoodest in the way against me: now therefore, if it displease thee, I will get me back again. 23 And the angel of Jehovah said unto Balaam, Go with the men; but only the word that I shall speak unto thee, that thou shalt speak. So Balaam went with the princes of Balak.

24 And when Balak heard that Balaam was come, he went out to meet him unto the City of Moab, which is on the border of the Arnon, which is in the utmost part of the border. 25 And Balak said unto Balaam, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to call thee? wherefore camest thou not unto me? am I not able indeed to promote thee to honor? 26 And Balaam said unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee: have I now any power at all to speak anything? the word that God putteth in my mouth, that shall I speak. 27 And Balaam went with Balak, and they came unto Kiriath-huzoth. 28 And Balaam sacrificed oxen and sheep, and sent to Balaam, and to the princes that were with him.

29 And it came to pass in the morning, that Balak took Balaam, and brought him up into the high places of Baal; and he saw from thence the utmost part of the people.

30 And Balak said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 31 And Balak did as Balaam had spoken; and Balak and Balaam offered on every altar a bullock and a ram. 32 And Balak said unto Balak, Stand by thy burnt-offering, and I will go: peradventure Jehovah will come to meet me; and whatsoever he showeth me I will tell thee. And he went to a bare height. 33 And Jehovah met Balaam: and he said unto him, I have prepared the seven altars, and I have offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar. 34 And Jehovah put a word in Balaam’s mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus thou shalt speak. 35 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he was standing by his burnt-offering, he, and all the princes of Moab. 36 And he took up his parable, and said,

From Aram hath Balak brought me, 37 The king of Moab from the mountains of the East: Come, curse me Jacob, And come, 38 defy Israel. 39 How shall I curse whom God hath not cursed? And how shall I defy, whom Jehovah hath not defied? 40 For from the top of the rocks I see him, And from the hills I behold him: Lo, it is a people that dwelleth alone, And shall not be reckoned among the nations. 41 Who can count the dust of Jacob, 42 Or number the fourth part of Israel? Let my soul die the death of the righteous, And let my last end be like his!

43 And Balak said unto Balaam, What hast thou done unto me? I took thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold,
thou hast blessed them altogether. 12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that which Jehovah putteth in my mouth?

13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from whence thou mayest see them; thou shalt see but the utmost part of them, and shalt not see them all: and curse me them from thence. 14 And he took him into the field of Zophim, to the top of Pisgah, and built seven altars, and offered upon a bullock and a ram on every altar. 15 And he said unto Balak, Stand here by thy burnt-offering, while I meet Jehovah yonder. 16 And Jehovah met Balaam, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus shalt thou speak. 17 And he came to him, and, lo, he was standing by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him. And Balak said unto him, What hath Jehovah spoken? 18 And he took up his parable, and said,

Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:

19 God is not a man, that he should lie, Neither the son of man, that he should repent:

Neither hath he beheld iniquity in Jacob; Neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: Jehovah his God is with him, And the shout of a king is among them.

20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: And he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it. 21 He hath not beheld iniquity in Jacob; Neither hath he seen perverseness in Israel: Jehovah his God is with him, And he saith, who heareth words of God.

22 God bringeth them forth out of Egypt; He hath as it were the strength of a wild-ox.

23 Surely there is no enchantment with Jacob; Neither is there any divination with Israel: Now shall it be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!

24 Behold, the people riseth up as a lioness, And as a lion doth he lift himself up: He shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, And drink the blood of the slain.

25 And Balak said unto Balaam, Neither curse them at all, nor bless them at all. 26 But Balaam answered and said unto Balak, Told not I thee, saying, All that Jehovah speaketh, that I must do?

27 And Balak said unto Balaam, Come now, I will take thee unto another place; peradventure it will please God that thou mayest curse me them from thence. 28 And Balak took Balaam unto the top of Peor, that looketh down upon the desert. 29 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 30 And Balak did as Balaam had said, and offered up a bullock and a ram on every altar.

24 And when Balaam saw that it pleased Jehovah to bless Israel, he went not, as at the other times, to meet with enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 And Balaam lifted up his eyes, and he saw Israel dwelling according to their tribes; and the Spirit of God came upon him. 3 And he took up his parable, and said,

Balaam the son of Beor saith, And the man whose eye was closed saith;

4 He saith, who heareth the words of God, Who seeth the vision of the Almighty, Falling down, and having his eyes open:

5 How goodly are thy tents, O Jacob, Thy tabernacles, O Israel!

6 As valleys are they spread forth, As gardens by the river-side,

161 As tents that Jehovah hath set up, As cedar-trees beside the waters.

7 Water shall flow from his buckets, And his seed shall be in many waters, And his king shall be higher than Agag, And his kingdom shall be exalted.

8 God bringeth him forth out of Egypt; He hath as it were the strength of a wild-ox: He shall eat of the nations his adversaries, And shall break their bones in pieces, And smite them through with his arrows.

9 He couched, he lay down as a lion, And as a lioness; who shall rouse him up? Blessed be every one that blesseth thee, And cursed be every one that curseth thee!

10 And Balak’s anger was kindled against Balaam, and he smote his hands together; and Balak said unto Balaam, I called thee to curse mine enemies, and, behold, thou hast altogether blessed them these three times. Therefore now flee thou to thy place: I thought to promote thee unto great honor; but, lo, Jehovah hath kept thee back from honor.

11 And Balaam said unto Balak, Spake I not also to thy messengers which thou sentest unto me, saying, If Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold, I cannot go beyond the word which Jehovah putteth in my mouth? 12 And Balaam said unto Balak, Build me here seven bullocks and seven rams, and put a word in my mouth, and I will go, and this thou shalt do.

13 And Balak said unto Balaam, Build me here seven bullocks and seven rams, and I will offer up a bullock and a ram on every altar. 14 And he took up his parable, and said,

Falling down, and having his eyes open:

15 Who seeth words of God, And cursed be every one that curseth thee!

16 Behold, the people riseth up as a lioness, And as a lion doth he lift himself up: He shall not lie down until he eat of the prey, And drink the blood of the slain.

17 I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not nigh: There shall come forth a star out of Jacob,
And a sceptre shall rise out of Israel, 
And shall smite through the corners of Moab, 
And break down all the sons of tumult.  

18 And Edom shall be a possession, 
Seir also shall be a possession, who were his enemies; 
While Israel doeth valiantly.  

19 And out of Jacob shall one have dominion, 
And shall destroy the remnant from the city.  

20 And he looked on Amalek, and took up his parable, and said, 
Amalek was the first of the nations; 
But his latter end shall come to destruction;  

21 And he looked on the Kenite, and took up his parable, and said, 
Strong is thy dwelling-place, 
And thy nest is set in the rock.  

22 Nevertheless Kain shall be wasted; 
Until Asshur shall carry thee away captive.  

23 And he took up his parable, and said, 
Alas, who shall live when God doeth this?  

24 But ships shall come from the coast of Kittim, 
And they shall afflict Asshur, and shall afflict Eber; 
And he also shall come to destruction.  

25 And Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak also went his way.  

26 And Israel abode in Shittim; and the people began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab: 2 for they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods; and the people did eat, and bowed down to their gods. 3 And Israel joined himself unto Baal-peor: and the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel. 4 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Take all the chiefs of the people, and hang them up unto Jehovah before the sun, that the fierce anger of Jehovah may turn away from Israel. 5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that have joined themselves unto Baal-peor.  

6 And, behold, one of the children of Israel came and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman in the sight of Moses, and in the sight of all the congregation of the children of Israel, while they were weeping at 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 midst of the congregation, and took a spear in his hand; 8 and he went after the man of Israel into the pavilion, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body. So the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. 9 And those that died by the plague were twenty-four thousand.

10 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 11 Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath turned my wrath away from the children of Israel, in that he was jealous with my jealousy among them, so that I consumed not the children of Israel in my jealousy. 12 Wherefore say, Behold, I give unto him my covenant of peace: 13 and it shall be unto him, and to his seed after him, a covenant of an everlasting priesthood; because he was jealous for his God, and made atonement for the children of Israel.  

14 Now the name of the man of Israel that was slain, who was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the son of Salu, a prince of a fathers’ house among the Simeonites. 15 And the name of the Midianitish woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Zur; he was head of the people of a fathers’ house in Midian.  

16 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 17 Vex the Midianites, and smite them; 18 for they vex you with their wiles, whereby they have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the matter of Cozbi, the daughter of Zur, their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague in the matter of Peor.  

26 And it came to pass after the plague, that Jehovah spake unto Moses and unto Eleazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying, 2 Take the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by their fathers’ houses, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel. 3 And Moses and Eleazar the priest spake with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 4 Take the sum of the people, from twenty years old and upward; as Jehovah commanded Moses and the children of Israel, that came forth out of the land of Egypt.  

5 Reuben, the firstborn of Israel; the sons of Reuben: of Hanoch, the family of the Hanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites; 6 of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. 7 These are the families of the Reubenites; and they that were numbered of them were forty-three thousand seven hundred twenty-five. 8 And the sons of Pallu: Eliab. 9 And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are that Dathan and Abiram, who were called of the congregation, who strove against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korah, when they strove against Jehovah, and the earth opened its mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korah, when that company died; what time the fire devoured two hundred fifty men, and they became a sign. 11 Notwithstanding, the sons of Korah died not.  

12 The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel, the family of the Nemuelites; of Jamin, the family of the Jaminites; of Jachin, the family of the Jachinites; 13 of Zerah, the
family of the Zerahites; of Shaul, the family of the Shaulites.
14 These are the families of the Simeonites, twenty-two thousand.

15 The sons of Gad after their families: of Zepho, the family of the Zachabites; of Hagg, the family of the Haggites; of Shuni, the family of the Shunites; of Ozni, the family of the Ezronites; of Ehri, the family of the Ezrites; of Arod, the family of the Arudites; of Arel, the family of the Arelites. These are the families of the sons of Gad according to those that were numbered of them, forty thousand five hundred.

16 The sons of Judah: Er and Onan; and Er and Onan died in the land of Canaan. 17 And the sons of Judah after their families were: of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, the family of the Perezites; of Zerah, the family of the Zerahites. 18 And the sons of Perez were: of Hezron, the family of the Hezronites; of Hamul, the family of the Hamulites.

19 These are the families of Judah according to those that were numbered of them, seventy-six thousand five hundred.

20 The sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola, the family of the Tolaites; of Puah, the family of the Punites; of Jashub, the family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. 21 These are the families of Issachar according to those that were numbered of them, sixty-four thousand three hundred.

22 The sons of Zebulun after their families: of Sered, the family of the Seredites; of Elon, the family of the Elonites; of Jahleel, the family of the Jahleelites. 23 These are the families of the Zebulunites according to those that were numbered of them, sixty thousand five hundred.

24 The sons of Joseph after their families: Manasseh and Ephraim. 25 The sons of Manasseh: of Machir, the family of the Machirites; and Machir begat Gilead: of Gilead, Jahleel, family of the Seredites; of Elon, family of the Jashubites; of Shimron, family of the Shimronites. 26 These are the families of Manasseh; and they that were numbered of them were thirty-two thousand three hundred.

27 The sons of Ephraim after their families: of Imnah, the family of the Imnites; of Isshi, the family of the Ishites; of Beriah, the family of the Berites. 28 These are the families of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of them, sixty thousand four hundred.

29 The sons of Asher after their families: of Imna, the family of the Imnites; of Ishvi, the family of the Ishvites; of Beriah, the family of the Berites; of Heber, the family of the Heberites; of Malchiel, the family of the Malcheielites. 30 And the name of the daughter of Asher was Serah. 31 These are the families of the sons of Asher according to those that were numbered of them, fifty-three thousand four hundred.

32 The sons of Naphtali after their families: of Jahzeel, the family of the Jahzeelites; of Guni, the family of the Gunites; of Jezer, the family of the Jezerites; of Shillem, the family of the Shilemites. 33 These are the families of Naphtali according to their families; and they that were numbered of them were forty-five thousand four hundred.

34 These are they that were numbered of the children of Israel, one hundred seventy-three thousand sixty. 35 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, Unto these the land shall be divided for an inheritance according to the

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Changes over 39 yrs. Simeon lost most (partly at Peor); Manasseh gained most.

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(Nu 1:46, 2:32, 26:51)
number of names. 54 To the more thou shalt give the more inheritance, and to the fewer thou shalt give the less inheritance: to every one according to those that were numbered of him shall his inheritance be given. 55 Notwithstanding, 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 shall their inheritance be divided between the more and the fewer.

57 And these are they that were numbered of the Levites after their families: of Gershon, the family of the Gershonites; of Kohath, the family of the Kohathites; of Merari, the family of the Merarites. 58 These are the families of Levi: 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 Kohath begat Amram. 59 And the name of Amram’s wife was Jochebed, the daughter of Levi, who was born to Levi in Egypt: and she bare unto Amram Aaron and Moses, and Miriam their sister. 60 And unto Aaron were born Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 61 And Nadab and Abihu died, when they offered strange fire before Jehovah. 62 And they that were numbered of them were twenty-three thousand, every male from a month old and upward: for they were not numbered for war among the children of Israel, because there was no inheritance given them among the children of Israel.

63 These are they that were numbered by Moses and Eleazar the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. 64 But among these there was not a man of them that were numbered by Moses and Aaron the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness of Sinai. 65 For Jehovah 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.

Then drew near 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, Hoglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 2 And they stood before Moses, and before Eleazar the priest, and before the princes and all the congregation, at the door of the tent of meeting, saying, 3 Our father died in the wilderness, and he was not among the company of them that gathered themselves together against Jehovah in the company of Korah: but he died in his own sin; and he had no sons. 4 Why should the name of our father be taken away from among his family, because he had no son? Give unto us a possession among the brethren of our father. 5 And Moses brought their cause before Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak right: thou shalt surely give them a possession of an inheritance among their father’s brethren; and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father to pass unto them. 8 And thou shalt speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a man die, and have no son, then ye shall cause his inheritance to pass unto his daughter. 9 And if he have no daughter, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his brethren. 10 And if he have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his father’s brethren. 11 And if his father have no brethren, then ye shall give his inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of his family, and he shall possess it: and it shall be unto the children of Israel a statute and ordinance, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

12 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim, and behold the land which I have given unto the children of Israel. 13 And when thou hast seen it, thou also shalt be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother was gathered; 14 because ye rebelled against my word in the wilderness of Zin, in the strife of the congregation, to sanctify me at the waters before their eyes. (These are the waters of Meribah of Kadesh in the wilderness of Zin.)

15 And Moses spake unto Jehovah, saying, 16 Let Jehovah, the God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over the congregation, 17 who may go out before them, and who may come in before them, and who may lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the congregation of Jehovah be not as sheep which have no shepherd. 18 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Take thee Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom is the Spirit, and lay thy 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 thou shalt put of thine honor upon him, that all the congregation of the children of Israel may obey. 21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall inquire for him by the judgment of the Urim before Jehovah: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation. 22 And Moses did as Jehovah 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 Jehovah spake by Moses.

28 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, My oblation, my food for my offerings made by fire, of a sweet savor unto me, shall ye offer to offer unto me in their due season. 3 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the offering made by fire which ye shall offer unto Jehovah: he-lambs a year old without blemish, two day by day, for a continual burnt-offering. 4 The one lamb shalt thou offer in the morning, and the second lamb shalt thou offer between the two evenings; 5 and the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled 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, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 7 And the drink-offering thereof shall be the fourth part of a hin for the one lamb: in the Holy shalt thou pour out a drink-offering of strong drink unto Jehovah. 8 And the second lamb shalt thou offer between the two evenings: as the meal-offering of the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof, thou shalt offer it, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah.

9 And on the sabbath day two he-lambs a year old without blemish, and two tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, and the drink-offering thereof: 10 this is the burnt-offering of every sabbath, besides the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering thereof.

188 Hb. statute of judgment,
189 Or, breaths  Hb. ruachoth
190 Hb. bread
191 About a U.S. quart.
11 And in the beginnings of your months ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto Jehovah: two young bullocks, and one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; 12 and three tenth parts of an ephah of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for each bullock; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meal-offering, mingled with oil, for the one ram; 13 and a tenth part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meal-offering unto every lamb; for a burnt-offering of a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah. 14 And their drink-offerings shall be half a hin of wine for a bullock, and the third part of a hin for the ram, and the 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 he-goat for a sin-offering unto Jehovah: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering thereof.

16 And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, is Jehovah's passover. 17 And on the fifteenth day of this month shall be a feast: seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. 18 In the first day shall be a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work; 19 but ye shall offer an offering made by fire, a burnt-offering unto Jehovah: two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven he-lambs a year old; they shall be unto you without blemish; 20 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil: three tenth parts shall ye offer for a bullock, and two tenth parts for the ram; 21 a tenth part shalt thou offer for every lamb of the seven lambs; 22 and one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you. 23 Ye shall offer these besides the burnt-offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnt-offering. 24 After this manner ye shall offer daily, for seven days, the food of the offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah: it shall be offered besides the continual burnt-offering, and the drink-offering thereof. 25 And on the seventh day ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work.

26 Also in the day of the firstfruits, when ye offer a new meal-offering unto Jehovah in your feast of weeks, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work; 27 but ye shall offer a burnt-offering for a sweet savor unto Jehovah: two young bullocks, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old; 28 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil: three tenth parts for each bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, 29 a tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 30 one he-goat, to make atonement for you. 31 Besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, ye shall offer them (they shall be unto you without blemish), and their drink-offerings.

29 And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, ye shall have a holy convocation; ye shall do no servile work: it is a day of blowing of trumpets unto you. 2 And ye shall offer a burnt-offering for a sweet savor unto Jehovah: one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; 3 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for the ram, 4 and one tenth part for every lamb of the seven lambs; 5 and one he-goat for a sin-offering, to make atonement for you; 6 besides the burnt-offering of the new moon, and the meal-offering thereof, and the continual burnt-offering and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings, according unto their ordinance, for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto Jehovah.

7 And on the tenth day of this seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your souls: ye shall do no manner of work; 8 but ye shall offer a burnt-offering unto Jehovah for a sweet savor: one young bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old; they shall be unto you without blemish; 9 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, 10 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the sin-offering of atonements, and the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

12 And on the fifteenth day of the seventh month ye shall have a holy convocation: ye shall do no servile work, and ye shall keep a feast unto Jehovah seven days: 13 and ye shall offer a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah: thirteen young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old; they shall be without blemish; 14 and their meal-offering, fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth parts for each ram of the two rams, 15 and a tenth part for every lamb of the fourteen lambs; 16 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

17 And on the second day ye shall offer twelve young bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 18 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 19 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings.

20 And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 21 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 22 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 24 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 25 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 27 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 28 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

29 And on the sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 30 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 31 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offerings thereof.

32 And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, fourteen he-lambs a year old without blemish; 33 and their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the lambs, according to their number, after the ordinance; 34 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.
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35 On the eighth day ye shall have a solemn assembly: ye shall do no servile work; 36 but ye shall offer a burnt-offering, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto Jehovah: one bullock, one ram, seven he-lambs a year old without blemish; 37 their meal-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullock, for the ram, and for the lambs, shall be according to their number, after the ordinance: 38 and one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burnt-offering, and the meal-offering thereof, and the drink-offering thereof.

39 These ye shall offer unto Jehovah in your set feasts, besides 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. 40 And Moses told the children of Israel according to all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

30 And Moses spake unto the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saying, This is the thing which Jehovah hath commanded. 2 When a man voweth a vow unto Jehovah, or sweareth an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth. 3 Also when a woman voweth a vow unto Jehovah, and bindeth herself by a bond, being in her father’s house, in her youth, 4 and her father heareth her vow, and her bond wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father holdeth his peace at her; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. 5 But if her father disallow her in the day that he heareth, none of her vows, or of her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand: and Jehovah will forgive her, because her father disallowed her.

6 And if she be married to a husband, while her vows are upon her, or the rash utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul, 7 and her husband hear it, and hold his peace at her in the day that he heareth it; then her vows shall stand, and her bonds wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. 8 But if her husband disallow her in the day that he heareth it, then he shall make void her vow which is upon her, and the rash utterance of her lips, wherewith she hath bound her soul: and Jehovah will forgive her.

9 But the vow of a widow, or of her that is divorced, even everything wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand against her. 10 And if she vowed in her husband’s house, or bound her soul by a bond with an oath, 11 and her husband heard it, and held his peace at her, and disallowed her not; then all her vows shall stand, and every bond wherewith she bound her soul shall stand. 12 But if her husband made them null and void in the day that he heard them, then whatsoever proceeded out of her lips concerning her vows, or concerning the bond of her soul, shall not stand: her husband hath made them void; and Jehovah will forgive her.

13 Every vow, and every binding oath to afflict the soul, her husband may establish it, or her husband may make it void. 14 But if her husband altogether hold his peace at her from day to day, then he establisheth all her vows, or all her bonds, which are upon her: he hath established them, because he held his peace at her in the day that he heard them. 15 But if he shall make them null and void after that he hath heard them, then he shall bear her iniquity. 16 These are the statutes, which Jehovah commanded Moses, between a man and his wife, between a father and his daughter, being in her youth, in her father’s house.

31 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Avenge the children of Israel of the Midianites: afterward shalt thou be gathered unto thy people. 3 And Moses spake unto the people, saying, Arm ye men from among you for the war, that they may go against Midian, to execute Jehovah’s vengeance on Midian. 4 Of every tribe a thousand, throughout all the tribes of Israel, shall ye 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, a thousand of every tribe, to the war, them and Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, to the war, with the vessels of the Holy and the trumpets for the alarm in his hand. 7 And they warred against Midian, as Jehovah commanded Moses; and they slew every male. 8 And they slew the kings of Midian with the rest of their slain: Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian: 9 And the children of Israel took captive the women of Midian and their little ones; and all their cattle, and all their flocks, and all their goods, they took for a prey. 10 And all their cities in the places wherein they dwelt, and all their encampments, they burnt with fire. 11 And they took all the spoil, and all the prey, both of man and of beast. 12 And they brought the captives, and the prey, and the spoil, unto Moses, and unto Eleazar the priest, and unto the congregation of the children of Israel, unto the camp at the plains of Moab, which are by the Jordan at Jericho.

13 And Moses, and Eleazar the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, went forth to meet them without the camp. 14 And Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, the captains of thousands and the captains of hundreds, who came from the service of the war. 15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye saved all the women alive? 16 Behold, these caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to commit trespass against Jehovah in the matter of Peor, and so the plague was among the congregation of Jehovah. 17 Now therefore kill every male among the little ones, and kill every woman that hath known man by lying with him. 18 But all the women-children, that have not known man by lying with him, keep alive for yourselves. 19 And encamp ye without the camp seven days: whosoever hath killed any soul, and whosoever hath touched any slain, purify yourselves on the third day and on the seventh day, ye and your captives. 20 And as to every garment, and all that is made of skin, and all work of goats’ hair, and all things made of wood, ye shall purify yourselves.

21 And Eleazar the priest said unto the men of war that went to the battle, This is the statute of the law which Jehovah hath commanded Moses: 22 howbeit the gold, and the silver, the copper, the iron, the tin, and the lead, 23 everything that may abide the fire, ye shall make to go through the fire, and it shall be clean; nevertheless it shall be purified with the water for impurity: and all that abideth not the fire ye shall make to...
go through the water. 24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean; and afterward ye shall come into the camp.

25 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 26 Take the sum of the prey that was taken, both of man and of beast, thou, and Eleazar the priest, and the heads of the fathers’ houses of the congregation; 27 and divide the prey into two parts: between the men skilled in war, that went out to battle, and all the congregation. 28 And levy a tribute unto Jehovah of the men of war that went out to battle: one soul of five hundred, both of the persons, and of the oxen, and of the asses, and of the flocks: 29 take it of their half, and give it unto Eleazar the priest, for Jehovah’s heave-offering. 30 And of the children of Israel’s half, thou shalt take one drawn out of every fifty, of the persons, of the oxen, of the asses, and of the flocks, even of all the cattle, and give them unto the Levites, that keep the charge of the tabernacle of Jehovah. 31 And Moses and Eleazar the priest did as Jehovah commanded Moses.

32 Now the prey, over and above the booty which the men of war took, was six hundred seventy-five thousand sheep, 33 and seventy-two thousand oxen, 34 and sixty-one thousand asses, 35 and thirty-two thousand souls in all, of the women that had not known man by lying with him. 36 And the half, which was the portion of them that went out to war, was in number three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep: 37 and Jehovah’s tribute was thirty-two soul of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand; of whom Jehovah’s tribute was seventy-two.

38 And the oxen were thirty-six thousand; of which Jehovah’s tribute was seventy-two. 39 And the ass was three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep: 40 and the asses were thirty thousand five hundred; of which Jehovah’s tribute was sixty-one. 40 And the souls of man were sixteen thousand; of whom Jehovah’s tribute was thirty-two souls. 41 And Moses gave the tribute, which was Jehovah’s heave-offering, unto Eleazar the priest, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

42 And of the children of Israel’s half, which Moses divided off from the men that warred (now the congregation’s half was three hundred thirty-seven thousand five hundred sheep, 44 and thirty-six thousand oxen, 45 and thirty thousand five hundred asses, 46 and sixteen thousand souls of man), 47 even of the children of Israel’s half, Moses took one drawn out of every fifty, both of man and of beast, and gave them unto the Levites, that kept the charge of the tabernacle of Jehovah; as Jehovah commanded Moses.

48 And the officers that were over the thousands of the host, the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, came near unto Moses; 49 and they said unto Moses, Thy servants have taken the sum of the men of war that are under our charge, and there lacketh not one man of us. 50 And we have brought Jehovah’s oblation, what every man hath gotten, of jewels of gold, ankle-chains, and bracelets, signet-rings, earrings, and armlets, to make atonement for our souls before Jehovah. 51 And Moses and Eleazar the priest took the gold of them, even all wrought jewels. 52 And all the gold of the heave-offering that they offered up to Jehovah, of the captains of thousands, and of the captains of hundreds, was sixteen thousand seven hundred 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 of the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and brought it into the tent of meeting, for a memorial for the children of Israel before Jehovah.

32 Now the children of Reuben and the children 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 children of Gad and the children of Reuben came and spake unto Moses, and to Eleazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, saying, 3 Aataroth, and Dibon, and Jazer, and Nimrah, and Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Sebam, and Nebo, and Beon, the land which Jehovah smote before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle; and thy servants have cattle. 5 And they said, If we have found favor in thy sight, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession; bring us not over the Jordan.

6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad and to the children of Reuben, Shalt thou brethren go to the war, and shall ye sit here? 7 And wherewithal shall ye disencourage the heart of these men of Israel from going over into the land which Jehovah hath given them? 8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea to see the land. 9 For when they went up unto the valley of Eschol, and saw the land, they discouraged the heart of the children of Israel, that they should not go into the land which Jehovah had given them. 10 And Jehovah’s anger was kindled in that day, and he spake, saying, 11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old and upward, shall see the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they have not wholly followed me: 12 save Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of Nun; because they have wholly followed Jehovah. 13 And Jehovah’s anger was kindled against Israel, and he made them wander to and fro in the wilderness forty years, until all the generation, that had done evil in the sight of Jehovah, was consumed. 14 And, behold, ye are arisen up in your fathers’ stead, an increase of sinful men, to augment yet the fierce anger of Jehovah toward Israel. 15 For if ye turn away from after him, he will yet again leave them in the wilderness; and ye will destroy all this people.

16 And they came near unto him, and said, We will build sheepfolds here for our cattle, and cities for our little ones: 17 but we ourselves will be ready armed to go before the children of Israel, until we have brought them unto their place: and our little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities because of the inhabitants of the land. 18 We will not return unto our houses, until the children of Israel have inherited every man his inheritance. 19 For we will not inherit with them on the other side of the Jordan, and forward; because our inheritance is fallen to us on this side of the Jordan eastward.

20 And Moses said unto them, if ye will do this thing, if ye will arm yourselves to go before Jehovah to the war, 21 and every armed man of you will pass over the Jordan before Jehovah, until he hath driven out his enemies from before him, 22 and the land is subdued before Jehovah; then afterward ye shall return, and be guiltless towards Jehovah, and towards Israel; and this land shall be unto you for a possession before Jehovah. 23 But if ye will not so do, behold, ye have

196 Or, necklaces.
197 In vs. 36, Beth-nimrah
198 In vs. 38, Sibmah
199 In vs. 38, Baal-meon
200 From this time in Autumn until they crossed over Jordan would have allowed about five months for building.
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sinned against Jehovah; and be sure your sin will find you out. 24 Build you cities for your little ones, and folds for your sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth. 25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben spake unto Moses, saying, Thy servants will do as my lord commandeth. 26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall be there in the cities of Gilead; 27 but thy servants will pass over, every man that is armed for war, before Jehovah to battle, as my lord saith.

28 So Moses gave charge concerning them to Eleazar the priest, and to Joshua the son of Nun, and to the heads of the fathers’ houses of the tribes of the children of Israel. 29 And Moses said unto them, If the children of Gad and the children of Reuben will pass with you over the Jordan, every man that is armed for war, before Jehovah into the land of Canaan, and the possession of our inheritance shall remain with us beyond the Jordan.

30 And Moses gave unto them, even to the children of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and unto the half-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, according to the cities thereof with their borders, even the cities of the land round about. 31 And the children of Gad built Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, and Jazer, and Jogbehah, and Beth-nimrah, and Beth-haran: fortified cities, and folds for sheep; and do that which hath proceeded out of your mouth. 32 And the children of Reuben built Heshbon, and Elealeh, and Kiriathaim, and Dibon, and Ataroth, and Aroer, and the borders of them, and called it Nobah, after his own name.

33 These are the journeys of the children of Israel, when they went forth out of the land of Egypt by their hosts under the hand of Moses and Aaron. 2 And Moses wrote their goings out according to their journeys by the commandment of Jehovah: and these are their journeys according to their goings out. 3 And they journeyed from Rameses in the first month, on the fifteenth day of the first month; on the morrow after the passover the children of Israel went out with a high hand in the sight of all the Egyptians, while the Egyptians were burying all their firstborn, whom Jehovah had smitten among them; upon their gods also Jehovah executed judgments.

5 And the children of Israel journeyed from Rameses, and encamped in Succoth. 6 And they journeyed from Succoth, and encamped in 207Edham, which is in the edge of the wilderness. 7 And they journeyed from Etham, and turned back unto Pi-hahiroth, which is before Baal-zephon: and they encamped before Migdol. 8 And they journeyed from before Pi-hahiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness: and they went three days’ journey in the wilderness of Etham, and encamped in Marah. 9 And they journeyed from Marah, and came unto Elim: and in Elim were twelve springs of water, and seventy palm-trees; and they encamped there. 10 And they journeyed from Elim, and encamped by the Red Sea. 11 And they journeyed from the Red Sea, and encamped in Dophkah. 12 And they journeyed from Dophkah, and encamped in Alush. 13 And they journeyed from Alush, and encamped in Rephidim, where was no water for the people to drink. 14 And they journeyed from Rephidim, and encamped in the wilderness of Sinai. 15 And they journeyed from the wilderness of Sinai, and encamped in Kibroth-hattaavah. 16 And they journeyed from Kibroth-hattaavah, and encamped in Hazeroth. 17 And they journeyed from Hazeroth, and encamped in Rithmah. 18 And they journeyed from Rithmah, and encamped in Rimmon-perez. 19 And they journeyed from Rimmon-perez, and encamped in Libnah. 20 And they journeyed from Libnah, and encamped in Rissah. 21 And they journeyed from Rissah, and encamped in Kelah. 22 And they journeyed from Kelah, and encamped in Mount Shepher. 23 And they journeyed from Mount Shepher, and encamped in Haradah. 24 And they journeyed from Haradah, and encamped in Makkeloth. 25 And they journeyed from Makkeloth, and encamped in Tahath. 26 And they journeyed from Tahath, and encamped in Terah. 27 And they journeyed from Terah, and encamped in Mithkah. 28 And they journeyed from Mithkah, and encamped in Hashmonah. 29 And they journeyed from Hashmonah, and encamped in Moseroth. 30 And they journeyed from Moseroth, and encamped in Bene-jaakan. 31 And they journeyed from Bene-jaakan, and encamped in Hor-haggidgad. 32 And they journeyed from Hor-haggidgad, and encamped in Jobbethah. 33 And they journeyed from Jobbethah, and encamped in Abbronah. 34 And they journeyed from Abbronah, and encamped in Ezion-geber. 35 And they journeyed from Ezion-geber, and encamped in the wilderness of Zin (the same is Kadesh). 36 And they journeyed from Kadesh, and encamped in Mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom.

201 That is, The towns of Jair.
202 Hb. daughters
203 Or, stages
204 Or, by which they went forth
205 This passage has given rise to three different views of what happened at the Exodus: The day was reckoned as beginning at sunrise.

The passover lamb was slain before sunset.
Israel delayed their departure by one full day.
206 In more detail, see McClintock & Strong.
207 Probably in the vicinity of modern Ismailia.
208 Severin, Versions read from Pi-hahiroth.
209 The numbers 12 and 70 give rise to comparisons with the 12 tribes of Israel and 70 elders (ch. 11:16) or with the 12 apostles and 70 disciples (Lk 10:17).
38 And Aaron the priest went up into mount Hor at the commandment of Jehovah, and died there, in the fortieth year after the children of Israel were come out of the land of Egypt, in the fifth month, on the first day of the month. 39 And Aaron was a hundred twenty-three years old when he died in mount Hor. 40 And the Canaanite, the king of Arad, who dwelt in the south in the land of Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel. 41 And they journeyed from mount Hor, and encamped in Zalmonah. 42 And they journeyed from Zalmonah, and encamped in Punon. 43 And they journeyed from Punon, and encamped in Oboth. 44 And they journeyed from Oboth, and encamped in Iye-abarim, in the border of Moab. 45 And they journeyed from Iyim, and encamped in Dibon-gad. 46 And they journeyed from Dibon-gad, and encamped in Almon-diblahaim. 47 And they journeyed from Almon-diblahaim, and encamped in the mountains of Abarim, before Nebo. 48 And they journeyed from the mountains of Abarim, and encamped in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho. 49 And they encamped by the Jordan, from Beh-jeshimoth even unto Abel-shittim in the plains of Moab.

50 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 51 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 52 then ye shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you, and destroy all their figured stones, and destroy all their molten images, and demolish all their high places: 53 and ye shall take possession of the land, and dwell therein; for unto you have I given the land to possess it. 54 And ye shall inherit the land by lot according to your families; to the more ye shall give the more inheritance, and to the fewer thou shalt give the less inheritance: wheresoever the lot falleth to any man, that shall be his; according to the tribes of your fathers shall ye inherit. 55 But if ye will not drive out the inhabitants of the land from before you, then shall those that ye let remain of them be as pricks in your eyes, and as thorns in your sides, and they shall vex you in the land where-in ye dwell. 56 And it shall come to pass, that, as I thought to do unto them, so will I do unto you.

34 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye come into the land of Canaan (this is the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance, even the land of Canaan according to the borders thereof), 3 then your south quarter shall be from the wilderness of Zin along by the side of Edom, and your south border shall be from the end of the Salt Sea eastward; 4 and your border shall turn about southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and pass along to Zin; and the going out thereof shall be southward of Kadesh-barnea; and it shall go forth to Hazar-addar, and pass along to Azmon; 5 and the border shall turn about from Azmon unto the brook of Egypt, and the goings out thereof shall be at the sea.

6 And for the western border, ye shall have the great sea and the border thereof: this shall be your west border.

7 And this shall be your north border: from the great sea ye shall mark out for you mount Hor; 8 from mount Hor ye shall mark out unto the entrance of Hamath; and the goings out of the border shall be at Zedad; 9 and the border shall go forth to Ziphron, and the goings out thereof shall be at Hazar-Enan: this shall be your north border.

10 And ye shall mark 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 go down, and shall reach unto the side of the sea of Chinnereth eastward; 12 and the border shall go down to the Jordan, and the goings out thereof shall be at the Salt Sea. This shall be your land according to the borders thereof round about.

13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which ye shall inherit by lot, which Jehovah hath commanded to give unto the nine tribes, and to the half-tribe: 14 for the tribe of the children of Reuben according to their fathers’ houses, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to their fathers’ houses, have received, and the half-tribe of Manasseh have received, their inheritance: 15 the two tribes and the half-tribe have received their inheritance beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, toward the rising sun.

16 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 17 These are the names of the men that shall divide the land unto you for inheritance: Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. 18 And ye shall take one prince of every tribe, to divide the land for inheritance. 19 And these are the names of the men: Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the son of Jephunneh. 20 And of the tribe of the children of Simeon, Shemuel the son of Ammihud. 21 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Elidad the son of Chislon. 22 And of the tribe of the children of Dan a prince, Bukki the son of Jogli. 23 Of the children of Joseph: of the tribe of the children of Manasseh a prince, Hannel the son of Ephod. 24 And of the tribe of the children of Ephraim a prince, Kemuel the son of Shiphtan. 25 And of the tribe of the children of Zebulun a prince, Elizaphan the son of Parnach. 26 And of the tribe of the children of Issachar a prince, Paltech the son of Azzan. 27 And of the tribe of the children of Asher a prince, Ahihud the son of Shelomi. 28 And of the tribe of the children of Naphtali a prince, Pedahel the son of Ammihud. 29 These are they whom Jehovah commanded to divide the inheritance unto the children of Israel in the land of Cannan.

35 And Jehovah spake unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites of the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and suburbs for the cities round about them shall ye give unto the Levites. 3 And the cities shall they have to dwell in; and their suburbs shall be for their cattle, and for their substance, and for all their beasts. 4 And the suburbs of the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall be from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. 5 And ye shall measure without the city for the east side two thousand cubits, and for the south side two thousand cubits, and for the side to the west two thousand cubits, and for the north side two thousand cubits, the city being in the midst. This shall be to them the suburbs of the cities. 6 And the cities which ye shall give unto the Levites, they shall be the six cities of refuge, which ye shall
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give for the manslayer to flee unto: and besides them ye shall give forty-two cities. 7 All the cities which ye shall give to the Levites shall be forty-eight cities; them shall ye give with their suburbs. 8 And concerning the cities which ye shall give of the possession of the children of Israel, from the many ye shall take many; and from the few ye shall take few: every one according to his inheritance which he inheriteth shall give of his cities unto the Levites.

9 And Jehovah spake unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, 11 then ye shall appoint you cities to be cities of refuge for you, that the manslayer that killeth a soul unwittingly may flee thither. 12 And the cities shall be unto you for refuge from the avenger, that the manslayer die not, until he stand before the congregation for judgment. 13 And the cities which ye shall give shall be for you six cities of refuge. 14 Ye shall give three cities beyond the Jordan, and three cities ye shall give in the land of Canaan; they shall be cities of refuge. 15 For the children of Israel, and for the stranger and for the sojourner among them, shall these six cities be for refuge; that every one that killeth a soul unwittingly may flee thither.

16 But if he smote him with an instrument of iron, so that he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 17 And if he smote him with a stone in the hand, whereby a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 18 Or if he smote him with a weapon of wood in the hand, whereby a man may die, and he died, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 19 The avenger of blood shall himself put the murderer to death: when he meeteth him, he shall put him to death. 20 And if he thrust him of hatred, or hurled at him, lying in wait, so that he died, 21 or in enmity smite him with his hand, so that he died; he shall and smite him of hatred, or hurled at him, which he died; he is a murderer: the avenger of blood shall put the murderer to death, when he meeteth him.

22 But if he thrust him suddenly without enmity, or hurled upon him anything without lying in wait, 23 or with any stone, whereby a man may die, seeing him not, and cast it upon him, so that he died, and he was not his enemy, neither sought his harm; 24 then the congregation shall judge between the slayer and the avenger of blood according to these ordinances; 25 and the congregation shall deliver the manslayer out of the hand of the avenger of blood, and the congregation shall restore him to his city of refuge, whither he was fled: and he shall dwell therein 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 beyond the border of his city of refuge, whither he fleeth, 27 and the avenger of blood find him without the border of his city of refuge, and the avenger of blood slay the manslayer; 28 he shall not be guilty of blood, because he should have remained in his city of refuge until the death of the high priest: but after the death of the high priest the manslayer shall return into the land of his possession.

29 And these things shall be for a statute and ordinance unto you throughout your generations in all your dwellings.

30 Whoso killeth any soul, the murderer shall be slain at the mouth of witnesses: but one witness shall not testify against any soul that he die. 31 Moreover ye shall take no bribe for the soul of a murderer, that is guilty of death; but he shall surely be put to death. 32 And ye shall take no bribe for him that is fled to his city of refuge, that he may come again to dwell in the land, until the death of the priest. 33 So ye shall not pollute the land wherein ye are: for blood, it polluteth the land; and no expiation can be made for the land for the blood that is shed therein, but by the blood of him that shed it. 34 And thou shalt not defile the land which ye inherit, in the midst of which I dwell: for I, Jehovah, dwell in the midst of the children of Israel.

36 And the heads of the fathers’ houses of the family of the children of Gilead, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph, came near, and spake before Moses, and before the princes, the heads of the fathers’ houses of the children of Israel: and they said, Jehovah commanded my lord to give the land for inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my lord was commanded by Jehovah to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters. 3 And if they be married to any of the sons of the other tribes of the children of Israel, then will their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of our fathers, and will be added to the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they shall belong: so will it be taken away from the lot of our inheritance. 4 And when the jubilee of the children of Israel shall be, then will their inheritance be added unto the inheritance of the tribe whereunto they shall belong: so will their inheritance be taken away from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers.

5 And Moses commanded the children of Israel according to the word of Jehovah, saying, The tribe of the sons of Joseph speaketh right. 6 This is the thing which Jehovah doth command concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying, Let them be married to whom they think best: only into the family of the tribe of their father shall they be married. 7 So shall no inheritance of the children of Israel remove from tribe to tribe; for the children of Israel shall cleave every one to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. 8 And every daughter, that possesseth an inheritance in any tribe of the children of Israel, shall be wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father, that the children of Israel may possess every man the inheritance of his fathers. 9 So shall no inheritance remove from one tribe to another tribe; for the tribes of the children of Israel shall cleave every one to his own inheritance.

10 Even as Jehovah commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad: 11 for Mahlah, Tirzah, and Hoglah, and Milcah, and Noah, the daughters of Zelophehad, were married unto their father’s brothers’ sons. 12 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 ordinances which Jehovah commanded by Moses unto the children of Israel in the plains of Moab by the Jordan at Jericho.
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1:2 Moses recounts the Departure from Horeb

1:11 The appointment of Assistants

1 These are the words which Moses spake unto all Israel beyond the Jordan in the wilderness, in the 1Arabah over against Suph, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Hazeroth, and Dizahab. 2 It is “eleven days’ journey from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea. 3 And it came to pass in the fourtieth year, in the eleventh month, on the first day of the month, that Moses spake unto the children of Israel, according unto all that Jehovah had given him in commandment unto them; 4 after he had smitten Sihon the king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, who dwelt in Ashtaroth, at Edrei. 5 Beyond the Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to declare this law, saying, 6 Jehovah our God spake unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have dwelt long enough in this mountain: take your journey, and go to the hill-country of the Amorites, as Jehovah our God commanded you at that time all the things which ye should do. 7 And ye journeyed, and went through all the wilderness, where thou hast seen Jehovah thy God in all the way that ye went, until ye came unto this place. 8 And Jehovah spake unto you at that time, saying, I have setteth the land before thee: go up, take possession, which Jehovah our God giveth unto us. 9 And we journeyed from Horeb, and went through all the way by which we must go up, and the cities unto which they may search the land for us, and bring us word again of the way by which we must go up, and the cities unto which we shall come. 10 And the thing pleased me well; and I took twelve men of you, one man for every tribe: 11 And they turned and went up into the hill-country, and came unto the valley of Eschol, and spied it out. 12 And they took of the fruit of the land in their hands, and brought it down unto us, and brought us word again, and said, Good is the land which Jehovah our God giveth unto us.

16 Yet ye would not go up, but rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah your God: 17 and ye murmured in your tents, and said, Because Jehovah hated us, he hath brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Amorites, to destroy us. 18 Whither are we going up? our brethren have made our heart to melt, 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. 19 Then I said unto you, Dread not, neither be afraid of them. 20 Jehovah your God which goeth before you, he will fight for you, according to all that he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 21 and in the wilderness, where thou hast seen how that Jehovah thy God bare thee, as a man doth bear his son, in all the way that ye went, until ye came unto this place. 22 Yet in this thing ye did not believe Jehovah your God, 23 who went before you in the way, to seek out a place to pitch your tents in, in fire by night, to show you by what way ye should go, and in the cloud by day.

24 And Jehovah heard the voice of your words, and was wroth, and sware, saying, 25 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see the good land, which I sware to give unto your fathers, save Caleb the son of Jephunneh; he shall see it; and to him will I give the land that he hath trodden upon, and to his children, because he hath wholly followed Jehovah. 26 Also Jehovah was angry with me for your sakes, saying, Thou shalt not go in thither: Joshua the son of Nun, who standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage thou him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 27 Joshua the son of Nun, who standeth before thee, he shall go in thither: encourage thou him; for he shall cause Israel to inherit it. 28 Moreover your little ones, that ye said should be a prey, and your children, that this day have no knowledge of good or evil, they shall go in thither, and unto them will I give it, and they shall possess it. 29 But as for you, turn you, and take your journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea.

34 Then ye answered and said unto me, We have sinned against Jehovah, we will go up and fight, according to all that Jehovah our God commanded us. And ye girded on every man his weapons of war, and 3were forward to go up into the hill-country. 35 And Jehovah said unto me, Say unto them, Go not up, neither fight; for I am not among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. 36 So I spake unto you, and ye

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1 That is, the deep valley running south and north of the Dead Sea.
2 If 25 km/day were the maximum, then 275 km or less.
3 Perhaps more than 2 thousand million is implied.
4 Or, for all this thing ye did not believe.
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hearkened not; but ye rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah, and were presumptuous, and went up into the hill-country. 44 And the Amorites, that dwelt in that hill-country, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and beat you down in Seir, even unto Hormah. 45 And ye returned and wept before Jehovah; but Jehovah hearkened not to your voice, nor gave ear unto you. 46 So ye abode in Kadesh many days, according unto the days that ye abode there.

2 Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way to the Red Sea, as Jehovah spake unto me; and we compassed mount Seir many days. 2 And Jehovah spake unto me, saying, 3 Ye have compassed this mountain long enough: turn you northward. 4 And command thou the people, saying, Ye are to pass through the border of thy brethren the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir; and they will be afraid of you. Take ye good heed unto yourselves therefore; 5 contend not with me: for I will not give you of their land, no, not so much as for the sole of the foot to tread on; because I have given mount Seir unto Esau for a possession. 6 Ye shall purchase food of them for money, that ye may eat; and ye shall also buy water of them for money, that ye may drink. 7 For Jehovah thy God hath blessed thee in all the work of thy hand; he hath known thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years Jehovah thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing. 8 So we passed by from our brethren the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir, from the way of the Arabah from Elath and from Ezion-geber.

And we turned and passed by the way of the wilderness of Moab. 9 And Jehovah said unto me, Vex not Moab, neither contend with them in battle; for I will not give thee of his land for a possession; because I have given Ar unto the children of Lot for a possession. 10 (The Emim dwelt therein aforetime, a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim: 11 these also are accounted Rephaim, as the Anakim; but the Moabites call them Emim. 12 The Horites also dwelt in Seir aforetime, but the children of Esau succeeded them; and they destroyed them from before them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel did unto the land of his possession, which Jehovah gave unto them.) 13 Now rise up, and get you over the brook Zered. And we went over the brook Zered. 14 And the days in which we came from Kadesh-barnea, until we were come over the brook Zered, were thirty-eight years; until all the generation of the men of war were consumed from the midst of the camp, as Jehovah swore unto them. 15 Moreover the hand of Jehovah was against them, to destroy them from the midst of the camp, until they were consumed. 16 So it came to pass, when all the men of war were consumed and dead from among the people, 17 that Jehovah spake unto me, saying, 18 thou art this day to pass over Ar, the border of Moab: 19 and when thou comest nigh over against the children of Ammon, vex them not, nor contend with them; for I will not give thee of the land of the children of Ammon for a possession; because I have given it unto the children of Lot for a possession. 20 (That also is accounted a land of

7 Rephaim: Rephaim dwelt therein aforetime; but the Ammonites call them Zamzummim, 21 a people great, and many, and tall, as the Anakim; but Jehovah destroyed them before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead; 22 as he did for the children of Esau, that dwell in Seir, when he destroyed the Horites from before them; and they succeeded them, and dwelt in their stead even unto this day. 23 And the Amorites, that dwelt in villages as far as Gaza, the Caphtorim, that came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead.) 24 Rise ye up, take your journey, and pass over the valley of the Arnon: behold, I have given into thy 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 thee and the fear of thee upon the peoples that are under the whole heaven, who shall hear the report of thee, and shall tremble, and be in anguish because of thy face.

26 And I sent messengers out of the wilderness of Kedemoth unto Sihon king of Heshbon with words of peace, saying, 27 Let me pass through thy land: I will go along by the highway, I will turn neither unto the right hand nor to the left. 28 Thou shalt sell me food for money, that I may eat; and give me water for money, that I may drink: only let me pass through on my feet; 29 as the children of Esau that dwell in Seir, and the Moabites that dwell in Ar, did unto me; until I shall pass over the Jordan into the land which Jehovah our God giveth us. 30 But Sihon king of Heshbon would not let us pass by; for Jehovah thy God hardened his spirit, and made his heart obstinate, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as at this day. 31 And Jehovah said unto me, Behold, I have begun to deliver up Sihon and his land before thee: begin to possess, that thou mayest inherit his land. 32 Then Sihon came out against us, he and all his people, unto battle at Jahaz. 33 And Jehovah our God delivered him up before us; and we smote him, and his 10 sons, and all his people. 34 And we took all his cities at that time, and utterly destroyed every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones; we left none remaining: 35 only the cattle we took for a prey unto ourselves, with the spoil of the cities which we had taken. 36 From Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and from the city that is in the valley, even unto Gilead, there was not a city too high for us; Jehovah our God delivered up all before us: 37 only to the land of the children of Ammon thou camest not near; all the side of the river Jabbok, and the cities of the hill-country, and wheresoever Jehovah our God forbad us.

3 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, unto battle at Edrei. 2 And Jehovah said unto me, Fear him not; for I have delivered him, and all his people, and his land, into thy hand; and thou shalt do unto him as thou didst unto Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt at Heshbon. 3 So Jehovah our God delivered into our hand Og also, the king of Bashan, and all his people: and we smote

5 Or, deemed it a light thing to go up
6 Hurrians; a Caucasian people, who likely came into the land with Tidal, king of Goyim (Gutium). Compare Ge 14:1-9.
7 Or possibly, giants Also in vs. 10, and ch. 3:11.
8 Hb. by the way, by the way,
9 Hb. strong,
10 Or, son,
11 Hb. devoted every
12 Hb. city of men,

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13 Or, country towns
14 Hb. devoted them,
15 Hb. city of men,
16 Or, table-land,
17 That is, 4 meters long and 1.8 meters wide.
18 Or, all the region of Argob. (All that Bashan is called the land of Rephaim.
19 Or, with
20 Or, for a border, And in vs. 17.
21 Or, springs
22 Or, hill-country,
23 Or, God
24 Hb. words;

him until none was left to him 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 were cities fortified with high walls, double gates, and bars; besides the unwalled towns a great many. 6 And we utterly destroyed them, as we did unto Sihon king of Heshbon, utterly destroying every inhabited city, with the women and the little ones. 7 But all the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took for a prey unto ourselves. 8 And we took the land at that time out of the hand of the two kings of the Amorites that were beyond the Jordan, from the valley of the Arnon unto mount Hermon (which Hermon the Sidonians call Sirion, and the Amorites call it Senir); 9 all the cities of the plain, and all Gilead, and all Bashan, unto Salekah and Edrei, cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan. 10 (For only Og king of Bashan remained of the remnant of the Rephaim; behold, his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; is it not in Rabbah of the children of Ammon? 11 nine cubits was the breadth thereof, and four cubits the breadth of it, after the cubit of a man.)

12 And this land we took in possession at that time: from Arorer, which is by the valley of the Arnon, and half the hill-country of Gilead, and the cities thereof, gave I unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites: 13 and the rest of Gilead, and all Bashan, the kingdom of Og, gave I unto the half-tribe of Manasseh; 14 all the region of Argob, even all Bashan. (The same is called the land of Rephaim. 15 Jair the son of Manasseh took all the region of Argob, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and called them, even Bashan, after his own name, Havvoth-jair, unto this day.) 16 And I gave Gilead unto Machir. 17 And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave from Gilead even unto the valley of the Arnon, the middle of the valley, 18 and the border thereof, even unto the river Jabbok, which is the border of the children of Ammon; 19 the Arabah also, and the Jordan and the border thereof, from Chinnereth even unto the sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, under the slopes of Pisgah eastward.

18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, Jehovah thy God hath given this land to possess it: ye shall pass over armed before your brethren the children of Israel, all the men of valor. 19 But your wives, and your little ones, and your cattle (I know that ye have much cattle), shall abide in your cities which I have given you, 20 until Jehovah give rest unto your brethren as unto you, and they also possess the land which Jehovah your God giveth them beyond the Jordan: then shall ye return every man unto his possession, which I have given you. 21 And I commanded Joshua at that time, saying, Thine eyes have seen all that Jehovah thy God hath done unto these two kings: so shall Jehovah do unto all the kingdoms whither thou goest over. 22 Ye shall not fear them; for Jehovah your God, he it is that fighteth for you.

23 And I besought Jehovah at that time, saying, O Lord Jehovah, thou hast begun to show thy servant thy greatness, and thy strong hand: for what god is there in heaven or on earth, that can do according to thy works, and according to thy mighty acts? 24 Let me go over, I pray thee, and see the good land that is beyond the Jordan, that goodly mountain, and Lebanon. 25 But Jehovah was wroth with me for your sakes, and hearkened not unto me; and Jehovah said unto me, Let it suffice thee; speak no more unto me of this matter. 26 Go up unto the top of Pisgah, and lift up thine eyes westward, and northward, and southward, and eastward, and behold with thine eyes: for thou shalt not go over this Jordan. 27 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 thou shalt see. 28 So we abode in the valley over against Beth-peor.

4 And now, O Israel, hearken unto the statutes and unto the ordinances, which I teach you, to do them; that ye may live, and go in and possess the land which Jehovah, the God of your fathers, giveth you. 2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, neither shall ye diminish from it, that ye may keep the commandments of Jehovah your God which I command you. 3 Your eyes have seen what Jehovah did because of Baal-peor; for all the men that followed Baal-peor, Jehovah thy God hath destroyed them from the midst of thee. 4 But ye that did cleave unto Jehovah your God are alive every one of you this day. 5 Behold, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, even as Jehovah my God commanded me, that ye should do so in the midst of the land whither ye go in to possess it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding in the sight of the peoples, that shall hear all these statutes, and say, Surely this great nation is a wise and understanding people. 7 For what great nation is there, that hath a god so nigh unto them, as Jehovah our God is whenever we call upon him? 8 And what great nation is there, that hath statutes and ordinances so righteous as all this law, which I set before you this day?

9 Only take heed to thyself, and keep thy soul diligently, lest thou forget the things which thine eyes saw, and lest they depart from thy heart all the days of thy life; but make them known unto thy children and thy children’s children; 10 the day that thou standest before Jehovah thy God in Horeb, when Jehovah said unto me, Assemble me the people, and I will make them hear my words, that they may learn to fear me all the days that they live upon the earth, and that they may teach their children. 11 And ye came near and stood under the mountain; and the mountain burned with fire unto the heart of heaven, with darkness, cloud, and thick darkness. 12 And Jehovah spake unto you out of the midst of the fire: ye heard a voice of words, but ye saw no form; only ye heard a voice. 13 And he declared unto you his covenant, which he commanded you to perform, even the ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two tables of stone.
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commanded me at that time to teach you statutes and ordinances, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it.

15 Take ye therefore good heed unto your souls; for ye saw no manner of form on the day that Jehovah spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire; 16 lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image in 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 flieth in the heavens, 18 the likeness of anything that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the water under the earth; 19 and lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun and the moon and the stars, even all the host of heaven, thou be drawn away and worship them, and serve them, which Jehovah thy God hath allotted unto all the peoples under the whole heaven. 20 But Jehovah hath taken you, and brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be unto him a people of inheritance, as at this day. 21 Furthermore Jehovah was angry with me for your sakes, and said to me, Thou shalt not go over the Jordan; but ye shall go over, and possess that good land, which Jehovah thy God hath allotted unto all the peoples under the whole heaven. 22 But I must die in this land, I must not go over the Jordan; but ye shall go over, and possess that good land. 23 Take heed unto yourselves, lest ye forget the covenant of Jehovah your God, which he made with you, and make you a graven image in the form of anything which Jehovah thy God hath forbidden thee. 24 For Jehovah thy God is a devouring fire, a jealous God.

25 When thou shalt beget children, and children’s children, and ye shall have been long in the land, and shalt corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image in the form of anything which Jehovah thy God hath forbidden thee. 26 And Jehovah will scatter you among the peoples, and ye shall be left few in number among the nations, whither Jehovah shall lead you away. 27 And there ye shall serve gods, the work of men’s hands, wood and stone, which neither see, nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 28 But from thence ye shall seek Jehovah thy God, and thou shalt find him, when thou searchest after him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. 29 When ye are in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, 30 in the latter days thou shalt return to Jehovah thy God, and hearken unto his voice: 31 for Jehovah thy God is a merciful God; he will not fail thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

32 For ask now of the days that are past, which were before thee, since the day that God created man upon the earth, and from the one end of heaven unto the other, whether there hath been any such thing as this great thing is, or hath been heard like it? 33 Did ever a people hear the voice of God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and live? 34 Or hath God assayed 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 an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, according to all that Jehovah your God did for you in Egypt before your eyes? 35 Unto thee it was showed, that thou mightest know that Jehovah he is God; there is none else besides him. 36 Out of heaven he made thee to hear his voice, that he might instruct thee: and upon earth he made thee to see his great fire; and thou heardest his words out of the midst of the fire. 37 And because he loved thy fathers, therefore he chose their seed after them, and brought thee out with his presence, with his great power, out of Egypt; 38 to drive out nations from before thee greater and mightier than thou, to bring thee in, to give thee their land for an inheritance, as at this day. 39 Know therefore this day, and lay it to thy heart, that Jehovah he is God in heaven above and upon the earth beneath; there is none else. 40 And thou shalt keep his statutes, and his commandments, which I command thee this day, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days in the land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, for ever.

41 Then Moses set apart three cities beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise; 42 that the manslayer might flee thither, that he might be met and instructed, and judged by the elders of his city. 43 namely, Bezer in the wilderness, in the midst of the Jordan, against Almon-dod the Plain, 44 and Adar in the land of Gilead, in the plain country, for the Reubenites; and Hebron in the valley of Aroer, 45 which is the city of Arnon, which is the middle of the border of the Amorites, which dwelt at Heshbon, whom Moses and the children of Israel smote, when they came forth out of Egypt. 46 And they took his land in possession, and the land of Og king of Bashan, the two kings of the Amorites, who were beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise; 47 from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of Arnon, even unto mount Pisgah, 48 and all the Arabah beyond the Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the Arabah, under the slopes of Pisgah.

5 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Hear O Israel, the statutes and the ordinances which I speak in your ears this day, that ye may learn them, and observe them. 2 Jehovah our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. 3 Jehovah made not this covenant with our fathers, but with us, even us, who are all of us here alive this day. 4 Jehovah spake with you face to face in the mount out of the midst of the fire 5 (I stood between Jehovah and you at that time, to show you the words of Jehovah: for ye were afraid because of the fire, and went not up into the mount), saying, 6 I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

7 [#1] Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
8 [2] Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any form of anything that is in heaven above or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 9 thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I, Jehovah thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me; 10 and showing loving-kindness unto [39] thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

11 [3] Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain: for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

12 [4] Observe the sabbath day, to keep it holy, as Jehovah thy God commanded thee. 13 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; 14 but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jehovah thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may rest as well as thou. 15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah thy God brought thee out thence by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm: therefore Jehovah thy God commanded thee: thou shalt not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.


21 [10] Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s wife; thou shalt not covet thy neighbor’s house, his field, or his man-servant, or his maid-servant, or his ox, or his ass, or anything that is thy neighbor’s.

22 These words Jehovah spake unto 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: and he added no more. And he wrote them upon two tables of stone, and gave them unto me. 23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mountain was burning with fire, that ye came near unto me, even all the heads of your tribes, and your elders; 24 and ye said, Behold, Jehovah our God hath showed 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 doth speak with man, and he liveth. 25 Now therefore why should we die? for this great fire will consume us: if we hear the voice of Jehovah our God any more, then we shall die. 26 For who is there of all flesh, that hath heard the voice of the living God speaking out of the midst of the fire, as we have, and lived? 27 Go thou near, and hear all that Jehovah our God shall say: and speak thou unto us all that Jehovah our God shall speak unto thee; and we will hear it, and do it.

28 And Jehovah heard the voice of your words, when ye spake unto me; and Jehovah said unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have well said all that they have spoken. 29 Oh 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 for ever! 30 Go say to them, Return ye to your tents. 31 But as for thee, stand thou here by me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which thou shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land which I give them to possess it. 32 Ye shall observe to do therefore as Jehovah your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. 33 Ye shall walk in all the way which Jehovah your God hath commanded you, that ye may live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may prolong your days in the land which ye shall possess.

Now this is the commandment, the statutes, and the ordinances which Jehovah your God commanded to teach you, that ye might do them in the land whither ye go over to possess it; 2 that thou mightest fear Jehovah thy God, to keep all his statutes and his commandments, which I command thee, thou, and thy son, and thy son’s son, all the days of thy life; and that thy days may be prolonged. 3 Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe to do it; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase mightily, as Jehovah, the God of thy fathers, hath promised unto thee, in a land flowing with milk and honey.

4 Hear, O Israel: Jehovah is our God, Jehovah is one: 5 and thou shalt love Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. 6 And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be upon thy heart; 7 and thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou risest up. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be for frontlets between thine eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates.

10 And it shall be, when Jehovah thy God shall bring thee into the land which he sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give thee, great and goodly cities, which thou buildedst not, 11 and houses full of all good things, which thou filledest not, and cisterns hewn out, which thou hewedst not, vineyards and olive-trees, which thou plantedst not, and thou shalt eat and be full; 12 then beware lest thou forget Jehovah, who brought thee forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 13 Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God; and him shalt thou serve, and shall swear by his name.
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shall not go after other gods, of the gods of the peoples that are round about you; 15 for Jehovah thy God in the midst of thee is a jealous God; lest the anger of Jehovah thy God be kindled against thee, and he destroy thee from off the face of the earth.

16 Ye shall not tempt Jehovah your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. 17 Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of Jehovah your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, which he hath commanded thee. 18 And thou shalt do that which is right and good in the sight of Jehovah; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest go in and possess the good land which Jehovah sware unto thy fathers, 19 to thrust out all thine enemies from before thee, as Jehovah hath spoken.

20 When thy son asketh thee in time to come, saying, What mean the testimonies, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which Jehovah our God hath commanded you? 21 then thou shalt say unto thy son, We were Pharaoh’s bondmen in Egypt: and Jehovah brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand; 22 and Jehovah showed signs and wonders, great and sore, upon Egypt, upon Pharaoh, and upon all his house, before our eyes; 23 and he brought us out from thence, that he might bring us in, to give us the land which he sware unto our fathers. 24 And Jehovah commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear Jehovah our God, for our good all our days, that he might preserve us alive, as at this day. 25 And it shall be righteousness unto us, if we observe to do all this commandment before Jehovah our God, as he hath commanded us.

7 When Jehovah thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and shall cast out many nations before thee, the Hittite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Canaanite, and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, seven nations greater and mightier than thou; 2 and when Jehovah thy God shall deliver them up before thee, and thou shalt smite them; then thou shalt utterly destroy them: thou shalt make no covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them; 3 neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy daughter thou shalt not give unto his son, nor his daughter shalt thou take unto thy son. 4 For he will turn away thy son from following me, that he may serve other gods: so will the anger of Jehovah be kindled against you, and he will destroy thee quickly. 5 But thus shall ye deal with them: ye shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their 42 pillars, and hew down their Asherim, and burn their graven images with fire.

6 For thou art a holy people unto Jehovah thy God: Jehovah thy God hath chosen thee to be a people for his own possession, above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth. 7 Jehovah did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all peoples: 8 but because Jehovah loveth you, and because he would keep the oath which he sware unto your fathers, hath Jehovah brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondage, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that Jehovah thy God, he is God, the faithful God, who keepeth covenant and lovingkindness with them that love him and keep his commandments to 46a thousand generations, and repayeth them that hate him to their face, to destroy them: he will not be slack to him that hateth him, he will repay him to his face. 11 Thou shalt therefore keep the commandment, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which I command thee this day, to do them.

12 And it shall come to pass, because ye hearken to these ordinances, and keep and do them, that Jehovah thy God will keep with thee the covenant and the lovingkindness which he sware unto thy fathers: 13 and he will love thee, and bless thee, and multiply thee, and he will also bless the fruit of thy body and the fruit of thy ground, thy grain and thy new wine and thine oil, the increase of thy cattle and the young of thy flock, in the land which he sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 14 Thou shalt be blessed above all peoples: there shall not be male or female barren among you, or among your cattle. 15 And Jehovah will take away from thee all sickness; and none of the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, will he put upon thee, but will lay them upon all them that hate thee. 16 And thou shalt consume all the peoples that Jehovah thy God shall deliver unto thee; thine eye shall not pity them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.

17 If thou shalt say in thy heart, These nations are more than I; how can I dispossess them? 18 thou shalt not be afraid of them: thou shalt well remember what Jehovah thy God did unto Pharaoh, and unto all Egypt; 19 the great trials whine eyes saw, and the signs, and the wonders, and the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, whereby Jehovah thy God brought thee out: so shall Jehovah thy God do unto all the peoples of whom thou art afraid. 20 Moreover Jehovah thy God will send the hornet among them, until they that are left, and hide themselves, perish from before thee. 21 Thou shalt not be affrighted at them; for Jehovah thy God is in the midst of thee, a great God and awesome. 22 And Jehovah thy God will cast out those nations before thee by little and little: thou mayest not consume them at once, lest the beasts of the field increase upon thee. 23 But Jehovah thy God will deliver them up before thee, and will discomfit them with a great discomfiture, until they be destroyed. 24 And he will deliver their kings into thy hand, and thou shalt make their name to perish from under heaven: there shall no man be able to stand before thee, until thou have destroyed them. 25 The graven images of their gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not covet the silver or the gold that is on them, nor take it unto thee, lest thou be snared therein; for it is an abomination to Jehovah thy God. 26 And thou shalt not bring an abomination into thy house, and become a devoted thing like unto it: thou shalt utterly destroy it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is a devoted thing.

8 All the commandment which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do, that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and possess the land which Jehovah thy God hath led thee these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble thee, to prove thee, to know what was in thy heart, whether thou wouldest keep his commandments, or
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9 Hear, O Israel: thou art to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than thyself, cities great and fortified up to the sky, 2 a people great and tall, the sons of the Anakim, whom thou knowest, and of whom thou hast heard say, Who can stand before the sons of Anak? 3 Know therefore this day, that Jehovah thy God is he who goeth over before thee as a devouring fire; he will destroy them, and he will bring them down before thee: so shalt thou drive them out, and make them to perish quickly, as Jehovah hath spoken unto thee. 4 Speak not thou in thy heart, after that Jehovah thy God hath thrust them out from before thee, 5 Not for thy righteousness, or for the uprightness of thy heart, dost thou go in to possess their land; but for the wickedness of these nations Jehovah doth drive them out from before thee, and that he may establish the word which Jehovah hath sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

6 Know therefore, that Jehovah thy God giveth thee not this good land to possess it for thy righteousness; for thou art a stiffnecked people. 7 Remember, forget thou not, how thou provokedst Jehovah thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the day that thou wentest forth out of the land of Egypt, until ye came unto this place, ye have been rebellious against Jehovah. 8 Also in Horeb ye provoked Jehovah to wrath, and Jehovah was angry with you to destroy you. 9 When I was gone up into the mount to receive the tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant which Jehovah made with you, then I abode in the mount forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water. 10 And Jehovah delivered unto me the two tables of stone written with the finger of God; and on them was written according to all the words, which Jehovah spake 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 Jehovah gave me the two tables of stone, even the tables of the covenant. 12 And Jehovah said unto me, Arise, get thee down quickly from hence; for thy people that thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have corrupted themselves; they are quickly turned aside out of the way which I commanded them; they have made them a molten image. 13 Furthermore Jehovah spake unto 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 thee a nation mightier and greater than they. 15 So I turned and came down from the mount, and the mount was burning with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were in my hands. 16 And I looked, and, behold, ye had sinned against Jehovah your God; ye had made you a molten calf: ye had turned aside quickly out of the way which Jehovah had commanded you. 17 And I took hold of the two tables, and cast them out of my two hands, and brake them before your eyes. 18 And I fell down before Jehovah, as at the first, forty days and forty nights; I did neither eat bread nor drink water; because of all your sin which ye sinned, in doing that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. 19 For I was afraid of the anger and hot displeasure, wherewith Jehovah was wrath against you to destroy you. But Jehovah hearkened unto me that time also. 20 And Jehovah was very angry with Aaron to destroy him: and I prayed for Aaron also at the same time. 21 And I took your sin, the calf which ye had made, and burnt it with fire, and stamped it, grinding it very small until it was as fine as dust: and I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descended out of the mount.

22 And at Taberah, and at Massah, and at Kibroth-hattaavah, ye provoked Jehovah to wrath. 23 And when Jehovah sent you from Kadesh-barnea, saying, Go up and possess the land which I have given you; then ye rebelled against the commandment of Jehovah your God, and ye believed him not, nor hearkened to his voice. 24 Ye have been rebellious against Jehovah from the day that I knew you.

25 So I fell down before Jehovah the forty days and forty nights that I fell down, because Jehovah had said he would destroy you. 26 And I prayed unto Jehovah, and said, O Lord Jehovah, destroy not thy people and thine inheritance, that

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thou hast redeemed through thy greatness, that thou hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 27 Remember thy servants, Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; look not unto the stubbornness of this people, nor to their wickedness, nor to their sin, lest the land whence thou bringest us out say, Because Jehovah was not able to bring them into the land which he promised unto them, and because he hated them, he hath brought them out to slay them in the wilderness. 28 Yet they are thy people and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest out by thy great power and by thine outstretched arm.

10 At that time Jehovah said unto me, Hew thee two tables of stone like unto the first, and come up unto me into the mount, and make thee an ark of wood. 2 And I will write on the tables the words that were on the first tables which thou brakest, and thou shalt put them in the ark. 3 So I made an ark of acacia wood, and hewed two tables of stone like unto the first, and went up into the mount, having the two tables in my hand. 4 And he wrote on the tables, according to the first writing, the ten commandments, which Jehovah spake unto you in the mount out of the midst of the fire in the day of the assembly: and Jehovah gave them unto me. 5 And I turned and came down from the mount, and put the tables in the ark which I had made; and there they are as Jehovah commanded me. 6 (And the children of Israel journeyed from Beeroth Bene-jaakan to Moserah. There Aaron died, and there he was buried; and Eleazar his son ministered in the priest's office in his stead. 7 From thence they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Jobpathah, a land of brooks of water. 8 At that time Jehovah set apart the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, to stand before Jehovah to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, unto this day. 9 Wherefore Levi hath no portion nor inheritance with his brethren; Jehovah is his inheritance, according as Jehovah thy God spake unto him.) 10 And I stayed in the mount, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights; and Jehovah hearkened unto me that time also; and Jehovah would destroy them. 11 And Jehovah said unto me, Arise, take thy journey before the people; and they shall go in and possess the land, whither ye go over to possess it; 12 And now, Israel, what doth Jehovah thy God require of thee, but to fear Jehovah thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve Jehovah thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, 13 to keep the commandments of Jehovah, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good? 14 Behold, unto Jehovah thy God belongeth the heavens and the heavens of heavens, the earth, with all that is therein. 15 Only Jehovah had a delight in thy fathers to love them, and he chose their seed after them, even you above all peoples, as at this day. 16 Circumcise therefore the foreskin of your heart, and be no more stiffnecked. 17 For Jehovah your God, he is God of gods, and Lord of lords, the great God, the mighty, and the awesome, who regardeth not persons, nor taketh reward. 18 He doth execute justice for the fatherless and widow, and loveth the sojourner, in giving him food and raiment. 19 Love ye therefore the sojourner; for ye were sojourners in the land of Egypt. 20 Thou shalt fear Jehovah thy God; him shalt thou serve; and to him shalt thou cleave, and by his name shalt thou swear. 21 He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and awesome things, which thine eyes have seen. 22 Thy fathers went down into Egypt with seventy souls; and now Jehovah thy God hath made thee as the stars of heaven for multitude.

11 Therefore thou shalt love Jehovah thy God, and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his ordinances, and his commandments, all thy days. 2 And know ye this day: for I speak not with your children that have not known, and that have not seen the chastisement of Jehovah your God, his greatness, his mighty hand, and his outstretched arm, 3 and his signs, and his works, which he did in the midst of Egypt unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and unto all his land; 4 and what he did unto the army of Egypt, unto their horses, and to their chariots; how he made the water of the Red Sea to overflow them as they pursued after you, and how Jehovah hath destroyed them unto this day; 5 and what he did unto you in the wilderness, until ye came unto this place; 6 and what he did unto Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, the son of Reuben; how he opened the earth its mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and every living thing that followed them, in the midst of all Israel; 7 but your eyes have seen all the great work of Jehovah which he did.

8 Therefore shall ye keep all the commandment which I command thee this day, that ye may be strong, and go in and possess the land, whither ye go over to possess it; 9 and ye shall not multiply yourselves, lest ye sin; 10 but your eyes have seen all the great work of Jehovah which he did.

13 And it shall come to pass, if ye shall hearken diligently unto my commandments which I command you this day, to love Jehovah your God, and to serve him with all your heart and with all your soul, 14 that I will give the rain of your land in its season, the former rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather in thy grain, and thy new wine, and thine oil. 15 And I will give grass in thy fields for thy cattle, and thou shalt eat and be full. 16 Take heed to yourselves, lest your heart be deceived, and ye turn aside, and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 and the anger of Jehovah be kindled against you, and he shut up the heavens, so that there shall be no rain, and the land shall not yield its fruit; and ye perish quickly from off the good land which Jehovah giveth you.
18 Therefore shall ye lay up these my words in your heart and in your soul; and ye shall bind them for a sign upon your hand, and they shall be for frontlets between your eyes. 19 And ye shall teach them your children, talking of them, when thou sittest in thy house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up.
20 And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house, and upon thy gates; 21 that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which Jehovah sware unto your fathers to give them, as the days of the heavens above the earth. 22 For if ye shall diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, to do it, to love Jehovah your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him; 23 then will Jehovah drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall possess nations greater and mightier than yourselves. 24 Every place whereon the sole of your foot shall tread shall be yours: from the wilderness, and Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the south sea shall be your border. 25 There shall no man be able to stand before you: Jehovah your God shall lay the fear of you and the dread of thee upon all the land that ye shall tread upon, as he hath spoken unto you.
26 Behold, I set before you this day a blessing and a curse: 27 the blessing, if ye shall hearken unto the commandments of Jehovah your God, which I command you this day; 28 and the curse, if ye shall not hearken unto the commandments of Jehovah your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known. 29 And it shall come to pass, when Jehovah thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and when the LORD thy God shall have given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, then ye shall keep all these words, as I command you, and ye shall do them. 30 Then shall Jehovah make thee the proudest nation of all nations; all nations shall fear thee. 31 Behold, I set before thee this day a blessing and a curse: 32 the blessing, if ye shall hearken unto the commandments of Jehovah your God, which I command you this day; 33 and the curse, if ye shall not hearken unto the commandments of Jehovah your God, but turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye have not known.
34 These are the statutes and the ordinances which I set before you this day.

12 When Jehovah thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath given thee, from the river, even from the river which is the boundary of Egypt, and from the wilderness, and Lebanon, 2 even to the uttermost sea northward, 3 and to the great sea westward, 4 and to the south, the south sea, Jehovah shall be there with thee. 5 When Jehovah thy God shall enlarge thy border, as he hath given thee, and thou shalt say, I will eat flesh; thou mayest eat flesh, after all the desire of thy soul. 6 Thou mayest eat it even of the gazelle, and of the hare, and of the hoary cervus. 7 Or of the fatted ox, and of the young ox, and of the fatling, 8 and of the lamb, and of the kid, 9 of every clean beast, 10 and of every unclean beast which is not mentioned thereby, thou shalt eat it. 11 And of every bird, which is not mentioned to be clean, thou shalt eat it. 12 And every creeping thing which creepeth upon the earth, 13 and every thing that lieth upon the earth, is clean unto thee. 14 Only these are unclean; among the creeping things that go upon four feet: the hermit crab, 15 the wrestler, the moist locust, the great magpie, 16 the black vulture, and the buzzard, 17 the osier, and the white-headed vulture, 18 the kite, and the falcon, 19 the little bittern, and the little heron, 20 the hoopoe, and the bat, 21 the owl, and the night hawk, 22 the grey heron, and the heron, 23 the hoopoe, and the griffon vulture, 24 the hoopoe, and the goshawk, 25 the little owl, and the night hawk, 26 the hawk, and the buzzard, 27 the black kite, and the black vulture, 28 both the crane and the stork, 29 the bittern, and the field goose, 30 the pelican, and the eagle, 31 the hoopoe, and the vulture, 32 both the owl, and the kite, 33 the white-headed vulture, and the little heron, 34 the bittern, and the hoopoe, 35 the hoopoe, and the kite, 36 the little owl, and the night hawk, 37 the hawk, and the buzzard, 38 the black kite, and the black vulture. 39 All these are unclean unto you: every one that is clean shalt thou eat. 40 But these are unclean: the armadillo, and the porcupine, 41 the piece of wood, and the porcupine, and the mole, 42 the weasel, and the badger, and the weasel, 43 the weasel, and the weasel, and the weasel, 44 the weasel, and the weasel, and the weasel, 45 the weasel, and the weasel, and the weasel, 46 the weasel, and the weasel, and the weasel. 47 These be the unclean among all that creepeth upon the earth; they shall not be eaten. 48 Thrice shalt thou have a visitation from the special maybe for thy children five years together, and after that it shall go out for thee. 49 And thou shalt return, and shalt dwell in the land which Jehovah gave unto thy fathers; and thou shalt walk in all the ways of these people, and shalt do according to all these words. 50 It may come to pass, when ye shall be multiplied, and the LORD shall give thee rest from all thine enemies round about, and thou shalt dwell in all the land, 51 that when Jehovah shall have given rest unto thy brethren, whom the LORD shall destroy before thee, and thou shalt possess the land 52 that Jehovah thy God giveth thee, 53 and thou shalt possess the land, and dwell therein, and thou shalt say, The LORD God of my fathers hath made me mighty, and has given me rest after all my enemies round about, 54 and Jehovah shall multiply thee as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and Jehovah shall give thee rest from all thine enemies round about, and thou shalt dwell in the land which Jehovah gave unto thy fathers, to thee and to thy children after thee, for a sojournation for evermore.
and hear all these words which I command thee, that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever, when thou doest that which is good and right in the eyes of Jehovah thy God.

29 When Jehovah thy God shall cut off the nations from before thee, whither thou goest in to dispossess them, and thou dispossessest them, and dwellest in their land; 30 take heed to thyself that thou be not ensnared 62 to follow them, after that they are destroyed from before thee; and that thou inquire not after their gods, saying, How do these nations serve their gods? 65 even so will I do likewise. 31 Thou shalt not do so unto Jehovah thy God: for every abomination to Jehovah, which he hateth, have they done unto their gods; for even their sons and their daughters do they burn in the fire to their gods.

32 What thing soever I command you, that shall ye observe to do: thou shalt not add thereto, nor diminish from it.

13 If there arise in the midst of thee a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he give thee a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder come to pass, whereof he spake unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou hast not known, and let us serve them; 3 thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or unto that dreamer of dreams: for Jehovah thy God proveth thee, to know whether ye love Jehovah thy God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 Ye shall walk after Jehovah your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, that he may bless thee this day, and that it may be well with thee and with thy children after thee for ever.

5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death, because he hath spoken rebellion against Jehovah thy God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of bondage, to draw thee aside out of the way which Jehovah thy God commanded thee to walk in. So shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

6 If thy brother, the son of thy mother, or thy son, or thy daughter, or the wife of thy bosom, or thy friend, that is as thine own soul, entice thee secretly, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou, nor thy fathers; 7 of the gods of the peoples that are round about you, nigh unto thee, or far off from thee, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; 8 thou shalt not consent unto him, nor hearken unto him; neither shall thine eye pity him, neither shalt thou spare, neither shalt thou conceal him: 9 but thou shalt surely kill him; thy hand shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 10 And thou shalt stone him to death with stones, because he hath sought to draw thee away from Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. 11 And all Israel shall hear, and fear, and shall do no more any such wickedness as this is in the midst of thee.

12 If thou shalt hear tell, concerning one of thy cities, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee to dwell there, saying, 13 Certain base fellows are gone out from the midst of thee, and have drawn away the inhabitants of their city, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which ye have not known; 14 then shalt thou inquire, and make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be truth, and the thing certain, that such abomination is wrought in the midst of thee, 15 thou shalt surely smite the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, 68 destroying it utterly, and all that is therein and the cattle thereof, with the edge of the sword. 16 And thou shalt gather all the spoil of it into the midst of the street thereof, and shalt burn with fire the city, and all the spoil thereof 69 every whith unto Jehovah thy God: and it shall be a 70 heap for ever; it shall not be built again. 17 And there shall cleave nought of the devoted thing to thy hand; that Jehovah may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and show thee mercy, and have compassion upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers; 18 when thou shalt hearken to the voice of Jehovah thy God, to keep all his commandments which I command thee this day, to do that which is right in the eyes of Jehovah thy God.

14 Ye are the children of Jehovah your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2 For thou art a holy people unto Jehovah thy God, and Jehovah hath chosen thee to be a people for his own possession, 72 above all peoples that are upon the face of the earth.

3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. 4 These are the beasts which ye may eat: the ox, the sheep, and the goat, the hart, and the gazelle, and the roebuck, and the wild goat, and the pygarg, and the antelope, and the chamois. 5 And every beast that parteth the hoof, and hath the hoof cloven in two, and 73 cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that may ye eat. 6 Nevertheless these ye shall not eat of them that chew the cud, or of them that have the hoof cloven: The camel, and the hare, and the coney, because they chew the cud but part not the hoof, they are unclean unto you. 8 And the swine, because he parteth the hoof but cheweth not the cud, he is unclean unto you: of their flesh ye shall not eat, and their carcasses ye shall not touch.

9 These ye may eat of all that are in the waters: whatsoever hath fins and scales may ye eat; 10 and whatsoever hath not fins and scales ye shall not eat: it is unclean unto you.

11 Of all clean birds ye may eat. 12 But these are they of which ye shall not eat: the eagle, and the gier-eagle, and the ospray, 13 and the gale, and the falcon, and the kite after its kind, 14 and every raven after its kind, and the ostrich, and the night-hawk, and the sea-mew, and the hawk after its kind, 15 the little owl, and the great owl, and the horned owl, 17 and the pelican, and the vulture, and the cormorant, 18 and the stork, and the heron after its kind, and the hoopoe, and the bat. 19 And all winged creeping things are unclean unto you: they shall not be eaten. 20 Of all clean birds ye may eat.

21 Ye shall not eat of anything that dieth of itself: thou may-
est give it unto the sojourner that is within thy gates, that he may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto a foreigner: for thou art a holy people unto Jehovah thy God. Thou shalt not boil a kid in its mother’s milk.

22 Thou shalt surely tithe all the increase of thy seed, that which cometh forth from the field year by year. 23 And thou shalt eat before Jehovah thy God, in the place which he shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of thy grain, of thy new wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herd and of thy flock; that thou mayest learn to fear Jehovah thy God always. 24 And if the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to carry it, because the place is too far from thee, which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to set his name there, when Jehovah thy God shall bless thee; 25 then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thy hand, and shalt go unto the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose: 26 and thou shalt bestow the money for whatsoever thy soul desireth, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul asketh of thee; and thou shalt eat there before Jehovah thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou and thy household. 27 And the Levite that is within thy gates, thou shalt not forsake him; for he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee.

28 At the end of every three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase in the same year, and shalt lay it up within thy gates: 29 and the Levite, because he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates, shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied; that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hand which thou doest.

15 At the end of every seven years thou shalt make a release. 2 And this is the manner of the release: every creditor shall release that which he hath lent unto his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor and his brother; because Jehovah’s release hath been proclaimed. 3 Of a foreigner thou mayest exact it: but whatsoever of thine is with thy brother thy hand shall 4release. 4 Howbeit there shall be no poor with thee (for Jehovah will surely bless thee in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it), 5 if only thou diligently hearken unto the voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe to do all this commandment which I command thee this day. 6 For Jehovah thy God will bless thee, as he promised thee: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow; and thou shalt rule over many nations, but they shall not rule over thee.

7 If there be with thee a poor man, one of thy brethren, within any of thy gates in thy land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thy hand from thy poor brother; 8 but thou shalt surely open thy hand unto him, and shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need in that which he wanteth. 9 Beware that there be not a base thought in thy heart, saying, The seventh year, the year of release, is at hand; and thine eye be evil against thy poor brother, and thou give him nought; and he cry unto Jehovah against thee, and it be sin unto thee. 10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thy heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him; because that for this thing Jehovah thy God will bless thee in all thy work, and in all that thou puttest thy hand unto.

11 For the poor will never cease out of the land: therefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt surely open thy hand unto thy brother, to thy needy, and to thy poor, in thy land.

12 If thy brother, a Hebrew man, or a Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee. 13 And when thou lettest him go free from thee, thou shalt not let him go empty: 14 thou shalt furnish him liberally out of thy flock, and out of thy threshing floor, and out of thy winepress; as Jehovah thy God hath blessed thee thou shalt give unto him. 15 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt, and Jehovah thy God redeemed thee: therefore I command thee this thing today. 16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go out from thee; because he loveth thee and thy house, because he is well with thee; 17 then thou shalt take an awl, and thrust it 18through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy 19servant for ever. And also unto thy 20maid-servant thou shalt do likewise. 18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou lettest him go free from thee; for to the double of the hire of a hireling hath he served thee six years: and Jehovah thy God will bless thee in all that thou doest.

19 All the firstlings that are born of thy herd and of thy flock thou shalt sanctify unto Jehovah thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstling of thy herd, nor shear the firstling of thy flock. 20 Thou shalt eat it before Jehovah thy God year by year in the place which Jehovah shall choose, thou and thy household. 21 And if it have any blemish, as if it be lame or blind, any ill blemish whatsoever, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto Jehovah thy God. 22 Thou shalt eat it within thy gates: the unclean and the clean people shall eat it alike, as the gazelle, and as the hart. 23 Only thou shalt not eat the blood thereof; thou shalt pour it out upon the ground as water.

16 Observe the month of 24Abib, and keep the passover unto Jehovah thy God; for in the month of Abib Jehovah thy God brought thee forth out of Egypt by night. 2 And thou shalt sacrifice the passover unto Jehovah thy God, of the flock and the herd, in the place which Jehovah shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 3 Thou shalt eat no leavened bread with it; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread therewith, even the bread of affliction; for thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt in haste: that thou mayest remember the day when thou camest forth out of the land of Egypt all the days of thy life. 4 And there shall be no leaven seen with thee in all thy borders seven days; neither shall any of the flesh, which thou sacrificialst the first day in the evening, remain all night until the morning. 5 Thou mayest not sacrifice the passover within any of thy gates, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee; 6 but at the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell in, there thou shalt sacrifice the passover in the evening, at the going down of the sun, at the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. 7 And thou shalt 80roast and eat it in the place which Jehovah thy God shall
choose: and thou shalt turn in the morning, and go unto thy tents. 8 Six days thou shalt eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to Jehovah thy God; thou shalt do no work therein.

9 Seven weeks shall thou number unto thee: from the time thou beginnest to put the sickle to the standing grain shalt thou begin to number seven weeks. 10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto Jehovah thy God with a tribute of a freewill-offering of thy hand, which thou shalt give, according as Jehovah thy God blesseth thee: 11 and thou shalt rejoice before Jehovah thy God, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are in the midst of thee, in the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there. 12 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt: and thou shalt observe and do these statutes.

13 Thou shalt keep the feast of booths seven days, after that thou hast gathered in from thy threshing-floor and from thy vinepress: 14 and thou shalt rejoice in thy feast, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite, and the sojourner, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates. 15 Seven days shalt thou keep a feast unto Jehovah thy God in the place which Jehovah shall choose; because Jehovah thy God will bless thee in all thine increase, and in all the work of thy hands, and thou shalt be altogether joyful, 16 Three times in the year shall all thy males appear before Jehovah thy God in the place which Jehovah shall choose: that he may learn to fear Jehovah his God, to keep all his words of this law and these statutes, to do them; 17 that his heart may prolong his days in his kingdom, and he may cause his kingdom to flourish for ever.

18 Judges and officers shalt thou make thee in all thy gates, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, according to thy tribes; and they shall judge the people with righteous judgment. 19 Thou shalt not wrest justice: thou shalt not respect persons; neither shalt thou take a bribe; for a bribe doth blind the eyes of the wise, and pervert the words of the righteous. 20 Thy hands shall be altogether joyful, according to the blessing of Jehovah thy God which he hath given thee.

21 Thou shalt not plant thee any tree beside the altar of Jehovah thy God, which thou shalt make thee. 22 Neither shalt thou set thee up a pillar; which Jehovah thy God hateth.

17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto Jehovah thy God an ox, or a sheep, wherein is a blemish, or anything evil; for that is an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.

2 If there be found in the midst of thee, within any of thy gates which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, man or woman, that doeth that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah thy God, in transgressing his covenant, 3 and hath gone and served other gods, and worshipped them, or the sun, or the moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded, 4 and it be told thee, and thou hast heard of it; then shalt thou inquire diligently; and, behold, if it be true, and the thing certain, 5 that such abomination is wrought in Israel, 6 then shalt thou bring forth that man or that woman, who hath done this evil thing, unto thy gates, even the man or the woman; and thou shalt stone them to death with stones. 6 At the mouth of two witnesses, or three witnesses, shall he that is to die be put to death; at the mouth of one witness he shall not be put to death. 7 The hand of the witnesses shall be first upon him to put him to death, and afterward the hand of all the people. So thou shalt put away the evil from among thy people, which Jehovah thy God shall choose.

8 If there arise a matter too hard for thee in judgment, between blood and blood, between plea and plea, and between stroke and stroke, being matters of controversy within thy gates; then shalt thou arise, and get thee up unto the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose; 9 and thou shalt come unto the priests the Levites, and unto the judge that shall be in those days: and thou shalt inquire; and they shall show thee the sentence of judgment. 10 And thou shalt do according to the tenor of the sentence which they shall show thee from that place which Jehovah shall choose; and thou shalt observe to do according to all that they shall teach thee: 11 according to the tenor of the law which they shall teach thee, and according to the judgment which they shall teach thee, thou shalt do; 12 and thou shalt not turn aside from the sentence which they shall show thee, to the right hand, nor to the left. 13 And the man that doeth presumptuously, in not hearkening unto the priest that standeth to minister there before Jehovah thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die: and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. 14 And all the people shall hear, and fear, and do no more presumptuously.

14 When thou art come unto the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, and shalt possess it, and shalt dwell therein, and shalt say, I will set a king over me, like all the nations that are round about me; 15 thou shalt surely set him king over thee, whom Jehovah thy God shall choose: one from among thy brethren shalt thou set king over thee; thou mayest not put a foreigner over thee, who is not thy brother. 16 Only he shall not multiply horses to himself, nor cause the people to return to Egypt, to the end that he may multiply horses; 17 forasmuch as Jehovah hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth return no more that way. 18 Neither shall he multiply wives unto himself, that his heart turn not away: neither shall he greatly multiply to himself silver and gold.

18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of his kingdom, that he shall write him a copy of this law in a book, out of that which is before the priests the Levites; 19 and it shall be with him, and he shall read therein all the days of his life; that he may learn to fear Jehovah his God, to keep all the words of this law and these statutes, to do them; 20 that his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, 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.

18 The priests the Levites, 90 even all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel: they shall eat the offerings of Jehovah made by fire, and his inheritance. 2 And they shall have no inheritance among their brethren; Jehovah is their inheritance, as he hath spoken unto them. 3 And this shall be the priests’ due from the people, from them that offer a sacrifice, whether it be ox or sheep, that they shall give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw. 4 The firstfruits of thy grain, of thy new wine, and of thine oil, and the first of the fleece of thy sheep, shalt thou give him. 5 For Jehovah thy God hath chosen him out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of Jehovah, him and his sons 91 for ever.

6 And if a Levite come from any of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourneth, and come with all the desire of his soul unto the place which Jehovah shall choose; 7 then he shall minister in the name of Jehovah his God, as all his brethren the Levites do, who stand there before Jehovah. 8 They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony.

9 When thou art come into the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found with thee any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one that useth divination, one that practiseth augury, or an enchanter, or a sorcerer, 11 or a charmer, or a consulter with a familiar spirit, or a wizard, or a necromancer. 12 For whosoever doeth these things is an abomination unto Jehovah: and because of these abominations Jehovah thy God doth drive them out from before thee. 13 Thou shalt be perfect with Jehovah thy God. 14 For these nations, that thou shalt possess, hearken unto them that practise augury, and unto diviners; but as for thee, Jehovah thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

15 Jehovah thy God will raise up unto thee a prophet from the midst of thee, of thy brethren, like unto thee; unto him ye shall hearken; 16 according to all that thou didstred of Jehovah thy God in Horeb in the day of the assembly, saying, Let me not hear again the voice of Jehovah my God, neither let me see this great fire any more, that I die not. 17 And Jehovah said unto me, They have well said that which they have spoken. 18 I will raise them up a prophet from among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak unto them all that I shall command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that whatever man will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I will require it of him.

20 But the prophet, that shall speak a word presumptuously in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or that shall speak in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die. 21 And if thou say in thy heart, How shall we know the word which Jehovah hath not spoken? 22 when a prophet speaketh in the name of Jehovah, if the thing follow not, nor come to pass, that is the thing which Jehovah hath not spoken: the prophet hath spoken it presumptuously, thou shalt not be afraid of him.

19 When Jehovah thy God shall cut off the nations, whose land Jehovah thy God giveth thee, and thou succeedest them, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses; 2 thou shalt set apart three cities for thee in the midst of thy land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee to possess it. 3 Thou shalt prepare thee the way, and divide the borders of thy land, which Jehovah thy God causeth thee to inherit, into three parts, that every manslayer may flee thither.

4 And this is the case of the manslayer, that shall flee thither and live; whoso killeth his neighbor unawares, and hated him not in time past; 5 as when a man goeth into the forest with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, and the 93 head slippeth from the helve, and lighteth upon his neighbor, so that he dieth; he shall flee unto one of these cities and live: 6 lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer, while his heart is hot, and overtake him, because the way is long, and 94 smite him mortally; whereas he was not worthy of death, inasmuch as he hated him not in time past. 7 Wherefore I command thee, saying, Thou shalt set apart three cities for thee. 8 And if Jehovah thy God enlarge thy border, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which he promised to give unto thy fathers; 9 if thou shalt keep all this commandment to do it, which I command thee this day, to love Jehovah thy God, and to walk ever in his ways; then shalt thou add three cities more for thee, besides these three: 10 that 95 innocent blood be not shed in the midst of thy land, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and so blood be upon thee.

11 But if any man hate his neighbor, and lie in wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him in the city, and kill him at the gate, and smite him to death, him shall seven elders of his city send and fetch him thence, and deliver him into the hand of the avenger of blood, that he may die. 12 Thine eye shall not pity him, but thou shalt put away 96 the innocent blood from Israel, that it may go well with thee.

14 Thou shalt not remove thy neighbor’s landmark, which they of old time have set, in thine inheritance which thou shalt inherit, in the land that Jehovah thy God giveth thee 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 sinneth: at the mouth of two witnesses, or at the mouth of three witnesses, shall a matter be established. 16 If an unrighteous witness rise up against any man to testify against him of 98 wrongdoing, 17 then both the men, between whom the controversy is, shall stand before Jehovah, before the priests and the judges that shall be in those days; 18 and the judges shall make diligent inquisition: and, behold, if the witness be a false witness, and have testified falsely against his brother; 19 then shall ye do unto him, as he had thought to do unto his brother: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee. 20 And those that remain shall

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90 Or, stomach.
91 See footnote on Ex 21:6.
93 Hb. iron
94 Or, the tree, That is, the handle.
95 Hb. smite him in the soul;
96 Or, the blood of an innocent man be not shed etc.
97 Or, the blood of the innocent
98 Or, rebellion, See ch. 13:5.
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10 When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies, and seest horses, and chariots, and a people more than thou, thou shalt not be afraid of them; for Jehovah thy God is with thee, who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 2 And it shall be, when ye draw nigh unto the battle, that the priest shall approach and speak unto the people, 3 and shall say unto them, Hear, O Israel, ye draw nigh this day unto battle against your enemies: let not your heart faint; fear not, nor tremble, neither be ye affrighted at them; 4 for Jehovah your God is he that goeth with you, to fight for you against your enemies, to save you. 5 And the officers shall speak unto the people, saying, What man is there that hath built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let him go and return to his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man dedicate it. 6 And what man is there that hath planted a vineyard, and hath not used the fruit thereof? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take the fruit thereof. 7 And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man take her. 8 And the officers shall speak further unto the people, and they shall say, What man is there that is fearful and fainthearted? let him go and return unto his house, lest his brethren’s heart melt as his heart. 9 And it shall be, when the officers have made an end of speaking unto the people, that they shall appoint captains of hosts at the head of the people.

10 When thou drawest nigh unto a city to fight against it, then proclaim peace unto it. 11 And it shall be, if it make thee answer of peace, and open unto thee, then it shall be, that all the people that are found therein shall become tributary unto thee, and shall serve thee. 12 And if it will make no peace with thee, but will make war against thee, then thou shalt besiege it: 13 and when Jehovah thy God delivereth it into thy hand, thou shalt smite every male thereof with the edge of the sword: 14 but the women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that is in the city, even all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take for a prey unto thyself; and thou shalt eat the spoil of thine enemies, which Jehovah thy God hath giveth thee. 15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these nations. 16 But of the cities of these peoples, that Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, thou shalt save alive nothing that breatheth; 17 but thou shalt utterly destroy them: the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite; as Jehovah thy God hath commanded thee; 18 that they teach you not to do after all their abominations, which they have done unto their gods; so would ye sin against Jehovah your God.

19 When thou shalt besiege a city a long time, in making war against it to take it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by wielding an axe against them; for thou mayest eat of them, and thou shalt not cut them down; for is the tree of the field a man, that it should be besieged of thee? 20 Only the trees of which thou knowest that they are not trees for food, thou shalt destroy and cut them down; and thou shalt build bulwarks against the city that maketh war with thee, until it fall.

21 If one be found slain in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, and it be not known who hath smitten him; 2 then thy elders and thy judges shall come forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about him that is slain; 3 and it shall be, that the city which is nearest unto the slain man, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer of the herd, which hath not been wrought with, and which hath not drawn in the yoke; 4 and the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a valley with running water, which is neither plowed nor sown, and shall break the heifer’s neck there in the valley. 5 And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near; for them Jehovah thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of Jehovah; and according to their word shall every controversy and every stroke be. 6 And all the elders of that city, who are nearest unto the slain man, shall wash their hands over the heifer whose neck was broken in the valley; 7 and they shall answer and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, neither have our eyes seen it. 8 Forgive, O Jehovah, thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, and suffer not innocent blood to remain in the midst of thy people Israel. And the blood shall be forgiven them. 9 So shalt thou put away the innocent blood from the midst of thee, when thou shalt do that which is right in the eyes of Jehovah.

10 When thou goest forth to battle against thine enemies, and Jehovah thy God delivereth them into thy hands, and thou carriest them away captive, 11 and seest among the captives a beautiful woman, and thou hast a desire unto her, and wouldst take her to thee to wife; 12 then thou shalt bring her home to thy house; and she shall shave her head, and pare her nails; 13 and she shall put the raiment of her captivity from off her, and shall remain in thy house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and shall remain in thy house, and bewail her father and her mother a full month: and after that thou shalt go in unto her, and be her husband, and she shall be thy wife. 14 And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then thou shalt let her go whither she will; but thou shalt not sell her at all for money, thou shalt not deal with her as a slave, because thou hast humbled her.

15 If a man have two wives, the one beloved, and the other hated, and they have borne him children, both the beloved and the hated; and if the firstborn son be hers that was hated; 16 then it shall be, in the day that he causeth his sons to inherit that which he hath, that he may not make the son of the beloved the firstborn before the son of the hated, who is the firstborn: 17 but he shall acknowledge the firstborn, the son of the hated, by giving him a double portion of all that he hath; for he is the beginning of his strength; the right of the firstborn is his.

18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, that will not obey the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and, though they chasten him, will not hearken unto him; 19 then shall his father and his mother lay hold on him and bring him...
out unto the elders of his city, and unto the gate of his place; 20 and they shall say unto 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 to death with stones: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee; and all Israel shall hear, and fear.

22 And if a man have committed a sin worthy of death, and he be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree; 23 his body shall not remain all night upon the tree, but thou shalt surely bury him the same day; for he that is hanged is accursed of God; that thou defile not thy land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

24 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his sheep go astray, and hide thyself from them; thou shalt surely bring them again unto thy brother. 2 And if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or if thou know him not, then thou shalt bring it home to thy house, and it shall be with thee until thy brother seek after it, and thou shalt restore it to him. 3 And so shalt thou do with his ass; and so shalt thou do with his garment; and so shall thou do with every lost thing of thy brother's, which he hath lost, and thou hast found: thou mayest not hide thyself. 4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fallen down by the way, and hide thyself from them: thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again.

5 A woman shall not wear that which pertaineth unto a man, neither shall a man put on a woman's garment; for whatsoever doeth these things is an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.

6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in the way, in any tree or on the ground, with young ones or eggs, and the mother sitting upon the young, or upon the eggs, thou shalt not take the mother with the young; 7 thou shalt surely let the mother go, but the young thou mayest take unto thyself; that it may be well with thee, and that thou mayest prolong thy days.

8 When thou buildest a new house, then shalt thou make a battlement for thy roof, that thou bring not blood upon thy house, if any man fall from thence.

9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard with two kinds of seed, lest the whole fruit be forfeited, the seed which thou hast sown, and the increase of the vineyard. 10 Thou shalt not plow with an ox and an ass together. 11 Thou shalt not wear a mingled stuff, wool and linen together.

12 Thou shalt make thee fringes upon the four borders of thy vesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself.

13 If any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate her, 14 and lay shameful things to her charge, and bring up an evil name upon her, and say, I took this woman, and when I came nigh to her, I found not in her the tokens of virginity; 15 then shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city in the gate; 16 and the damsel's father shall say unto the elders, I gave my daughter unto this man to wife, and he hath her; 17 and, lo, he hath laid shameful things to her charge, saying, I found not in thy daughter the tokens of virginity: and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity. And they shall spread the garment before the elders of the city. 18 And the elders of that city shall take the man and chastise him; 19 and they shall fine him a hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel, because he hath 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 be true, that the tokens of virginity were not found in the damsel; 21 then they shall bring out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall stone her to death with stones, because she hath wrought folly in Israel, to play the harlot in her father's house: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

22 If a man be found lying with a woman married to a husband, then they shall both of them die, the man that lay with the woman, and the woman: so shalt thou put away the evil from Israel.

23 If there be a damsel that is a virgin betrothed unto a husband, and a man find her in the city, and lie with her; 24 then ye shall bring them both out unto the gate of that city, and ye shall stone them to death with stones; the damsel, because she cried not, being in the city; and the man, because he hath humbled his neighbour's wife: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

25 But if the man find the damsel that is betrothed in the field, and the man force her, and lie with her; then the man only that lay with her shall die: 26 but unto the damsel thou shalt do nothing; there is in the damsel no sin worthy of death: for as when a man riseth against his neighbour, and slayeth his soul, even so is this matter; 27 for he found her in the field, the betrothed damsel cried, and there was none to save her.

28 If a man find a damsel that is a virgin, that is not betrothed, and lay hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found; 29 then the man that lay with her shall give unto the damsel's father fifty shekels of silver, and she shall be his wife, because he hath humbled her; he may not put her away all his days.

30 A man shall not take his father's wife, and shall not uncover his father's skirt.

23 He that is wounded in the stones, or hath his privy member cut off, shall not enter into the assembly of Jehovah.

2 A bastard shall not enter into the assembly of Jehovah; even to the tenth generation shall none of his enter into the assembly of Jehovah.

3 An Ammonite or a Moabite shall not enter into the assembly of Jehovah; even to the tenth generation shall none belonging to them enter into the assembly of Jehovah, 4 because they met you not with bread and with water in the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt, and because they hired against thee Balaam the son of Beor from Pethor of Mesopotamia, to curse thee. 5 Nevertheless Jehovah thy God would not hearken unto Balaam; because they hired against thee Balaam; 6 Thou shalt not seek their peace nor their prosperity all thy days for ever.

7 Thou shalt not abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother: thou shalt not abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a so-
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journer in his land. 8 The children of the third generation that are born unto them shall enter into the assembly of Jehovah.

9 When thou goest forth in camp against thine enemies, then thou shalt keep thee from every evil thing. 10 If there be among you any man, that is not clean by reason of that which chanceth him by night, then shall he go abroad out of the camp, he shall not come within the camp: 11 but it shall be, when evening cometh on, he shall bathe himself in water; and when the sun is down, he shall come within the camp. 12 Thou shalt have a place also without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: 13 and thou shalt have a 111 paddle among thy weapons; and it shall be, when thou sittest down abroad, thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt turn back and cover that which cometh from thee: 14 for Jehovah thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee, and to give up thine enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy, that he may not see an unclean thing in thee, and turn away from thee.

15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his master a servant that is escaped from his master unto thee: 16 he shall dwell with thee, in the midst of thee, in the place which he shall choose within one of thy gates, where it pleaseth him best: thou shalt not oppress him.

17 There shall be no 113 prostitute of the daughters of Israel, neither shall there be a 114 sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a harlot, or the wages of a dog, into the house of Jehovah thy God for any vow: for even both these are an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.

19 Thou shalt not lend upon interest unto thy brother; interest of money, interest of victuals, interest of anything that is lent upon interest. 20 Unto a foreigner thou mayest lend upon interest; but unto thy brother thou shalt not lend upon interest, that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all that thou puttest thy hand unto, in the land whither thou goest in to possess it.

21 When thou shalt vow a vow unto Jehovah thy God, thou shalt not be slack to pay it: for Jehovah thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. 22 But if thou shalt forget to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. 23 That which is gone out of thy lips thou shalt observe and do; according as thou hast vowed unto Jehovah thy God, a freewill-offering, which thou hast promised with thy mouth.

24 When thou comest into thy neighbor’s vineyard, then thou mayest eat of grapes thy fill; but thou shalt not put any in thy vessel. 25 When thou comest into thy neighbor’s standing grain, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thy hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbor’s standing grain.

26 When a man taketh a wife, and marrieth her, then it shall be, if she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some unseemly thing in her, that he shall write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house. 2 And when she is departed out of his house, she may go and be another man’s wife. 3 And if the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her out of his house; or if the latter husband die, who took her to be his wife; 4 her former husband, who sent her away, may not take her again to be his wife, after that she is defiled; for that is an abomination before Jehovah: and thou shalt not cause the land to sin, which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

5 When a man taketh a new wife, he shall not go out in the host, neither shall he be charged with any business: he shall be free at home one year, and shall cheer his wife whom he hath taken.

6 No man shall take the mill or the upper millstone to pledge; for he taketh a man’s soul to pledge.

7 If a man be found stealing a soul of his brethren of the children of Israel, and he deal with him as a slave, or sell him; then that thief shall die: so shalt thou put away the evil from the midst of thee.

8 Take heed in the plague of leprosy, that thou observe diligently, and do according to all that the priests the Levites shall teach you: as I commanded them, so ye shall observe to do. 9 Remember what Jehovah thy God did unto Miriam, by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt.

10 When thou dost lend thy neighbor any manner of loan, thou shalt not go into his house to fetch his pledge. 11 Thou shalt stand without, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring forth the pledge without unto thee. 12 And if he be a poor man, thou shalt not sleep with his pledge; 13 thou shalt surely restore to him the pledge when the sun goeth down, that he may sleep in his garment, and bless thee: and it shall be a righteous act unto thee before Jehovah thy God.

14 Thou shalt not oppress a hired servant that is poor and needy, whether he be of thy brethren, or of thy sojourners that are in thy land within thy gates: 15 in his day thou shalt give him his hire, neither shall the sun go down upon it (for he is poor, and setteth his soul upon it); lest he cry against thee unto Jehovah, and it be sin unto thee.

16 The fathers shall not be put to death for the children, neither shall the children be put to death for the fathers: every man shall be put to death for his own sin.

17 Thou shalt not wrest the justice due to the sojourner, or to the fatherless, nor take the widow’s raiment to pledge; 18 but thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in Egypt, and Jehovah thy God redeemed thee thence; therefore I command thee to do this thing.

19 When thou reapest thy harvest in thy field, and hast forgot a sheaf in the field, thou shalt not go again to fetch it: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow; that Jehovah thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy hands. 20 When thou beatest thine olive-tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy vineyard, thou shalt not glean it after thee: it shall be for the sojourner, for the fatherless, and for the widow. 22 And thou shalt remember that thou wast a bondman in the land of Egypt: therefore I command thee to do this thing.

from Egypt. See footnote on Ex 14:13.

111 Or, shovel

112 Hb. nakedness of anything,

113 Hb. qedeshah (esp. religious) See Ge 38:21.

114 Hb. qadesh or, male prostitute

115 Hb. according to thy soul;

116 Hb. נפשׁ nephesh or, life or, being Also in vs. 7.

117 Or, as a chattel,
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25 If there be a controversy between men, and they come unto judgment, and the judges judge them; then they shall justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked. 2 And it shall be, if the wicked man be worthy to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to his wickedness, by number. 3 Forty stripes he may give him, he shall not exceed; lest if he should exceed, and beat him above these with many stripes, then thy brother should be made useless before thine eyes.

4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he tredeth out the grain.

5 If brethren dwell together, and one of them die, and have no son, the wife of the dead shall not be married without unto a stranger: her husband’s brother shall go in unto her, and take her to him to wife, and perform the duty of a husband’s brother unto her. 6 And it shall be, that the firstborn that she beareth shall succeed in the name of his brother that is dead, that his name be not blotted out of Israel. 7 And if the man like not to take his brother’s wife, then his brother’s wife shall go up to the gate unto the elders, and say, My husband’s brother refuseth to raise up unto his brother a name in Israel; he will not perform the duty of a husband’s brother unto me. 8 Then the elders of his city shall call him, and speak unto him: and if he stand, and say, I like not to take her; 9 then shall his brother’s wife come unto him in the presence of the elders, and loose his shoe from off his foot, and spit in his face; and she shall answer and say, So shall it be done unto the man that standeth not in his brother’s house. 10 And his name shall be called in Israel, The house of him that hath his shoe loosed.

11 When men strive together one with another, and the wife of the one draweth near to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh him by the secrets; 12 then thou shalt cut off her hand, thine eye shall have no pity.

13 Thou shalt not have in thy bag diverse weights, a great and a small. 14 Thou shalt not have in thy house diverse measures, a great and a small. 15 A perfect and just weight measure shalt thou have: that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee. 16 For all that do such things, even all that do unrighteously, are an abomination unto Jehovah thy God.

17 Remember what Amalek did unto thee by the way as ye came forth out of Egypt; 18 how he met thee by the way, and smote the hindmost of thee, all that were feeble behind thee, when thou wast faint and weary; and he feared not God. 19 Therefore it shall be, when Jehovah thy God hath given thee rest from all thine enemies round about, in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of Amalek from under heaven; thou shalt not forget.

20 And it shall be, when thou art come in unto the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein, 21 that thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which thou shalt bring in from thy land that Jehovah thy God giveth thee; and thou shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which Jehovah thy God shall choose, to cause his name to dwell there.

3 And thou shalt come unto the priest that shall be in those days, and say unto him, I profess this day unto Jehovah thy God, that I am come unto the land which Jehovah spake unto our fathers to give us. 4 And the priest shall take the basket out of thy hand and set it down before the altar of Jehovah thy God. 5 And thou shalt answer and say before Jehovah thy God, A Syrian ready to perish was my father; and he went down into Egypt, and sojourned there, few in number; and he became there a nation, great, mighty, and populous. 6 And the Egyptians dealt ill with us, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard bondage; 7 and we cried unto Jehovah, the God of our fathers, and Jehovah heard our voice, and saw our affliction, and our toil, and our oppression; 8 and Jehovah brought us forth 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 hath brought us into this place, and hath given us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruit of the ground, thou, O Jehovah, hast given me. And thou shalt set it down before Jehovah thy God, and worship before Jehovah thy God: 11 and thou shalt rejoice in all the good which Jehovah thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thy house, thou, and the Levite, and the sojourner that is in the midst of thee.

12 When thou hast made an end of tithing all the tithe of thine increase in the third year, which is the year of tithing, then thou shalt give it unto the Levite, to the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, that they may eat within thy gates, and be filled. 13 And thou shalt say before Jehovah thy God, I have put away the holy things out of my house, and also have given them unto the Levite, and unto the sojourner, to the fatherless, and to the widow, according to all thy commandment which thou hast commanded me: I have not transgressed any of thy commandments, neither have I forgotten them: 14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither have I put away thereof, being unclean, nor given thereof for the dead: I have hearkened to the voice of Jehovah my God; I have done according to all that thou hast commanded me. 15 Look down from thy holy habitation, from heaven, and bless thy people Israel, and the ground which thou hast given us, as thou warest unto our fathers, a land flowing with milk and honey.

16 This day Jehovah thy God commandeth thee to do these statutes and ordinances: thou shalt therefore keep and do them with all thy heart, and with all thy soul. 17 Thou hast avouched Jehovah this day to be thy God, and that thou wouldest walk in his ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and hearken unto his voice: 18 and Jehovah hath avouched thee this day to be a people for his own possession, as he hath promised thee, and that thou shouldest keep all his commandments; 19 and to make thee high above all nations that he hath made, in praise, and in name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be a holy people unto Jehovah thy God, as he hath spoken.

20 And Moses and the elders of Israel commanded the people, saying, Keep all the commandment which I command you this day. 2 And it shall be on the day when ye
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shall pass over the Jordan unto the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, that thou shalt set thee up great stones, and plaster them with plaster: 3 and thou shalt write upon them all the words of this law, when thou art passed over; that thou mayest go in unto the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, as Jehovah, the God of thy fathers, hath promised thee. 4 And it shall be, when ye are passed over the Jordan, that ye shall set up these stones, which I command you this day, in mount Ebal, and thou shalt plaster them with plaster. 5 And there shalt thou build the altar of Jehovah thy God of unhewn stones; and thou shalt offer burnt-offerings thereon unto Jehovah thy God: 7 and thou shalt sacrifice peace-offerings, and shalt eat there; and thou shalt rejoice before Jehovah thy God. 8 And thou shalt write upon the stones all the words of this law very plainly.

9 And Moses and the priests the Levites spake unto all Israel, saying, Keep silence, and hearken; O Israel: This day thou art become the people of Jehovah thy God. 10 Thou shalt therefore obey the voice of Jehovah thy God, and do his commandments and his statutes, which I command thee this day.

11 And Moses charged the people the same day, saying, 12 These shall stand upon mount Gerizim to bless the people, when ye are passed over the Jordan: Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and Joseph, and Benjamin. 13 And these shall stand upon mount Ebal for the curse: Reuben, Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. 14 And the Levites shall answer, and say unto all the men of Israel with a loud voice,

15 Cursed be the man that maketh a graven or molten image, an abomination unto Jehovah, the work of the hands of the craftsman, and setteth it up in the secret place! And all the people shall answer and say, Amen.

16 Cursed be he that disdaineth his father or his mother! And all the people shall say, Amen.

17 Cursed be he that removeth his neighbor’s landmark! And all the people shall say, Amen.

18 Cursed be he that maketh the blind to wander out of the way! And all the people shall say, Amen.

19 Cursed be he that wresteth the justice due to the sojourn-er, fatherless, and widow! And all the people shall say, Amen.

20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father’s wife, because he hath uncovered his father’s skirt! And all the people shall say, Amen.

21 Cursed be he that lieth with any manner of beast! And all the people shall say, Amen.

22 Cursed be he that lieth 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 that lieth with his mother-in-law! And all the people shall say, Amen.

24 Cursed be he that smiteth his neighbor in secret! And all the people shall say, Amen.

25 Cursed be he that taketh a bribe to slay an innocent soul! And all the people shall say, Amen.

26 Cursed be he that confirmeth not the words of this law to do them! And all the people shall say, Amen.

28 And it shall come to pass, if thou shalt hearken diligently unto the voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that Jehovah thy God will set thee on high above all the nations of the earth: 2 and all these blessings shall come upon thee, and overtake thee, if thou shalt hearken unto the voice of Jehovah thy God. 3 Blessed shalt thou be in the city, and blessed shalt thou be in the field. 4 Blessed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, and the fruit of thy beasts, the increase of thy cattle, and the young of thy flock. 5 Blessed shalt be thy basket and thy kneading-trough. 6 Blessed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and blessed shalt thou be when thou goest out.

7 Jehovah will cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thee: they shall come out against thee one way, and shall flee before thee seven ways. 8 Jehovah will command the blessing upon thee in thy barns, and in all that thou puttest thy hand unto; and he will bless thee in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee. 9 Jehovah will establish thee for a holy people unto himself, as he hath sworn unto thee; if thou shalt keep the commandments of Jehovah thy God, and walk in his ways. 10 And all the peoples of the earth shall see that thou art called by the name of Jehovah; and they shall be afraid of thee. 11 And Jehovah will make thee plenteous for good, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle, and in the fruit of thy ground, in the land which Jehovah sware unto thy fathers to give thee. 12 Jehovah will open unto thee his good treasure the heavens, to give the rain of thy land in its season, and to bless all the work of thy hand: and thou shalt lend unto many nations, and thou shalt not borrow. 13 And Jehovah will make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou shalt hearken unto the commandments of Jehovah thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them, and shalt not turn 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 thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of Jehovah thy God, to observe to do all his commandments and his statutes which I command thee this day, that all these curses shall come upon thee, and overtake thee. 16 Cursed shalt thou be in the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field! 17 Cursed shalt be thy basket and thy kneading-trough! 18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy ground, the increase of thy cattle, and the young of thy flock! 19 Cursed shalt thou be when thou comest in, and cursed shalt thou be when thou goest out!

20 Jehovah will send upon thee cursing, discomfiture, and rebuke, in all that thou puttest thy hand unto to do, until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the evil of thy doing, whereby thou hast forsaken me. 21 Jehovah will make the pestilence cleave unto thee, until he have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest in to possess it. 22 Jehovah will smite thee with consumption, and with fever, and with inflammation, and with fiery heat, and with the sword, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou perish. 23 And thy heaven that is over thy head shall be copper, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. 24 Jehovah will make the rain of thy land powder and dust: from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou

121 Hb. whole stones; 122 Or. treasury
be destroyed.

25 Jehovah will cause thee to be smitten before thine enemies; thou shalt go out one way against them, and shalt flee seven ways before them: and thou shalt be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 And thy dead body shall be food unto all birds of the heavens, and unto the beasts of the earth; and there shall be none to frighten them away. 27 Jehovah will smite thee with the boil of Egypt, and with the emerods, and with the scurvy, and with the itch, whereof thou canst not be healed. 28 Jehovah will smite thee with madness, and with blindness, and with astonishment of heart; 29 and thou shalt grope at noonday, as the blind gropeth in darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways: and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed all thy days; and thou shalt be none to save thee. 30 Thou shalt beget sons and thy daughters, whom Jehovah thy God hath given thee, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee. 31 Thine ox shall be slain before thine eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof: thine ass shall be violently taken away from before thy face, and shall not be restored to thee: thy sheep shall be given unto thine enemies, and thou shalt have none to save thee. 32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto another people; and thine eyes shall look, and fail with longing for them all the day: and there shall be nought in the power of thy hand. 33 The fruit of thy ground, and all thy labors, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat up; and thou shalt be only oppressed and crushed all thy days; 34 so that thou shalt be mad for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 35 Jehovah will smite thee in the knees, and in the legs, with a sore boil, whereof thou canst not be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the crown of thy head. 36 Jehovah will bring thee, and thy king whom thou shalt set over thee, unto a nation that thou hast not known, thou nor thy fathers; and there shalt thou serve other gods, wood and stone. 37 And thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a byword, among all the peoples whither Jehovah shall lead thee away. 38 Thou shalt carry much seed out into the field, and shalt gather little in; for the locust shall consume it. 39 Thou shalt plant vineyards and dress them, but thou shalt neither drink of the wine, nor gather the grapes; for the scarlet worm shall eat them. 40 Thou shalt have olive-trees throughout all thy borders, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with the oil; for thine olive shall cast its fruit. 41 Thou shalt beget sons and daughters, but they shall not be thine; for they shall go into captivity. 42 All thy trees and the fruit of thy ground shall be the locust possess. 43 The sojourner that is in the midst of thee shall mount up above thee higher and higher; and thou shalt come down lower and lower. 44 He shall lend to thee, and thou shalt not lend to him: he shall be the head, and thou shalt be the tail. 45 And all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto the voice of Jehovah thy God, to keep his commandments and the statutes which he commanded thee: 46 and they shall be upon thee for a sign and for a wonder, and upon thy seed for ever.

47 Because thou servedst not Jehovah thy God with joyfulness, and with gladness of heart, by reason of the abundance of all things; 48 therefore shalt thou serve thine enemies that Jehovah shall send against thee, in hunger, and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of all things: and he shall put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, until he have destroyed thee. 49 Jehovah will bring a nation against thee from far, from the end of the earth, as the eagle flieth; a nation whose tongue thou shalt not understand; 50 a nation of fierce countenance, that shall not regard the person of the old, nor show favor to the young, 51 and shall eat the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy ground, until thou be destroyed; that also shall not leave thee grain, new wine, or oil, the increase of thy cattle, or the young of thy flock, until they have caused thee to perish. 52 And they shall besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high and fortified walls come down, wherein thou trustedst, throughout all thy land; and they shall besiege thee in all thy gates throughout all thy land, which Jehovah thy God hath given thee. 53 And thou shalt eat the fruit of thine own body, the flesh of thy sons and of thy daughters, whom Jehovah thy God hath given thee, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemies shall distress thee. 54 The man that is tender among you, and very delicate, his eye shall be evil toward his brother, and toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant of his children whom he hath remaining; 55 so that he will not give to any of them the flesh of his children whom he shall eat, because he hath nothing left him, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in all thy gates. 56 The tender and delicate woman among you, who would not adventure to set the sole of her foot upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, her eye shall be evil toward the husband of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her daughter, and toward her husband’s young one that cometh out from between her feet, and toward her children whom she shall bear; for she shall eat them for want of all things secretly, in the siege and in the distress wherewith thine enemy shall distress thee in thy gates.

58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this law that are written in this book, that thou mayest fear this glorious and fearful name Jehovah thy God; 59 then Jehovah will make thy plagues wonderful, and the plagues of thy seed, even great plagues, and of long continuance; and sore sicknesses, and of long continuance. 60 And he will bring upon thee again all the diseases of Egypt, which thou wast afraid of; and they shall cleave unto thee. 61 Also every sickness, and every plague, which is not written in the book of this law, them shall Jehovah bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. 62 And ye shall be left few in number, whereas ye were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou didst not hearken unto the voice of Jehovah thy God. 63 And it shall come to pass, that, as Jehovah rejoiced over you to do you good, and to multiply you, so Jehovah will rejoice over you to do you harm, and to destroy you; and ye shall be plucked off from the land whither thou goest in to possess it. 64 And Jehovah will scatter thee among all peoples, from the one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth; and there thou shalt serve other gods, which thou hast not known, thou nor thy fathers, even wood and stone. 65 And among these nations shalt thou find no ease, and there shall be no rest for the sole of thy

123 So Hb Sept., Aram. Hb Sam. Vg read drought, 124 Or, a terror among all the kingdoms of the earth. 125 Or, tumors, or, plague boils, 126 Or, after-birth that etc. 127 Or, awe this glorious and awesome name
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foot: but Jehovah will give thee there a trembling heart, and failing of eyes, and pining of soul; 66 and thy life shall hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt fear night and day, and shalt have no assurance of thy life. 67 In the morning thou shalt say, Would it were even! and in the evening thou shalt say, Would it were morning! for the fear of thy heart which thou shalt fear, and for the sight of thine eyes which thou shalt see. 68 And Jehovah will bring thee into Egypt again with ships, by the way whereof I said unto thee, Thou shalt see it no more again: and there ye shall sell yourselves unto your enemies for bondmen and for bondwomen, and no man shall buy you. 29 These are the words of the covenant which Jehovah commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he made with them in Horeb.

2 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye have seen all that Jehovah did before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; 3 the great trials which thine eyes saw, the signs, and those great wonders: 4 but Jehovah hath not given you a heart to know, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, unto this day. 5 And I have led ye forty years in the wilderness: your clothes are not waxed old upon you, and thy shoe is not waxed old upon thy foot. 6 Ye have not eaten bread, neither have ye drunk wine or strong drink; that ye may know that I am Jehovah your God. 7 And when ye came unto this place, Sihon the king of Heshbon, and Og the king of Bashan, came out against us unto battle, and we smote them: 8 and we took their land, and gave it for an inheritance unto the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of the Manassites. 9 Keep therefore the words of this covenant, and do them, that ye may prosper in all that ye do.

10 Ye stand this day all of you before Jehovah your God; your heads, your tribes, your elders, and your officers, even all the men of Israel, 11 your little ones, and your wives, and thy sojourner that is in the midst of thy camps, from the hower of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water; 12 that thou mayest enter into the covenant of Jehovah thy God, and into his oath, which Jehovah thy God maketh with thee this day; 13 that he may establish thee this day unto himself for a people, and that he may be unto thee a God, as he spake unto thee, and as he spake unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

14 Neither with you only do I make this covenant and this oath, 15 but with him that standeth here with us this day before Jehovah our God, and also with him that is not here with us this day (for ye know how we dwelt in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which ye passed; 17 and ye have seen their abominations, and their idols, wood and stone, silver and gold, which were among them); 18 lest there should be among you man, or woman, or family, or tribe, whose heart turneth away this day from Jehovah our God, to go to serve the gods of those nations; lest there should be among you a root that beareth gall and wormwood; 19 and it come to pass, when he heareth the words of this curse, that he bless himself in his heart, saying, I shall have peace, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart, to destroy the moist with the dry. 20 Jehovah will not pardon him, but then the anger of Jehovah and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and all the curse that is written in this book shall lie upon him, and Jehovah will blot out his name from under heaven. 21 And Jehovah will set him apart unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the law.

22 And the generation to come, your children that shall rise up after you, and the foreigner that shall come from a far land, shall say, when they see the plagues of that land, and the sicknesses wherewith Jehovah hath made it sick; 23 and that the whole land thereof is brimstone, and salt, and a burning, that it is not sown, nor beareth, nor any grass groweth therein, like the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah and Zeboim, which Jehovah overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath; 24 even all the nations shall say, Wherefore hath Jehovah done thus unto this land? what meaneth the heat of this great anger? 25 Then men shall say, Because they forsook the covenant of Jehovah, the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and went and served other gods, and worshipped them, gods that they knew not, and that he had not given unto them: 26 therefore the anger of Jehovah was kindled against this land, to bring upon it all the curse that is written in this book; 27 and Jehovah rooted them out of their land in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation, and cast them into another land, as at this day. 28 And Jehovah will set him apart unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the curses of the covenant that is written in this book of the law.

30 And it shall come to pass, when all these things are come upon thee, the blessing and the curse, which I have set before thee, and thou shalt call them to mind among all the nations, whither Jehovah thy God hath driven thee,

128 Or, deal wisely in all that ye do.
129 Hb. rōsh (a poisonous herb).
130 Or, oath, And so in vss. 20 and 21.
131 Or, to add drunkenness to thirst.
132 Hb. allotted
133 Re: Additions in AV and RV, see Companion Bible.
134 Or, if we do all the words of this law.
135 Or, repeal or, return to
good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers; 10 if thou shalt obey the voice of Jehovah thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if thou turn unto Jehovah thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul.

11 For this commandment which I command thee this day, it is not too hard for thee, neither is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven, that thou shouldst say, Who shall go up for us to heaven, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it? 13 Neither is it beyond the sea, that thou shouldst say, Who shall go over the sea for us, and bring it unto us, and make us to hear it, that we may do it? 14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it.

15 See, I have set before thee this day life and good, and death and evil; 16 in that I command thee this day to love Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, and to keep his commandments and his statutes and his ordinances, that thou mayest live and multiply, and that Jehovah thy God may be with thee, he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 17 I call heaven and earth to witness against you this day, that I set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse: therefore choose life, that thou mayest live, thou and thy seed; 20 to love Jehovah thy God, to obey his voice, and to cleave unto him; for he is thy life, and the length of thy days; that thou mayest dwell in the land which Jehovah sware unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give them.

31 And Moses 138 went and spake these words unto all Israel. 2 And he said unto them, I am a hundred twenty years old this day; I can no more go out and come in: and I do not go up 139 and possess the land. 3 And Jehovah hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. 4 Jehovah thy God, he will go over before thee; he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt possess them: and Joshua, he shall go over before thee, as Jehovah hath spoken. 4 And Jehovah will do unto them as he did to Sihon and to Og, the kings of the Amorites, and unto their land; whom he destroyed. 5 And Jehovah will deliver them up before you, and ye shall do unto them according unto all the commandment which I have commanded you. 6 Be strong and of good courage, fear not, nor be affrighted at them: for Jehovah thy God, he it is that doth go with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto him in the sight of all Israel, Be strong and of good courage: for thou shalt go with this people into the land which Jehovah hath sworn unto their fathers to give them; and thou shalt cause them to inherit it. 8 And Jehovah, he it is that doth go before thee; he will be with thee, he will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.

9 And Moses wrote this law, and delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, that bare the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and unto all the elders of Israel. 10 And Moses commanded them, saying, At the end of every seven years, in the set time of the year of release, in the feast of booths, 11 when all Israel is come to appear before Jehovah thy God in the place which he shall choose, 12 thou shalt read this law before all Israel in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people, the men and the women and the little ones, and thy sojourner that is within thy gates, that they may hear, and that they may learn, and fear Jehovah your God, and observe to do all the words of this law; 13 and that their children who have not known, may hear, and learn to fear Jehovah your God, as long as ye live in the land whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it.

14 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Behold, thy days approach that thou 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 Jehovah appeared in the Tent in a pillar of cloud: and the pillar of cloud stood 140 over the door of the Tent. 16 And Jehovah said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy fathers; and this people will rise up, and play the harlot after the strange gods of the land, whither 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 come upon 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 for all the evil which they shall have wrought, in that they are turned unto other gods. 19 Now therefore write ye this song for you, and teach thou it to the children of Israel: put it in their mouths, that this song may be a witness for me against the children of Israel. 20 For when I shall have brought them into the land which I sware unto their fathers, flowing with milk and honey, and they shall have eaten and filled themselves, and waxed fat; then will they turn unto other gods, and serve them, and despise me, and break my covenant. 21 And it shall come to pass, when many evils and troubles are come upon them, that this song shall testify before them as a witness; for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouths of their seed: for I know their imagination which they frame thitherfore, before I have brought them into the land which I sware.

22 So Moses wrote this song the same day, and taught it among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant among them, and will forsake me, and break my covenant.

23 And he gave Joshua the son of Nun a charge, and said, Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt bring the children of Israel into the land which I sware unto them: and I will be with thee.

24 And it came to pass, when Moses had made an end of writing the words of this law in a book, until they were finished, 25 that Moses commanded the Levites, that bare the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, saying, 26 Take this book of the law, and put it by the side of the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, that it may be there for a witness against thee. 27 For I know thy rebellion, and thy stiff neck: behold, while I am yet alive with you this day, ye have been rebellious against Jehovah; and how much more after my death? 28 Assemble unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers, that I may
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speak these words in their ears, and call heaven and earth to witness against them. 29 For I know that after my death ye will utterly corrupt yourselves, and turn aside from the way which I have commanded you; and evil will befall you in the latter days; because ye will do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger through the work of your hands.

30 And Moses spake in the ears of all the assembly of Israel the words of this song, until they were finished.

32 Give ear, ye heavens, and I will speak; And let the earth hear 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 grass, And as the showers upon the herb.

3 For I will proclaim the name of Jehovah: Ascribe ye greatness unto our God.

4 The Rock, his work is perfect; For all his ways are justice: A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, Just and right is he.

5 They have dealt corruptly with him, they are not his children, 

143 Or, corrupted themselves,

144 So Massoretic, Sam., Aram., Vg. 4QDeut!Sept. read children of God. (Compare Ge 10:25, 32.)

They are a perverse and crooked generation.

6 Do ye thus requite Jehovah, O foolish people and unwise? Is not he thy father that hath bought thee?

141 Or, but a blot upon them;

He hath made thee, and established thee.

7 Remember the days of old, Consider the years of many generations: Ask thy father, and he will show thee; Thine elders, and they will tell thee.

8 When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, When he separated the children of men, He set the bounds of the peoples According to the number of the children of Israel.

9 For Jehovah’s portion is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance.

10 He found him in a desert land, And in a waste howling wilderness; He compassed him about, he cared for him, He kept him as an apple of his eye.

11 As an eagle that stirreth up her nest, That fluttereth over her young,

149 Or, who bare thee

145 Or, Spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her pinions.

He spread abroad his wings, he took them, He bare them on his pinions.

12 Jehovah alone did lead him, And there was no foreign god with him.

13 He made him ride on the high places of the earth, And he did eat the increase of the field; And he made him to suck honey out of the rock,

And oil out of the flinty rock;

14 Butter of the herd, and milk of the flock, With fat of lambs, And rams of the breed of Bashan, and goats, With the finest of the wheat;

146 Hb. fat of kidneys of wheat;

And of the blood of the grape thou drankest wine.

15 But Jeshurun waxed fat, and kicked: Thou art waxed fat, thou art grown thick, thou art become sleek; Then he forsook God who made him, And highly esteemed the Rock of his salvation.

16 They moved him to jealousy with strange gods; With abominations provoked they him to anger.

17 They sacrificed unto demons, which were no God, To gods that they knew not, To new gods that came up of late, Which your fathers dreaded not.

18 Of the Rock that begat thee thou art unmindful, And hast forgotten God that gave thee birth.

19 And Jehovah saw it, and abhorred them, Because of the provocation of his sons and 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 is no faithfulness.

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 that are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with a foolish nation.

22 For a fire is kindled in mine anger, And burneth unto the lowest Sheol, And devoureth the earth with its increase, And setteth on fire the foundations of the mountains.

23 I will heap evils upon them; I will spend mine arrows upon them:

24 They shall be wasted with hunger, and devoured with burning heat And bitter destruction; And the teeth of beasts will I send upon them, With the poison of crawling things of the dust.

25 Without shall be the sword bereave, And in the chambers terror; It shall destroy both young man and virgin, The suckling with the man of gray hairs.

26 I said, I would scatter them afar, I would make the remembrance of them to cease from among men;

27 Were it not that I feared a provocation of the enemy, Lest their adversaries should judge amiss, Lest they should say, Our hand is exalted, And Jehovah hath not done all this.

28 For it was not to thy gods, O Jacob, But to the Rock of thy salvation, 

29 unto the God of the high heavens.

30 When he separated the children of men, He made a covenant with them, And charged them for the law of God, 

31 And sware unto them to give them the land of the heathen, A land of the fathers of the assembly of Israel.

32 Thine elders, and they will tell thee. Ask thy father, and he will show thee; Thine elders, and they will tell thee.

33 And the heavens above are mine, And the earth beneath is mine;

34 The Rock, his work is perfect; For all his ways are justice: A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, Just and right is he.

35 Who brought us out of the lands of strangers, And gave us possession of the work of their hands.

36 Speak, Jehovah, for thou hast wrought wonderful things in thy own name; Jehovah, a God most righteous.

28 For they are a nation void of counsel, 
And there is no understanding in them. 
29 Oh that they were wise, that they understood this, 
That they would consider their latter end! 
30 How should one chase a thousand, 
And two put ten thousand to flight, 
Except their Rock had sold them, 
And Jehovah had delivered 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 poison of serpents, 
And the cruel venom of asps. 

34 Is not this laid up in store with me, 
Sealed up among my treasures? 
35 Vengeance is mine, and recompense, 
At the time when their foot shall slide: 
For the day of their calamity is at hand, 
And the things that are to come upon thee shall make haste. 
36 For Jehovah will judge his people, 
And repent himself for his servants; 
When he seeth that their power is gone, 
And there is none remaining, shut up or left at large. 
37 And he will say, Where are their gods, 
The rock in which they took refuge; 
38 Which did eat the fat of their sacrifices, 
And drank the wine of their drink-offering? 
Let them rise up and help you, 
Let them be your protection. 
39 See now that I, even I, am he, 
And there are no gods with me: 
I kill, and I make alive; 
I wound, and I heal; 
And there is none that can deliver out of my hand. 
40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, 
And say, As I live for ever, 
41 If I whet my glittering sword, 
And my hand take hold on judgment; 
I will render vengeance to mine adversaries, 
And will recompense them that hate me, 
42 I will make mine arrows drunk with blood, 
And my sword shall devour flesh; 
With the blood of the slain and the captives, 
From the head of the leaders of the enemy.

43 Rejoice, O ye 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 his land, for his people. 

44 And Moses came and spake all the words of this song in the ears of the people, he and Hoshea the son of Nun. 
45 And Moses made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel; 46 and he said unto them, Set your heart unto all the words which I testify unto you this day; which ye shall command your children to observe to do, even all the words of this law. 47 For it is no vain thing for you; because it is your life, and through this thing ye shall prolong your days in the land, whither ye go over the Jordan to possess it. 
48 And Jehovah spake unto Moses that selfsame day, saying, 
Get thee up into this mountain of Abarim, unto mount Nebo, which is in the land of Moab, that is over against Jericho; and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel for a possession; 50 and die in the mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy brother died in mount Hor, and was gathered unto his people: 51 because ye trespassed against me in the midst of the children of Israel at the waters of Meribah of Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin; because ye sanctified me not in the midst of the children of Israel. 
52 For thou shalt see the land before thee; but thou shalt not go thither into the land which I give the children of Israel. 

33 And this is the blessing, wherewith Moses the man of God blessed the children of Israel before his death. 
2 And he said, 
Jehovah came from Sinai, 
And rose from Seir unto them; 
He shined forth from mount Paran, 
And he came from the ten thousands of holy ones: 
At his right hand was a fiery law for them. 
3 Yes, he loveth the people; 
All his holy ones are in thy hand: 
And they sat down at thy feet; 
Every one shall receive of thy words. 
4 Moses commanded us a law, 
An inheritance for the assembly of Jacob. 
5 And he was king in Jeshurun, 
When the heads of the people were gathered, 
All the tribes of Israel together. 
6 Let Reuben live, and not die; 
Nor let his men be few.
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7 And this is the blessing of Judah: and he said, Hear Jehovah, the voice of Judah, And bring him in unto his people.  
8 With his hands he contended 167 for himself; And thou shalt be a help against his adversaries.

8 Of Levi he said,  
9 Thy Brittanim and thy Urim are with 168 thy godly one, Whom thou didst prove at Massah, With whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah;  
10 Who said of his father, and of his mother, I have not seen him; Neither did he acknowledge his brethren, Nor knew he his own children: For they have observed thy word, And keep thy covenant.

10 They shall teach Jacob thine ordinances, And Israel thy law:  
11 They shall put incense 169 before thee, And whole burnt-offering upon thine altar.  
12 TH the blessing of Jehovah shall dwell in safety by him; He covereth him all the day long, And he dwelleth between his shoulders.

12 Of Benjamin he said,  
13 For the precious things of heaven, for the dew, And for the deep that coucheth beneath,  
14 And for the precious things of the fruits of the sun, And for the precious things of the growth of the 170 moons,  
15 And for the chief things of the ancient mountains, And for the precious things of the everlasting hills,  
16 And for the precious things of the earth and the fulness thereof, And the good will of him that dwelt in the bush.  
17 Let the blessing come upon the head of Joseph, And upon the crown of the head of him 171 that was separate from his brethren.  
18 And of Zebulun he said,  
19 Rejoice, Zebulun, in thy going out; And, Issachar, in thy tents.

19 They shall call the peoples unto the mountain; There shall they offer sacrifices of righteousness: For they shall suck the abundance of the seas, And the hidden treasures of the sand.  
20 And of Gad he said, Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: He dwelleth as a lioness.  
21 And of Asher he said,  
22 Blessed be Asher 172 with children; Let him be acceptable unto his brethren, And let him dip his foot in oil.  
23 Thy bars shall be iron and brass; And as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

24 Of Naphtali he said,  
25 O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, And full with the blessing of Jehovah, Possess thou the 177 west and the south.

24 And of Asher he said,  
25 Thy bars shall be iron and brass; And as thy days, so shall thy strength be.

26 There is none like unto God, O Jesurun, Who rideth upon the heavens for thy help, And in his excellency on the skies,  
27 The God of old is thy dwelling-place And underneath are the everlasting arms. And he thrust out the enemy from before thee, And said, Destroy.

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29 The fountain of Jacob alone, In a land of grain and new wine; Yes, his heavens drop down dew.

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30 Happy art thou, O Israel: Who is like unto thee, a people saved by Jehovah, The shield of thy help, And the sword of thy excellency! And thine enemies shall 181 submit themselves unto thee; And thou shalt tread upon their high places.

34 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto mount Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is over against Jericho. And Jehovah showed him all the land of Gilead, unto Dan, 2 and all Naphtali, and the land of Ephraim and

166 Or, Let his hands be sufficient for them;  
167 Or, for them;  
168 Or, him whom thou lovest;  
169 Hb. in thy nostrils,  
170 Or, months,  
171 Or, that is prince among his brethren.  
172 Or, His firstling bullock,  
173 Or, gore  
174 Or, chose Hb. saw  
175 Or, a ruler’s portion reserved;  
176 Or, to  
177 Or, sea  
178 Or, above sons;  
179 Or, shoes  
180 Or, rest or, security  
181 Or, yield feigned obedience unto thee;
Manasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the 182hinder sea, 3 and the South, and the Plain of the valley of Jericho the city of palm-trees, unto Zoar. 4 And Jehovah said unto him, This is the land which I sware unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob, saying, I will give it unto thy seed: I have caused thee to see it with thine eyes, but thou shalt not go over thither. 5 So Moses the servant of Jehovah died there in the land of Moab, according to the word of Jehovah. 6 And 183he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab over against Beth-peor: but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. 7 And Moses was a hundred twenty years old when he died: his eye was not dim, nor his natural force abated. 8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days: so the days of weeping in the 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 children of Israel hearkened unto him, and did as Jehovah commanded Moses. 10 And there hath not arisen a prophet since in Israel like unto Moses, whom Jehovah knew face to face, 11 in all the signs and the wonders, which Jehovah sent him to do in the land of Egypt, to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and in all his land, 12 and in all the mighty hand, and in all the great terror, which Moses wrought in the sight of all Israel.

182 That is, western (Mediterranean Sea).
183 Or, he was buried in the valley  So Massoretic, MasDeut, Sam., Aram., Vg. 4QDeut⁴ Sept., and some Samaritan mss. read they buried him in the valley

End of the Pentateuch, or 5 Books of Moses
Jehovah's Charge to Joshua — 2:1 Spies sent to Jericho

1 Now it came to pass after the death of Moses the servant of Jehovah, that Jehovah spake unto Joshua the son of Nun, Moses’ minister, saying, 2 Moses my servant is dead; now therefore arise, go over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, even to the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, to you have I given it, as I spake unto Moses. 4 From the wilderness, and this Lebanon, even unto the great river, the river Euphrates, all the land of the Hittites, and unto the great sea toward the going down of the sun, shall be your border. 5 There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of good courage; for thou shalt cause this people to inherit the land which I sware unto their fathers to give them. 7 Only be strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law which I sware unto their fathers to give them. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth, but thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 9 Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of good courage; be not affrighted, neither be thou dismayed: for Jehovah thy God giveth you rest, and will give you the word which Moses spake unto you, and thou shalt meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written in this book of the law; 10 that thou mayest meditate thereon day and night, that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein: for then thou shalt make thy way prosperous, and then thou shalt have good success. 11 Pass through the midst of the camp, and command the people, saying, Prepare you victuals; for within three days ye are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which Jehovah your God giveth you to possess it.

12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, spake Joshua, saying, 13 Remember the word which Moses spake to Jehovah commanded you, saying, Jehovah your God giveth you rest, and will give you this land. 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall abide in the land which Moses gave you beyond the Jordan; but ye shall pass over before your brethren armed, all the mighty men of valor, and shall help them; 15 until Jehovah have given your brethren rest, as he hath given you, and they also have possessed the land which Jehovah your God giveth them: then ye shall return unto the land of your possession, and possess it, which Moses spake to Jehovah gave you beyond the Jordan toward the sunrising. 16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou hast commanded us we will do, and whithersoever thou sendest us we will go. 17 According as we hearkened unto Moses in all things, so will we hearken unto thee: only Jehovah thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. 18 Whosoever he be that shall rebel against thy commandment, and shall not hearken unto thy words in all that thou commandest him, he shall be put to death: only be strong and of good courage.

2 And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men as spies secretly, saying, Go, view the land, and Jericho. And they went, and came into the house of a harlot whose name was Rahab, and lay there. 2 And it was told the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, there came men in hither tonight of the children of Israel to search out the land. 3 And the king of Jericho sent unto Rahab, saying, Bring forth the men that are come to thee, that are entered into thy house; for they are come to search out all the land. 4 And the woman took the two men, and hid them; and she said, Yes, the men came unto me, but I knew not whence they were: 5 and it came to pass about the time of the shutting of the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out; whither the men went I know not; pursue after them quickly; for ye will overtake them. 6 But she had brought them up to the roof, and hid them with the stalks of flax, that she had laid in order upon the roof. 7 And the men pursued after them the way to the Jordan unto the fords: and as soon as they that pursued after them were gone out, they shut the gate.

8 And before they were laid down, she came up unto them upon the roof; 9 and she said unto the men, I know that Jehovah hath given you the land, and that the fear of you is fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land melt away before you. 10 For we have heard how Jehovah dried up the water of the Red Sea before you, when ye came out of Egypt; and what ye did unto the two kings of the Amorites, that were beyond the Jordan, unto Sihon and to Og, whom ye utterly destroyed. 11 And as soon as we had heard it, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more spirit in any man, because of you: for Jehovah your God, he is God in heaven above, and on earth beneath. 12 Now therefore, I pray you, swear unto me by Jehovah, since I have dealt kindly with you, that ye also will deal kindly with my father’s house, and give me a true token; 13 and that ye will save alive my father, and my mother, and my brethren, and my sisters, and all that they have, and will deliver our souls from death. 14 And the men said unto her, Our soul for yours, if ye utter not this our business; and it shall be, when Jehovah giveth us the land, that we will deal kindly and truly with thee.

15 Then she let them down by a cord through the window: 6 for her house was upon a side of the wall, and she dwelt upon the wall. 16 And she said unto them, Get you to the mountain, population could hardly have exceeded 10,000.

There is evidence in the tombs of a hasty mass burial shortly before the city was taken and burned; if so, the defense forces were already weakened, and there may also have been a health expedient for destroying everything that lived at Jericho. (See K.M. Kenyon, “Jericho,” 5 vols.)

3 Hb. devoted.

4 Hb. instead of you to die,
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Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take ye twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, and command ye them, saying, Take you hence the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then they shall go over before the people. And they said unto Joshua, Truly Jehovah hath delivered into our hands all the land; and moreover all the inhabitants of the land do melt away before us.

3 And Joshua rose up early in the morning; and they removed from Shittim, and came to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel; and they lodged there before they passed over. And it came to pass after three days, that the officers went through the midst of the camp; and they commanded the people, saying, When ye see the ark of the covenant of Jehovah your God, and the priests the Levites bearing it, then ye shall remove from your place, and go after it. Yet there shall be a space between you and it, a space about two thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, that ye may know the way by which ye must go; for ye have not passed this way heretofore. And Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for tomorrow Jehovah will do wonders among you. And Joshua spake unto the priests, saying, Take up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, and went before the people.

And Jehovah said unto Joshua, This day will I begin to magnify thee in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee. And thou shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, ye shall stand still in the Jordan. And Joshua said unto the children of Israel, Come hither, and hear the words of Jehovah your God. And Joshua said, Hereby ye shall know that the living God is among you, and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanite, and the Hivite, and the Hivite, and the Perizzite, and the Girgashite, and the Amorite, and the Jebusite. Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you in the Jordan. Now therefore take you twelve men out of the tribes of Israel, for every tribe a man. And it shall come to pass, when the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the ark of Jehovah, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, that the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off, even the waters that come down from above; and they shall stand in one heap.

And it came to pass, when the people removed from their tents, to pass over the Jordan, the priests that bare the ark of the covenant being before the people; and when they that bare the ark were come unto the Jordan, and the feet of the priests that bare the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (for the Jordan overfloweth all its banks all the time of harvest), that the waters that came down from above stood, and rose up in one heap, a great way off, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan; and those that went down toward the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, were wholly cut off: and the people passed over right against Jericho. And the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of Jehovah stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan; and all Israel passed over on dry ground, until all the nation were passed clean over the Jordan.

And it came to pass, when all the nation were clean passed over the Jordan, that Jehovah spake unto Joshua, saying, Take you twelve men out of the people, out of every tribe a man, and command ye them, saying, Take you hence out of the midst of the Jordan, out of the place where the priests’ feet stood firm, twelve stones, and carry them over with you, and lay them down in the lodging-place, where ye shall lodge this night. Then Joshua called the twelve men, whom he had prepared of the children of Israel, out of every tribe a man: and Joshua said unto them, Pass over before the ark of Jehovah your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take you up every man of you a stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; that this may be a sign among you, that, when your children ask in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? then ye shall say unto them, Because the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off: and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever.

And the children of Israel did so as Joshua commanded, and took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, as Jehovah spake unto Joshua, according to the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; and they carried them over with them unto the place where they lodged, and laid them down there. And Joshua set up twelve stones in the midst of the

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5 Rahab’s house was in the northwest corner of the city, the only place where the wall still stands to its full height. It is the high part of Jericho, where the roof would not be seen from the rest of the city. The gate was in the southeast part, near the cross-roads, opposite to where the spies were let down.

6 That is, about 0.9 km.

7 Or, upstream;

8 So Massoretic, Aram. 4QJosh read at Sept. reads about

9 So Massoretic, Aram., Vg. Sept. (4QJosh) add wheat [otherwise, coming before Passover; barley harvest]

10 That is, were blocked, or, were dammed up. Again in 1927 just downstream of the Jabbok River mouth part of the limestone cliffs collapsed into the Jordan, blocking flow for 21 hours. E.G. Kraeling, Historical Atlas of the Holy Land, 1959. p. 57, #25.

11 So ḫm. ḫm Vg., (Aram.). read off from Adam,

12 West of the Jordan and east of Jezreel. Cf. 1Ki 4:12.
Joshua 5

Jordan, in the place where the feet of the priests that bare the ark of the covenant stood: and they are there unto this day. 10 For the priests that bare the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan, until everything was finished that Jehovah commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses commanded Joshua: and the people hasted and passed over. 11 And it came to pass, when all the people were clean passed over, that the ark of Jehovah passed over, and the priests, in the presence of the people. 12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, passed over armed before the children of Israel, as Moses spake unto them: 13 about forty thousand ready armed for war passed over before Jehovah unto battle, to the plains of Jericho. 14 On that day Jehovah magnified Joshua in the sight of all Israel; and they feared him, as they feared Moses, all the days of his life.

15 And Jehovah spake unto Joshua, saying, 16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan. 17 Joshua therefore commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of the Jordan. 18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bare the ark of the covenant of Jehovah were come up out of the midst of the Jordan, and the soles of the priests’ feet were lifted up unto the dry ground, that the waters of the Jordan returned unto their place, and went over all its banks, as aforetime.

19 And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on the east border of Jericho. 20 And those twelve stones, which they took out of the Jordan, did Joshua set up in Gilgal. 21 And he spake unto the children of Israel, saying, When your children shall ask their fathers in time to come, saying, What mean these stones? 22 then ye shall let your children know, saying, Israel came over this Jordan on dry land. 23 For Jehovah your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until ye were passed over, as Jehovah your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were passed over; 24 that all the peoples of the earth may know the hand of Jehovah, that it is mighty; that ye may fear Jehovah your God all the days of your life.

5 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Amorites, that were beyond the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, that were by the sea, heard how that Jehovah had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel, 4th until they were passed over, that their heart melted, neither was there spirit in them any more, because of the children of Israel.

2 At that time Jehovah said unto Joshua, Make thee 14th knives of flint, and circumsice again the children of Israel the second time. 3 And Joshua made him knives of flint, and circumsiced the children of Israel at 15th the hill of the foreskins. 4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumsice: all the people that came forth out of Egypt, that were males, even all the men of war, died in the wilderness by the way, after they came forth out of Egypt. 5 For all the people that came out were circumcised; but all the people that were born in the wilderness by the way as they came forth out of Egypt, they had not circumcised.

6 For the children of Israel walked forty years in the wilderness, till all the nation, even the men of war that came forth out of Egypt, were consumed, because they hearkened not unto the voice of Jehovah: unto whom Jehovah swore that he would not let them see the land which Jehovah sware unto their fathers that he would give us, a land flowing with milk and honey. 7 And their children, whom he raised up in their stead, them did Joshua circumsice: for they were uncircumcised, because they had not circumcised them by the way. 8 And it came to pass, when they had done circumcising all the nation, that they abode in their places in the camp, till they were whole. 9 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, This day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off you. Wherefore the name of that place was called 19th Gilgal, unto this day.

10 And the children of Israel encamped in Gilgal; and they kept the Passover on the fourteenth day of the month in the evening in the plains of Jericho. 11 And they did eat of the produce of the land on the morrow after the Passover, unleavened cakes and parched grain, in the selfsame day. 12 And the manna ceased on the morrow, after they had eaten of the produce of the land; neither had the children of Israel manna any more; but they did eat of the increase 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 over against him with his sword drawn in his hand: and Joshua went unto him, and said unto him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 And he said, No; but as prince of the host of Jehovah am I now come. And Joshua fell on his face to the earth, and did worship, and said unto him, What saith my lord unto his servant? 15 And the prince of Jehovah’s host said unto Joshua, Put off thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

6 Now Jericho was straitly shut up because of the face of the children of Israel: none went out, and none came in. 2 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thy hand Jericho, and the king thereof, and the mighty men of valor. 3 And ye shall compass the city, all the men of war, going about the city once. Thus shall thou do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear seven 18th trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark: and the seventh day ye shall compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow the trumpets. 5 And it shall be, that, when they make a long blast with the ram’s horn, and when ye hear the sound of the trumpet, all the people shall shout with a great shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat, and the people shall go up every man straight before him.

6 And Joshua the son of Nun called the priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the covenant, and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of Jehovah. 7 And 20th he said unto the people, Pass on, and com-

13 That is, until the Israelites had passed over,
14 Ceramic knives leave a rougher incision than do sharp metal knives, which promotes post-surgical healing.
15 Or, Gibeah-baaraloth.
16 That is, Rolling.
17 Hb. shut the gates and was shut in because of etc. (Refusing to trade or negotiate was a hostile act.)
18 Or, jubilee trumpets before etc. Hb. yovel And so elsewhere.
19 Hb. in its place.
20 So Hb 77th Aram., Vg. Most Hb 8th read they.
pass the city, and let the armed men pass on before the ark of Jehovah. 8 And it was so, that, when Joshua had spoken unto the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before Jehovah passed on, and blew the trumpets: and the ark of the covenant of Jehovah followed them. 9 And the armed men went before the priests that blew the trumpets, and the rearward went after the ark, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went. 10 And Joshua had commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout; then shall ye shout. 11 So he caused the ark of Jehovah to compass the city, going about it once: and they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp.

12 And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of Jehovah. 13 And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams’ horns before the ark of Jehovah went on continually, and blew the trumpets: and the armed men went before them; and the rearward came after the ark of Jehovah, the priests blowing the trumpets as they went. 14 And the second day they compassed the city once, and returned into the camp: so they did six days.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early at the dawning of the day, and compassed the city after the same manner seven times: only on that day they compassed the city seven times. 16 And it came to pass at the seventh time, when the priests blew the trumpets, Joshua said unto the people, Shout; for Jehovah hath given you the city. 17 And the city shall be devoted, even it and all that is therein, to Jehovah: only Rahab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house, because she hid the messengers that we sent. 18 But as for you, only keep yourselves from the devoted thing, lest when ye have devoted it, ye take of the devoted thing; so would ye make the camp of Israel a devoted thing, lest when ye have devoted it, the land will hear it, and the heart of the people melt, and become as water.

19 And Joshua rent his clothes, and fell to the earth upon his face before the ark of Jehovah until the evening, he and the elders of Israel; and they put dust upon their heads. 20 And Joshua said, Alas, O Lord Jehovah, wherefore hast thou at all taken thy people Israel out of Egypt, to bring us into the hands of the Amorites, to cause us to perish? Would that we had been content and dwelt beyond the Jordan! 9 For the Canaanites and all the inhabitants of the land will hear it, and will compass us round, and cut off our name from the earth: and what wilt thou do for thy great name?

21 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Get thee up; wherefore art thou thus fallen upon thy face? 22 Israel hath sinned; yes, they have even transgressed my covenant which I commanded them: yes, they have even taken of the devoted thing, and have also stolen, and dissembled also; and they have even put it among their own stuff. 23 Therefore the children of Israel cannot stand before their enemies; they turn their backs before their enemies, because they are become accursed: I will not be with you any more, except ye destroy the devoted thing from among you. 24 Get up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against tomorrow: for thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, There is a devoted thing in the midst of thee, O Israel; thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the devoted thing from among you. 25 In the morning...
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therefore ye shall be brought near by your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which Jehovah taketh shall come near by families; and the family which Jehovah shall take shall come near by households; and the household which Jehovah shall take shall come near man by man. And it shall be, that he that is taken with the devoted thing shall be burnt with fire, he and all that he hath; because he hath transgressed the covenant of Jehovah, and because he hath wrought folly in Israel.

So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes; and the tribe of Judah was taken: and he brought near the family of Judah; and he took the family of the Zerahites: and he brought near the family of the Zerahites man by man; and Zabdi was taken: and he brought near 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. And Joshua said unto Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to Jehovah, the God of Israel, and make confession unto him. And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land; and thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: set thee an ambush for the city behind it.

And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Stretch out the javelin that was in his hand, and they burned them with fire, and stoned them with stones. And they raised over him a great heap of stones, unto this day; and Jehovah turned from the fierceness of his anger. Wherefore the name of that place was called, The valley of Achor, unto this day.

And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou dismayed: take all the people of war with thee, and arise, go up to Ai; see, I have given into thy hand the king of Ai, and his people, and his city, and his land; and thou shalt do to Ai and her king as thou didst unto Jericho and her king: only the spoil thereof, and the cattle thereof, shall ye take for a prey unto yourselves: set thee an ambush for the city behind it.

And Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up to Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand men, the mighty men of valor, and sent them forth by night. And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in ambush against the city, behind the city; go not very far from the city, but be ye all ready: and I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city. And it shall come to pass, when they come out against us, as at the first, that we will flee before them; and they will come out after us, till we have drawn them away from the city; for they will say, They flee before us, as at the first: so we will flee before them; and ye shall rise up from the ambush, and take possession of the city: for Jehovah your God will deliver it into your hand. And it shall be, when ye have seized upon the city, that ye shall set the city on fire; according to the word of Jehovah shall ye do: see, I have commanded you. And Joshua sent them forth; and they went to the ambushment, and abode between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of Ai: but Joshua lodged that night among the people.

And Joshua arose early in the morning, and mustered the people, and went up, he and the elders of Israel, before the people to Ai. And all the people, even the men of war that were with him, went up, and drew nigh, and came before the city, and encamped on the north side of Ai: now there was a valley between him and Ai. And he took about five thousand men, and set them in ambush between Beth-el and Ai, on the west side of the city. So they set the people, even all the host that was on the north of the city, and their liers-in-wait that were on the west of the city; and Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley. And it came to pass, when the king of Ai saw it, that they hasted and rose up early, and the men of the city went out against Israel to battle, he and all his people, at the time appointed, before the Arabah; but he knew not that there was an ambush against him behind the city. And Joshua and all Israel made as if they were beaten before them, and fled by the way of the wilderness. And all the people that were in the city were called together to pursue after them: and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. And there was not a man left in Ai or Bethel, that went not out after Israel: and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel.

And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Stretch out the javelin that is in thy hand toward Ai; for I will give it into thy hand. And Joshua stretched out the javelin that was in his hand toward the city. And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he had stretched out his hand, and entered into the city, and took it; and they hasted and set the city on fire. And when the men of Ai looked behind them, they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascendcd up to heaven, and they had no power to flee this way or that way: and the people that fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. And when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had taken the city, and that the smoke of the city

Why hast thou troubled us? The LORD shall trouble thee this day. I.e., this day art thou to be troubled, but thou shalt not be troubled in the next world.”

That is, Troubling.

Eastern Hb. mss., Aram. read Ai. Also in vs. 16.

Or, So the people set all the host etc.

Some mss. read lodged that night in the midst etc.

Or, to the place appointed,

Hb. hands
ascended, then they turned again, and slew the men of Ai. 22 And the others came forth 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 smote 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 made an end of slaying all the inhabitants of Ai in the field, in the wilderness wherein they pursued them, and they were all fallen by the edge of the sword, until they were consumed, that all Israel returned unto Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword. 25 And all that fell that day, both of men and women, were twelve thousand, even all the men of Ai. 26 For Joshua drew not back his hand, wherewith he stretched out the javelin, until he had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of Ai. 27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took for a prey unto themselves, according unto the word of Jehovah which he commanded Joshua. 28 So Joshua burnt Ai, and made it a heap of stones, unto this day.

30 Then Joshua built an altar unto Jehovah, the God of Israel, in mount Ebal, 31 as Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of unhewn stones, upon which no man had lifted up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto Jehovah, and sacrificed peace-offerings. 32 And he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of Moses, 43 which he wrote, in the presence of the children 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, that bare the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, which he commanded Joshua. 34 And afterward he read all the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, according to all that is written in the book of the law. 35 There was not a word of all that Moses commanded, which Joshua read not before all the assembly of Israel, and the women, and the little ones, and the sojourners that were among them.

9 And it came to pass, when all the kings that were beyond the Jordan, in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and on all the shore of the great sea in front of Lebanon, the Hittite, and the Amorite, the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite, heard thereof; 2 that they gathered themselves together, to fight with Joshua and with Israel, with one accord. 3 But when the inhabitants of Gibeon heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho and to Ai, 4 they also did work wilily, and went and made as if they had been ambassadors, and took old sacks upon their asses, and wine-skins, old and rent and bound up, 5 and old and patched shoes upon their foot, and old garments upon them; and all the bread of their provision was dry and was become mouldy. 6 And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, and said unto him, and to the men of Israel, We are come from a far country: now therefore make ye a covenant with us. 7 And the men of Israel said unto the Hivites, Peradventure ye dwell among us; and how shall we make a covenant with you? 8 And they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And Joshua said unto them, Who art ye? And from whence come ye? 9 And they said unto him, From a very far country thy servants are come because of the name of Jehovah thy God: for we have heard the fame of him, and all that he did in Egypt, 10 and all that he did to the two kings of the Amorites, that 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 spake to us, saying, Take provision in your hand for the journey, and go to meet them, and say unto them, We are your servants: and now make ye a covenant with us. 12 This our bread we took hot for our provision out of our houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; but now, behold, it is dry, and is become mouldy: 13 and these wine-skins, which we filled, were new; and, behold, they are rent: and these our garments and our shoes are become old by reason of the very long journey: 14 And the men took of their provision, and asked not counsel at the mouth of Jehovah. 15 And Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them, to let them live: and the princes of the congregation sware unto 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 dwelt among them. 17 And the children of Israel journeyed, and came unto their cities on the third day. Now their cities were Gibeon, and Chephirah, and Beeroth, and Kirjath-jearim. 18 And the children of Israel sware unto them by Jehovah, that they should not be manslaughters unto them; neither should they make them a covenant. 19 But the princes sware unto all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by Jehovah, the God of Israel; now therefore we may not touch them. 20 This we will do to them, and let them live; lest wrath be upon us, because of the oath which we sware unto them. 21 And the princes sware unto them, Let them live: so they became hewers of wood and drawers of water unto all the congregation, as the princes had spoken unto them.

22 And Joshua called for them, and he spake unto them, saying, Wherefore have ye beguiled us, saying, We are very far from you; when ye dwell among us? 23 Now therefore ye are cursed! and there shall never fail to be of you bondmen, both 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 thy servants, how that Jehovah thy 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 sore afraid for our souls because of you, and have done this thing. 25 And now, behold, we are in thy hand: as it first of all.

37 Hb. devoted all 38 Or, mound Hb. tbl 39 Hb. whole 40 Or, which he wrote in the presence of etc. 41 Or, commanded that they should bless the people of Israel

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seemeth good and right unto thee to do unto us, do. 26 And so did he unto them, and delivered them out of the hand of the children 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 Jehovah, unto this day, in the place which he should choose.

10 Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem heard how Joshua had taken Ai, and had utterly 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 the men thereof were mighty. 3 Wherefore Adoni-zedek king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham king of Hebron, and unto Piram king of Jarmuth, and unto Japhia king of Lachish, and unto Debar king of Eglon, saying, 4 Come up unto me, and help me, and let us smite Gibeon; for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children 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 hosts, and encamped against Gibeon, and made war against it.

6 And the men of Gibeon sent unto Joshua to the camp to Gilgal, saying, Slack not thy hand from thy servants; come up to us quickly, and save us, and help us: for all the kings of the Amorites that dwell in the hill-country are gathered together against us. 7 So Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the people of war with him, and all the mighty men of valor. 8 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Fear them not: for I have given into thy hand all the land that thou seest: 9 Whither ye go this day, ye shall enter into an inhabited city, and destroy it; utterly destroy it, and make it a heap of ruins; 10 And smite the men thereof with the edge of the sword; let none of them remain: 11 And let all the cities thereof that remain of the children of Amorites, which Joshua did not destroy, and their kings,民居 所有 中的 了 all that were in it, destroy utterly it, that it may not be inhabited; 12 And let none of it remain: 13 But utterly destroy it; that all the people of Israel may know that even the king also is as one of the people; there shall be none ingathered of you. 14 And Joshua did so unto them; he left none remaining in it, but utterly destroyed 

12 Then spake Joshua to Jehovah in the day when Jehovah delivered up the Amorites before the children of Israel; and he said in the sight of Israel, 13 Sun, 47 stand thou still upon Gibeon; And thou, Moon, in the valley of Ajalon. 14 And the sun stood still, and the moon stayed, 15 Until the nation had avenged themselves of their enemies. 16 Is not this written in the 48 book of Jashar? And the sun stayed in the midst of heaven, and hasted not 49 to go down about a whole day. 17 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that Jehovah hearkened unto the voice of a man: for Jehovah fought for Israel. 18 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal.

19 And these five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 20 And it was told Joshua, saying, The five kings are found, hidden in the cave at Makkedah. 21 And Joshua said, Roll great stones unto the mouth of the cave, and set men by it to keep them: 22 That none of them may go out, and deal boldly against us; and take ye the five kings into the hollow of your hand, and bring them forth unto me: 23 And ye shall see the penalty of Jehovah who doth smite Israel: 24 And afterward ye shall say, Jehovah doth not delight in sacrifices, but he delighteth in the uprightness of man: therefore, be pure and do right in his sight.

25 And the children of Israel did unto the king of Jericho, what Jehovah had commanded Joshua; 26 And they utterly destroyed it, as Jehovah had commanded: 27 But they spared alive the herd of cattle, and the vineyards, and the oliveyards, and likewise the city itself, that he burnt not.

28 And Joshua took Makkedah on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and the king thereof: he 48 utterly destroyed them and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining; and he delivered it to the king of Makkedah as he had done unto the king of Jericho.

29 And Joshua passed from Makkedah, and all Israel with him, unto Libnah, and fought against Libnah: 30 And Jehovah delivered it also, and the king thereof, into the hand of Israel; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein; he left none remaining in it; and he delivered it to the king thereof as he had done unto the king of Jericho.

31 And Joshua passed from Libnah, and all Israel with him, unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it: 32 And Jehovah delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel; and he took it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein, according to all that
he had done to Libnah.

33 Then Horam king of Gezer came up to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none remaining.

34 And Joshua passed from Lachish, and all Israel with him, unto Eglon; and they encamped against it, and fought against it; 35 and they took it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword; and all the souls that were therein he utterly destroyed that day, according to all that he had done to Lachish.

36 And Joshua went up from Eglon, and all Israel with him, unto Hebron; and they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill-country of Judah, and on the west, and the Amorite, and the Hittite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite in the hill-country, and the Hivite under Hermon in the land of Mizpah. 4 And they went out, and they and all their hosts with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the seashore in multitude, with horses and chariots very many. 5 And all these kings met together; and they came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight with Israel.

6 And Jehovah said unto Joshua, Be not afraid because of them; for tomorrow at this time will I deliver them up all slain before Israel: thou shalt hock their horses, and burn their chariots with fire. 7 So Joshua came, and all the people of war with him, against them by the waters of Merom suddenly, and fell upon them. 8 And Jehovah delivered them into the hand of Israel, and they smote them, and chased them unto great Sidon, and unto Misrephoth-maim, and unto the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them, until they left them none remaining. 9 And Joshua did unto them as Jehovah bade him: he hocked their horses, and burnt their chariots with fire.

10 And Joshua turned back at that time, and took Hazor, and smote the king thereof with the sword: for Hazor before-time was the head of all those kingdoms. 11 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword; 12 utterly destroying them; there was none left that breathed: and he burnt Hazor with fire. 12 And all the cities of those kings, and all the kings of them, did Joshua take, and he smote them with the edge of the sword, and utterly destroyed them; as Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded. 13 But as for the cities that stood on their mounds, Israel burned none of them, save Hazor only; that did Joshua burn. 14 And all the spoil of these cities and the cattle, the children of Israel took for a prey unto themselves; but every man they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them, neither left they any that breathed. 15 As Jehovah commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua: and so did Joshua: he left nothing undone of all that Jehovah commanded Moses.

16 So Joshua took all that land, the hill-country, and all the South, and all the land of Goshen, and the lowland, and the Arabah, and the hill-country of Israel, and the lowland of the same; 17 from mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Hermon: and all their kings he took, and then smote them, and put them to death. 18 Joshua made war a long time with all those kings. 19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gibeon: they took all in battle. 20 For it was of Jehovah to utterly destroy them, that they might have no favor, but that he might destroy them, as Jehovah commanded Moses.

21 And Joshua came at that time, and cut off the Anakim from the hill-country, from Hebron, from Debir, from Anah, and from all the hill-country of Judah, and from all the hill-country of Israel: Joshua utterly destroyed them with their cities. 22 There was none of the Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gaza, in Ashdod, and in Ashkelon, did some remain. 23 So Joshua took the whole land, according to all that Jehovah spake unto Moses; and Joshua gave it for an inheritance unto Israel according to their divisions by their tribes. And the land had rest from war.

12 Now these are the kings of the land, whom the children of Israel smote, and possessed their land beyond the Jordan toward the sunrise, from the valley of the Arnon unto mount Hermon, and all the Arabah eastward: 2 Sihon king of the Amorites, who dwelt in Heshbon, and ruled from Aroer, which is on the edge of the valley of the Arnon, and the

52 Or, Naphoth-dor
53 Covering 175 acres, or about 0.7 km², at a hill; Hazor was the largest city in Canaan at that time. Burned at the end of the Middle Bronze Age, usually assigned to the 16th century BC. See Yigael Yadin, “Hazor;” New York: Random House, 1975.
54 Hb. devoting them;
55 Hb. devoted them;  And similarly elsewhere.
56 Hb. he removed nothing of
57 Or, the bare mountain,  And so in ch. 12:7.
58 Hb. make strong their hearts,
59 Or, might not sue for favor,
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city that is in the middle of the valley, and half Gilead, even unto the river Jabbok, the border of the children of Ammon; 3 and the Arabah unto the sea of Chinneroth, eastward, and unto the sea of the Arabah, even the Salt Sea, eastward, the way to Beth-jeshimoth; and on the south, under the slopes of Pisgah; 4 and the border of Og king of Bashan, of the remnant of the Rephaim, who dwelt at Ashtaroth and at Edrei, 5 and ruled in mount Hermon, and in Salecah, and in all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Maacathites, and half Gilead, unto the border of Sihon king of Heshbon. 6 Moses the servant of Jehovah and the children of Israel smote them: and Moses the servant of Jehovah gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh.

7 And these are the kings of the land whom Joshua and the children of Israel smote beyond the Jordan westward, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon even unto mount Halak, that goeth up to Seir (and Joshua gave it unto the tribes of Israel for a possession according to their divisions; 8 in the hill-country, and in the lowland, and in the Arabah, and in the slopes, and in the wilderness, and in the South; the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Canaanite, the Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite): 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 Lasshaaron, 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 in Carmel, one; 23 the king of Dor in the height of Dor, one; the king of Esrom in Galgal, one; 24 the king of Tirzah, one: all the kings thirty-one.

13 Now Joshua was old and well stricken in years; and Jehovah said unto him, Thou art old and well stricken in years, and there remaineth yet very much land to be possessed. 2 This is the land that yet remaineth: all the regions of the Philistines, and all the Geshurites; 3 from the Shihor, which is before Egypt, even unto the border of Ekron northward, which is reckoned to the Canaanites; the five lords of the Philistines; the Gazites, and the Ashdodites, the Askelonites, the Gittites, and the Ekronites; 4 also the Avvim, on the south; all the land of the Canaanites, and Mearah that belongeth to the Sidonians, unto Aphek, to the border of the Amorites; 5 and the land of the Gebalites, and all Lebanon, toward the sunrise, from Baal-gad under mount Hermon unto the entrance of Hamath; 6 all the inhabitants of the hill-country from Lebanon unto Misrephoth-maim, even all the

60 The destruction of Jericho, Hebron, Hazor, and dozens of other cities of Canaan at the end of the Middle Bronze Age is usually dated to the middle half of the 16th century BC.

61 Or, Naphath-dor.

62 Or, nations or, Gutium cf. Ge 14:1.

63 Commonly called, the brook of Egypt. See Nu 34:5.

64 Or, also the Avvim; 4 from the south, all the land

65 Or, table-land

66 Or, table-land And in vs. 17.

67 Or, springs

68 Or, Lidebir;

69 Or, having the Jordan for a border,
And Moses gave inheritance unto the half-tribe of Manasseh: and it was for the half-tribe of the children of Manasseh according to their families. 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: and half Gilead, and Ashtaroth, and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of Og in Bashan, were for the children of Machir the son of Manasseh, even for the half of the children of Machir according to their families.

These are the inheritances which Moses distributed in the plains of Moab, beyond the Jordan at Jericho, eastward.

But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave no inheritance: Jehovah, the God of Israel, is their inheritance, as he spake unto them.

And these are the inheritances which the children of Israel took in the land of Canaan, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers’ houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed unto them, by the lot of their inheritance, as Jehovah commanded by Moses, for the nine tribes, and for the tribe of Levi: Nehemiah the son of Jephunneh for an inheritance.

Nevertheless my brethren that went up with me made the wide place of Anakim, and the Amorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the Girgashites, to make war.

And Jehovah said unto me, Behold, I will give unto thee the land, and thou shalt inherit it; and thou shalt cause the inhabitants of the land to serve thee, and they shall serve thee.

And Joshua the son of Nun, which stood before Israel to speak, took the book of the law, and went up before the mount of Jehovah, he and Caleb the son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite, and said, Stand up, and go over this Jordan: for I will give into thine hand the land that is on this side Jordan, even to the whole Canaanite, and to the Hebrew, and to the Hittite, and to the Jebusite, and to the Amorite, and to the Perrizzite.

And Jehovah gave Israel all the land which he spake of to give them; and in the land of Canaan they possessed it, that was the land of the Amorites, and of all the inhabitants of the land. And the children of Israel dwelt in the land in peace.

And the lot for the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families was unto the border of Edom, even to the wilderness of Zin southward, at the uttermost part of the south. And their south border was from the uttermost part of the Salt Sea, from the Zered bay that looketh southward; and it went out southward of the ascent of Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and went up by the south of Kadesh-barnea, and passed along by Hezron, and went up to Addar, and turned about to Karka; and it passed along to Azmon, and went out by the brook of Egypt; and the going out of the border were at the sea: this shall be your south border.

And the border of the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan; 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:

And the border went up to Debir from the valley of Achor, and so northward, looking toward Gilgal, that is over against the ascent of Adummim, which is on the south side of the river; and the border passed along to the waters of En-shemesh, and the going out thereof were at En-rogel; and the border went up by the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of Jerusalem; and the border went up to the top of the mountain that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the uttermost part of the vale of Rephaim northward; and the border extended from the top of the mountain unto the fountain of the waters of Nephtoah, and went out to the cities of mount Ephron; and the border extended to Baalah (the same is Kiriahi-jearim):

And the border turned about from Baalah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Jearim on the north (the same is Chesealon), and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed along by Timnah; and the border went out unto the side of Ekron northward; and the border extended to Shikkeron, and passed along to mount Baalah, and went out at Jabneel; and the going out of the border were at the sea.

And the west border was to the great sea, and the border thereof. This is the border of the children of Judah round about according to their families.

And unto Caleb the son of Jephunneh he gave a portion among the children of Judah, according to the commandment of Jehovah to Joshua, even Kiriahi-arba, which Arba was the father of Anak (the same is Hebron). And Caleb drove out thence the three sons of Anak: Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai, the children of Anak. And he went up thence against the inhabitants of Debir: now the name of Debir beforetime was Kiriahi-sepher. And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kiriahi-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. And Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother of Caleb, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. And it came to pass, when she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she alighted from off her ass; and Caleb said, What wouldest thou? And she said, Give me a blessing; for thou hast set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water. And he gave her the upper springs and the nether

70 Or, pasture lands thereof
71 That is, the city of Arba;
72 Hb. tongue Also in vs. 5.
73 Hb. shoulder
74 That is, The city of Arba,
75 Or, present;
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springs.

20 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Judah according to their families.

21 And the uttermost cities of the tribe of the children of Judah toward the border of Edom in the south were Kebzeel, and Eder, and Jagur, 22 and Kinah, and Dimonah, and Adadah, 23 and Kedesah, and Hazor, and Ithnan, 24 Ziph, and Telem, and Bealoth, 25 and Hazor-haddattah, and Kerioth-hezron (the same is Hazor), 26 Amam, and Shema, and Moladah, 27 and Hazar-gaddah, and Heshmon, and Beth-pelet, 28 and Hazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Biziothiah, 29 Baalah, and Im, and Ezem, 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 In the lowland, Eshtaol, and Zorah, and Ashnah, 34 and Zanoah, and En-gannim, Tappuah, and Enam, 35 Jarmuth, and Adullam, and Socho, and Azekah, 36 and Shaaraim, and Adithaim, and Gederah, and Gederothaim; fourteen cities with their villages.

37 Zenan, and Hacadshah, and Migdal-gad, 38 and Dilean, and Mizpeh, and Joktheel, 39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and Eglon, 40 and Cabbon, and 41 Lahmam, and Citlish, 41 and Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Naamah, and Makkedah; sixteen cities with their villages.

42 Libnah, and Ether, and Asnah, 43 and Iphrah, and Ashnah, and Nezib, 44 and Keilah, and Achzib, and Mareh; nine cities with their villages.

45 Ekron, with its 46 towns and its villages; 46 from Ekron even unto the sea, all that were by the side of Ashdod, with their villages.

47 Ashdod, its towns and its villages; Gaza, its towns and its villages; unto the brook of Egypt, and the great sea, and the border thereof.

48 And in the hill-country, Shamir, and Jattir, and Sooch, 49 and Dannah, and Kiriath-sannah (the same is Debir), 50 and Anab, and Eshtemoah, and Anim, 51 and Goshen, and Holon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages.

52 Arab, and Dumah, and Eshan, 53 and Janim, and Beth-tappuah, and Aphekah, 54 and Humbah, and Kiriath-arba (the same is Hebron), and Zior; nine cities with their villages.

55 Maon, Carmel, and Ziph, and Jutah, 56 and Jezer, and Jokdeam, and Zanoah, 57 Kain, Bibeah, 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 (the same is Kiriath-jeearim), 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 En-gedi; six cities with their villages.

63 And as for the Jebusites, the inhabitants of Jerusalem, the children of Judah could not drive them out: but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Judah at Jerusalem unto this day.

16 And the lot came out for the children of Joseph from the Jordan at Jericho, at the waters of Jericho on the east, even the wilderness, going up from Jericho through the hill-country to Beth-el; and it went out from Beth-el to Luz, and passed along unto the border of the Archites to Ataroth; and it went down westward to the border of the Japhleites, unto the border of Beth-horon the nether, even unto Gezer; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. 4 And the children of Joseph, Manasseh and Ephraim, took their inheritance.

5 And the border of the children of Ephraim according to their families was thus: the border of their inheritance eastward was Ataroth-addar, unto Beth-horon the upper; and the border went out westward at Michmethath on the north; and the border turned about eastward unto Taanath-shiloh, and passed along it on the east of Janoah; and it went down from Janoah to Ataroth, and to Naarah, and reached unto Jericho, and went out at the Jordan. 8 From Tappuah the border went along westward to the brook of Kanah; and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim according to their families; together with the cities that were set apart for the children of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. 10 And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwelt in the midst of Ephraim unto this day, and are become servants to do taskwork.

17 And this was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph. As for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, he went from Tappuah, and took for a possession the region of Atarah, and went out at the Jordan, and went out at the Arabah westward to Jericho, and went out at the Jordan.

18 From Tappuah the border went down to the brook of Kanah, and the goings out thereof were at the sea. This is the inheritance of the children of Manasseh, all the cities with their villages. 10 And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwelt in the midst of Ephraim unto this day, and are become servants to do taskwork.

17 And this was the lot for the tribe of Manasseh; for he was the firstborn of Joseph. As for Machir the firstborn of Manasseh, the father of Gilead, because he was a man of war, therefore he had Gilead and Bashan. 2 So the lot was for the rest of the children of Manasseh according to 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 according to 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, Jehovah commanded Moses to give us an inheritance among our brethren: therefore according to the commandment of Jehovah he gave them an inheritance among the brethren of their father. 5 And there fell ten parts to Manasseh, besides the land of Gilead and Bashan, which is beyond the Jordan; because the daughters of Manasseh had an inheritance among his sons. And the land of Gilead belonged unto the rest of the sons of Manasseh.

7 And the border of Manasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, which is before Shechem; and the border went along to the right hand, unto the inhabitants of En-tappuah. 8 The land of Tappuah belonged to Manasseh; but Tappuah on the border of Manasseh belonged to the children of Ephraim. 9 And the border went down unto the brook of Kanah, southward of the brook: these cities belonged to Ephraim among the children of Manasseh: and the border of Manasseh was on the north side of the brook, and the goings out thereof were at the sea: 10 southward was Ephraim's, and northward was Manasseh's, and the sea was his border; and they reached
to Asher on the north, and to Issachar on the east. 11 And Manasseh had in Issachar and in Asher Beth-shean and its cities, and Ibbleom and its towns, and the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of En-dor and its towns, and the inhabitants of Taanach and its towns, and the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, even the three heights. 12 Yet the children of Manasseh could not drive out the inhabitants of those cities; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. 13 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel were waxed strong, that they put the Canaanites to taskwork, and did not utterly drive them out.

14 And the children of Joseph spake unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one half of the land; all the westward, which Moses my father gave me? I will not dwell in the lot of Joseph, because the lot of Ephraim is too little for my servants. 15 And Joshua said unto them, Fear not, nor be dismayed; be strong and of a good courage. 16 And the children of Joseph said, The hill-country is too hard and the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim is too narrow for thee. 17 And the Lord was with them: and they did drive out thine enemies before thee. And the Lord gave them all the cities that he had promised. 18 And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled themselves together at Shiloh, and set up the tabernacle of the congregation there, and there they did offer burnt offerings unto the Lord, and made the offering of peace sacrifices, according to the commandment of the Lord, by Moses.

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11 And the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families: and the border of their lot went out between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. 12 And their border on the north quarter was from the Jordan; and the border went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the hill-country westward; and the going out thereof were at the wilderness of Beth-aven. 13 And the border passed along from thence to Luz, to the side of Luz (the same is Beth-el); southward; and the border went down to Ataroth-ADDAR, by the mountain that lieth on the south of Beth-horon the nether. 14 And the border extended northward, and turned about on the west quarter southward, from the mountain that lieth before Beth-horon southward; and the going out thereof were at Kiriath-baal (the same is Kiriath-jearim), a city of the children of Judah: this was the west quarter. 15 And the south quarter was from the uttermost part of Kiriath-jearim; and the border went out westward, and went out to the fountain of the waters of Nephtoah; and the border went down to the uttermost part of the mountain that lieth before the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is in the vale of Rephaim northward; and it went down to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusite southward, and went down to En-rogel; and it extended northward, and went out at En-shemesh, and went out to Geliloth, which is over against the ascent of Adummim; and it went down to the stone of Bohan the son of Reuben; and it passed along to the side over against the Arabah northward, and went down unto the Arabah; and the border passed along to the side of Beth-hoglah northward; and the going out of the border were at the north bay of the Salt Sea, at the south end of the Jordan: this was the south border. 20 And the Jordan was the border of it on the east quarter. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin by the borders thereof round about, according to their families.

21 Now the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their families were Jericho, and Beth-hoglah, and Emek-keziz, and Beth-arabah, and Zemaraim, and Bethel, and Anan, and Aijalon, and three villages, and Hobah, and Bethanath, and Gath-rimmon, and Beth-haruz, and BethANAN, and Zelah, and Eleph, and Tattir, and Ziklag, and Beth-marcaboth, and Hazar-susah, and Bethlebaoth, and Shararun; thirteen cities with their villages: seven Armeh, and Bethanath, and Rimmon, and Thebez, and Ibezer, and Anathoth, and An-real; and Elanath, and Elar, and Beth-haan, and Zaanath, and Zaphon, and Ebron, and Elanath. And the border was from the south of Beth-horon southward; and the border went down to the side of the salt sea, at the south end of the Jordan: this was the south border. And the Jordan was the border of it on the east quarter. This was the inheritance of the children of Benja

80 Hb. daughters,
81 Hb. line
82 Hb. shoulder Also in vs. 13.
83 Hb. tongue
was the inheritance of the children of Simeon; for the portion of the children of Judah was too much for them; therefore the children of Simeon had inheritance in the midst of their inheritance.

10 And the third lot came up for the children of Zebulun according to their families. And the border of their inheritance was unto Sarid; 11 and their border went up westward, even to Maralah, and reached to Dabbesheth; and it reached to the brook that is before Jokneam; 12 and it turned from Sarid eastward toward the sunrising unto the border of Chisloth-tabor; and it went out to Daberath, and went up to Japhia; 13 and from thence it passed along eastward to Gath-hepher, to Eth-kazin; and it went out at Rimmon that stretcheth unto Neah; 14 and the border turned about it on the north to Hanathon; and the goings out thereof were at the valley of Iphtah-el; 15 and Kattath, and Nahalal, and Shimron, and Idalah, and Beth-lehem: twelve cities with their villages. 16 This is the inheritance of the children of Zebulun according to their families, these cities with their villages.

17 The fourth lot came out for Issachar, even for the children of Issachar according to their families. 18 And their border was unto Jezerel, and Chesulloth, and Shunem, and Hapharaim, and Shion, and Anaharath. And Rabbith, and Kishion, and Ebez, 21 and Remeth, and En-gannim, and En-haddah, and Beth-pazzez, 22 and the border reached to Taabor, and Shahazumah, and Beth-shemeshe; and the goings out of their border were at the Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. 23 This is the inheritance of the tribe of Issachar according to their families, the cities with their villages.

24 And the fifth lot came out for the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families. 25 And their border was Helkath, and Hali, and Beten, and Achshaph, 26 and Allammelech, and Amad, and Mishal; and it reached to Carmel westward, and to Shihilor-libnah; 27 and it turned toward the sunrising to Beth-dagon, and reached to Zebulun, and to the valley of Iphtah-el northward to Beth-emek and Neiel; and it went out to Cabul on the left hand, 28 and Ebrom, and Elon, and Hanan, even unto great Sidon; 29 and the border turned to Ramah, and to 30 the fortified city of Tyre; and the border turned to Hosah; 31 and the goings out thereof were at the sea, by the region of Achzib; 32 and Eloth also, and Aphek, and Rehob: twenty-two cities with their villages. 33 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages.

34 The sixth lot came out for the children of Naphtali, even for the children of Naphtali, according to their families. 35 And their border was from Helep, from the oak in Zaanannim, and Adami-nekeb, and Jabneel, unto Lakkum; and the goings out thereof were at the Jordan; 36 and the border turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and went out from thence to Hukkok; and it reached to Zebulun on the south, and reached to Asher on the west, and to Judah at the Jordan toward the sunrising. 37 And the fortified cities were Ziddim, Zer, and Hammath, Rakkath, and Chinnereth, 38 and Adamah, and Ramah, and Hazor, and Kedesh, and Edrei, and En-hazor, 39 and Iron, and Migdal-el, Horem, and Beth-anath, and Beth-shemesh: nineteen cities with their villages. 40 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities with their villages.

41 The seventh lot came out for the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families. 42 And the border of their inheritance was Zorah, and Eshtaol, and Ir-shemeshe; 43 and Shaalbabin, and Ajalon, and Illah, 44 and Elon, and Timnath, and Ekron, and Eltekeh, and Gibbethon, and Baal-ath, 45 and Jehud, and Bene-berek, and Gath-rimmon, 46 and Me-jarkon, and Rakkon, with the border over against 47 Joppa. 48 And the border of the children of Dan went out beyond them; for the children of Dan went up and fought against 49 Leshem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and possessed it, and dwelt therein, and called Leshem, Dan, after the name of Dan their father. 49 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families, these cities with their villages.

50 So they made an end of distributing the land for inheritance by the borders thereof; and the children of Israel gave an inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun in the midst of them: 50 according to the commandment of Jehovah they gave him the city which he asked, even Timnath-serah in the hill-country of Ephraim; and he built the city, and dwelt therein.

51 These are the inheritances, which Eleazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the fathers’ houses of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for inheritance by lot in Shiloh before Jehovah, at the door of the tent of meeting. So they made an end of dividing the land.

20 And Jehovah spake unto Joshua, saying, 2 Speak to the children of Israel, saying, Assign you the cities of refuge, whereof I spake unto you by Moses, 3 that the manslayer that killeth any soul unwittingly and unawares may flee thither: and they shall be unto you for a refuge from the avenger of blood. 4 And he shall flee unto one of those cities, and shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and declare his cause in the ears of the elders of that city: and they shall take him into the city unto them, and give him a place that he may dwell among them. 5 And if the avenger of blood pursue after him, then they shall not deliver up the manslayer into his hand; because he smote his neighbor unawares, and hated him not before time. 6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he stand before the congregation for judgment, until the death of the high priest that shall be in those days: then shall the manslayer return, and come unto his own city, and unto his own house, unto the city from whence he fled. 7 And they set apart Kedesh in Galilee in the hill-country of Naphtali, and Shechem in the hill-country of Ephraim, and Kiriat-arba (the same is Hebron) in the hill-country of Judah. 8 And beyond the Jordan at Jericho eastward, they assigned Bezer in the wilderness in the plain out of the tribe of Reuben, and Ramoth in Gilead out of the tribe of Gad,
and Golan in Bashan out of the tribe of Manasseh. 9 These were the appointed cities for all the children of Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that whosoever killeth any soul unwittingly might flee thither, and not die by the hand of the avenger of blood, until he stood before the congregation.

21 Then came near the heads of fathers’ houses of the Levites unto Eleazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto Joshua the heads of fathers’ houses of the tribes of the children of Israel; 2 and they spake unto them at Shiloh in the land of Canaan, saying, Jehovah commanded by Moses to give us cities to dwell in, with the suburbs thereof for our cattle. 3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites out of their inheritance, according to the commandment of Jehovah, these cities with their suburbs.

4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kohathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, had by lot out of the tribe of Judah, and out of the tribe of the Simeonites, and out of the tribe of Benjamin, thirteen cities.

5 And the rest of the children of Kohath had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and out of the tribe of Dan, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, ten cities.

6 And the children of Gershon had by lot out of the families of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities.

7 The children of Merari according to their families had out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities.

8 And the children of Israel gave by lot unto the Levites these cities with their suburbs, as Jehovah commanded by Moses. 9 And they gave out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are here mentioned by name: 10 and they were for the children of Aaron, of the families of the Kohathites, who were of the children of Levi; for theirs was the first lot. 11 And they gave them Kiriath-arba, which Arba was the father of Anak (the same is Hebron), in the hill-country of Judah, with the suburbs thereof round about it. 12 But the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, gave they to Caleb the son of Jephunneh for his possession.

13 And unto the children of Aaron the priest they gave Hebron with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Libnah with its suburbs, and Jattir with its suburbs, and Eshtemoa with its suburbs, and Holon with its suburbs, and Debir with its suburbs, and Ain with its suburbs, and Juttah with its suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with its suburbs; nine cities out of those two tribes. 17 And out of the tribe of Benjamin, Gibeon with its suburbs, Geba with its suburbs, Anathoth with its suburbs, and Almon with its suburbs; four cities. 19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests, were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

20 And the families of the children of Kohath, the Levites, even the rest of the children of Kohath, they had the cities of their lot out of the tribe of Ephraim. 21 And they gave them Shechem with its suburbs in the hill-country of Ephraim, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Gezer with its suburbs, and Kibzaim with its suburbs, and Beth-horon with its suburbs, four cities. 23 And out of the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its suburbs, Gibbethon with its suburbs, Ajalon with its suburbs, Gath-rimmon with its suburbs; four cities. 25 And out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Taanach with its suburbs, and Gath-rimmon with its suburbs; two cities. 26 All the cities of the families of the rest of the children of Kohath were ten with their suburbs.

27 And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites, out of the half-tribe of Manasseh they gave Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Be-eshterah with its suburbs; two cities. 28 And out of the tribe of Issachar, Kishion with its suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs, Jarmuth with its suburbs, En-gannim with its suburbs; four cities. 30 And out of the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its suburbs, Abdon with its suburbs, Helkath with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs; four cities. 32 And out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Hammoth-dor with its suburbs, and Kartan with its suburbs; three cities. 33 All the cities of the Gershonites according to their families were thirteen cities with their suburbs.

34 And unto the families of the children of Merari, the rest of the Levites, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Jokneam with its suburbs, and Kartah with its suburbs, Dimnah with its suburbs, Nahalal with its suburbs; four cities. 38 And out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer with its suburbs, and Jahaz with its suburbs, Kede-moth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs; four cities. 39 And out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, the city of refuge for the manslayer, and Mahanaim with its suburbs, Heshbon with its suburbs, Jazer with its suburbs; four cities in all. 40 All these were the cities of the children of Merari according to their families, even the rest of the families of the Levites; and their lot was twelve cities.

41 All the cities of the Levites in the midst of the possession of the children of Israel were forty-eight cities with their suburbs. 42 These cities were every one with their suburbs round about them: thus it was with all these cities.

43 So Jehovah gave unto Israel all the land which he sware to give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and dwelt therein. 44 And Jehovah gave them rest round about, according to all that he sware unto their fathers: and there stood not a man of all their enemies before them; Jehovah delivered all their enemies into their hand. 45 There failed not aught of any good thing which Jehovah had spoken unto the house of Israel; all came to pass.

22 Then Joshua called the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, 2 and said unto them, Ye have kept all that Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded you, and have hearkened unto my voice in all that I commanded you: 3 ye have not left your brethren these many days unto this day, but have kept the charge of the commandment of Jehovah your God. 4 And now Jehovah your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he spake unto them: therefore now turn ye, and get you unto your tents, unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of Jehovah gave you beyond the Jordan. 5 Only take diligent heed to do the commandment and the law which Moses the servant of

96 Or, pasture lands  Also in vs. 3, and elsewhere.  97 Hb. the Anoq
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Jehovah commanded you, to love Jehovah your God, and to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and to cleave unto 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 unto their tents.

7 Now to the one half-tribe of Manasseh Moses had given inheritance in Bashan; but unto the other half gave Joshua among their brethren beyond the Jordan westward. Moreover when Joshua sent them away unto their tents, he blessed them, 8 and spake unto them, saying, Return with much wealth unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with copper, and with iron, and with very much raiment: divide the spoil of your enemies with your brethren. 9 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel out of Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the land of Gilead, to the land of their possession, whereof they were possessed, according to the commandment of Jehovah by Moses.

10 And when they came unto the region about the Jordan, that is in the land of Canaan, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh built there an altar by the Jordan, a great altar to look upon. 11 And the children of Israel heard say, Behold, the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh have built an altar in the forefront of the land of Canaan, in the region about the Jordan, on the side that pertained to the children of Israel. 12 And when the children of Israel heard of it, the whole congregation of the children of Israel gathered themselves together at Shiloh, to go up against them to war.

13 And the children of Israel sent unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, into the land of Gilead, Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, 14 and with him ten princes, one prince of a fathers' house for each of the tribes of Israel; and they were every one of them head of their fathers' houses among the seed of Israel. 15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half-tribe of Manasseh, unto the land of Gilead, and they spake with them, saying, 16 Thus saith the whole congregation of Jehovah, What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel, to turn away this day from following Jehovah, in that ye have built you an altar, to rebel this day against Jehovah? 17 Is the iniquity of Peor too little for us, from which we have not cleansed ourselves unto this day, although there came a plague upon the congregation of Jehovah, 18 that ye must turn away this day from following Jehovah? And it will be, seeing ye rebel today against Jehovah, that tomorrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. 19 Howbeit, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ye over unto the land of the possession of Jehovah, wherein Jehovah's tabernacle dwelleth, and take possession among us: but rebel not against Jehovah, nor rebel against us, in building you an altar besides the altar of Jehovah our God. 20 Did not Achan the son of Zerah commit a trespass in the devoted thing, and wrath fell upon all the congregation of Israel? And that man perished not alone in his iniquity.

21 Then the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh answered, and spake unto the heads of the thousands of Israel, 22 The Mighty One, God, Jehovah, the Mighty One, God, Jehovah, he knoweth; and Israel he shall know: if it be in rebellion, or if in trespass against Jehovah (save thou us not this day), 23 that we have built an altar to turn away from following Jehovah; or if to offer thereon burnt-offering or meal-offering, or if to offer sacrifices of peace-offerings thereon, let Jehovah himself require it; 24 and if we have not rather out of carefulness done this, and of purpose, saying, In time to come your children might speak unto our children, saying, What have ye to do with Jehovah, the God of Israel? 25 for Jehovah hath made the Jordan a border between us and you, ye children of Reuben and children of Gad; ye have no portion in Jehovah: so might your children make our children cease from fearing Jehovah. 26 Therefore we said, Let us now prepare to build us an altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice: 27 but it shall be a witness between us and you, and between our generations after us, that we may do the service of Jehovah 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, Ye have no portion in Jehovah. 28 Therefore said we, It shall be, when they so say to us or to our generations in time to come, that we shall say, Behold the pattern of the altar of Jehovah, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you. 29 Fare it be from us that we should rebel against Jehovah, and turn away this day from following Jehovah, to build an altar for burnt-offering, for meal-offering, or for sacrifice, besides the altar of Jehovah our God that is before his tabernacle.

30 And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation, even the heads of the thousands of Israel that were with him, heard the words that the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Manasseh spake, it pleased them well. 31 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Manasseh, This day we know that Jehovah is in the midst of us, because ye have not committed this trespass against Jehovah: now have ye delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of Jehovah. 32 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad, out of the land of Gilead, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and brought them word again. 33 And the thing pleased the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God, and spake no more of going up against them to war, to destroy the land wherein the children of Reuben and the children of Gad dwelt. 34 And the children of Reuben and the children of Gad of called the altar 99Witness: For, say they, it is a witness between us that Jehovah is God.

23 And it came to pass after many days, when Jehovah had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, and Joshua was old and well stricken in years; 2 that Joshua called for all Israel, for their elders and for their heads, and for their judges and for their officers, and said unto them, I am old and well stricken in years; 3 and ye have seen all that Jehovah your God hath done unto all these nations because of you; for Jehovah your God, he is that hath fought for you. 4 Behold, I have allotted unto you these nations that remain, to be an inheritance for your tribes, from the Jordan, with all

98 Or, families Also in vs. 21. 99 That is, Witness:
the nations that I have cut off, even unto the great sea toward
the going down of the sun. 5 And Jehovah your God, he will
thrust them out from before you, and drive them from out of
your sight; and ye shall possess their land, as Jehovah your
God spake unto you. 6 Therefore be ye very courageous to
keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of
Moses, that ye turn not aside therefrom to the right hand or
to the left; 7 that ye come not among these nations, these that
remain among you; neither make mention of the name of their
gods, nor cause to swear by them, neither serve them, nor bow
down yourselves unto them; 8 but cleave unto Jehovah your
God, as ye have done unto this day. 9 For Jehovah hath driven
out from before you great nations and strong: but as for you,
no man hath stood before you unto this day. 10 One man of
you 100 shall chase a thousand; for Jehovah your God, he it
is that fightheth for you, as he spake unto you. 11 Take good
heed therefore unto your souls, that ye love Jehovah your God.
12 Else if ye do at all go back, and cleave unto the remnant of
these nations, even these that remain among you, and make
marriages with them, and go in unto them, and they to you;
13 know for a certainty that Jehovah your God will no more
drive these nations from out of your sight; but they shall be a
snare and a trap unto you, and a scourge in your sides, and
thorns in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land
which Jehovah your God hath given you.

14 And, behold, this day I am going the way of all the earth:
and ye know in all your hearts and in all your souls, that not
one thing hath failed of all the good things which Jehovah
your God spake concerning you; all are come to pass unto you,
not one thing hath failed thereof. 15 And it shall come to pass,
that as all the good things are come upon you of which
Jehovah your God spake unto you, so will Jehovah bring upon
you all the evil things, until he have destroyed you from off this
good land which Jehovah your God hath given you. 16 When
ye transgress the covenant of Jehovah your God, which he
commanded you, and go and serve other gods, and bow down
yourselves to them: then will the anger of Jehovah be kindled
against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off this good land
which he hath given unto you.

24 And Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem,
and called for the elders of Israel, and for their heads,
and for their judges, and for their officers; and they presented
themselves before God. 2 And Joshua said unto all the people,
Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Your fathers dwelt of
old time beyond the River, even Terah, the father of Abra-
ham, and the father of Nahor: and they served other gods.
3 And I took your father Abraham from beyond the River,
and led him throughout all the land of Canaan, and multiplied
his seed, and gave him Isaac. 4 And I gave unto Isaac Jacob
and Esau; and I gave unto Esau mount Seir, to possess it; and
Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. 5 And I sent
Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt, according to that
which I did in the midst thereof: and afterward I brought you
out. 6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt: and ye came
unto the sea; and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers
with chariots and with horsemen unto the Red Sea. 7 And
when they cried out unto Jehovah, he put darkness between
you and the Egyptians, and brought the sea upon them, and
covered them; and your eyes saw what I did in Egypt: and ye
dwell in the wilderness many days. 8 And I brought you into
the land of the Amorites, that dwelt beyond the Jordan: and
they fought with you; and I gave them into your hand, and ye
possessed 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 he sent and called Balaam the son
of Beor to curse you; 10 but I would not hearken unto Balaam;
therefore he blessed you still: so I delivered you out of his
hand. 11 And ye went over the Jordan, and came unto Jericho:
and the men of Jericho fought against you, the Amorite, and
the Perizzite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, and the Gir-
gashite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite; and I delivered them into
your hand. 12 And I sent the hornet before you, which drove
them out from before you, even the two kings of the Amorites;
not with thy sword, nor with thy bow. 13 And I gave you a
land wherein thou hadst not labored, and cities which ye built
not, and ye dwell therein; of vineyards and oliveyards which
ye planted not do ye eat.

14 Now therefore fear Jehovah, and serve him in sincer-
ity and in truth; and put away the gods which your fathers
served beyond the River, and in Egypt; and serve ye Jehovah.
15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve Jehovah, choose you
this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your
fathers served that were beyond the River, or the gods of
the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my
house, we will serve Jehovah.

16 And the people answered and said, Far be it from us
that we should forsake Jehovah, to serve other gods; 17 for
Jehovah our God, he it is that brought us out of Egypt, from
the house of bondage, and delivered us out of the hand of
Pharaoh, our king; 18 and he made us go through the midst
of great waters, as though it were a wall of stones: 19 and he
led us through the depths, like as a horse goeth through a
river; 20 and he led us by the paths of rocks and by a
thicket; 21 and he took away all the horses of Egypt with
their riders; and smote the Egyptians with death; and our
agony was delivered. 22 And we took from them their gods,
and burnt them with fire: and we gave them the bodies of
their gods, and cut them to pieces. 23 And we stood on
this mountain; and Jehovah spake with us. And he said,
Ye shall not go up into the mount, nor touch the
summit, nor ascend unto it, lest Jehovah destroy you.
24 And the people answered and said, Far be it from us
that we should forsake Jehovah, to serve other gods; 25 for
Jehovah our God, he it is that brought us and our fathers
out of Egypt, from the house of bondage, and delivered us
out of the hand of all the peoples that were beyond the
River, and from the hand of all the peoples of Canaan,
and from the hand of Pharaoh, our king.

26 And we said, Unto Jehovah our God shall we serve,
and unto one God shall we render sacrifice. 27 But there
were among us some who suggested unto their masters,
unto the peoples of the land, into whose midst we were come;
they turned aside unto their gods, and served them: and I,
Jehovah, have heard. 28 And I came near unto the God of
Israel, and I said, O Jehovah, the God of the spirits of
all flesh, shall I go up, and take vengeance of mine en-
nemy, even of them who have despised me, O Jehovah,
thy servant? 29 And Jehovah answered, Go. 30 And I said,
Here am I, go, and do according to all that Jehovah has
spoken unto you. 31 And ye answered, Behold, Jehovah,
thy servant; in all that thou hast spoken Jehovah is to us.
32 Then came I unto the priests and said, Ye that bear the
sanctuary, earth of Canaan, and of Shechem, which
Jehovah, Jehovah's sanctuary, gave unto the children of
Israel, an inheritance by lot. 33 And the priests, the sons
of Aaron, answered and said, We are not able to build
unto Jehovah a house of Cedar: for the heavens belong
to Jehovah our God; for he is high above all gods.
34 And I said, Who is there among you that would build
unto Jehovah a house? and you shall be in the sight of
your God. 35 And the family of Levi answered and said,
We have no share in inheritance among our brethren; the
holy things of Jehovah our God is given us, to eat and to
praise; and we have no inheritance in possessions.
36 Then I said, If ye build unto Jehovah a house of Cedar,
ye shall build unto him a house of stones: for I will
give him no house of Cedar, saith Jehovah. 37 And now
write ye the know ledge, and write it in a book in the
book of the letters of the covenant of Jehovah your God.
And take abundant provision of silver and of gold, and of
goods, and of cattle, and of wine and of oil, and bring
unto Jehovah your God into the place which Jehovah will
direct for Israel.

100 Or, hath chased a thousand;
101 That is, the Euphrates, And elsewhere in ch. 24.
102 Hb. bondmen,
103 Or, in
And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Jehovah, died, being a hundred ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-serah, which is in the hill-country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash. And Israel served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, and had known all the work of Jehovah, that he had wrought for Israel.

And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel brought up out of Egypt, buried they in Shechem, in the parcel of ground which Jacob bought of the sons of Hamor the father of Shechem for a hundred pieces of money: and they became the inheritance of the children of Joseph. And El-eazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him in the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the hill-country of Ephraim.

104 Ge 33:19. 105 Or, Gibeah of Phinehas
And it came to pass after the death of Joshua that the children of Israel asked of Jehovah, saying, Who shall go up for us first against the Canaanites, to fight against them? 2 And Jehovah said, Judah shall go up: behold, I have delivered the land into his hand. 3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, that we may fight against the Canaanites; and I will likewise go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. 4 And Judah went up; and Jehovah delivered the Canaanites and the Perizzites into their hand: and they smote of them in Bezek ten thousand men. 5 And they found Adoni-bezek in Bezek; and they fought against him, and they smote 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 their food under my table: as I have done, so God hath requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there.

8 And the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and took it, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and set the city on fire. 9 And afterward the children of Judah went down to fight against the Canaanites that dwelt in the hill-country, and in the South, and in the lowland. 10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron (now the name of Hebron beforetime was Kiriath-arba); and they smote Sheshai, and Ahiman, and Talmai.

11 And from thence he went against the inhabitants of Debir. (Now the name of Debir beforetime was Kiriath-sepher.) 12 And Caleb said, He that smiteth Kiriath-sepher, and taketh it, to him will I give Achsah my daughter to wife. 13 And Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother, took it: and he gave him Achsah his daughter to wife. 14 And it came to pass, when she came unto him, that she moved him to ask of her father a field: and she alighted from off her ass; and Caleb said unto her, What wouldst thou? 15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing; for that thou hast set me in the land of the South, give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs.

16 And the children of the Kenite, Moses’ brother-in-law, went up out of the city of palm-trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is in the south of Arad; and they went and dwelt with the people. 17 And Judah went with Simeon his brother, and they smote the Canaanites that inhabited Zephath, and utterly destroyed it. And the name of the city was called Hormah. 18 Also Judah took Gaza with the border thereof, and Ashkelon with the border thereof, and Ekron with the border thereof. 19 And Jehovah was with Judah; and he drove out the inhabitants of the hill-country; for he could not drive out the inhabitants of the valley, because they had chariots of iron. 20 And they gave Hebron unto Caleb, as Moses had spoken: and he drove out thence the three sons of Anak. 21 And the children of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem; but the Jebusites dwell with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem unto this day.

22 And the house of Joseph, they also went up against Beth-el; and Jehovah was with them. 23 And the house of Joseph sent to spy out Beth-el. (Now the name of the city beforetime was Luz.) 24 And the watchers saw a man come forth out of the city, and they said unto him, show us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will deal kindly with thee. 25 And he showed them the entrance into the city; and they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but they let the man go and all his family. 26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called the name thereof Luz, which is the name thereof unto this day.

27 And Manasseh did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shean and its towns, nor of Taanach and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Ibleam and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Megido and its towns; but the Canaanites would dwell in that land. 28 And it came to pass, when Israel was waxed strong, that they put the Canaanites to taskwork, and did not utterly drive them out.

29 And Ephraim drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; but the Canaanites dwelt in Gezer among them.

30 Zebulun drove not out the inhabitants of Kitron, nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; but the Canaanites dwelt among them, and became subject to taskwork.

31 Asher drove not out the inhabitants of Acco, nor the inhabitants of Sidon, nor of Ahab, nor of Achzib, nor of Helbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rehob; 32 but the Asherites dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: for they did not drive them out.

33 Naphtali drove not out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-anath; but he dwelt among the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became subject to taskwork.

34 And the Amorites forced the children of Dan into the hill-country; for they would not suffer them to come down to the valley; 35 but the Amorites would dwell in mount Heres, in Aijalon, and in Shaalbim: yet the hand of the house of Joseph prevailed, so that they became subject to taskwork. 36 And the border of the Amorites was from the ascent of Akrammim, from the rock, and upward.

1 Meaning, Lord of Bezek or, Lord of Lightning 2 Kiriath meaning City of And so elsewhere. 3 Or, present; 4 Or, given me the land of the South, 5 Hb. Negev (spelled Negeb), meaning South, 6 Or, father-in-law, 7 Hb. devoted it. 8 Hb. daughters, 9 Or, Sela,
And the angel of Jehovah came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you: and ye shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall break down their altars. But ye have not hearkened unto my voice: why have ye done this? wherefore 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 snare unto you. And it came to pass, when the angel of Jehovah spake these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice and wept.

Now when Joshua had sent the people away, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to possess the land. And the people served Jehovah all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that outlived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of Jehovah that he had wrought for Israel. And Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of Jehovah, died, being a hundred ten years old. And they buried him in the border of his inheritance in Timnath-heres, in the hill-country of Ephraim, on the north of the mountain of Gaash.

And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, that knew not Jehovah, nor yet the work which he had wrought for Israel.

And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and served the Baalim; and they forsook Jehovah, the God of their fathers, who brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the peoples that were round about them, and bowed themselves down unto them: and they provoked Jehovah to anger. And they forsook Jehovah, and served Baal and the Ashtaroth.

Whithersoever they went out, the hand of Jehovah came upon him, and he judged Israel; and he went about, obeying the commandments of Jehovah; but they did not so.

And when Jehovah raised them up judges, then Jehovah was with the judge, and saved them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge: for it repented Jehovah because of their groaning by reason of them that oppressed them and vexed them. But it came to pass, when the judge was dead, that they turned back, and dealt more corruptly than their fathers, in following other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them; they ceased not from their doings, nor from their stubborn way.

And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel; and he said, Because this nation have transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice; I also will not henceforth drive out any from before them of the nations that Joshua left when he died; but that by them I may prove Israel, whether they will keep the way of Jehovah to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not. So Jehovah left those nations, without driving them out hastily; neither delivered he them into the hand of Joshua.

Now these are the nations which Jehovah left, to prove Israel by them, even as many of Israel as had not known all the wars of Canaan; 2 only that the generations of the children of Israel might know, to teach them war, at the least such as beforetime knew nothing thereof: namely, the five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Sidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt in mount Lebanon, from mount Baal-hermon unto the entrance of Hamath. And they were left, to prove Israel by them, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of Jehovah, which he commanded their fathers by Moses. And the children of Israel dwelt among the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and they took their daughters to be their wives, and gave their own daughters to their sons and served their gods.

And the children of Israel did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and forgot Jehovah their God, and served the Baalim and the Ashtaroth. Therefore the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia: and the children of Israel served Cushan-rishathaim eight years. And when the children of Israel cried unto Jehovah, Jehovah raised up a saviour to the children of Israel, who saved them, even Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb’s younger brother. And the Spirit of Jehovah came upon him, and he judged Israel; and he went out to war, and Jehovah delivered Cushan-rishathaim king of Mesopotamia into his hand: and his hand prevailed against Cushan-rishathaim. And the land had rest forty years. And Othniel the son of Kenaz died.

And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: and Jehovah strengthened Eglon the king of Moab against Israel, because they had done that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah. And he gathered unto him the children of Ammon and Amalek; and he went and smote Israel, and they possessed the city of palm-trees. And the children of Israel served Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years.

But when the children of Israel cried unto Jehovah, Jehovah raised them up a saviour, Ehud the son of Gera, the Benjamite, a man left-handed. And the children of Israel sent tribute by him unto Eglon the king of Moab. And Ehud made him a sword which had two edges, a cubit in length; and he girded it under his raiment upon his right thigh. And he offered the tribute unto Eglon king of Moab: now Eglon was a very fat man. And when he had made an end of offering the tribute, he sent away the people that bare the tribute.

Or, a messenger of Jehovah
11 That is, Weepers:
12 Plural of Baal or, lords;
13 Hb. they let nothing fall of their doings,

14 Or, Cushan, the very Wicked. And so everywhere. Possibly Khuzziyash of the Anatolian “Hittites.”
15 Hb. Aram-naharaim: or, Aram between the two Rivers:
16 Hb. Aram
24 And Ehud escaped while they tarried, and passed beyond the quarries, and escaped unto Seirah. 25 And it came to pass, when he was come, that he blew a trumpet in the hill-country of Ephraim: and the children of Israel went down with him from the hill-country, and he before them. 26 And he said unto them, Follow after me; for Jehovah hath delivered your enemies the Moabites into your hand. And they went down after him, and took the fords of the Jordan against the Moabites, and suffered not a man to pass over. 27 And they smote of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, every lusty man, and every man of valor; and there escaped not a man. 28 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 smote of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox-goad: and he also saved Israel. 4 And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, when Ehud was dead. 2 And Jehovah sold them into the hand of Zabin king of Canaan, that reigned in Hazor: the captain of whose host was Sisera, who dwelt in Harosheth of the Gentiles. 3 And the children of Israel cried unto Jehovah: for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and twenty years he mightily oppressed the children of Israel.

Now Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lappidoth, she judged Israel at that time. 5 And she dwelt under the palm-tree of Ephraim between Ramah and Beth-el in the hill-country of Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abinoam out of Kedesh-naphthali, and said unto him, Hath not Jehovah, the God of Israel, commanded, saying, Go and draw unto mount Tabor, and take with thee ten thousand men of the children of Naphtali and of the children of Zebulun? 7 And I will draw unto thee, to the river Kishon, Sisera, the captain of Jabin’s army, with his chariots and his multitude; and I will deliver him into thy hand. 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then I will go; but if thou wilt not go with me, I will not go. 9 And she said, I will surely go with thee: notwithstanding, the journey that thou takest shall not be for thine honor; for Jehovah will sell Sisera into the hand of a woman. And Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh; and there went up ten thousand men at his feet: and Deborah went up with him.

11 Now Heber the Kenite had separated himself from the Kenites, even from the children of Hobab the brother-in-law of Moses and had pitched his tent as far as the oak in Zaanannim, which is by Kedesh. 12 And they told Sisera that Barak the son of Abinoam was gone up to mount Tabor. 13 And Sisera gathered together all his chariots, even nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Harosheth of the Gentiles, unto the river Kishon. 14 And Deborah said unto Barak, Get up; for this is the day in which Jehovah hath delivered Sisera into thy hand; is not Jehovah gone out before thee? So Barak went down from mount Tabor, and ten thousand men after him. 15 And Jehovah discomfited Sisera, and all his chariots, and all his host, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sisera alighted from his chariot, and fled away on his feet. 16 But Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the host, unto Harosheth of the Gentiles: and all the host of Sisera fell by the edge of the sword; there was not a man left.

17 Howbeit Sisera fled away on his feet 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 unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in to me; fear not. And he turned in unto her into the tent, and she covered him with a rug. 19 And he said unto her, Give me, I pray thee, a little water to drink; for I am thirsty. And she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him drink, and covered him. 20 And he said unto her, Stand in the door of the tent, and it shall be, when any man doth come and inquire of thee, and say, Is there any man here: that thou shalt say, No. 21 Then Jael Heber’s wife took a tent-pin, and took a hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the pin into his temples, and it pierced through into the ground; for he was in a deep sleep; so he swooned and died. 22 And, behold, as Barak pursued Sisera, Jael came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou seekest. And he came unto her; and, behold, Sisera lay dead, and the tent-pin was in his temples.

23 So God subdued on that day Jabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. 24 And the hand of the children of Israel prevailed more and more against Jabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Jabin king of Canaan.

17 Or, graven images that were Similarly in vs. 26.
18 Or, he went out into the antechamber.
20 Or, nations. Hb. Goiim. Cf. Ge 14:1 and footnote
21 Or, sat
23 Or, father-in-law
24 Or, terebinth
25 It might be inferred that from mount Tabor one could see storm clouds coming from the South, which mount Carmel would hide from view on the road from Harosheth to Megiddo and Taanach.
26 By implication, the chariots were mired in mud.
27 Or, nations. Hb. Goiim.
28 Or, in a deep sleep and weary; so he died.
Then sang Deborah and Barak the son of Abinoam on that day, saying,

2 For that the leaders took the lead in Israel, For that the people offered themselves willingly, Bless ye Jehovah.  
3 Hear, O ye kings; give ear, O ye princes; I, even I, will sing unto Jehovah; I will sing praise to Jehovah, the God of Israel.  
4 Jehovah, when thou wentest forth out of Seir, When thou marchedst out of the field of Edom, The earth trembled, the heavens also dropped, Yes, the clouds dropped water.  
5 The mountains quaked at the presence of Jehovah, Even you Sinai at the presence of Jehovah, the God of Israel.  

6 In the days of Shamgar the son of Anath, In the days of Jael, The highways were unoccupied, And the travellers walked through byways.  
7 The rulers ceased in Israel, they ceased, Until that I Deborah arose, That I arose a mother in Israel.  

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 is toward the governors of Israel, That offered themselves willingly among the people: Bless ye Jehovah.  
10 Tell of it, ye that ride on white asses, Ye that sit on rich carpets, And ye that walk by the way.  
11 Far from the noise of archers, in the places of drawing water, There shall they rehearse the righteous acts of Jehovah, Even the righteous acts of his rule in Israel. Then the people of Jehovah went down to the gates.  
12 Awake, awake, Deborah; Awake, awake, utter a song: Arise, Barak, and lead away thy captives, thou son of Abinoam.

29 Rain would neutralize the archers and immobilize the chariots, leaving foot soldiers without support.  
30 Or, the caravans ceased,  
31 Hb. crooked ways.  
32 Or, The villages were unoccupied,  
33 Or, Ye that offered yourselves willingly among the people, bless ye Jehovah.  
34 Or, Because of the voice of the archers . . . there let them rehearse the righteous acts of Jehovah,  
35 Or, toward his villages in Israel.  
36 Or, Then go down, O remnant, for the nobles . . . O Jehovah, go down for me against the mighty. or, Then made he a remnant to have dominion over the nobles and the people; Jehovah made me have dominion over the mighty.  
37 Or as otherwise punctuated, The people of Jehovah came down for me among (or, against) the mighty.  
38 Or, among  
39 Or, lawgivers,  
40 Or, the staff of the scribe.  
41 Or, my princes in Issachar were with Deborah;  
42 Apparently Reuben, Gad, Dan and Asher did not support the battle.  
43 Or, shore  
44 The rainstorm evidently produced a flash flood, giving the chariots no opportunity to evade. (Cf. the 600 Egyptian chariots in the Red Sea.)  
45 Or, thou hast trodden down strength.  
46 Or, among  
47 Or, of (both times)

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26 She put her hand to the tent-pin, and her right hand to the workmen’s hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote through his head; yes, she pierced and struck through his temples. 27 At her feet he bowed, he fell, he lay; at her feet he bowed, he fell: where he bowed, there he fell down dead.

28 Through the window she looked forth, and cried, The mother of Sisera cried through the lattice, Why is his chariot so long in coming? Why tarry the wheels of his chariots?

29 Her wise ladies answered her, 50 yes, she returned answer to herself, 30 Have they not found, have they not divided the spoil? A damsel, two damsels to every man; to Sisera a spoil of dyed garments, a spoil of dyed garments embroidered, of dyed garments embroidered on both sides, on the necks of the spoil?

31 So let all thine enemies perish, O Jehovah: 6 52 but let them that love him be as the sun when he goeth forth in his might. And the land had rested forty years.

6 And the children of Israel 53 did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: and Jehovah delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2 And the hand of Midian prevailed against Israel; and because of Midian the children of Israel made them the dens which are in the mountains, and the caves, and the strongholds. 3 And so it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the Amalekites, and the children of the east; they came up against them; and they encamped against them, and destroyed the increase of the earth, till thou came unto Gaza, and left no sustenance in Israel, neither sheep, nor ox, nor ass. 5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents; they came in as locusts for multitude; both they and their camels were without number: and they came into the land to destroy it. 6 And Israel was brought very low because of Midian; and the children of Israel cried unto Jehovah.

7 And it came to pass, when the children of Israel cried unto Jehovah because of Midian, 8 that Jehovah sent a prophet unto the children of Israel: and he said unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, I brought you up from Egypt, and brought you forth out of the house of bondage; and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all that oppressed you, and drove them out from before you, and gave you their land; and I said unto you, I am Jehovah your God; ye shall not fear the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell. But ye have not hearkened unto my voice.

11 And the angel of Jehovah came, and sat under the oak which was in Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the Abiezerite: and his son Gideon was beating out wheat in the winepress, to hide it from the Midianites. 12 And the angel of Jehovah appeared unto him, and said unto him, Jehovah is with thee, thou mighty man of valor. 13 And Gideon said unto him, Oh, my lord, if Jehovah is with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where are all his wondrous works which our fathers told us of, saying, Did not Jehovah bring us up from Egypt? but now Jehovah hath cast us off, and delivered us into the hand of Midian. 14 And Jehovah 55 looked upon him, and said, In this thy might, and save Israel from the hand of Midian: have not I sent thee? 15 And he said unto him, Oh, Jehovah, wherewith shall I save Israel? behold, my family is the poorest in Manasseh, and I am the least in my father’s house. 16 And Jehovah said unto him, Surely I will be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. 17 And he said unto him, If now I have found favor in thy sight, then show me a sign that it is thou that talkest with me. 18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and lay it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thou come again.

19 And Gideon went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of meal: the flesh he put in a basket, and he put the broth in a pot, and brought it out unto him under the oak, and presented it. 20 And the angel of God said unto him, Take the flesh and the unleavened cakes, and lay them upon this rock, and pour out the broth. And he did so. 21 Then the angel of Jehovah put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there went up fire out of the rock and consumed the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and the angel of Jehovah departed out of his sight. 22 And Gideon saw that he was the angel of Jehovah; and Gideon said, Alas, O Lord Jehovah! forasmuch as I have seen the angel of Jehovah face to face. 23 And Jehovah said unto him, Peace be unto thee; fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 Then Gideon built an altar there unto Jehovah, and called it Jehovah-shalom: unto this day it is yet in Ophrah of the Abiezerites.

25 And it came to pass the same night, that Jehovah said unto him, Take thy father’s bullock, even the second bullock seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal that thy father hath, and cut down the Asherah that is by it; and build an altar unto Jehovah thy God upon the top of this stronghold, in the orderly manner, and take the second bullock, and offer a burnt-offering with the wood of the Asherah which thou shalt cut down. 27 Then Gideon took ten men of his servants, and did as Jehovah had spoken unto him: and it came to pass, because he feared his father’s household and the men of the city, so 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,
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behold, the altar of Baal was broken down, and the Asherah was cut down that was by it, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar that was built. 29 And they said one to another, Who hath done this thing? And when they inquired and asked, they said, Gideon the son of Joash hath done this thing. 30 Then the men of the city said unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die, because he hath hath broken down the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the Asherah that was by it. 31 And Joash said unto all that stood against him, Will ye contend for Baal? or will ye save him? he that will contend against him, let him be put to death. 32 And all the people answered and said, This shall not go with thee, the same shall go with thee; and of whatsoever I say unto thee, This shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. 33 Then they gathered against him threescore and ten men out of the city, and said unto him, Bring them down unto the water. 34 And Gideon said unto them, Except Jehovah shall make the dryness of the fleece, and the moisture of the earth be at variance one from the other, let me be but as one of you; and if Jehovah be with me, then will he deliver thee, O Jerubbaal.

61 Or, upon it, And similarly in vs. 30.
62 Or, shall be put to death: let be till morning;
63 Or, before morning:
64 That is, Let Baal contend,
65 Hb. clothed itself with Gideon;
66 That is, Trembling: See vs. 3f.
67 Or, from the hill of Moreh onwards in the valley.
68 Or, go round about mount Gilead.
69 Perhaps leaving the Midianites to worry where the other 31,700 Israelites might now be.
70 Or, against
71 Logically, with the river to the south, one company block-ing upstream (west), one downstream (east), and the third between the two hills to the north.
that were in their hands. 20 And the three companies blew the trumpets, and brake the pitchers, and held the torches in their left hands, and the trumpets in their right hands whereby to blow; and they cried, "The sword of Jehovah and of Gideon.

21 And they stood every man in his place round about the camp; and all the host ran; and they shouted, and put them to flight. 22 And they blew the three hundred trumpets, and Jehovah set every man's sword against his fellow, and against all the host; and the host fled as far as Beth-shittah toward Zererah, as far as the border of Abel-meholah, by Tabbath.

23 And the men of Israel were gathered together out of Naphthali, and out of Asher, and out of all Manasseh, and pursued after Midian.

24 And Gideon sent messengers throughout all the hill-country of Ephraim, saying, Come down against Midian, and take before them the waters, as far as Beth-barah, even to the Jordan. So all the men of Ephraim were gathered together, and took the waters as far as Beth-barah, even the Jordan. 25 And they took the two princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew Oreb at the rock of Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress of Zeeb, and pursued Midian: and they brought the heads of Oreb and Zeeb to Gideon beyond the Jordan.

8 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, "Why hast thou us served us thus, that thou calledst us not, when thou wentest to fight with Midian? And they did chide with him sharply. 2 And he said unto them, What have I now done in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of the grapes of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abiezer? 3 God hath delivered into your hand the princes of Midian, Oreb and Zeeb: and what was I able to do in comparison with you? Then their anger was abated toward him, when he had said that.

4 And Gideon came to the Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, yet pursuing. 5 And he said unto the men of Sukkoth, Give, I pray you, loaves of bread unto the people that follow me; for they are faint, and I am pursuing after Zebah and Zalmunna, the kings of Midian. 6 And the princes of Sukkoth said, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thy hand, that we should give bread unto three hundred? 7 And Gideon said, Therefore when Jehovah hath delivered Zebah and Zalmunna into my hand, then will I tear your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. 8 And he went up thence to Penuel, and spake unto them in like manner; and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Sukkoth had answered. 9 And he spake also unto the men of Penuel, saying, When I come again in peace, I will break down this tower.

10 Now Zebah and Zalmunna were in Karkor, and their hosts with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that were left of all the host of the children of the east; for there fell a hundred twenty thousand men that drew sword. 11 And Gideon went up by the way of them that dwelt in tents on the east of Nobah and Jogbehah, and smote the host; for the host was secure. 12 And Zebah and Zalmunna fled; and he pursued after them; and he took the two kings of Midian, Zebah and Zalmunna, and discomfited all the host.

13 And Gideon the son of Joash returned from the battle from the ascent of Heres. 14 And he caught a young man of the men of Sukkoth, and inquired of him: and he described to him the princes of Sukkoth, and the elders thereof, seventy-seven men. 15 And he came unto the men of Sukkoth, and said, Behold Zebah and Zalmunna, concerning whom ye did taunt me, saying, Are the hands of Zebah and Zalmunna now in thy hand, that we should give bread unto thy men that are weary? 16 And he took the elders of the city, and thorns of the wilderness and briers, and with them he taught the men of Sukkoth a lesson. 17 And he brake down the tower of Penuel, and slew the men of the city.

18 Then said he unto Zebah and Zalmunna, What manner of men were they whom ye slew at Tabor? And they answered, As thou art, so were they; each one resembled the children of a king. 19 And he said, They were my brethren, the sons of my mother: as Jehovah liveth, if ye had saved them alive, I would not slay you. 20 And he said unto Jether his firstborn, Get up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword; for he feared, because he was yet a youth. 21 Then Zebah and Zalmunna said, Rise thou, and fall upon us; for we will give thee a thousand pieces of silver. 22 And Jether his firstborn said unto Zebah and Zalmunna, Were we not as thy servants? and how did we follow thee? and why did ye slay us in Tabor? 23 And they answered, As thou art, so were we; each one resembled the children of a king. 24 And he said unto them, What man among you shall raise his hand to be head of the children of Ammon, or head of the children of Moab, or head of any of the children of the east? 25 And they answered, The man who saveth the life of Joash, the son of Jehoamith, shall be head of the children of Ammon. 26 And he said, Well; say ye so, for he was the eldest. 27 Then said Zebah and Zalmunna to Gideon, Wherefore saidst thou, Rule thou over us, both thou, and thy son, and thy son's son also? for thou hast saved us out of the hand of Midian. 28 And Gideon said unto them, I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over you: Jehovah shall rule over you. 29 And Gideon said unto them, I will make a request of you, that ye would write down for me the wealth of the ear-rings of Zebah and Zalmunna. (For they had golden ear-rings, because they were Ishmaelites.) 30 And they answered, We will willingly give them. And they spread a garment, and did cast therein every man the ear-rings of his spoil.

31 And the weight of the golden ear-rings that he requested was eight and twenty thousand shekels of gold; besides the crescents, and the pendants, and the purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and besides the chains that were about their camels' necks. 32 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel played the harlot after it there; and it became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house. 33 So Midian was subdued before the children of Israel, and they lifted up their heads no more. And the land had rest forty years in the days of Gideon.

72 Or, A sword for Jehovah and for Gideon.
73 Or, seized their goods. Hb sept., Sept., Aram., Vg. read fled.
74 Soldiers fleeing from the Israelites at night would appear to the rest of the camp to be invading Israelites.
75 Hb. lip.
76 Or, and also the Jordan. (both times).
77 Ephraim's pride of preeminence staked its claim on Ge 48:20, Joshua and Deborah, and later reached its worst at the time of Jephthah, in ch. 12:1-6.
78 Hb. spirit.
79 Or, to pass over.
80 Hb. thresh.
81 Hb. terrified.
82 Or, wrote down for him.
83 Or, nose-rings (both times, and elsewhere below).
84 About 19.7 kg. (at least 1000 cm²), of gold.
29 And Jerubbaal [the son of] Joash went to Shechem, and dwelt in his own house. 30 And Gideon had seventy sons of his body begotten; for he had many wives. 31 And his concubine that was in Shechem, she also bare him a son, and he called his name Abimelech. 32 And Gideon the son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in Ophrah of the Abiezrites.

33 And it came to pass, as soon as Gideon was dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and played the harlot after the Baalim, and made Baal-berith their god. 34 And the children of Israel remembered not Jehovah their God, Who had delivered them out of the hand of all their enemies on every side; 35 neither showed they kindness to the house of Jerubbaal, who is Gideon, according to all the goodness which he had shewed unto Israel.

9 And Abimelech the son of Jerubbaal went to Shechem unto his mother’s brethren, and spake with them, and with all the family of the house of his mother’s father, saying, 2 Speak, I pray you, in the ears of all the men of Shechem, Whether is it better for you, that all the sons of Jerubbaal, who are seventy persons, rule over you, or that one rule over you? remember also that I am your bone and your flesh. 3 And his mother’s brethren spake 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 out of the house of Baal-berith, wherewith Abimelech hired vain and light fellows, who followed him. 5 And he went unto his father’s house at Ophrah, and slew his brethren the sons of Jerubbaal, being seventy persons, upon one stone: but Jotham the youngest son of Jerubbaal was left; for he hid himself. 6 And all the men of Shechem assembled themselves together, and all the house of Millo, and went and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar that was in Shechem.

7 And when they told it to Jotham, he went and stood on the top of mount Gerizim, and lifted up his voice, and cried, and said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, that God may hearken unto you. 8 The trees went forth on a time to anoint a king over them; and they said unto the olive-tree, Reign thou over us. 9 But the olive-tree said unto them, Should I leave my fatness, wherewith I honor God and man, and go to wave to and fro over the trees? 10 And the trees said to the fig-tree, Come thou, and reign over us. 11 But the fig-tree said unto them, Should I leave my sweetness, and my good fruit, and go to wave to and fro over the trees? 12 And the trees said unto the vine, Come thou, and reign over us. 13 And the vine said unto them, Should I leave my new wine, that cheereth God and man, and go to wave to and fro over the trees? 14 Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, and reign over us. 15 And the bramble said unto the trees, If in truth ye anoint me king over you, then come and take refuge in my shade; and if not, let fire come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of Lebanon. 16 Now therefore, if ye have dealt truly and uprightly, in that ye have made Abimelech king, and if ye have dealt well with Jerubbaal and his house, and have done unto him according to the deserving of his hands (for my father fought for you, and adventured his soul, and delivered you out of the hand of Midian: 17 and ye are 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 maid-servant, king of the land of the king to the Habiru.” [EA 287] “Behold the deed which Milkilu and Shuwardata did to the land of the king, my lord! They rushed troops of Gezer, troops of Gath and troops of Keilah; they took the land of Rubutu; the land of the king went over to the Habiru people. But now even a town of the land of Jerusalem, Bit-Lahmi [Beth-lehem] by name, a town belonging to the king, has gone over to the side of the people of Keilah. Let my king … send archers … But if there are no archers, the land of the king will pass over to the Habiru people.” [EA 290] See J.B. Pritchard, “Ancient Near Eastern Texts.”

If the surprise victories of Barak and Gideon were in BC 1378, the corresponding Dynasty 18 Egyptian kings were, according to R.A. Parker’s dates:

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The 18th dynasty kings and Israel had both opposed the 15th dynasty Hyksos at the time of the Exodus. These kings knew of the Exodus plagues and hence likely dreaded to tangle with Israel. See footnote on Ex 12:30.

86 The chief city of Ephraim (before Omri and Ahab).
87 Hb. set
88 Or, Beth-millo
89 Or, terebinth
90 Or, garrison
91 Or, which God and man honor in me,
92 Or, thorn. And similarly below.
over the men of Shechem, because he is your brother); 19 if ye then have dealt truly and uprightly with Jerubbaal and with his house this day, then rejoice ye 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 dwelt there, for fear of Abimelech his half-brother.

22 And Abimelech was prince over Israel three years. 23 And God sent an evil spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; and the men of Shechem dealt treacherously with Abimelech: 24 that the violence done to the seventy sons of Jerubbaal might come, and that their blood might be laid upon Abimelech their brother, who slew them, and upon the men of Shechem, who strengthened his hands to slay his brethren. 25 And the men of Shechem set liers-in-wait for him on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all that came along that way by them: and it was told Abimelech.

26 And Gaal the son of Ebed came with his brethren, and went over to Shechem; and the men of Shechem put their trust in him. 27 And they went out into the field, and gathered their vineyards, and trod the grapes, and held festival, and went into the house of their god, and did eat and drink, and cursed Abimelech. 28 And Gaal the son of Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Shechem, that we should serve him? Is not he the son of Jerubbaal? And Zebul his officer? Serve ye the men of Hamor the father of Shechem: but why should we serve him? 29 And would that this people were under my hand! Then would I remove Abimelech. And he said 44 to Abimelech, Increase thine 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 unto Abimelech 45 craftily, saying, Behold, Gaal the son of Ebed and his brethren are come to Shechem; and, behold, they constrain the city to take part against thee. 32 Now therefore, get up by night, thou and the people that are with thee, and lie in wait in the field: 33 and, behold, when he and the people that are with him come out against thee, then mayest thou do unto them 47 as thou shalt find occasion.

34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that were with him, by night, and they laid wait 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 rose up, and the people that were with him, from the ambushment. 36 And when Gaal saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, there come people down from the tops of the mountains. And Zebul said unto him, Thou seest the shadow of the mountains as if they were men. 37 And Gaal spake again and said, See, there come people down by the middle of the land, and one company cometh by the way of the oak of Meonomim.

38 Then said Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, that thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve him? Is not this the people that thou hast despised? Go out now, I pray, 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 there fell many wounded, even unto the entrance of the gate.

41 And Abimelech dwelt at Arumah: and Zebul drove out Gaal and his brethren, that they should not dwell in Shechem. 42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people went out into the field; and they told Abimelech. 43 And he took the people, and divided them into three companies, and laid wait in the field; and he looked, and, behold, the people came forth out of the city; and he rose up against them, and smote them. 44 And Abimelech, and the companies that were with him, rushed forward, and stood in the entrance of the gate of the city: and the two companies rushed upon all that were in the field, and smote them. 45 And Abimelech fought against the city all that day; and he took the city, and slew the people that were therein: and he beat down the city, and sowed it with salt.

46 And when all the men of the tower of Shechem heard thereof, they entered into the stronghold of the house of 100Elberith. 47 And it was told Abimelech that all the men of the tower of Shechem were gathered together. 48 And Abimelech gat him up to mount Zalmon, and he and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from the trees, and took it up, and laid it on his shoulder: and he said unto the people that were with him, what ye 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 stronghold, and set the stronghold 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 within the city, and thither fled all the men and women, and all they of the city, and shut themselves in, and gat them up to the roof of the tower. 52 And Abimelech came unto the tower, and fought against it, and drew near unto the door of the tower to burn it with fire. 53 And a certain woman cast an upper millstone upon Abimelech's head, and brake his skull. 54 Then he called hastily unto the young man his armourbearer, and said unto him, Draw thy sword, and kill me, that men say not 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 unto his place. 56 Thus God requited the wickedness of Abimelech, which he did unto his father, in slaying his seventy brethren; and all the wickedness of the men of Shechem did God requite upon their heads: and upon them came the curse of Jotham the son of Jerubbaal.

93 Or, offered praise-offerings,
94 Or, of
95 Or, in Tormah,
96 Or, oppress the city on thy account.
97 Hb. as thy hand shall find.
98 Hb. navel
99 That is, the augurs’ oak (or, terebinth).
100 Or, the god Berith. Cf. vs. 4, ch. 8:33.
101 Hb. the axes in his hand,
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10 And after Abimelech there arose to save Israel Tola the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in the hill-country of Ephraim. 2 And he judged Israel twenty-three years, and died, and was buried in Shamir.

3 And after him arose Jair, the Gileadite; and he judged Israel twenty-two years. 4 And he had thirty sons that rode on thirty ass colts, and they had thirty cities, which are called towns of Jair, 102 called Havoth-jair unto this day, which are in the land of Gilead.

5 And Jair died, and was buried in Kamon.

6 And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and served the Baalim, and the Ashtaroth, and the gods of Aram, and the gods of Syria, and the gods of Sidon, and the gods of Moab, and the gods of the children of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook Jehovah, and served him not. 7 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the children of Ammon. 8 And they vexed and oppressed the children of Israel that year: eighteen years oppressed they all the children of Israel that were beyond the Jordan in the land of the Amorites, which is in Gilead. 9 And the children of Ammon passed over the Jordan to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel was sore distressed.

10 And the children of Israel cried unto Jehovah, saying, We have sinned against thee, even because we have forsaken our God, and have served the Baalim. So Jehovah sent a woeful destroying angel against Israel. 11 And the children of Israel said unto Jehovah, We have sinned against thee, even because we have forsaken thy God, and have served the Baalim. Therefore take away from us thisorders of Jehovah, that we pray thee, and be merciful unto Israel. 12 And Jehovah sent a destroying angel against them, so that the lords of the Amorites, and of the Sidonians, and of the Philistines, and of the Amalekites, and of the Maonites, did oppress them; and they cried unto Jehovah. 13 And Jehovah said unto the children of Israel, I will send a destroying angel against the children of Ammon, and against the Philistines, that they may smite Israel, and that they may possess the land that I gave unto thee; but I will judge thee afterward for the work which thou hast done. 14 And the children of Israel said unto Jehovah, Thy servant will I serve; if thou wilt save us out of this hand, then will we serve thee. 15 And Jehovah was moved by their word; and Jehovah said unto the children of Israel, I will send a destroying angel against thee: I will destroy this people, and will make thee a name as great as thou knowest not.

16 Then the children of Israel went forth and smote the Amorites, and they possessed the land unto this day. 17 Then the children of Ammon were gathered together, and encamped in Gilead. 18 And the children of Israel assembled themselves together, and encamped in Mizpah. 19 And the people, the princes of Gilead, said one to another, What man is he that will begin to fight against the children of Ammon? he shall be head over all the inhabitants of Gilead.

11 Now Jephthah the Gileadite was a mighty man of valor, and he was the son of a harlot: and Gilead begat Jephthah. 2 And Gilead’s wife bare him sons; and when his wife’s sons grew up, they drove out Jephthah, and said unto him, Thou shalt not inherit in our father’s house; for thou art the son of another woman. 3 Then Jephthah fled from his brethren, and dwelt in the land of Tob: and there were gathered vain fellows to Jephthah, and they went out with him.

4 And it came to pass after a while, that the children of Ammon made war against Israel. 5 And it was so, that, when the children of Ammon made war against Israel, the elders of Gilead went to fetch Jephthah out of the land of Tob; 6 and they said unto Jephthah, Come and be our chief, that we may fight with the children of Ammon. 7 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, did not ye hate me, and drive me out of my father’s house? And why are ye come unto me now when ye are in distress? 8 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Therefore are we turned again to thee now, that thou mayest go with us, and fight with the children of Ammon; and thou shalt be our head over all the inhabitants of Gilead. 9 And Jephthah said unto the elders of Gilead, If ye bring me home again to fight with the children of Ammon, and Jehovah deliver them before me, shall I be your head? 10 And the elders of Gilead said unto Jephthah, Jehovah shall be a witness between us; surely according to thy word so will we do. 11 Then Jephthah went with the elders of Gilead, and the people made him head and chief over them: and Jephthah spake all his words before Jehovah in Mizpah.

12 And Jephthah sent messengers unto the king of the children of Ammon, saying, What hast thou to do with me, that thou art come unto me to fight against my land? 13 And the king of the children of Ammon answered unto the messengers of Jephthah, Because Israel took away my land, when he came up out of Egypt, from the Arnon even unto the Jabbok, and unto the Jordan: now therefore restore those lands again peaceably. 14 And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon; 15 and he said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah: Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon, 16 but when they came up from Egypt, and Israel went through the wilderness unto the Red Sea, and came to Kadesh; 17 then Israel sent messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me, I pray thee, pass through thy land; but the king of Edom hearkened not. And in like manner he sent unto the king of Moab; but he would not, and Israel abode in Kadesh. 18 Then they went through the wilderness, and went around the land of Edom, and the land of Moab, and came by the east side of the land of Moab, and they encamped on the other side of the Arnon; but they came not within the border of Moab, for the Arnon was the border of Moab. 19 And Israel sent messengers unto Sihon king of the Amorites, the king of Heshbon; and Israel said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy land unto my place. 20 But Sihon trusted not Israel to pass through his border; but Sihon gathered all his people together, and encamped in Jahaz, and fought against Israel. 21 And Jehovah, the God of Israel, delivered Sihon and all his people unto the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country.

22 And they possessed all the border of the Amorites, from the Arnon even unto the Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto the Jordan. 23 So now Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldst thou possess them? 24 Wilt thou not possess that which Chemosh thy god giveth thee to possess? So whosoever Jehovah our God hath dispossessed from before us, them will we possess. 25 And now art thou anything 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 dwelt in Heshbon and its 105 towns, and in Arroer and

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102 That is, The towns of Jair
103 Hb. Aram,
104 Hb. hearer
105 Hb. daughters, (both times)
Jephthah judged Israel six years. Then died Jephthah the Gileadite, and was buried in one of the cities of Gilead.

And after him Ibzan of Beth-lehem judged Israel. 9 And he had thirty sons; and thirty daughters he sent abroad, and thirty daughters he brought in from abroad for his sons. And he judged Israel seven years. 10 And Ibzan died, and was buried at Beth-lehem.

11 And after him Elon the Zebulunite judged Israel; and he judged Israel ten years. 12 And Elon the Zebulunite died, and was buried in Aijalon in the land of Zebulun.

13 And after him Abdon the son of Hillel the Parathomite judged Israel. 14 And he had forty sons and thirty sons’ sons, that rode on seventy ass colts: and he judged Israel eight years.

15 And Abdon the son of Hillel the Parathomite died, and was buried in Pirathon in the land of Ephraim, in the hill-country of the Amalekites.

And the children of Israel again did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah; and Jehovah 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 bare not. 3 And the angel of Jehovah appeared unto the woman, and said unto her, Behold now, thou art barren, and bearest not; but thou shalt conceive, and bear a son. 4 Now therefore beware, I pray thee, and drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: 5 for, lo, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come upon his head. 6 And the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb: and he shall begin to save Israel out of the hand of the Philistines. 7 Then the woman came and told her husband, saying, A man of God came unto me, and his countenance was even with the countenance of an angel of God, and he said, I am Jehovah God. 8 And he said unto him, How canthou say such a thing? 9 And the man said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, I am Jehovah God. 10 And Manoah feared, and said, What is thy name, that we may give thee thanks? 11 And he said unto him, Thy name shall be Jehovah-jireh: for he hath seen thy affliction, and thine army, and turned his heart toward thee, and sent thee this angel. 12 Then Manoah said unto Jehovah-jireh, What is thy service which thou shalt give unto thee? and what is thy sign that we may see thee? 13 And Jehovah-jireh said unto Manoah, Go in, and I will come to thee, and do all that I have promised thee. 14 And Manoah said unto Jehovah-jireh, When thou dost come to us, what is thy name?

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was like the countenance of the angel of God, very awesome; and I asked him not whence he was, neither told he me his name: but he said unto me, Behold, thou shalt conceive, and bear a son; and now drink no wine nor strong drink, and eat not any unclean thing: for the child shall be a Nazirite unto God from the womb to the day of his death.

8 Then Manoah entreated Jehovah, and said, Oh, 115Jehovah, I pray thee, let the man of God whom thou didst send come again unto us, and teach us what we shall do unto the child that shall be born. 9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoah; and the angel of God came again unto 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 unto him, Behold, the man hath appeared unto me, that came unto me the other day. 11 And Manoah arose, and went after his wife, and came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the man that spakest unto the woman? And he said, I am. 12 And Manoah said, 116Now let thy words come to pass: what shall be the ordering of the child, and how shall we do unto him? 13 And the angel of Jehovah said unto Manoah, Of all that I said unto the woman let her observe. 14 She may not eat of anything that cometh of the 117vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, nor eat any unclean thing: all that I commanded her let her observe.

15 And Manoah said unto the angel of Jehovah, I pray thee, let us detain thee, that we may make ready a kid for thee. 16 And the angel of Jehovah said unto Manoah, Though thou detain me, I will not eat of thy bread; and if thou wilt make ready a burnt-offering, thou must offer it unto Jehovah. For Manoah knew not that he was the angel of Jehovah. 17 And Manoah said unto the angel of Jehovah, what is thy name, that, when thy words come to pass, we may do thee honor? 18 And the angel of Jehovah said unto him, Wherefore askest thou after my name, seeing it is wonderful? 19 So Manoah took the kid with the meal-offering, and offered it upon the rock unto Jehovah: 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 Jehovah ascended in the flame of the altar: and Manoah and his wife looked on; and they fell on their faces to the ground.

21 But the angel of Jehovah did no more appear to Manoah or to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of Jehovah. 22 And Manoah said unto his wife, We shall surely die, because we have seen God. 23 But his wife said unto him, If Jehovah were pleased to kill us, he would not have received a burnt-offering and a meal-offering at our hand, neither would he have showed us all these things, nor would at this time have told such things as these. 24 And the woman bare a son, and called his name 118Jehoshaphat: and the child grew, and Jehovah blessed him. 25 And the Spirit of Jehovah began to move him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

14 And Samson went down to Timnah, and saw a woman in Timnah 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 Timnah of the daughters of the Philistines: now therefore get her for me to wife. 3 Then his father and his mother said unto him, Is there never a woman among the daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, that thou goest to take a wife of the uncircumcised Philistines? And Samson said unto his father, Get her for me; for she pleaseth me well. 4 But his father and his mother knew not that it was of Jehovah; for he sought an occasion against the Philistines. Now at that time the Philistines had rule over Israel.

5 Then went Samson down, and his father and his mother, to Timnah, and came to the vineyards of Timnah: and, behold, a young lion roared against him. 6 And the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon him, and he rent him as he would have rent 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 while he returned to take her; and he turned aside to see the carcass of the lion: and, behold, there was a swarm of bees in the body of the lion, and honey. 9 And he took it into his hands, and went on, eating as he went; and he came to his father and mother, and gave unto them, and they did eat: but he told them not that he had taken the honey out of the body of the lion.

10 And his father went down unto the woman: and Samson made there a feast; for so used the young men to do. 11 And it came to pass, when they saw him, that they brought thirty companions to be with him. 12 And Samson said unto them, Let me now put forth a riddle unto you: if ye can declare it unto me within the seven days of the feast, and find it out, then I will give you thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment; 13 but if ye cannot declare it unto me, then shall ye give me thirty linen garments and thirty changes of raiment. And they said unto him, Put forth thy riddle, that we may hear it. 14 And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth food, And out of the strong came forth sweetness. And they could not in three days declare the riddle.

15 And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they said unto Samson’s wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare unto us the riddle: lest we burn thee and thy father’s house with fire: have ye called us to impoverish us? is it not so? 16 And Samson’s wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto us the riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell thee? 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 sore; and she told the riddle unto Samson’s wife, Entice thy husband, that he may declare it unto me. And Samson’s wife wept before him, and said, Thou dost hate me, and lovest me not: thou hast put forth a riddle unto us the riddle unto the children of my people, and hast not told it me. And he said unto her, Behold, I have not told it my father nor my mother, and shall I tell thee? 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 sore; and she told the riddle unto the children of her people. 18 And the men of the city said unto 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 unto them, If ye had not plowed with my heifer, Ye had not found out my riddle.

19 And the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon him, and he went down to Ashkelon, and smote thirty men of them,
and took their 122 spoil, and gave the changes of rainment unto them that declared the riddle. And his anger was kindled, and he went up to his father’s house. 20 But Samson’s wife was given to his companion, whom he had used as his friend.

15 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 suffer him to go in. 2 And her father said, I truly thought that thou hadst utterly hated her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? take her, I pray thee, instead of her. 3 And Samson said unto them, This time 123 shall I be blameless in regard of the Philistines, when I do them a mischief. 4 And Samson went and caught thirty thousand 124 foxes, and took 125 firebrands, and turned tail to tail, and put a firebrand in the midst between every two tails. 5 And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing grain of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks and the standing grain, and also the oliveyards. 6 Then the Philistines said, What hath he done this time? And they said, Samson, the son-in-law of the Timnite, because he hath taken his wife, and given her to his companion. And the Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire. 7 And Samson said unto them, If ye do after this manner, surely I will be avenged of you, and after that I will cease.

7 The Philistines came up, and burnt her and her father with fire. 8 And he smote them hip and thigh with a great slaughter: and he went down and dwelt in the cleft of the rock of Etam: and there the Spirit of the Lord came upon him.

9 Then the Philistines went up, and encamped themselves in Lehi. 10 And the men of Judah said, Why are ye come up against us? And they said, To bind Samson are we come up, to do to him as he hath done to us. 11 Then three thousand men of Judah went down to the cleft of the rock of Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not that the Philistines are rulers over us? what then is this that thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As they did unto me, so have I done unto them. 12 And they said unto him, We are come down to bind thee, that we may deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, and I will show you this day how God will deal with you. 13 And they spake unto him, saying, No; but we will bind thee, and deliver thee into their hand. But now if thou speakest with us, tell us wherein thy great strength lieth. 14 And when he came unto Lehi, the Philistines shouted as they met him: and the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon him, and the ropes that were upon his arms became as flax that was burnt with fire, and his bands 126 dropt from off his hands. 15 And he found a fresh jawbone of an ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and smote a thousand men therewith.

16 And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. 11 And he said unto her, If they only bind me with new ropes wherewith no work hath been done, then shall I become weak, and be as another man. 12 So Delilah took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said unto him, The Philistines are upon thee, Samson. And the liers-in-wait were abiding in the inner chamber. And he brake them from off his arms like a thread.

13 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast mocked me, and told me lies: now tell me, I pray thee, wherewith thou mightest be bound. And he said unto her, If thou wakest the seven
locks of my head with the web. 14 And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto him, The Philistines are upon thee, Samson. And he awaked out of his sleep, and plucked away the pin of the head, and the web.

15 And she said unto him, How canst thou say, I love thee, when thy heart is not with me? thou hast mocked me these three times, and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth. 16 And it came to pass, when she pressed him daily with her words, and urged him, that his soul was vexed unto death. 17 And he told her all his heart, and said unto her, There hath not come a razor upon my head; for I have been a Nazirite unto God from my mother’s womb: if I be 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 hath told me all his heart. Then the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and brought the money in their hand. 19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; and she called for 138a man, and shaved off the seven locks of his head; and she began to afflict him, and his strength went from him. 20 And she said, The Philistines are upon thee, Samson. And he awoke out of his sleep, and said, I will go out as at other times, and shake myself free. But she fastened him with the pin of the beam, and the web.

21 And she sent and called for her father; 22 And he came to her, and she said unto him, Didst thou not shun to save my life when I talked unto thee? why didst thou not hide it from me? I have not equalled thee to-day. And he said unto her, God hath delivered me not at this time.”

23 And the lords of the Philistines gathered them together to offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to rejoice; for they said, Our god hath delivered Samson our enemy into our hand. 24 And when the people saw him, they praised their god, saying, Our god hath delivered our enemy into our hand. 25 And it came to pass, when their hearts were merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he may make us sport. And they called for Samson out of the prison-house: and he made sport before them. And they set him between the pillars:

26 and Samson said unto the lad that held him by the hand, Suffer me that I may feel the pillars wherein the house resteth, that I may lean upon them. 27 Now 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, that beheld while Samson made sport.

28 And Samson called unto Jehovah, and said, O Lord Jehovah, remember me, I pray thee, and strengthen me, I pray thee, 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 rested, and leaned upon them, the one with his right hand, and the other with his left. 30 And Samson said, Let my soul die with the Philistines. And he bowed himself with all his might; and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all the people that were therein. So the dead that he slew at his death were more than they that he slew in his life. 31 Then his brethren 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.

17 And there was a man of the hill-country of Ephraim, whose name was Micah. 2 And he said unto his mother, The eleven hundred pieces of silver that were taken from thee, about which thou didst utter 142a curse, and didst also speak it in mine ears, behold, the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, Blessed be my son of Jehovah. 3 And he restored the eleven hundred pieces of silver to his mother; and his mother said, truly, 143 Sanctify the silver unto Jehovah from my hand for my son, to make a graven image and a molten image: now therefore I will restore it unto thee. 4 And when he restored the silver unto his mother, his mother took two hundred pieces of silver, and gave them to the founder, who made thereof a graven image and a molten image: and it was in the house of Micah. 5 And the man Micah had a house of 144gods, and he made an ephod, and teraphim, and 145 consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. 6 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes.

7 And there was a young man out of Beth-lehem-judah, of the family of Judah, who was a Levite; and he sojourned there. 8 And the man departed out of the city, out of Beth-lehem-judah, to sojourn 146where he could find a place, and he came to the hill-country of Ephraim to the house of Micah, as he journeyed. 9 And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And he said unto him, I am a Levite of Beth-lehem-judah, and I go to sojourn where I may find a place. 10 And Micah said unto him, Dwell with me, and be unto me a father and a priest, and I will give thee ten pieces of silver by the year, and a suit of apparel, and thy victuals. So the Levite went in.

11 And the Levite was content to dwell with the man; and the young man was unto him as 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 Jehovah will do me good, seeing I have a Levite to be my priest.

18 In those days there was no king in Israel: and in those days the tribe of the Danites sought them an inheritance to dwell in; for 147unto that day their inheritance had not fallen unto them among the tribes of Israel. 2 And the children of Dan sent of their family five men from their whole number, men of valor, from Zorah, and from Eshtaol, to spy out the land, and to search it; and they said unto them, Go, search the land. And they came to the hill-country of Ephraim, unto the house of Micah, and lodged there. 3 When they were by the house of Micah, they knew the voice of the young man the Levite: and they turned aside thither, and said unto him, Who brought thee hither? and what doest thou in this place? and what hast thou here? 4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus.

137 Hb 1st alone reads he had told her all
138 Or, the men,
139 Or, be avenged of the Philistines for one of my two eyes.
140 Or, an adjuration,
141 Or, had sanctified or, dedicated or, had dedicated
142 Or, God,
143 Hb. filled the hand of one of his sons, That is, he had his hands fall with priestly work. And in vs. 12
144 That is, he was looking for employment.
145 Thus, during the life of Joshua. See Josh 13:1, 19:47

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hath Micah dealt with me, and he hath hired me, and I am become his priest. 5 And they said unto him, Ask counsel we pray thee, of God, that we may know whether our way which we go shall be prosperous. 6 And the priest said unto them, Go in peace: before Jehovah is your way wherein ye go.

7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that were therein, how they dwelt in security, after the manner of the Sidonians, quiet and secure; for there was none in the land, possessing authority, that might put them to shame in anything, and they were far from the Sidonians, and had no dealings with any man. 8 And they came unto their brethren to Zorah and Eshtaol: and their brethren said unto them, What say ye? 9 And they said, Arise, and let us go up against them; for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is very good: and are ye still? be not slothful to go and to enter in to possess the land. 10 When ye go, ye shall come unto a people secure, and the land is large; for God hath given it into your hand, a place where there is no want of anything that is in the earth.

11 And there set forth thence of the family of the Danites, out of Zorah and out of Eshtaol, six hundred men girt with weapons of war. 12 And they went up, and encamped in Kiriat-jearim, in Judah: wherfore they called that place Mahaneh-dan unto this day; behold, it is behind Kiriat-jearim. 13 And they passed thence unto the hill-country of Ephraim, and came unto the house of Micah.

14 Then answered the five men that went to spy out the country of Laish, and said unto their brethren, Do ye know that there is in these houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven image, and a molten image? now therefore consider what ye have to do. 15 And they turned aside thither, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, even unto the house of Micah, and asked him of his welfare. 16 And the six hundred men girt with their weapons of war, who were of the children of Dan, stood by the entrance of the gate. 17 And the five men that went to spy out the land went up, and came in thither, and took the graven image, and the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image: and the priest stood by the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men girt with weapons of war. 18 And when these went into Micah’s house, and fetched the graven image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and the molten image, the priest said unto them, What do ye? 19 And they said unto him, Hold thy peace, lay thy hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and be to us a father and a priest: is it better for thee to be priest unto the house of one man, or to be priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel? 20 And the priest’s heart was glad, and he took the ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven 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 goods before them. 22 When they were a good way from the house of Micah, the men that were in the houses near to Micah’s house were gathered together, and overtook the children of Dan. 23 And they cried unto the children of Dan. And they turned their faces, and said unto Micah, What aileth thee? 24 And he said, 150Ye have taken away my gods which I made, and the priest, and are gone away, and what have I more? and how then say ye unto me, What aileth thee? 25 And the children of Dan said unto him, Let not thy voice be heard among us, lest angry fellows fall upon you, and thou lose thy soul, with the souls of thy household. 26 And the children of Dan went their way: and when Micah saw that they were too strong for him, he turned and went back into his house.

27 And they took that which Micah had made, and the priest whom he had, and came unto Laish, unto a people quiet and secure, and smote them with the edge of the sword; and they burnt the city with fire. 28 And there was no deliverer, because it was far from Sidon, and they had no dealings with any man; and it was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rehob. And they built the city, and dwelt therein. 29 And they called the name of the city Dan, after the name of Dan their father, who was born unto Israel: howbeit the name of the city was Laish at the first. 30 And the children of Dan set up for themselves the graven image; and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of 152Moses, he and his sons were priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the captivity of the land. 31 So they set them up Micah’s graven image which he made, all the time that the house of God was in Shiloh.

19 And it came to pass in those days, when there was no king in Israel, that there was a certain Levite sojourning on the farther side of the hill-country of Ephraim, who took to him a concubine out of Beth-lehem-judah. 2 And his concubine played the harlot against him, and went away from him unto her father’s house to Beth-lehem-judah, and was there the space of four months. 3 And her husband arose, and went after her, to speak kindly unto her, to bring her again, having his servant with them, and a couple of asses: and she brought him into her father’s house; and when the father of the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. 4 And his father-in-law, the damsel’s father, retained him; and he abode with him three days: so they did eat and drink, and lodged there. 5 And it came to pass on the fourth day, that they arose early in the morning, and he rose up to depart: and the damsel’s father said unto his son-in-law, Strengthen thy heart with a morsel of bread, and afterward ye shall go your way. 6 So they sat down, and did eat and drink, both of them together: and the damsel’s father said unto the man, Be pleased, I pray thee, to tarry all night, and let thy heart be merry. 7 And the man rose up to depart; but his father-in-law urged him, and he lodged there again. 8 And he arose early in the morning on the fifth day to depart; and the damsel’s father said, Strengthen thy heart, I pray thee, to tarry all night, and let thy heart be merry. 9 And when he rose up to depart, he, and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, the damsel’s father, said unto him, Behold, now the day draweth toward evening, I pray you tarry all night: behold,
the day growth to an end, lodge here, that thy heart may be merry; and tomorrow get you early on your way, that thou mayest go home.

10 But the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up and departed, and came over against Jebus (the same is Jerusalem): and there were with him a couple of asses saddled; his concubine also was with him. 11 When they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee, and let us turn aside into this city of the Jebusites, and lodge in it. 12 And his master said unto him, We will not turn aside into the city of a foreigner, 15 that is not of the children of Israel; but we will pass over to Gibeah. 13 And he said unto his servant, Come and let us draw near to one of these places; and we will lodge in Gibeah, or in Ramah. 14 So they passed on and went their way; and the sun went down upon them near to Gibeah, which belongeth to Benjamin. 15 And they turned aside thither, to go in to lodge in Gibeah: and he went in, and sat him down in the street of the city; for there was no man that took them into his house to lodge.

16 And, behold, there came an old man from his work out of the field in the evening: now the man was of the hill-country of Ephraim, and he sojourned in Gibeah; but the men of the place were Benjamites. 17 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw the wayfarer man in the street of the city; and the old man said, Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou? 18 And he said unto him, We are passing from Beth-lehem-judah unto the farther side of the hill-country of Ephraim; from thence am I, and I went to Beth-lehem-judah: and I am now going to the house of Jehovah; and there is no man that taketh me into his house. 19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses; and there is bread and wine also for me, and for thy handmaid, and for the young man that is with thy servants: there is no want of anything. 20 And the old man said, Peace be unto thee; howsoever let all thy wants lie upon me; only lodge not in the street. 21 So he brought him into his house, and gave the asses fodder; and they washed their feet, and did eat and drink.

22 As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, certain base fellows, beset the house round about, beating at the door; and they spake to the master of the house, the old man, saying, Bring forth the man that came into thy house, that we may know him. 23 And the man, the master of the house, went out unto them, and said unto them, No, my brethren, I pray you, do not so wickedly; seeing that this man is come into my house, do not this folly. 24 Behold, here is my daughter a virgin, and his concubine; them I will bring out now, and humble ye them, and do with them what seemeth good unto you: but unto this man do not any such folly. 25 But the men would not hearken to him: so the man laid hold on his concubine, and brought her forth unto them; and they knew her, and abused her all the night until the morning: and when the day began to spring, they let her go. 26 Then came the woman at 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, with her hands upon the threshold. 28 And he said unto her, Get up, and let us be going; but none answered: then he took her up upon the ass; and the man rose up, and got him unto his place. 29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid hold on his concubine, and divided her, 157 limb by limb, into twelve pieces, and sent her throughout all the borders of Israel. 30 and it was so, that all that saw it said, There was no such deed done nor seen from the day that the children of Israel came up out of the land of Egypt unto this day: consider it, take counsel, and speak.

20 Then all the children of Israel went out, and the congregation was assembled as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, with the land of Gilead, unto Jehovah at Mizpah. 2 And the 156 chiefs of all the people, even all the tribes of Israel, presented themselves in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand footmen that drew sword. 3 (Now the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpah.) And the children of Israel said, Tell us, how was this wickedness brought to pass? 4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was murdered, answered and said, I came into Gibeah that belongeth to Benjamin, to lodge. 5 And the men of Gibeah rose against me, and beset the house round about me by night; me they thought to have slain, and my concubine they forced, 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 lewdness and folly in Gibeah. 7 Behold, ye children of Israel, all of you, give here your advice and counsel.

8 And all the people arose as one man, saying, We will not any of us go to his tent, neither will we any of us turn unto his house. 9 But now this is the thing which we will do to Gibeah: we will go up against it by lot; 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 out of ten thousand, to fetch victuals for the people, that they may do, when they come to Gibeah of Benjamin, according to all the folly that they have wrought in Israel. 11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, knit together as one man.

12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the tribe of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that is come to pass among you? 13 Now therefore deliver up the men, the base fellows, that are in Gibeah, that we may put them to death, and put away evil from Israel. But Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel. 14 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the cities unto Gibeah, to go out to battle against the children of Israel. 15 And the children of Benjamin were numbered on that day out of the cities twenty-six thousand men that drew sword, besides the inhabitants of Gibeah, who were

154 Hb. to thy tent. Some Hb. mss. read to thy tents.
155 Or, where there are none of the children of Israel;
156 Hb. sons of worthlessness, And in ch. 20:13.
157 Hb. according to her bones,
158 Hb. corners
159 Or, even all the tribes of Israel,
160 Hb. Geba
161 Hb. tribes See Nu 4:18; 1Sa 9:21.
162 Sept., Aram. read the children of Benjamin
163 Or, the meadow of Geba (or, Gibeah See vs. 10)
numbered seven hundred chosen men. 16 Among all this people there were seven hundred chosen men lefthanded; every one could sling stones at a hair-breadth, and not miss.

17 And the men of Israel, besides Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand men that drew sword: all these were men of war. 18 And the children of Israel arose, and went up to Beth-el, and asked counsel of God; and they said, Who shall go up for us first to battle against the children of Benjamin? And Jehovah said, Judah shall go up first.

19 And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and encamped against Gibeah. 20 And the men of Israel went out to battle against Benjamin; and the men of Israel set the battle in array against them at Gibeah. 21 And the children of Benjamin came forth out of Gibeah, and destroyed down to Beth-el, as at Benjamin on the third day, and set themselves in array against the children of Benjamin. And Jehovah said, Go up against them.

22 And the people, the men of Israel, encouraged themselves, and set the battle again in array in the place where they set themselves in array the first day. 23 And the children of Israel went up and went before Jehovah until even; and they asked of Jehovah, saying, Shall I again draw nigh to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother? And Jehovah said, Go up against him.

24 And the children of Israel came near against the children of Benjamin the second day. 25 And Benjamin went forth against them out of Gibeah the second day, and destroyed down to Beth-el, as at Benjamin on the third day, and set themselves in array against the children of Benjamin. 26 Then all the children of Israel, and all the people, went up, and came unto Beth-el, and wept, and sat there before Jehovah, and fasted that day until even; and they offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before Jehovah. 27 And the children of Israel asked of Jehovah (for the ark of the covenant of God was there in those days, 28 and Phinehas, the son of Eleazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in those days), saying, Shall I yet again go out to battle against the children of Benjamin my brother, or shall I cease? And Jehovah said, Go up; for tomorrow I will deliver him into thy hand.

29 And Israel set liers-in-wait against Gibeah round about. 30 And the children of Israel went up against the children of Benjamin on the third day, and set themselves in array against Gibeah, as at other times. 31 And the children of Benjamin went out against the people, and were drawn away from the city; and they began to smite and kill of the people, as at other times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to Beth-el, and the other to Gibeah, in the field, about thirty men of Israel. 32 And the children of Benjamin said, They are smitten down before us, as at the first. But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw them away from the city unto the highways. 33 And all the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and set themselves in array at Baal-tamar: and the liers-in-wait of Israel brake forth out of their place, even out of Maareh-geba. 34 And there came over against Gibeah ten thousand chosen men out of all Israel; and the battle was sore, but they knew not that evil was close upon them. 35 And Jehovah smote Benjamin before Israel; and the children of Israel destroyed of Benjamin that day twenty-five thousand one hundred men: all these drew the sword.

36 So the children of Benjamin saw that they were smitten; for the men of Israel gave place to Benjamin, because they trusted unto the liers-in-wait whom they had set against Gibeah. 37 And the liers-in-wait hasted, and rushed upon Gibeah; and the liers-in-wait drew themselves along, and smote all the city with the edge of the sword. 38 Now the appointed sign between the men of Israel and the liers-in-wait was, that they should make a great cloud of smoke rise up out of the city. 39 And the men of Israel turned in the battle, and Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men of Israel about thirty persons; for they said, Surely they are smitten down before us, as in the first battle. 40 But when the cloud began to arise up out of the city in a pillar of smoke, the Benjamites looked behind them; and, behold, the whole of the city went up in smoke to heaven. 41 And the men of Israel turned, and the men of Benjamin were dismayed; for they saw that evil was come upon them. 42 Therefore they turned their backs before the men of Israel unto the way of the wilderness; but the battle followed hard after them; and they that came out of the cities destroyed them in the midst thereof. 43 They inclosed the Benjamites round about, and chased them, and trod them down at their resting-place, as far as over against Gibeah toward the rising sun. 44 And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men; all these were men of valor. 45 And they turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon: and they gleaned of them in the highways five thousand men, and followed hard after them unto Gidom, and smote of them two thousand men. 46 So that all who fell that day of Benjamin were twenty-five thousand men that drew the sword; all these were men of valor. 47 But six hundred men turned and fled toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon, and abode in the rock of Rimmon four months. 48 And the men of Israel turned again upon the children of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the sword, both the entire city, and the cattle, and all that they found: moreover all the cities that they found they set on fire.

21 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying, There shall not any of us give his daughter unto Benjaminites in marriage. 2 And the people came to Beth-el, and sat there till even before God, and lifted up their voices, and wept sore. 3 And they said, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, why is this to pass in Israel, that there should be today one tribe lacking in Israel? 4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. 5 And the children of Israel said, Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up in the assembly unto Jehovah? For they had made a great oath concerning him that came not up unto Jehovah to Mizpah, saying, he shall surely be put to death. 6 And the children of Israel repented them for Benjamin their brother, and said, There is one tribe cut off from Israel this day. 7 How could they do?
shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing we have sworn by Jehovah that we will not give them of our daughters to wives?

8 And they said, What one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up unto Jehovah to Mizpah? And, behold, there came none to the camp from Jabesh-gilead to the assembly. 9 For when the people were numbered, behold, there were none of the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead there. 10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand men of the valiantest, and commanded them, saying, Go and smite the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead with the edge of the sword, with the women and the little ones. 11 And this is the thing that ye shall do: ye shall utterly destroy every male, and every woman that hath lain by man. 12 And they found among the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead four hundred young virgins, that had not known man by lying with him, and they brought them unto the camp to Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan.

13 And the whole congregation sent and spake to the children of Benjamin that were in the rock of Rimmon, and proclaimed peace unto them. 14 And Benjamin returned at that time; and they gave them the women whom they had saved alive of the women of Jabesh-gilead and yet so they sufficed them not. 15 And the people repented them for Benjamin, because that Jehovah had made a breach in the tribes of Israel.

16 Then the elders of the congregation said, How shall we do for wives for them that remain, seeing the women are destroyed out of Benjamin? 17 And they said, There must be an inheritance for them that are escaped of Benjamin, that a tribe be not blotted out from Israel. 18 Howbeit we may not give them wives of our daughters, for the children of Israel had sworn, saying, Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin. 19 And they said, Behold, there is a feast of Jehovah from year to year in Shiloh, which is on the north of Beth-el, on the east side of the highway that goeth up from Beth-el to Shechem, and on the south of Lebonah. 20 And they commanded the children of Benjamin, saying, Go and lie in wait in the vineyards, and see, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh come out to dance in the dances, then come ye out of the vineyards, and catch you every man his wife of the daughters of Shiloh, and go to the land of Benjamin. 21 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brethren come to complain unto us, that we will say unto them, Grant them graciously unto us, because we took not for each man of them his wife in battle, neither did ye give them unto them, else would ye now be guilty. 22 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they carried off: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and built the cities, and dwelt in them. 23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took them wives, according to their number, of them that danced, whom they carried off: and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and built the cities, and dwelt in them. 24 And the children of Israel departed thence at that time, every man to his tribe and to his family, and they went out from thence 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.

[Note: Chapters 17-21 refer to incidents earlier in the time of Judges, as ch. 18:30 gives an account of Jonathan, the grandson of Moses, and as ch. 20:28 mentions Phinehas, the grandson of Aaron.]

171 Or possibly, the feast of Jehovah
172 Or, strive with us,
173 Or, as a gift unto us,
Ruth
1:1 Elimelech and his family sojourn in Moab
1:15 Naomi and Ruth return to Judah

And it came to pass in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land. And a certain man of Beth-lehem-judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he, and his wife, and 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 Beth-lehem-judah. And they came into the country of Moab, and continued there. And Elimelech, Naomi’s husband, died; and she was left, and her two sons. And they took them wives of the women of Moab; the name of the one was Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth; and they dwelt there about ten years. And Mahlon and Chilion died both of them; and the woman was left of her two children and of her husband.

Then she arose with her daughters-in-law, that she might return from the country of Moab: for she had heard in the country of Moab how that Jehovah had visited his people in giving them bread. And 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 unto the land of Judah. And Naomi said unto her two daughters-in-law, Go, each of you to her mother’s house: Jehovah deal kindly with you, you that ye may find rest, each of you to her mother’s house: Jehovah deal kindly with you, and with Naomi, and her two maidens. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice, and wept again; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clave unto her.

And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back to her people, and unto her land: return thou after thy sister-in-law. Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither pass from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens. And they said unto the reapers, Whose damsel is this? And she said, I pray you, and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, save that she tarried a little in the house.

Then said Boaz unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither pass from hence, but abide here fast by my maidens. Let thine eyes be on the field that they do reap, and go thou after them; have I not charged thee, and thou hast not passed from me? And thou wast not privy to any of the young men, neither let mine eyes be on thee. And she said, I pray you, and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, save that she tarried a little in the house.

And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Naomi, Let me now go to the field, and glean among the ears of grain after him in whose sight I shall find favor. And she said unto her, Go, my daughter. And she went, and came and gleaned in the field after the reapers: and her hap was to light on Boaz, who was of the family of Elimelech. And, behold, Boaz came from Beth-lehem, and said unto the reapers, Jehovah be with you. And they answered him, Jehovah bless thee. Then said Boaz unto his servant that was set over the reapers, Whose damsel is this? And they said unto him, It is the Moabitish damsel that came back with Naomi out of the country of Moab: and she said, Let me glean, I pray you, and gather after the reapers among the sheaves. So she came, and hath continued even from the morning until now, save that she tarried a little in the house.

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And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is gone back unto her people, and unto her land: return thou after thy sister-in-law. And Ruth said, Entreat me not to leave thee, and return from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go; and where thou lodgest, I will lodge; thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God; 17 where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried; Jehovah do so to me, and more also, if aught but death part thee and me. 18 And when she saw that she was steadfastly minded to go with her, she left off speaking unto her.

So they two went until they came to Beth-lehem. And it came to pass, when they were come to Beth-lehem, that all the city was moved about them, and the women said, Is this Naomi? And she said unto them, Call me not Naomi, call me Mahalath. 20 And she said unto them, Why have I found favor in thy sight, that thou shouldest take notice of me, seeing I am too old to have a husband? It is more bitter for me than for you, that the women of Moab have privily spoken against me, and that I am become their curse to them.

1 Hb. field
2 Hb. Naomi
3 Possibly as a result of Ehud’s victory in Jg 3.
4 Mahlon with Ruth; Chilion with Orpah. ch. 4:10.
5 Or, it is far more bitter for me than for you.
6 That is, Pleasant.
7 That is, Bitter;
8 Commonly in late March.
9 Or, valor,
10 Hb. to the heart of thy handmaid,
Ruth 3

sat beside the reapers, and they reached her parched grain, and she did eat, and was sufficed, and left thereof. 15 And when she was risen up to glean, Boaz commanded his young men, saying, Let her glean even among the sheaves, and reproach her not. 16 And also pull out some for her from the bundles, and leave it, and let her glean, and rebuke her not.

17 So she gleaned in the field until even; and she beat out that which 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 shewed her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said, The man's name with whom I wrought today is Boaz. 20 And Naomi said unto her daughter-in-law, Blessed be he of Jehovah, who hath not left off his kindness to the living and to the dead. And Naomi said unto her, The man is nigh of kin unto us, one of our near kinsmen. 21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, Yes, he said unto me, Thou shalt keep fast by my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. 22 And Naomi said unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with my maidens, and that they meet thee not in any other field. 23 So she kept fast by the maidens of Boaz, to glean unto the end of barley harvest and of wheat harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law.

3 And Naomi her mother-in-law said unto her, My daughter, shall I not seek rest for thee, that it may be well with thee? 2 And now is not Boaz our kinsman, with whose maidens thou wast? Behold, he winnoweth barley tonight in the threshing-floor. 3 Wash thyself therefore, and anoint thee, and put thy raiment upon thee, and get thee down to the threshing-floor, but make not thyself known unto the man, until he shall have done eating and drinking. 4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt mark the place where he shall lie, and thou shalt go in, and uncover his feet, and lay thee down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. 5 And she said unto her, All that thou sayest I will do.

6 And she went down unto the threshing-floor, and did according to all that her mother-in-law bade 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 her down. 8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man was afraid, and turned himself; and, behold, a woman lay at his feet. 9 And he said, Who art thou? And she answered, I am Ruth thy handmaid: spread therefore thy skirt over thy handmaid; for thou art a near kinsman. 10 And he said, Blessed be thou of Jehovah, my daughter: thou hast showed more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning, inasmuch as thou followedst not young men, whether poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, fear not; I will do to thee all that thou sayest; for all the city of my people doth know that thou art a worthy woman. 12 And now it is true that I am a near kinsman; howbeit there is a kinsman nearer than I. 13 Tarry this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will perform unto thee the part of a kinsman, well; let him do the kinsman's part: but if he will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, then will I do the part of a kinsman to thee, as Jehovah liveth: lie down until the morning.

14 And she lay at his feet until the morning: and she rose up before one could discern another. For he said, Let it not be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor. 15 And he said, Bring the mantle that is upon thee, and hold it; and let it not be known unto thy mother-in-law. And he said, I will not do the part of a kinsman to thee, as Jehovah liveth: lie down, and let it be known that the woman came to the threshing-floor. 16 And when she came to her mother-in-law, she said, Who art thou that thou camest not soon to know how the matter will fall; for the man will not rest, until he have finished the thing this day.

4 Now Boaz went up to the gate, and sat him down there: and, behold, the near kinsman of whom Boaz spake came by unto whom he said, Ho, 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 ye down here. And they sat down. 3 And he said unto the near kinsman, Naomi, that is come again out of the country of Moab, selleth the parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's: 4 and I thought to disclose it unto thee, saying, Buy it before them that sit here, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt ransom it, ransom it: but if thou wilt not ransom it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is none to ransom it besides thee; and I am after thee. And he said, I will ransom it. 5 Then said Boaz, What day thou buyest the field of the hand of Naomi, thou must buy it also of Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. 6 And the near kinsman said, I cannot ransom it for myself, lest I mar mine own inheritance: take thou my right to ransom.

7 Now this was the custom in former time in Israel concerning redeeming and concerning exchanging, to confirm all things: a man drew off his shoe, and gave it to his neighbor; and this was the manner of attestation in Israel. 8 So the near kinsman said unto Boaz, Buy it for thyself. And he drew off his shoe. 9 And Boaz said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that was Elimelech's, and all that was Chilion's and Mahlon's, of the hand of Naomi. 10 Moreover Ruth the Moabitess, the...
wife of Mahlon, have I bought to be my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead be not cut off from among his brethren, and from the gate of his place: ye are witnesses this day. 11 And all the people that were in the gate, and the elders, said, We are witnesses. Jehovah make the woman that is come into thy house like Rachel and like Leah, which two did build the house of Israel: and do thou worthily in Ephrathah, and be famous in Beth-lehem: 12 and let thy house be like the house of Perez, whom Tamar bare unto Judah, of the seed which Jehovah shall give thee of this young woman.

13 So Boaz took Ruth, and she became his wife; and he went in unto her, and Jehovah gave her conception, and she bare a son. 14 And the women said unto Naomi, Blessed be Jehovah, who hath not left thee this day without a near kinsman; and let his name be famous in Israel. 15 And he shall be unto thee a restorer of soul, and a nourisher of thine old age, for thy daughter-in-law, who loveth thee, who is better to thee than seven sons, hath borne him. 16 And Naomi took the child, and laid it in her bosom, and became nurse unto it. 17 And the women her neighbors gave it a name, saying, There is a son 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 begat Hezron, 19 and Hezron begat Ram, and Ram begat Amminadab, 20 and Amminadab begat Nahshon, and Nahshon begat Salmon, 21 and Salmon begat Boaz, and Boaz begat Obed, 22 and Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

25 Or, get thee wealth (or, power) in Ephrathah,
26 Hb. נפשׁ nephesh or, life, or, being,
27 Hb. Ishai,
28 Hb. Salmah,
1 Samuel
(The First Book of Samuel)

1:1 Elkanah and his Two Wives — 19 Hannah prays for a Child
1:19 Samuel born — 21 Hannah’s Song of Thanksgiving

1 Now there was a certain man of Ramathaim-zophim, of Ephraim; and his name was Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Elihu, the son of Tohu, the son of Zuph, an Ephraimite: 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.

2 And this man went up out of his city from year to year to worship and to sacrifice unto Jehovah of hosts in Shiloh. And the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, priests unto Jehovah, were there. And when the day came that Elkanah sacrificed, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: but unto Hannah he gave a double portion; for he loved Hannah, but Jehovah had shut up her womb.

3 And her rival provoked her sore, to make her fret, because Jehovah had shut up her womb. And her rival provoked her sore, to make her fret, because Jehovah had shut up her womb. And as he did so year by year, when she went up to the house of Jehovah, so she provoked her; therefore she wept, and did not eat. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Hannah, why weepest thou? and why eateth thou not? and why is thy heart grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons?

4 So Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk. Now Eli the priest was sitting upon his seat by the door-post of the temple of Jehovah. And she was in bitterness of soul, and prayed unto Jehovah, and wept sore. And she vowed a vow, and said, O Jehovah of hosts, who dwellest in everlastingness, the God of Israel, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy handmaid, and not forget thy handmaid, but wilt give unto me a man-child, then I will give him unto Jehovah, all the days of his life, and there shall no razor come upon his head.

5 And it came to pass, as she continued praying before Jehovah, that Eli marked her mouth. Now Hannah, she spake in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice was not heard: therefore Eli thought she had been drunken.

6 And Elkanah the priest answered and said, Go in peace; and God grant thy petition that thou hast asked of him.

7 And they rose up in the morning early, and worshipped Jehovah there. And they went up from Shiloh, and came to their house to Ramah. And Elkanah knew Hannah his wife; and Jehovah remembered her; and it came to pass, when the time was come about, that Hannah conceived, and bare a son; and she called his name Samuel, saying, Because I have asked him of Jehovah.

8 And the man Elkanah, and all his house, went up to offer unto Jehovah the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. But Hannah went not up: for she said unto her husband, I will not go up until the child be weaned; and then I will bring him, that he may appear before Jehovah, and there abide for ever. And Elkanah her husband said unto her, Do what seemeth thee good; tarry until thou have weaned him; only Jehovah establish his word. So the woman tarried and gave her son suck, until she weaned him. And when she had weaned him, she took him up with her, with three bullocks, and one ephah of meal, and a bottle of wine, and brought him unto the house of Jehovah in Shiloh: and the child was young.

9 And they said, Oh, my lord, as thy soul liveth, my lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, praying unto Jehovah. For this child I prayed; and Jehovah hath given me my petition which I asked of him: therefore also I have granted him to Jehovah; as long as he liveth he is granted to Jehovah. And he worshipped Jehovah there.

2 And Hannah prayed, and said:
My heart exulteth in Jehovah;
My mouth is enlarged over mine enemies;
Because I rejoice in thy salvation.

2 There is none holy as Jehovah;
For there is none besides thee,
Neither is there any rock like our God.

3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly;
Let not arrogancy come out of your mouth;
For Jehovah is a God of knowledge,
And by him actions are weighed.

4 The bows of the mighty men are broken;
And they that stumbled are girded with strength.

5 They that were full have hired out themselves for bread;
And they that were hungry have ceased to hunger:
Yes, the barren hath borne seven;
And she that hath many children languisheth.

6 Jehovah killeth, and maketh alive;
He bringeth down to Sheol, and bringeth up.

7 Jehovah maketh poor, and maketh rich;
He bringeth low, he also lifteth up.

1 Hb. seed of men,
2 Lit. daughter of worthlessness; Hb. … of Belial;
3 Or, for his lifetime. See footnote on Ex 21:6.
4 So Massoretic, Vg. 4QSam* Sept. read the words of thy mouth. Aram. reads thy word.
5 So Massoretic, Vg. 4QSam* Sept. read a three-year-old bullock, the calf of a cow, bread, Aram. reads a three-year-old bullock, and an ephah of flour,
6 Or, skin of wine,
7 Or, lent him to Jehovah;
8 Hb* (Aram.) read, Though actions be not weighed.
9 Or, have rest:
8 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust, 
He lifteth up the needy from the dunghill, 
To make them sit with princes, 
And inherit the throne of glory: 
For the pillars of the earth are Jehovah's, 
And he hath set the world upon them.

9 He will keep the feet of his holy ones; 
But the wicked shall be put to silence in darkness; 
For by strength shall no man prevail.

10 They that strive with Jehovah shall be broken to pieces; 
Against them will he thunder in heaven: 
Jehovah will judge the ends of the earth; 
And he will give strength unto his king, 
And exalt the horn of his anointed.

11 And Elkanah went to Ramah to his house. And the child did minister unto Jehovah before Eli the priest.

12 Now the sons of Eli were base men; they knew not Jehovah. 
And the custom of the priests with the people was, that, when any man offered sacrifice, the priest's servant came, while the flesh was boiling, with a flesh-hook of three teeth in his hand; 
and he struck it into the pan, or kettle, or caldron, or pot; all that the flesh-hook brought up the priest took therewith. 
So they did in Shiloh unto all the Israelites that came thither. 
15 Yes, before they burnt the fat, the priest's servant came, and said to the man that sacrificed, Give flesh to roast for the priest; for he will not have boiled flesh of thee, but raw. 
And if the man said unto him, They will surely burn the fat first, and then take as much as thy soul desireth; 
then he would say, No, but thou shalt give it me now: and if not, I will take it by force. 
And the sin of the young men was very great before Jehovah; for the men despised the offering of Jehovah.

18 But Samuel ministered before Jehovah, being a child, girded with a linen ephod. 
Moreover his mother made him a little robe, and brought it to him from year to year, when she came up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 
And Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, Jehovah give thee seed of this woman for the petition which was asked of Jehovah. 
For the men of Ashdod despised the offering of Jehovah. 
19 And the child grew on, and increased in favor both with Jehovah, and also with men.

27 And there came a man of God unto Eli, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Did I reveal myself unto the house of thy father, when they were in Egypt in bondage to Pharaoh's house? 
28 And did I choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to be my priest, to go up unto mine altar, to burn incense, to wear an ephod before me? 
And did I give unto the house of thy father all the offerings of the children of Israel made by fire? 
29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at mine offering, which I have commanded in mine habitation, and honorest thy sons above me, to make yourselves fat with the chiefest of all the offerings of Israel my people? 
30 Therefore Jehovah, the God of Israel, saith, I said indeed that thy house, and the house of thy father, should walk before me; 
and now Jehovah saith, Be it far from me; for them that honor me I will honor, and they that despise me shall be disdained.
Behold, the days come, that I will cut off thine arm, and the arm of thy father's house, that there shall not be an old man in thy house. 
32 And thou shalt behold the affliction of my habitation, in all the wealth which God shall give Israel; and there shall not be an old man in thy house for ever. 
33 And the man of thine, whom I shall not cut off from mine altar, shall be to consume thine eyes, and to grieve thy soul; and all the increase of thy house shall die in the flower of their age. 
34 And this shall be the sign unto thee, that shall come upon thy 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, that shall do according to that which is in my heart and in my soul: and I will build him a sure house; and he shall walk before me, and he shall be mine anointed for ever.
And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left in thy house shall come and bow down to him for a piece of silver and a loaf of bread, and shall say, Put me, I pray thee, into one of the priests' offices, that I may eat a morsel of bread.

3 And the child Samuel ministered unto Jehovah before Eli. And the word of Jehovah was precious in those days; there was no frequent vision. And it came to pass

10 Or, godly ones; Hb reads holy one;  
11 Hb. sons of worthlessness;  
12 Or, they knew not Jehovah, nor the due of the priests from the people. when any man etc.  
13 Hb. today,  
14 So Some Massoretic ms. 4QSAm Sept. Aram., Vg. Some Massoretic ms. read he would say unto him, Thou shalt etc.  
15 So 4QSAm Sept. Aram., Vg. Massoretic reads For  
16 So Massoretic, Vg. (Aram.), 4QSAm Sept. read the Israelites. (omitting the last clause)  
17 Or, which I hear Jehovah's people do spread abroad.  
18 Or, the judges shall judge him;  
19 Or, in Pharaoh's house  
20 Or, And I chose him  
21 Or, offer upon mine altar,  
22 Or, and gave unto  
23 Or, trample ye upon my sacrifice and upon mine offering,  
24 Or, for time unlimited: And so elsewhere. See footnote on Ex 21:6.  
25 Or, an adversary in my habitation,  
26 So Massoretic, Aram., Vg. 4QSAm Sept. read my  
27 Or, Yet will I not cut off every man of thine from mine altar, to consume etc.  
28 Hb. when they are men.  
29 Or, rare  
30 Hb. widely spread vision.
at that time, when Eli was laid down in his place (now his eyes had begun to wax dim, so that he could not see), 3 and the lamp of God was not yet gone out, and Samuel was laid down to sleep, in the temple of Jehovah, where the ark of God was; 4 that Jehovah called Samuel: and he said, Here am I. 5 And he ran unto Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calledst me. And he said, I called not, my son; lie down again. 6 And he went and lay down. 6 And Jehovah called yet again, Samuel. And Samuel arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calleddest me. And he answered, I called not, my son; lie down again. 7 Now Samuel did not yet know Jehovah, neither was the word of Jehovah yet revealed unto him. 8 And Jehovah called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou calleddest me. And Eli perceived that Jehovah had called the child. 9 Therefore Eli said unto Samuel, Go, lie down: and it shall be, if he call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Jehovah; for thy servant heareth. So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

10 And Jehovah came, and stood, and called as at other times, Samuel, Samuel. Then Samuel said, Speak; for thy servant heareth. 11 And Jehovah said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing in Israel, at which both thy ears shall tingle. 12 In that day I will perform that I have spoken concerning his house, from the beginning even unto the end. 13 For I have told him that I will judge his house for ever, for the iniquity which he knew, because his sons cursed God, and he restrained them not. 14 And therefore I have sworn unto the house of Eli, that the iniquity of Eli’s house shall not be expiated with sacrifice nor offering forever. 15 And Samuel lay until the morning, and opened the doors of the house of Jehovah. And Samuel feared to show Eli the vision. 16 Then Eli called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he said, Here am I. 17 And he said, What is the thing that Jehovah hath spoken unto thee? I pray thee, hide it not from me: God do so to thee, and more also, if thou hide anything from me of all the things that he spake unto thee. 18 And Samuel told him every whit, and hid nothing from him. And he said, It is Jehovah: let him do what is good in his sight.

19 And Samuel grew, and Jehovah was with him, and did let none of his words fall to the ground. 20 And all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was established to be a prophet of Jehovah. 21 And Jehovah appeared again in Shiloh; for Jehovah revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the word of Jehovah.

4 And the word of Samuel came to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines to battle, and encamped beside Eben-ezer: and the Philistines encamped in Aphek. 2 And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel; and when they joined battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines; and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men. 3 And when the people were come into the camp, the elders of Israel said, Wherefore hath Jehovah smitten us today before the Philistines? Let us fetch the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of Shiloh unto us, that it may come among us, and save us out of the hand of our enemies. 4 So the people sent to Shiloh; and they brought from thence the ark of the covenant of Jehovah of hosts, who sitteth above 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 Jehovah came into the camp, all Israel shouted with a great shout, so that the earth rang again. 6 And when the Philistines heard the noise of the shout, they said, What meaneth the noise of this great shout in the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that the ark of Jehovah was come into the camp. 7 And the Philistines were afraid, for they said, God is come into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for there hath not been such a thing heretofore. 8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of these mighty gods? these are the gods that smote the Egyptians with all manner of plagues in the wilderness. 9 Others said, Be strong, and quit yourselves like men, O ye Philistines, that ye be not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have been to you: quit yourselves like men, and fight. 10 And the Philistines fought, and Israel was smitten, and they fled every man to his tent: and there was a very great slaughter; for there fell of Israel thirty thousand footmen. 11 And the ark of God was taken; and the two sons of Eli, Hophni and Phinehas, were slain.

12 And there ran a man of Benjamin out of the army, and came to Shiloh the same day, with his clothes rent, and with earth upon his head. 13 And when he came, lo, Eli was sitting upon his seat by the wayside watching; for his heart trembled for the ark of God. And when the man came into the city, and told it, all the city cried out. 14 And when Eli heard the noise of the crying, he said, What meaneth the noise of this tumult? And the man hasted, and came and told Eli. 15 Now Eli was ninety-eight years old; and his eyes were set, so that he could not see. 16 And the man said unto Eli, I am he that came out of the army, and I fled today out of the army. And he said, How went the matter, my son? 17 And he that brought the tidings answered and said, Israel is fled before the Philistines, and there hath been also a great slaughter among the people, and thy two sons also, Hophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the ark of God is taken. 18 And it came to pass, when he made mention of the ark of God, that Eli fell from off his seat backward by the side of the gate; and his neck brake, 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 tidings that the ark of God was taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband were dead, she bowed herself and brought forth; for her pains came upon her. 20 And about the time of her death the women that stood by her said unto her, Fear not; for thou hast brought forth a son. But she answered not, neither did she regard it. 21 And she named the child Ichabod, saying, The glory is 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 is departed from Israel; for the ark

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31 Sopherim changed to bring a curse upon themselves, 32 Or, for their lifetime. 33 Or, the battle was spread, 34 Hb. array And so in vs. 12, and in 16 (twice). 35 Or, is enthroned over the cherubim: 36 Hb. ha elohim (both times with the definite article) Contrast with elohim in vs. 7. 37 Hb. smiting
Now the Philistines had taken the ark of God, and they brought it from Eben-ezer unto Ashdod. And the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. And when they of Ashdod arose early on the morrow, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of Jehovah. And they took Dagon, and set him in his place again. And when they arose early on the morrow morning, behold, Dagon was fallen upon his face to the ground before the ark of Jehovah. And the head of Dagon and both the palms of his hands lay cut off upon the threshold; only the stump of Dagon was left to him. Therefore neither the priests of Dagon, nor any that come into Dagon's house, tread on the threshold of Dagon in Ashdod, unto this day.

But the hand of Jehovah was heavy upon them of Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them with tumors, even Ashdod and the borders thereof. And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they said, The ark of the God of Israel shall not abide with us; for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon our god. They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines unto 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 about unto Gath. And they carried the ark of the God of Israel thither. And it was so, that, after they had carried it about, the hand of Jehovah was against the city with a very great discomfiture: and he smote of the men of the city, both small and great; and tumors brake out upon them. So 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 about the ark of the God of Israel to us, to slay us and our people. They sent therefore and gathered together all the lords of the Philistines, and they 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 discomfiture through out all the city; the hand of God was very heavy there. And the men that died not were smitten with the tumors; and the cry of the city went up to heaven.

And the ark of Jehovah was in the country of the Philistines seven months. And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saying, What shall we do with the ark of Jehovah? show us wherewith we shall send it to its place. And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of Israel, send it not empty; but by all means return him a trespass-offering: then ye shall be healed, and it shall be known to you why his hand is not removed from you. Then said they, What shall be the trespass-offering which we shall return to him? And they said, Five golden tumors, 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. Wherefore ye shall make images of your tumors, and images of your mice that mar the land; and ye shall give glory unto the God of Israel: peradventure he will lighten his hand from off you, and from off your gods, and from off your land. Wherefore then do ye harden your hearts, as the Egyptians and Pharaoh hardened their hearts? When he had wrought wonderfully among them, did they not let the people go, and they departed? Now therefore take and prepare you a new cart, and two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke; and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them; and take the ark of Jehovah and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him for a trespass-offering in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go. And see; if it goeth up by the way of its own border to Beth-shemesh, then he hath done us this great evil: but if not, then we shall know that it is not his hand that smote us; it was a chance that happened to us.

And the men did so, and took two milch kine, and tied them to the cart, and shut up their calves at home; and they put the ark of Jehovah upon the cart, and the coffer with the mice of gold and the images of their tumors. And the kine took the straight way by the way to Beth-shemesh; they 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 unto the border of Beth-shemesh. 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. And the cart came into the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite, and stood there, where there was a great stone: and they clave the wood of the cart, and offered up the kine for a burnt-offering unto Jehovah. And the Levites took down the ark of Jehovah, and the coffer that was with it, wherein 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 unto Jehovah. And when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they returned to Ekron the same day.

And these are the golden tumors which the Philistines returned for a trespass-offering unto Jehovah: for Ashdod one, for Gaza one, for Ashkelon one, for Gath one, for Ekron one; 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, even unto the great stone, wherein they set down the ark of Jehovah, which stone remained unto this day in the field of Joshua the Beth-shemite.

And he smote of the men of Beth-shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of Jehovah, he smote of the people seventy men, and fifty thousand men; and the people
mourned, because Jehovah had smitten the people with a
great slaughter. 20 And the men of Beth-shemesh said, Who
is able to stand before Jehovah, this holy God? and to whom
shall he go up from us? 21 And they sent messengers to the
inhabitants of 34Kiriath-jearim, saying, The Philistines have
brought back the ark of Jehovah; come ye down, and fetch it
upon you.

7 And the men of Kiriath-jearim came, and fetched up
the ark of Jehovah, and brought it into the house of Abi-
nadab in 35the hill, and sanctified Eleazar his son to keep
the ark of Jehovah. 2 And it came to pass, from the day that
the ark abode in Kiriath-jearim, that the time was long; for it
was twenty years: and all the house of Israel lamented after
Jehovah.

3 And Samuel spake unto all the house of Israel, saying, If
ye do return unto Jehovah with all your heart, then put away
the foreign gods and the Ashtaroth from among you, and di-
rect your hearts unto Jehovah, and serve him only; and he
will deliver you out of the hand of the Philistines. 4 Then the
children of Israel did put away the Baalim and the Ashtaroth,
and served Jehovah only.

5 And Samuel said, Gather all Israel to Mizpah, and I
will pray for you unto Jehovah. 6 And they gathered together
to Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it out before Jeho-
vah, and fasted on that day, and said there, We have sinned
against Jehovah. And Samuel judged the children of Israel
in Mizpah. 7 And when the Philistines heard that the chil-
dren of Israel were gathered together to Mizpah, the lords of
the Philistines went up against Israel. And when the children
of Israel heard it, they were afraid of the Philistines. 8 And
the children of Israel said to Samuel, Cease not to cry unto
Jehovah 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 whole burnt-offering unto Jehovah: and Samuel
cried unto Jehovah for Israel; and Jehovah answered him.
10 And as Samuel was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philis-
tines drew near to battle against Israel; but Jehovah thundered
with a great 36thunder on that day upon the Philistines, and
discomfited them; and they were smitten down before Israel.
11 And the men of Israel went out of Mizpah, and pursued
the Philistines, and smote them, until they came under Beth-car.

12 Then Samuel took a stone, and set it between Mizpah
and Shen, and called the name of it 37Eben-zer, saying,
Hiterto hath Jehovah helped us. 13 So the Philistines were
subdued, and they came no more within the border of Israel:
and the hand of Jehovah 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 even unto
Gath; and the border thereof did Israel deliver out of the
hand 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 sent from year to year in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and
Mizpah; and he judged Israel in all those places. 17 And his
return was to Ramah, for there was his house; and there he
judged Israel: and he built there an altar an altar unto Jehovah.

8 And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he made
his sons judges over Israel. 2 Now the name of his first-
born was Joel; and the name of his second, Abijah: they were
judges in Beer-sheba. 3 And his sons walked not in his ways,
but turned aside after lucre, and took bribes, and perverted
justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered themselves together,
and came to Samuel unto Ramah; 5 and they said unto him,
behold, thou art old, and thy sons walk not in thy 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 unto Jehovah. 7 And Jehovah said
unto Samuel, Hearken unto the voice of the people in all that
they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they
have rejected me, that I should not be king over them. 8 Ac-
cording to all the works which they have done since the day
that I brought them up out of Egypt even unto this day, in that
they have forsaken me, and served other gods, so do they also
unto thee. 9 Now therefore hearken unto their voice: howbeit
thou shalt protest solemnly unto them, and shalt show them
the manner of the king that shall reign over them.

10 And Samuel told all the words of Jehovah unto the peo-
ple that asked of him a king. 11 And he said, This will be the
manner of the king that shall reign over you; he will take your
sons, and appoint them unto him, 56for his chariots, and to be
his horsemen; and they shall run before his chariots; 12 and
he will appoint them unto him for captains of thousands, and
captains of fifties; and he will set some to plow his ground,
and to reap his harvest, and to make his instruments of war,
and the instruments of his chariots. 13 And he will take your
daughters to be perfumers, and to be cooks, and to be bak-
ers. 14 And he will take your fields, and your vineyards, and
your oliveyards, even 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 56officers, and to his servants.
16 And he will take your men-servants, and your maid-serv-
ants, and your goodliest young men, and your asses, and put
them to his work. 17 He will take the tenth of your flocks:
and ye shall be his servants. 18 And ye shall cry out in that
day because of your king whom ye shall have chosen you; and
Jehovah will not answer you in that day.

19 But the people refused to hearken unto the voice of Sam-
uel; 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 rehearsed
them in the ears of Jehovah. 22 And Jehovah said to Samuel,
Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samu-
el said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

9 Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was
Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the son of Beco-
rath, the son of Aphiah, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty
man of valor. 2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a

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51 The next city upstream in the Sorek Valley.
52 Or, Gibeah
53 Hb. voice
54 That is, The stone of help,
55 Or, over his chariots, and over his horses;
56 Or, eunuchs,
57 The Sept. has, herd,
58 Or, wealth.
Then Samuel took the vial of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Is it not that Jehovah hath anointed thee to be prince over his inheritance? 2 When thou art departed from me today, then thou shalt find two men by Rachel's sepulchre, in the border of Benjamin at Zelzah; and they will say unto thee, the asses which thou wast to seek are found; and, lo, thy father hath left off caring for the asses, and is anxious for you, saying, What shall I do for my son? 3 Then shalt thou go on forward from thence, and thou shalt come to the oak of Tabor; and there shall meet thee there three men going up to God to Bethel, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine; and they will salute thee, and give thee two loaves of bread, which thou shalt receive of their hand. 5 After that thou shalt come to the hill of God, where is the garrison of the Philistines: and it shall gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where the seer’s house is. 19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer; go up before me unto the high place, for ye shall eat with me today: and in the morning I will let thee go, and will tell thee all that is in thy heart. 20 And as for thine asses that were lost three days ago, set not thy mind on them; for they are found. And 48 for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for thee, and for all thy 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? wherefore then speakest thou to me after this manner?

22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the guest-chamber, and made them sit in the chiefest place among them that were bidden, who were about thirty persons. 23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Bring the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Set it by thee. 24 And the cook took up the fourth part of a shekel of silver: that will I give to the man of God, to tell us our way. 25 And when they were come down from the high place that day.

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come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou shalt meet a band of prophets coming down from the high place with a psaltery, and a timbrel, and a pipe, and a harp, before them; and they will be prophesying: 6 and the Spirit of Jehovah will come mightily upon thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and shalt be turned into another man. 7 And let it be, when these signs are come unto thee, 78 that thou do as occasion shall serve thee; for God is with thee. 8 And thou shalt go down before me to Gilgal; and, behold, I will come down unto thee, to offer burnt-offerings, and to sacrifice sacrifices of peace-offerings: seven days shalt thou tarry, till I come unto thee, and show thee what thou shalt do.

9 And it was so, that, when he had turned his back to go from Samuel, God 77 gave him another heart: and all those signs came to pass that day. 10 And when they came thither to 78 the hill, behold, a band of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came mightily upon him, and he prophesied among them. 11 And it came to pass, when all that knew him before saw that, behold, he prophesied with the prophets, then the people said one to another, What is this that is come unto the son of Kish? Is Saul also among the prophets? 12 And one of the same place answered and said, And who is their father? Therefore it became a proverb, Is Saul also among the prophets? 13 And when he had made an end of prophesying, he came to the high place.

14 And Saul’s uncle said unto him and to his servant, Whither went ye? And he said, To seek the asses; and when he came to the high place.

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16 And Saul said unto his uncle, he told us plainly that the asses were found. But concerning the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel spake, he told him not.

17 And Samuel called the people together unto Jehovah to Mizpah; 18 and he said unto the children of Israel, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, I brought up Israel out of Egypt, and I delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you: 19 but ye have this day rejected your God, who himself sa veth you out of all your calamities and your distresses; and ye have said unto him, No, but set a king over us. 20 And Samuel called all the tribe of Benjamin near, and the tribe of Benjamin was taken. 21 And he brought the tribe of Benjamin near by their families; and the family of the Matrites was taken; and Saul the son of Kish was taken: but when they sought him, he could not be found. 22 Therefore they asked of Jehovah further, 79 Is there yet a man to come hither? And Jehovah answered, Behold, he hath hid himself among the bag gage. 23 And they ran and fetched him thence; and when he stood among the people, he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. 24 And Samuel

said to all the people, See ye him whom Jehovah hath 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 manner of the kingdom, and wrote it in 80 a book, and laid it up before Jehovah. And Samuel sent all the people away, every man went to his house. 26 And Saul also went to his house to Gibeah; and there went with him the 81 host, whose hearts God had touched. 27 But certain 82 sons of worthlessness said, How shall this man save us? And they despised him, and brought him no present. 83 But he held his peace.

11 84 Nahash king of the Ammonites oppressed the Gadites and the Reubenites viciously. He put out the right eye of all of them and brought fear and trembling on Israel. Not one of the Israelites in the region beyond the Jordan remained whose right eye Nahash king of the Ammonites did not put out, except seven thousand men who escaped from the Ammonites and went to Jabesh-gilead. 1 Then 85 Nahash the Ammonite came up, and encamped against Jabesh-gilead: and all the men of Jabesh said unto Nahash, Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. 2 And Nahash the Ammonite said unto them, On this condition will I make it with you, that all your right eyes be put out; and I will lay it for a reproach upon all Israel. 3 And the elders of Jabesh said unto him, Give us seven days’ respite, that we may send messengers unto all the borders of Israel; and then, if there be none to save us, we will come out to thee. 4 Then came the messengers to Gibeah of Saul, and spake these words in the ears of the people; and all the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And, behold, Saul came following the oxen out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the words of the men of Jabesh.

6 And the Spirit of God came mightily upon Saul when he heard those words, and his anger was kindled greatly. 7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them throughout all the borders of Israel by the hand of messengers, saying, Whosoever cometh not forth after Saul and after Samuel, so shall it be done unto his oxen. 8 And the dread of Jehovah fell on the people, and they came out as one man. And he numbered them in Bezek; and the children of Israel were 87 three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 9 And they said unto the messengers that came, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, Tomorrow, by the time the sun is hot, ye shall have deliverance. And the messengers came and told the men of Jabesh; and they were glad. 10 Therefore the men of Jabesh said, Tomorrow we will come out unto you, and ye shall do with us all that seemeth good unto you. 11 And it was so on the morrow, that Saul put the people in three companies; and they came into the midst of the camp in the morning watch, and smote the Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that they that
And the people said unto Samuel, Who is he that said, Shall Saul reign over us? bring the men, that we may put them to death. And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death this day; for today Jehovah hath wrought deliverance in Israel.

Then said Samuel to the people, Come, and let us go to Gilgal, and renew the kingdom there. And all the people went to Gilgal; and there they made Saul king before Jehovah in Gilgal; and there they offered sacrifices of peace-offerings before Jehovah; and there Saul and all the men of Israel rejoiced greatly.

And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have harkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and have made a king over you. And now, behold, the king walketh before you; and I am old and grayheaded; and, behold, my sons are with you: and I have walked before you from my youth unto this day. Here am I: witness against me before Jehovah, and before his anointed: whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I oppressed? or of whom have I taken a bribe to blind mine eyes therewith? and I will restore it you. And they said, Thou hast not defrauded us, nor oppressed us, neither hast thou taken aught of any man’s hand. And he said unto them, Jehovah is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found aught in my hand. And they said, He is witness.

And Samuel said unto the people, It is Jehovah that appointed Moses and Aaron, and that brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. Now therefore stand still, that I may plead with you before Jehovah concerning all the righteous acts of Jehovah, which he did to you and to your fathers. When Jacob was come into Egypt, and your fathers cried unto Jehovah, then Jehovah sent Moses and Aaron, who brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and made them to dwell in this place. But they forgot Jehovah their God; and he sold them into the hand of Sisera, captain of the host of Hazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab; and they fought against them. And they cried unto Jehovah, and said, We have sinned, because we have forsaken Jehovah, and have served the Baalim and the Ashtaroth: but now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. And Jehovah sent Jerubbaal, and Zebadiah, and Jerubbesheth, and Samson, and delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side: and ye dwelt in safety. And when ye saw that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, No, but a king shall reign over us; when Jehovah your God was your king. Now therefore behold the king whom ye have chosen, and whom ye have asked for: and, behold, Jehovah hath set a king over you. If ye will fear Jehovah, and serve him, and hearken unto his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of Jehovah, and both ye and also the king that reigneth over you be followers of Jehovah your God, well; but if ye will not hearken unto the voice of Jehovah, but rebel against the commandment of Jehovah, then will the hand of Jehovah be against you, as it was against your fathers. Now therefore stand still and see this great thing, which Jehovah will do before your eyes.

Is it not wheat harvest today? I will call unto Jehovah, that he may send thunder and rain; and ye shall know and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done in the sight of Jehovah, in asking you a king. So Samuel called unto Jehovah; and Jehovah sent thunder and rain that day: and all the people greatly feared Jehovah and Samuel.

And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray for thy servants unto Jehovah thy God, that we be not consumed; for we have added unto all our sins this evil, to ask us a king. And Samuel said unto the people, Fear not: ye have indeed done all this evil; yet turn not aside from following Jehovah, but serve Jehovah with all your heart: and turn ye not aside; for then would ye go after vain things which cannot profit nor deliver, for they are vain. For Jehovah will not forsake his people for his great name’s sake, because it hath pleased Jehovah to make you a people unto himself. Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against Jehovah in ceasing to pray for you: but I will instruct you in the good and the right way. Only fear Jehovah, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for consider how great things he hath done for you. But if ye shall still do wickedly, ye shall be consumed, both ye and your king.

Saul was in his first year when he began to reign; and when he had reigned two years over Israel, Saul chose him three thousand men of Israel, whereof two thousand were with Saul in Michmash and in the mount of Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gibeah of Benjamin: and the Philistines heard it. And Saul blew the trumpet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear. And all Israel heard say that Saul had smitten the garrison of the Philistines, and also that Israel was had in abomination with the Philistines. And the people were gathered together after Saul to Gilgal.

And the Philistines assembled 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 encamped in Michmash, eastward of Beth-aven. When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait (for the people were distressed), then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in coverts, and in the cisterns. Now some of the Hebrews had gone over the Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead; but as for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him. And Saul said, Bring

88 Hb. salvation
89 Or., payment or, atonement
90 Or., that I should hide mine eyes at him?
91 Or., made
92 So Massoretic. Sept., Aram., read Barak,
93 Unlike most of the Judean kings that followed him, who reckoned the coronation year as a year zero. Hb. Ben-shanah, a son of a year
94 Or., the cisterns.

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hither the burnt-offering to me, and the peace-offerings. And he offered the burnt-offering. 10 And it came to pass that, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, behold, Samuel came: and Saul went out to meet him, that he might 98salute him. 11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines assembled themselves together at Michmash; 12 therefore said I, Now will the Philistines come down upon me to Gilgal, and I have not entreated the favor of Jehovah: I forced myself therefore, and offered the burnt-offering. 13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly; thou hast not kept the commandment of Jehovah thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would Jehovah have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever. 14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: Jehovah hath sought him a man after his own heart, and Jehovah hath appointed him to be prince over his people, because thou hast not kept that which Jehovah commanded thee. 15 And Samuel arose, and gat him up from Gilgal unto Gibeah of Benjamin.

And Saul numbered the people that were present with him, about six hundred men. 16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were present with them, abode in Geba of Benjamin: but the Philistines encamped in Michmash. 17 And the spoilers came out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned unto the way that leadeth to Ophrah, unto the land of Shual; and another company turned the way to Beth-horon; and another company turned the way of the border that looketh down upon the valley of Zeboim toward the wilderness.

19 Now there was no smith found throughout all the land of Israel; for the Philistines said, Lest the Hebrews make them swords or spears: 20 but all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock; 21 yet they had a 97file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to set the goads. 22 So it came to pass in the day of battle, that there was neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of the people that 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 unto the pass of Michmash.

14 Now it fell upon a day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bare his armor, Come, and let us go over unto the Philistines' garrison, that we may see the uncircumcised: it may be that Jehovah will work for us; for there is no restraint to Jehovah to save by many or by few. 1 And his armorbearer said unto him, Do all that is in thy heart: turn thee, behold, I am with thee according to thy heart. 2 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto the men, and we will disclose ourselves unto them. 3 If they say thus unto us, Tarry until we come to you; then we will stand still in our place, and will not go up unto them. 4 But if they say thus unto us, Come up unto us; then we will go up; for Jehovah hath delivered them into our hand: and this shall be the sign unto us. 5 And both of them disclosed themselves unto the garrison of the Philistines: and the Philistines said, Behold, the Hebrews come forth out of the holes where they had hid themselves. 6 And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armorbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will show you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armorbearer, Come up after me; for Jehovah hath delivered them into the hand of Israel. 7 And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armorbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armorbearer slew them after him. 8 And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armorbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it was 99half a furrow's length in an acre of land. 9 And there was a trembling in the camp, in the field, and among all the people; the garrison, and the spoilers, they also trembled; and the earth quaked: so there was 100an exceeding great trembling.

16 And the watchmen of Saul in Gibeah of Benjamin looked; and, behold, the multitude melted away, and they went kither and thither. 17 Then said Saul unto the people that were with him, Number now, and see who is gone from us. And when they had numbered, behold, Jonathan and his armorbearer were not there. 18 And Saul said unto Ahijah, 101Bring hither the ark of God. For the ark of God was there at that time 102with the children of Israel. 19 And it came to pass, while Saul talked unto the priest, that the tumult was 103in the camp of the Philistines went on and increased: and Saul said unto the priest, Withdraw thy hand. 20 And Saul and all the people that were with him were gathered together, and came to the battle: and, behold, every man's sword was against his fellow, and there was a very great discomfiture.

21 Now the Hebrews that were with the Philistines as beforehand, and that went up with them into the camp, from the country round about, even they also turned to be with the

95 Or, bless
96 Or, when the edges of the mattocks ... and of the axes were blunt. ARV comments, The Hebrew text is obscure. Aram. reads And there was a broad file for the sickle and for the plowshare and for the mattocks and for the axe and to sharpen the goads. Vg. reads So that their shares, and their spades, and their forks, and their axes were blunt, even to the goad, which was to be mended.
97 Hb. pīm Bullinger suggests it means a Philistine tax for sharpening. [Possibly a monetary weight.]
98 As modern slang, We'll show you a thing or two.
99 Or, half an acre of land.
100 Hb. a trembling of God.
101 Rahlf's Sept. (not Sept.) reads Bring hither the ephod. For he wore the ephod at that time before Israel. (Compare Companion Bible note on 1Sa 14:18.)
102 Hb. and
Israelites that were with Saul and Jonathan. 22 Likewise all the men of Israel that had hid themselves in the hill-country of Ephraim, when they heard that the Philistines fled, even they also followed hard after them in the battle. 23 So Jehovah saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over by Beth-aven.

24 And the men of Israel were distressed that day; for Saul had adjured the people, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth any food until it be the evening, and I be avenged on mine enemies! So none of the people tasted food. 25 And all the people came into the forest; and there was honey upon the ground. 26 And when the people were come unto the forest, behold, the honey dropped: 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: wherefore he put forth the end of the rod that was in his hand, and dipped it in the honeycomb, and put his hand to his mouth; and his eyes were enlightened. 28 Then answered one of the people, and said, Thy father straitly charged the people with an oath, saying, Cursed be the man that eateth food this day. And the people were faint. 29 Then said Jonathan, My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, how mine eyes have been enlightened, because I tasted a little of this honey.

30 How much more, if haply the people had eaten freely today of the spoil of their enemies which they found? 106 for now hath there been no great slaughter among the Philistines. 31 And they smote of the Philistines that day from Michmash to Aijalon. And the people were very faint; and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. 37 And Saul asked counsel of God, Shall I go down after the Philistines by night, and take spoil among them until the morning light, and let us not leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever seemeth good unto thee. Then said the priest, Let us draw near hither unto God. 38 And Saul said, Draw nigh hither, all ye valiant men, he valiant man, he shall surely die. But there was not a man among all the people that answered him. 40 Then said he unto all Israel, Be ye on one side, and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth good unto thee. 41 Therefore Saul said unto Jehovah, the God of Israel, 108 show the right. And Jonathan and Saul were taken by lot; but the people escaped. 42 And Saul said, Cast lots between me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was taken.

43 Then Saul said to Jonathan, Tell me what thou hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did certainly taste a little honey with the end of the rod that was in my hand; and, lo, I must die. 44 And Saul said, God do so and more also; for thou shalt surely die, Jonathan. 45 And the people said unto Saul, shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? Far from it: as Jehovah liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people 109 rescued Jonathan, that he died not. 46 Then Saul went up from following the Philistines, and the Philistines went to their own place.

47 Now when Saul had taken the kingdom over Israel, he fought against all his enemies on every side, against Moab, and against the children of Ammon, and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he turned himself, he put them to the worse. 48 And he did valiantly, and smote the Amalekites, and delivered Israel out of the hands of them that despoiled them.

49 Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Ishvi, and Malchi-shua; 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 host 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 sore war against the Philistines all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any mighty man, or any valiant man, he 110 took him unto him.

15 And Samuel said unto Saul, Jehovah sent me to anoint thee to be king over his people, over Israel: now therefore hearken thou unto the voice of the words of Jehovah. 2 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, I have marked that which Amalek did to Israel, how he set himself against him in the way, when he came up out of Egypt. 3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly 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 summoned the people, and numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand footmen, and ten thousand men of Judah. 5 And Saul came to the city of Amalek, and laid wait in the valley. 6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from among the Amalekites, lest I destroy you with them; for ye showed kindness to all the children of Israel, when they came up out of Egypt. So the Kenites departed from among the Amalekites.

7 And Saul smote the Amalekites, from Havilah as thou goest to Shur.

103 Or, in the camp, round about,
104 Hb. the land came
105 Or, a stream of honey dropped:
106 Or, for had there not been now a much greater slaughter etc.?
107 Hb. corners
108 Or, Give a perfect lot.
109 Hb. loosened or, freed
110 Hb. gathered
111 Or, will visit that which Amalek did to Israel,
112 Hb. devote And so elsewhere.
113 Or, strove in the valley.
that is before Egypt. 8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly 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 the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

10 Then came the word of Jehovah unto Samuel, saying, 11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king; for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And Samuel was wroth; and he cried unto Jehovah all night. 12 And Samuel rose early to meet Saul in the morning: and it was told Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and, behold, he set him up a monument, and turned, and passed on, and went down to Gilgal. 13 And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of Jehovah: I have performed the commandment of Jehovah. 14 And Samuel said, What meaneth this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? 15 And Saul said, Thou hast brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, to sacrifice unto Jehovah thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed. 16 Then Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what Jehovah hath said to me this night. And he said unto him, Say on.

17 And Samuel said, Though thou wast little in thine own eyes, was it not thou made the head of the tribes of Israel? And Jehovah anointed thee king over Israel; 18 and Jehovah sent thee on a journey, and said, Go, and utterly destroy the Amalekites: for the people spared Agag, and have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 19 But the people took of the spoil, sheep and oxen, the chief of the devoted things, to sacrifice unto Jehovah thy God in Gilgal. 20 And Samuel said, Hath Jehovah as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of Jehovah? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken unto the fat of rams. 21 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and teraphim. Because thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

22 And Saul said unto Samuel, I have sinned; for I have transgressed the commandment of Jehovah, and thy words, because I feared the people, and obeyed their voice. 23 Now therefore, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and turn again with me, that I may worship Jehovah. 24 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee; for thou hast rejected the word of Jehovah, and Jehovah hath rejected thee from being king over Israel. 25 And as Samuel turned about to go away, Saul laid hold upon the skirt of his robe, and it rent. 26 And Samuel said unto him, Jehovah hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbor of thine, that is better than thou. 27 And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; for he is not a man, that he should repent.

28 Then he said, I have sinned: yet honor me now, I pray thee, before the elders of my people, and before Israel, and turn again with me, that I may worship Jehovah thy God. 29 So Samuel turned again after Saul; and Saul worshipped Jehovah.

30 Then said Samuel, Bring ye hither to me Agag the king of the Amalekites. And Agag came unto him cheerfully. And Agag said, Surely the bitterness of death is past. 31 And Samuel said, As thy sword hath made women childless, so shall thy mother be childless among women. And Samuel hewed Agag in pieces before Jehovah in Gilgal.

32 Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house to Gibeath of Saul. 33 And Samuel came no more to see Saul until the day of his death; 34 for Samuel mourned for Saul: and Jehovah repented that he had made Saul king over Israel.

16 And Jehovah said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him from being king over Israel? fill thy horn with oil, and go: I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lehemite; for I have provided me a king among his sons. 2 And Samuel said, How can I go? if Saul hear it, he will kill me. And Jehovah said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, I am come to sacrifice to Jehovah. 3 And call Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show thee what thou shalt do: and thou shalt anoint unto me him whom I will name unto thee. 4 And Samuel did that which Jehovah spake, and came to Beth-lehem, and the elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, Comest thou peaceably? 5 And he said, Peaceably; I am come to sacrifice unto Jehovah: 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 were come, that he looked on Elihu, and said, Surely Jehovah’s anointed is before him. 7 But Jehovah said unto Samuel, Look not on his countenance, or on the height of his stature: because I have rejected him: for Jehovah seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but Jehovah looketh on the heart. 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. And he said, Neither hath Jehovah chosen this. 9 Then Jesse made Shammah to pass by. And he said, Neither hath Jehovah chosen this. 10 And Jesse made seven of his sons to pass before Samuel. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Jehovah hath not chosen these. 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are here all thy children? And he said, There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he is keeping the sheep. And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: for we will not sit down till he come hither. 12 And he sent, and brought.
him in. Now he was ruddy, and whithal $^{126}$ of a beautiful countenance, and goodly to look upon. And Jehovah said, Arise, anoint him; for this is he. 13 Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the midst of his brethren: and the Spirit of Jehovah came mightily upon David from that day forward. So Samuel rose up, and went to Ramah.

14 Now the Spirit of Jehovah departed from Saul, and an evil spirit from Jehovah $^{127}$ troubled him. 15 Saul's servants said unto him, Behold now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. 16 Let our lord now command thy servants, that are before thee, to seek out a man who is a skilful player on the harp: and it shall come to pass, when the evil spirit from God is upon thee, that he shall play with his hand, and thou shalt be well. 17 And Saul said unto his servants, Provide me now a man that can play well, and bring him to me.

18 Then answered one of the young men, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lehemite, $^{128}$ that is skilful in playing, and a mighty man of valor, and a man of war, and prudent in $^{129}$ speech, and a comely person; and Jehovah is with him. 19 Wherefore Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said, Send me David thy son, who is with the sheep. 20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread and a $^{130}$ bottle of wine, and a kid, and sent them by David his son unto Saul. 21 And David came to Saul, and stood before him: and he loved him greatly; and he became his armorbearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let David, I pray thee, stand before me; for he hath found favor in my sight. 23 And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

17 Now the Philistines gathered together their armies to battle; and they were gathered together at Socoh, which $^{131}$belongeth to Judah, and encamped between Socoh and Azekah, in Ephes-dammim. 2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and encamped in $^{132}$ the vale of Elah, and set the battle in array against the Philistines. 3 And the Philistines stood on the mountain on the one side, and Israel stood on the mountain on the other side: and there was a valley between them. 4 And there went out a champion out of the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, of Gath, whose height was $^{133}$ six cubits and a span. 5 And he had a helmet of brass upon his head, and he was clad with a coat of mail; and the weight of the coat was $^{134}$ five thousand shekels of copper. 6 And he had greaves of copper upon his legs, and a javelin of copper between his shoulders. 7 And the $^{135}$ staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and his spear's head $^{136}$ weighed six hundred shekels of iron: and his shield-bearer went before him. 8 And he stood and cried unto the $^{137}$ armies of Israel, and said unto them, Why are ye come out to set your battle in array? am not I a Philistine, and ye servants to Saul? choose you a man for you, and let him come down to me. 9 If he be 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 ye be our servants, and serve us. 10 And the Philistine said, I $^{138}$ defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together. 11 And when Saul and all Israel heard those words of the Philistines, they were dismayed, and greatly afraid. 12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lehem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man was an old man in the $^{139}$ days of Saul, stricken in years among men. 13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse had gone after Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that went to the battle were Eliab the firstborn, and next unto him Abinadab, and the third Shammah. 14 And David was the youngest; and the three eldest followed Saul. 15 Now David went to and fro from Saul to feed his father's sheep at Beth-lehem. 16 And the Philistines drew near morning and evening, and presented himself forty days.

17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take now for thy brethren an ephah of parched grain, and these ten loaves, and carry them quickly to the camp to thy brethren; and bring them. 18 And bring these ten cheeses unto the captain of their thousand, and look how thy brethren fare, and take their pledge. 19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, $^{139}$ were in the vale 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 $^{140}$ place of the wagons, as the host that was going forth to the $^{141}$ fight shouted for the battle. 21 And Israel and the Philistines 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 to the army, and came and saluted his brethren. 23 And as he talked with them, behold, there came up the champion, the Philistine of Gath, Goliath by name, out of the ranks of the Philistines, and spake 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 sore afraid. 25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is come up? surely to defy Israel is he come up: and it shall be, that the man who killeth 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 spake to the men that stood by him, saying, What shall be done to the man that killeth this Philistine, and taketh 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 that killeth him.

28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he spake unto

$^{126}$ Hb. fair of eyes, $^{127}$ Or, terrified him.  $^{128}$ Or, skilful.  $^{129}$ Or, business.  $^{130}$ Or, skin of wine.  $^{131}$ Or, the valley of the terebinth,  $^{132}$ So Massoretic, Aram. Vg. But 4QSam$^\text{a}$ Sept., Josephus, Antiq. VI, ix, 1 read four cubits and a span. A few Sept. mss. read five cubits and a span. [2.9, 2.0, and 2.45 m respectively.]  $^{133}$ 5,000 shekels = 58 kg. Likely tempered bronze.  $^{134}$ Hb.$^{\text{a}}$ alone reads blade [32 vs. 37].  $^{135}$ Hb. ranks And so in vss. 10, 21, 22, 26, etc.  $^{136}$ Or, reproach Also in vss. 25, 26.  $^{137}$ Or, are  $^{138}$ Or, barricade  $^{139}$ Or, battle ground
the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why art thou come down? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy pride, and the naughtiness of thy heart; for thou art come down that thou mightest see the battle. 29 And David said, What have I now done? 30 Is there not a cause? 31 And he turned away from him toward another, and spake after the same manner: and the people answered him again after the former manner.

31 And when the words were heard which David spake, they rehearsed them before Saul; and he sent for him. 32 And David said to Saul, Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this Philistine. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not able to go against this Philistine to fight with him; for thou art but a youth, and he a man of war from his youth. 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy servant was keeping his father's sheep; 35 and when there came a lion, or a bear, and took a lamb out of the flock, 36 I went out after him, and smote him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he arose against me, I caught him by his beard, and smote him, and slew him. 36 Thy servant smote both the lion and the bear: and this uncircumcised Philistine shall be as one of them, seeing he hath defied the armies of the living God. 37 And David said, Jehovah that delivered me out of the paw of the lion, and out of the paw of the bear, he will deliver me out of the hand of this Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and Jehovah shall be with thee. 38 And Saul clad David with his apparel, and he put a helmet of copper upon his head, and he clad him with a coat of mail. 39 And David girded his sword upon his apparel, and he assayed to go; for he had not proved it. And David said unto Saul, I go with thee; for I have not proved these; for I have not proved them. And David put them off him. 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and chose him five smooth stones out of the brouk, and put them in the shepherd's bag which he had, even in his wallet; and his sling was in his hand; and he drew near to the Philistine.

41 And the Philistine came on and drew near unto David; and the man that bare the shield went before him. 42 And when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he disdained him; for he was but a youth, and ruddy, and withal of a fair countenance. 43 And the Philistine said unto David, Am I a dog, that thou comest to me with staves? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the birds of the heavens, and to the beasts of the field. 45 Then David said to the Philistine, Thou comest to me with a sword, and with a spear, and with a javelin: but I come to thee in the name of Jehovah of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom thou hast defied. 46 This day will Jehovah deliver thee into my hand; and I will smite thee, and take thy head from off thee; and I will give the dead bodies of the host of the Philistines this day unto the birds of the heavens, and to the wild beasts of the earth; that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, 47 and that all this assembly may know that Jehovah saveth not with sword and spear: for the battle is Jehovah's, and he will give you into our hand. 48 And it came to pass, when the Philistines arose, and came and drew nigh to meet David, that David hasted, and ran toward the army to meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand in the bag, and took thence a stone, and slung it, and smote the Philistine in his forehead; and the stone sank into 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 smote the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword in the hand of David. 51 Then David ran, and stood over the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it out of the sheath thereof, and slew him, and cut off his head therewith. 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 thou comest to Gai, and to the gates of Ekron. 53 And the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet Saul, with timbrels, with joy, and with instruments of music. 5 And the women came out of all the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king Saul, with timbrels, with joy, and with instruments of music. 7 And the women sang one to another as they played, and said,
Saul hath slain his thousands,  
And David his ten thousands.

8 And Saul was very wroth, and this saying displeased him; and he said, they have ascribed unto David ten thousands, and to me they have ascribed but thousands: and what can he have more but the kingdom? 9 And Saul eyed David from that day and forward.

10 And it came to pass on the morrow, that an evil spirit from God came mightily upon Saul, and he prophesied in the midst of the house: and David played with his hand, as he did day by day. And Saul had the spear in his hand; 11 And Saul cast the spear; for he said, I will smite David even to the wall. And David avoided out of his presence twice. 12 And Saul was afraid of David, because Jehovah was with him, and was 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 behaved himself wisely in all his ways; and Jehovah was with him. 15 And when Saul saw that he behaved himself very wisely, he stood in awe of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David; for he went out and came in before them.

17 And Saul said to David, Behold, my elder daughter Merab, her will I give thee to wife: only be thou valiant for me, and fight Jehovah’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 unto 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 unto Adriel the Meholathite to 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. Wherefore Saul said to David, Thou shalt this day be my son-in-law a second time.

22 And Saul commanded his servants, saying, Commune with David secretly, and say, Behold, the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love thee: now therefore be the king’s son-in-law. 23 And Saul’s servants spake those words in the ears of David. And David said, Seemeth it to you a light thing to be the king’s son-in-law, seeing that I am a poor man, and lightly esteemed? 24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, On this manner spake David. 25 And Saul said, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any dowry; but a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to be avenged of the king’s enemies. 26 Now Saul thought to make David fall by the hand of the Philistines. 27 And when his servants told David these words, it pleased David well to be the king’s son-in-law. And the days were not expired; 28 And 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. 29 And Saul gave him Michal his daughter to wife. 30 And Saul was yet afraid of David; and Saul was David’s enemy all his days.

31 Then the princes of the Philistines went forth: and it came to pass, as often as they went forth, that David behaved himself more wisely than all the servants of Saul; so that his name was much set by.

And Saul spake to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that they should slay David. But Jonathan, Saul’s son, delighted much in David. 2 And Jonathan told David, saying, Saul my father seeketh to slay thee: now therefore, I pray thee, take heed to thyself in the morning, and abide in a secret place, and hide thyself: 3 and I will go out and stand beside my father in the field where thou art, and I will commune with my father of thee; and if I see ought, I will tell thee. 4 And Jonathan spake good of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; because he hath not sinned against thee, and because his works have been towards thee very good: 5 for he put his soul in his hand, and smote the Philistines, and Jehovah wrought a great victory for all Israel: thou sawest it, and didst rejoice; wherefore then wilt thou sin against innocent blood, to slay David without a cause? 6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, As Jehovah liveth, he shall not be put to death. 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan showed him all those things. And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was in his presence, as beforetime.

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 before him. 9 And an evil spirit from Jehovah was upon Saul, as he sat in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing with his hand. 10 And Saul sought to smite David even to the wall with the spear; but he slipped away out of Saul’s presence, and he smote the spear into the wall: and David fled, and escaped that night. 11 And Saul sent messengers unto David’s house, to watch him, and to slay him in the morning: and Michal, David’s wife, told him, saying, If thou save not thy soul tonight, tomorrow thou wilt be slain. 12 So Michal let David down through the window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13 And Michal took the teraphim, and laid them in the bed, and put a pillow of goats’ hair at the head thereof, and covered it with the clothes. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. 15 And Saul sent the messengers 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, the teraphim were in the bed, with the pillow of goats’ hair at the head thereof. 17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou deceived me thus, and let mine enemy go, so that he is escaped? And Michal answered Saul, He said unto me, Let me go; why should I kill thee?

18 Now 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

155 Or, he raved  
156 A considerable demotion.  
157 Or, who are my kinfolk,  
158 Or, prospered more than all  
159 Hb. precious.  
160 Hb. salvation  
161 Or, the spirit of Jehovah was evil toward Saul.
company of the prophets prophesying, and Samuel standing as head over them, the Spirit of God came upon the messengers of Saul, and they also prophesied. 21 And when it was told Saul, he sent other messengers, and they also prophesied. And Saul sent messengers again a third time, and they also prophesied. 22 Then went he also to Ramah, and came to the great 162 well that is in Secu: and he asked and said, Where are Samuel and David? And one said, Behold, they are at Naioth in Ramah. 23 And he went thither to Naioth in Ramah: and the Spirit of God came 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 he also prophesied before Samuel, and 163 lay down naked all that day and all that night. Wherefore they say, Is Saul also among the prophets? 20 And David fled from Naioth in Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan, What have I done? what is mine iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my soul? 2 And he said unto him, Far from it; thou shalt not die: behold, my father doeth nothing either great or small, but that he 164 discloseth it unto me; and why should my father hide this thing from me? it is not so. 3 And David sware moreover, and said, Thy father knoweth well that I have found favor in thine eyes; and he saith, Let not Jonathan know this, lest he be grieved: but truly as Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, there is but a step between me and death. 4 Then said Jonathan unto David, Whatever thy soul 165 desireth, I will even do it for thee. 5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at meat; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field unto the third day 166 til even. 6 If thy father miss me at all, then say, David earnestly asked leave of me that he might run to Beth-lehem his city; for it is the yearly sacrifice there for all the family. 7 If he say thus, It is well; thy servant shall have peace: but if he be wroth, then know that evil is determined by him. 8 Therefore deal kindly with thy servant; for thou hast brought thy servant into a covenant of Jehovah with thee: but if there be in me iniquity, slay me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father? 9 And Jonathan said, Far be it from thee; for if I should at all know that evil were determined by my father, in thy day to come upon thee, then would not I tell it thee? 10 Then said David to Jonathan, Who shall tell me if perchance thy father answer thee roughly? 11 And Jonathan said unto David, Come, and let us go out into the field. And they went out both of them into the field. 12 And Jonathan said unto David, Jehovah, the God of Israel, be witness: when I have sounded my father about this time tomorrow, or the third day, behold, if there be good toward David, shall I not then send unto thee, and disclose it unto thee? 13 Jehovah do so to Jonathan, and more also, should it please my father to do thee evil, if I disclose it not unto thee, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace: and Jehovah be with thee, as he hath been with my father. 14 And thou shalt not only while yet I live show me the lovingkindness of Jehovah, that I die not; 15 but also thou shalt not cut off thy kindness from my house for ever; no, not when Jehovah hath 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, And Jehovah will require it at the hand of David’s enemies. 17 And Jonathan caused David to swear again, the love that he had to him; for he loved him as he loved his own soul. 18 Then Jonathan said unto him, Tomorrow is the new moon: and thou wilt be missed, because thy seat will be 168 empty. 19 And when thou hast stayed three days, thou shalt go down 169 quickly, and come to the place where thou didst hide thyself 170 when the business was in hand, and shalt remain by the stone Ezel. 20 And I will shoot three arrows on the side thereof, as though I shot at a mark. 21 And, behold, I will send the lad, saying, Go, find the arrows. If I say unto the lad, Behold, the arrows are on this side of thee; take them and come; for there is peace to thee and 172 no hurt, as Jehovah liveth. 22 But if I say unto the boy, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee; go thy way; for Jehovah hath sent thee away. 23 And as touching the matter which thou and I have spoken of, behold, Jehovah is between thee and me 173 forever. 24 So David hid himself in the field: and when the new moon was come, the king sat down to eat food. 25 And the king sat upon his seat, as at other times, even upon the seat by the wall; and Jonathan stood up, and Abner sat by Saul’s side: but David’s place was empty. 26 Nevertheless Saul spake not anything that day: for he thought, Something hath befallen him, he is not clean; surely he is not clean. 27 And it came to pass on the morrow after the new moon, which was the second day, that David’s place was empty: and Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore cometh not the son of Jesse to meat, neither yesterday, nor today? 28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David earnestly asked leave of me to go to Beth-lehem: 29 and he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for our family hath a sacrifice in the city; and my brother, he hath commanded me to be there: and now, if I have found favor in thine eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, and see my brethren. Therefore he is not come unto the king’s table. 30 Then Saul’s anger was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of a perverse rebellious woman, do not I know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thine own shame, and unto the shame of thy mother’s nakedness? 31 For as long as the son of Jesse liveth upon the ground, thou shalt not be established, nor thy kingdom. Wherefore now send and fetch him unto me, for he 174 shall surely die. 32 And Jonathan answered Saul his father, and said unto him, Wherefore should he be put to death? What hath he done? 33 And Saul cast the spear at him to smite him; whereby Jonathan knew that it was determined of his father to put David to death. 34 So Jonathan arose from the table in fierce anger, and did

162 Or, cistern
163 Or, fell
164 Hb, uncovereth mine ear; Similarly in vss. 12, 13.
165 Or, What doth thy soul desire, that I should do it for thee?
166 Hb, saith,
167 Or, by his love toward him;
168 Hb, missed.
169 Hb, greatly,
170 Hb, in the day of the business, See ch. 19:2.
171 Or, him,
172 Hb, not any thing,
173 Or, for our lifetimes.
174 Or, is worthy to die. Hb, is a son of death.
175 Or, to the place appointed
eat no food the second day of the month; for he was grieved for David, because his father had done him shame.

35 And it came to pass in the morning, that Jonathan went out into the field at the time appointed with David, and a little lad with him. 36 And he said unto his lad, Run, find now the arrows which I shoot. And as the lad ran, he shot an arrow beyond him. 37 And when the lad was come to the place of the arrow which Jonathan had shot, Jonathan cried after the lad, and said, Is not the arrow beyond thee? 38 And Jonathan cried after the lad, Make speed, haste, stay not. And Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, and came to his master. 39 But the lad knew not anything: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. 40 And Jonathan gave his weapons unto his lad, and said unto him, Go, carry them to the city. 41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David arose out of a place toward the South, and fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three times: and they kissed one another, and wept one another, until David exceeded.

21 Then came David to Nob to Ahimelech the priest: and Ahimelech came to meet David trembling, and said unto him, Why art thou alone, and no man with thee? 2 And David said unto Ahimelech the priest, The king hath commanded me a business, and hath said unto me, Let no man know of it. And he gave him five bread loaves, and told him, Give me five bread loaves, or whatsoever there is present. 3 And the priest answered David, and said, There is no common bread under my hand, but there is holy bread; if only the young men have kept themselves from touching any bread. 4 And David answered the priest, and said unto him, I pray thee, come forth, and be with me, till I know what God will do for me. 5 And he brought them before the forest of Ziph, which Saul had commanded that David should not be found there. 6 So the priest gave him holy bread; for there was no bread there but the showbread, that was taken from before Jehovah, to put hot bread in the day when it was taken away.

7 Now a certain man of the servants of Saul was there that day, detained before Jehovah; and his name was Doeg the Edomite, the chiefest of the herdsmen that belonged to Saul. 8 And David said unto Ahimelech, And is there not here under thy hand spear or sword? For I have neither brought my sword nor my weapons with me, because the king’s business required haste. 9 And the priest said, The sword of Goliath the Philistine, whom thou slewest in the vale of Elah, behold, it is here wrapped in a cloth behind the ephod: if thou wilt take that, take it; for there is no other save that here. And David said, There is none like that; give it me.

10 And David arose, and fled that day for fear of Saul, and went to Achish the king of Gath. 11 And the servants of Achish said unto him, Is not this David the king of the land? Did they not sing one to another of him in the dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his ten thousands?

12 And David laid up these words in his heart, and was sore afraid of Achish the king of Gath. 13 And he changed his behavior before them, and feigned himself mad in their hands, and scrabbled on the doors of the gate, and let his spittle fall down upon his beard. 14 Then said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see the man is mad; wherefore then have ye brought him to me? 15 Do I lack madmen, that ye have brought this fellow to play the madman in my presence? Shall this fellow come into my house?

22 David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave of Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father’s house heard it, they went down thither to him. 2 And everyone that was in distress, and everyone that was in debt, and everyone that was discontented, gathered themselves together unto him; and he became captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men.

3 And David went thence to Mizpeh of Moab: and he said unto the king of Moab, Let my father and my mother, I pray thee, 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 dwelt with him all the while that David was in the stronghold. 5 And the prophet Gad said unto David, Abide not in the stronghold; depart, and get thee into the land of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the forest of Hereth.

6 And Saul heard that David was discovered, and the men that were with him: now Saul was sitting in Gibeah, under the tamarisk-tree in Ramah, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants were standing about him. 7 And Saul said unto his servants that stood about him, Hear now, ye Benjamites; will the son of Jesse give every one of you fields and vineyards, will he make you all captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, 8 that all of you have conspired against me, and there is none that disclosed it to me when my son maketh a league with the son of Jesse, and there is none of you that is sorry for me, or discloseth unto me that my son hath stirred up my servant against me, to lie in wait, at this day? 9 Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who stood by 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 Jehovah for him, and gave him victuals, 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 that were in Nob: and they came all of them to the king. 12 And Saul said, hear now, thou son of Ahitub. And he answered, here I am.
my lord. 13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in that thou hast given him bread, and a sword, and hast 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 among all thy servants is so faithful as David, who is the king’s son-in-law, and is taken into thy council, and is honorable in thy house? 15 Have I today begun to inquire of God for him? Be it far from me: let not the king impute anything unto his servant, nor to all the house of my father; for thy servant knoweth nothing of all this, less or more. 16 And the king said, Thou shalt surely begin to die, Ahimelech, thou, and all thy father’s house. 17 And the king said unto the guard that stood about him, Turn, and slay the priests of Jehovah; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he fled, and did not disclose it to me. 18 But the servants of the king would not put forth their hand to fall upon the priests of Jehovah. 19 And Jonathan, Saul’s son, arose, and went to David into Achish, and said, Doth not David hide himself with us in the strongholds in the wilderness? 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 slain Jehovah’s priests. 22 And David said unto Abiathar, I knew on that day, when Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would surely tell Saul: I have occasioned the death of all the souls of thy father’s house. 23 Abide thou with me, fear not; for he that seeketh my soul shall seek thy soul. 24 So David inquired of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah? 25 And Jehovah answered him, and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thy hand. 26 And David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines. And the Philistines were taken in a certain place. 27 And they told David, wherefore he came, and said, David went up from thence, and dwelt in the strongholds of En-gedi.

28 And they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Keilah, and are robbing the threshing-floors. 29 Therefore David inquired of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go and smite these Philistines? And Jehovah said unto David, Go, and smite the Philistines, and save Keilah. 30 And David and his men said unto him, Behold, we are afraid here in Judah: how much more then if we go to Keilah against the Philistines? 31 And Jehovah answered him, and said, Arise, go down to Keilah; for I will deliver the Philistines into thy hand. 32 And David and his men went to Keilah, and fought with the Philistines, and brought away their cattle, and slew them with a great slaughter. So David saved the inhabitants of Keilah. 33 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.

34 And it was told Saul that David was come to Keilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into my hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath double gates and bars. 35 And Saul summoned all the people to war, to go down to Keilah, to besiege David and his men. 36 And David knew that Saul was devising mischief against him; and he said to Abiathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. 37 Then said David, Jehovah, the God of Israel, thy servant hath surely heard that Saul seeketh to come to Keilah, to destroy the city for my sake. 38 And Jehovah said, Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down as thy servant hath heard? 39 Jehovah, the God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And Jehovah said, He will come down. 40 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me up and my men into the hand of Saul? And Jehovah said, They will deliver thee up. 41 Then David and his men, who were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbade to go forth. 42 And David abode in the wilderness in the strongholds, and remained in the hill-country in the wilderness of Ziph. And Saul sought him every day, but God delivered him not into his hand.

43 And David saw that Saul was come out to seek his soul: and David was in the wilderness of Ziph in 189 the wood. 44 And Jonathan, Saul’s son, arose, and went to David into the wood, and strengthened his hand in God. 45 And he said unto him, Fear not; for the hand of Saul my father shall not find thee; and thou shalt be king over Israel, and I shall be next unto thee; and that also Saul my father knoweth. 46 And they two made a covenant before Jehovah: and David abode in the wood, and Jonathan went to his house. 47 Then came up the Ziphites to Saul to Gibeath, saying, Doth not David hide himself with us in the strongholds in the wood, in the hill of Hachilah, which is on the south of 186 the desert? 48 Now therefore, O king, come down, according to all the desire of thy soul to come down; and our part shall be to deliver him up into the king’s hand. 49 And Saul said, Blessed be ye of Jehovah; for ye have had compassion on me. 50 Go, I pray you, make yet more sure, and know and see his place where his 190 haunt is, and who hath seen him there; for it is told me that he dealeth very subtly. 51 See therefore, and take knowledge of all the lurking-places where he hideth himself, and come ye again to me of a certainty, and I will go with you: and it shall come to pass, if he be in the land, that I will search him out among all the 193 thousands of Judah.

52 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul: but David and his men were in the wilderness of Maon, in the Arabah on the south of the desert. 53 And Saul and his men went to seek him. And they told David: wherefore he came down to the rock, and abode in the wilderness of Maon. 54 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 compassed David and his men round about to take them. 55 But there came a messenger unto Saul, saying, Haste thee, and come; for the Philistines have made a raid upon the land. 56 So Saul returned from pursuing after David, and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place 186 Sela-hammachleqoth. 57 And David went up from thence, and dwelt in the strongholds of En-gedi.
And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from following the Philistines, that it was told him, saying, Behold, David is in the wilderness of En-gedi. 2 Then Saul took three thousand chosen men out of all Israel, and went to seek David and his men upon the rocks of the wild goats. 3 And he came to the sheeepotes by the way, where was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet. Now David and his men were abiding in the innermost parts of the cave. 4 And the men of David said unto him, Behold, the day of which Jehovah said unto thee, Behold, I will deliver thy hand into the hand of him that smiteth thee. 5 And he said unto his men, Jehovah forbid that I should do this thing unto my lord, Jehovah’s anointed, to put forth my hand against my lord; but my hand shall not be upon thee. Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul’s robe privily. 6 And it came to pass afterward, that David’s heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul’s skirt. 7 So David checked his men with these words, and suffered them not to rise against Saul. And Saul rose up out of the cave, and went on his way.

7 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 bowed with his face to the earth, and did obeisance. 8 And David said to Saul, Wherefore hearkenest thou to the words of man, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy hurt? 9 For if he had cut off my skirt in good time as he did this day, then had I been disposed to show kindness unto my lord, Jehovah’s anointed. 10 Moreover, my father, see, yes, see the skirt of thy robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the skirt of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and I have not sinned against thee, though thou hast hunted after my soul to take it. 11 Jehovah judge between me and thee, and Jehovah avenge me of thee; but my hand shall not be upon thee. 12 As saith the proverb of the ancients, Out of the wicked cometh forth wickedness; but my hand shall not be upon thee. 13 After whom is the king of Israel come out? after whom dost thou pursue? after a dead dog, after a flea. 14 Jehovah therefore be judge, and give sentence between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and deliver me out of thy hand.

15 And it came to pass, when David had made an end of speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. 16 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I; for thou hast rendered unto me good, whereas I have rendered unto thee evil. 17 And thou hast declared this day how that thou hast dealt well with me, forsasmuch as when Jehovah had delivered me up into thy hand, thou killedst me not. 18 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go well away? wherefore Jehovah reward thee good for that which thou hast done unto me this day. 19 And now, behold, I know that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thy hand. 20 And now, behold, I know that thou shalt surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in thy hand. 21 Swear now therefore unto me by Jehovah, that thou wilt not cut off my seed after me, and that thou wilt not destroy my name out of my father’s house. 22 And David swore unto Saul. And Saul went home; but David and his men gat them up unto the stronghold.

23 And Saul sought David day and night, and David went out and came to the mount of Libnah. And the men of Jonathan, Abi Shalom’s son, were there; and Saul’s sons had sworn to him, saying, David shall not be put unto death. 24 But Jonathan had loved David as his own soul. And Saul had taken him that day, and would not let his hand rise against him; and Jonathan delivered David, that he should not be put unto death. 25 And Jonathan counselled his father Saul, saying, Let not this day my blood be the last of all among the house of Saul; for in the wilderness of Engedi have I heard that thou hast anointed him that shall succeed thee, and shalt also put thy hand upon him. 26 And Saul hearkened unto Jonathan; and Saul delighted in David. 27 And Saul said to Jonathan, Go to the field, and pursue after thy brethren. And the young men were gone up to a hill sheep. 28 Now there was Jonathan’s wife, the daughter of Sibbecai the Hethite, and her name was Mahalath. 29 And Saul spake to Jonathan his son in the field of Carmel, and said unto him, Go, take thee thy servants, and arise, go down to the wilderness of En-gedi. 30 And Jonathan rose, and went down to the wilderness of En-gedi. 31 And there went up after David about four hundred men; and two hundred were with Jonathan his brother, and the Philistines went up after them unto the stronghold. 32 And the men of Engedi smote them, that every one of them fell to the ground. 33 And Jonathan’s wife Mahalath died with child, for she was grieved: when she was grieved she dreamed; and said, I dreamt a dream; and lo, I had new乳 at my womb. 34 And it came to pass afterward, that when David enquired of Jehovah, he answered him, saying, I have hid thee in my house from mine enemies, and I have delivered thee out of all mischief. But I will deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. 35 And the Philistines came and spread themselves out in the valley of Salt. 36 And Jonathan, Saul’s son, was with the Philistines, and they fought against David, and he was greatly distressed. 37 And Jonathan, Saul’s son, was with the Philistines, and they fought against David, and he was greatly distressed. 38 And David said to Saul, My lord Jonathan, which is very dear unto me, how will they说法 unto me evil. 39 And Jonathan said to David, What wilt thou drive? and I will set thee a sign by way of meeting, that it may be known unto thee, 40 What wilt thou drive? and I will set thee a sign by way of meeting, that it may be known unto thee, 41 That my soul may be bound unto thy soul, that I may not see thee again, unless I come to thee with a heart of peace. So the two made an agreement between them at Hebron. 42Then they arose, and went there to Carmel; and the man saw how that Jehovah had delivered thee today into my hand. 43 Then David arose, and cut off the skirt of Saul’s robe. 44 And it came to pass afterward, that David’s heart smote him, because he had cut off Saul’s skirt. 45 And he said unto his men, Jehovah forbid that I should do this thing unto my lord, Jehovah’s anointed, to put forth my hand against my lord; but my hand shall not be upon thee.

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24 Or, sitting 25 Or, layest wait for my life to take it. 26 Hb, give sentence for me. 27 Hb, business was in Carmel; 28 Or, thus shall ye say, All hail! and peace be unto thee, etc. 29 Or, remained quiet.
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18 Then Abigail made haste, and took two hundred loaves, and two 26b20 bottles of wine, and five sheep ready dressed, 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 unto her young men, Go on before me; behold, I come after thee. But she told not her husband Nabal.

20 And it was so, as she rode on her ass, and came down by the covert of the mountain, that, behold, David and his men came down toward her; and she met them. 21 Now David had said, Surely in vain have I kept all that this worthless fellow hath in the wilderness, so that nothing was missed of all that pertained unto him: and he hath returned me evil for good. 22 God do so unto the enemies of David, and more also, if I leave of all that pertain to him by the morning light so much as one man-child.

23 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and alighted from her ass, and fell before David on his face, and bowed herself to the ground. 24 And she fell at his feet, and said, Upon me, my lord, upon me be the iniquity; and let thy handmaid, I pray thee, regard this worthless fellow, even Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thy handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. 25 Now therefore, my lord, as Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing Jehovah hath withholden thee this day from coming into blood, 26 Let not my lord, I pray thee, regard this worthless fellow, even Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thy handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. 27 Now therefore, my lord, as Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing Jehovah hath withholden thee this day from coming into blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now therefore let thine enemies, and them that seek evil to thy lord, be as Nabal. 28 And now this present which thy servant hath brought unto my lord, let it be given unto the young men that follow my lord. 29 Forgive, I pray thee, the trespass of thy handmaid: for Jehovah will certainly make my man-child to prosper in thine hand.

30 And though man be risen up to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul, yet the soul of my lord shall be bound in the bundle of life with Jehovah thy God; and the souls of thine enemies, them shall he sling out, as from the hollow of a sling. 31 And it shall come to pass, when Jehovah shall have done to my lord according to all the good that he hath spoken concerning thee, and shall have appointed thee prince over Israel, 32 And when Abigail saw David, she hasted, and alighted from her ass, and fell before David on his face, and bowed herself to the ground. 33 And she said, Upon me, my lord, upon me be the iniquity; and let thy handmaid, I pray thee, regard this worthless fellow, even Nabal; for as his name is, so is he; Nabal is his name, and folly is with him: but I thy handmaid saw not the young men of my lord, whom thou didst send. 34 Now therefore, my lord, as Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, seeing Jehovah hath withholden thee this day from coming into blood, and from avenging thyself with thine own hand, now therefore let thine enemies, and them that seek evil to thy lord, be as Nabal. 35 And now this present which thy servant hath brought unto my lord, let it be given unto the young men that follow my lord. 36 Forgive, I pray thee, the trespass of thy handmaid: for Jehovah will certainly make my man-child to prosper in thine hand.

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 drunken: wherefore she told him nothing, less or more, until the morning light. 37 And it came to pass in the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, that his wife told him these things, and his heart died within him, and he became as a stone. 38 And it came to pass about ten days after, that Jehovah smote Nabal, so that he died.

39 And when David heard that Nabal was dead, he said, Blessed be Jehovah, that hath pleaded the cause of my reproach from the hand of Nabal, and hath kept back his servant from evil: and the evil-doing of Nabal Jehovah returned upon his own head. And David sent and spoke concerning Abigail, to take her to him to wife. 40 And when the servants of David were come to Abigail to Carmel, they spake unto her, saying, David hath sent us unto thee, to take thee to him to wife. 41 And she arose, and bowed herself with her face to the earth, and said, Behold, thy handmaid is a servant to wash the feet of the servants of my lord. 42 And Abigail hastened, and arose, and rode upon an ass, with five damsels of hers that followed her; and she went after the messengers of David, and became his wife.

43 David also took Ahinoam of Jezreel; and they became both of them his wives. 44 Now Saul had given Michal his daughter, David’s wife, to Paltiel the son of Laish, who was of Gallim.

26 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gibeah, saying, Doth not David hide himself in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert? 21 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 encamped in the hill of Hachilah, which is before the desert, by the way. But David abode 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 come of a certainty. 5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul had encamped; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, and Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his host: and Saul lay within the place of the wagons, and the people were encamped round about 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 thee. 7 So David and Abishai came schooled in the ways of worthlessness,

26 Or, skins
207 Aram. and some editions of Sept. read unto David,
208 Lit. man of worthlessness (or, of Belial), That is, master of the ways of worthlessness,
209 That is, Fool
210 Hb. from coming into blood,
211 Hb. thine own hand saving thee,
212 Hb. blessing

213 Or, the bundle of the living
214 Hb. cause of staggering 4QSam reads vengeance Sept. reads abomination Aram. (Vg.) read grief
215 Or, so that thou shouldest shed blood
216 In 2Sa 3:15, Paltiel
217 Or, Jeshimon Also in vs. 3. See ch. 23:19.
218 Or, to a set place. See ch. 23:23.
219 Or, barricade, Also in vs. 7.
220 Or, either

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to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the place of the wagons, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the people lay round about him. 8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath delivered up thine enemy into thy hand this day: now therefore let me smite him, I pray thee, with the spear to the earth at one stroke, and I will not smite him a second time. 9 And David said to Abishai, Destroy him not; for who can put forth his hand against Jehovah’s anointed, and be guiltless? 10 And David said, As Jehovah liveth, Jehovah will smite him; or his day shall come to die; or he shall go down into battle, and perish. 11 Jehovah forbid that I should put forth my hand against Jehovah’s anointed: but now take, I pray thee, the spear that is at his head, and the cruse of water from Saul’s head; and they gat them away: and no man saw it, nor knew it, neither did any awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from Jehovah was fallen upon them.

13 Then David went over to the other side, and stood on the top of the mountain afar off; a great space being between them; 14 and David cried to the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Answerest thou not, Abner? Then Abner answered and said, Who art thou that criest to the king? 15 And David said to Abner, Art thou not a valiant man? And who is like to thee in Israel? Wherefore then hast thou not kept watch over thy lord the king? For there came one of the people in to destroy the king thy lord. 16 This thing is not good that thou hast done. As Jehovah liveth, ye are worthy to die, because ye have not kept watch over your lord, Jehovah’s anointed. And now where is the king’s spear is, and the cruse of water that was at his head.

17 And Saul knew David’s voice, and said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my lord, O king. 18 And he said, Wherefore doth my lord pursue after his servant, for what have I done? or what evil have I done in thy sight? 19 Now therefore, I pray thee, let my lord the king hear the words of his servant. If it be Jehovah that hath stirred thee up against me, let him 222 accept an offering; but if it be the children of men, CURSE be they before Jehovah! for they have driven me out this day that I should not cleave unto the inheritance of Jehovah, saying, Go, serve other gods. 20 Now therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth away from the presence of Jehovah: for the king of Israel is come out to seek a flea, as when one doth hunt a partridge in the mountains.

21 Then said Saul, I have sinned: return, my son David; for I will no more do thee harm, because my soul was precious in thine eyes this day: behold, I have played the fool, and have erred exceedingly. 22 And David answered and said, Behold, the king’s spear! let then one of the young men come over and fetch it. 23 And Jehovah will render to every man his righteousness and his faithfulness; forasmuch as Jehovah delivered thee into my hand today, and I would not put forth my hand against Jehovah’s anointed. 24 And, behold, as thy soul was much set by this day in mine eyes, so let my soul be much set by in the eyes of Jehovah, and let him deliver me out of all tribulation. 25 Then Saul said to David, Blessed be thou, my son David: thou shalt both do mightily, and shalt surely prevail. So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place.

27 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 escape into the land of the Philistines; and Saul will despair of me, to seek me any more in all the borders of Israel: so shall I escape out of his hand. 2 And David arose, and passed over, he and the six hundred men that were with him, unto Achish the son of Maach, king of Gath. 3 And David dwelt with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, even David with his two wives, Ahinoam the Jezreelitess, and Abigail the Carmelitess, Nabal’s wife. 4 And it was told Saul that David was fled to Gath: and he sought no more against him.

5 And David said unto Achish, If now I have found favor in thine eyes, let them give me a place in one of the cities in the Philistines, country, that I may dwell there: for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? 6 Then Achish gave him Ziklag that day: wherefore Ziklag pertaineth unto the kings of Judah unto this day. 7 And the number of the days that David dwelt in the country of the Philistines was a full year of days and four months.

8 And David and his men went up, and made a raid upon the Geshurites, and the 226 Gizzrites, and the Amalekites; for those nations were the inhabitants of the land, who were of old, as thou goest to Shur, even unto the land of Egypt. 9 And David smote the land, and saved neither man nor woman alive, and took away the sheep, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel; and he returned, and came to Achish. 10 And Achish said, 227 Against whom have ye made a raid today? And David said, Against the South of Judah, and against the South of the Jerahmeelites, and against the South of the Kenites. 11 And David saved neither man nor woman alive, to bring them to Gath, saying, Lest they should tell of us, saying, So did David, and so hath been his manner all the while he hath dwelt in the country of the Philistines. 12 And Achish believed David, saying, He hath made his people Israel utterly to abhor him; therefore shall he be my servant 228 forever.

28 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their 229 hosts together for warfare, to fight with Israel. And Achish said unto David, Know thou assuredly, that thou shalt go out with me in the host, thou and thy men. 2 And David said to Achish, Therefore thou shalt know what thy servant will do. And Achish said unto David, Therefore will I make thee keeper of my head all my days.

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. 4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and encamped in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they encamped in Gilboa. 5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and

221 Hb. sons of death, 222 Hb. smell 223 Or, have no share in the inheritance of Jehovah, 224 Massoretic alone reads the spear, O king! 225 Hb. field, And in vss. 7 and 11. 226 Hb. reads, Gizzrites, 227 So Sept. (4QSam*), Vg. Massoretic, Aram. read Where have ye 228 Or, for his lifetime. Similarly in ch. 28:2. 229 Hb. camps
his heart trembled greatly. 6 And when Saul inquired of Jehovah, Jehovah answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets. 7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at En-dor.

8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and went, he and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, Divine unto me, I pray thee, by the familiar spirit, and bring me up whomsoever I shall name unto thee. 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Jehovah hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my soul, for me to cause me to die? 10 And Saul sware to her by Jehovah, saying, As Jehovah liveth, there shall no punishment happen to thee for this thing. 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel. 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice; and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul. 13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what seest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I see 230 gods coming up out of the earth. 14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a robe. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he bowed with his face to the ground, and did obeisance.

15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed: for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do. 16 And Samuel said, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing Jehovah is with thee, and with thy sons, and with thy daughters, and with all that thou hast? 17 And Jehovah hath rent the kingdom out of thy hand, and given it to thy neighbor, even to David. 18 Because thou obeyest not the voice of Jehovah, and didst not execute his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath Jehovah done this thing unto thee this day. 19 Moreover Jehovah will deliver Israel also with thee into the hand of the Philistines; and 231 tomorrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: Jehovah will deliver the host of Israel also into the hand of the Philistines.

20 Then Saul fell straightway his full length upon the earth, and was sore afraid, because of the words of Samuel: and there was no strength in him; for he had eaten no bread all the day, nor all the night. 21 And the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was sore troubled, and said unto him, Behold, thy handmaid hath hearkened unto thy voice, and I have put my soul in my hand, and have hearkened unto thy words which thou spakest unto me. 22 Now therefore, I pray thee, hearken thou also unto the voice of thy handmaid, and let me set a morsel of bread before thee; and eat, that thou mayest have strength, when thou goest on thy way. 23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But his servants, together with the woman, constrained him; and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from the earth, and sat upon the bed. 24 And the woman had a fatted calf in the house; and she hasted, and killed it, and she took flour, and kneaded it, and did bake unleavened bread thereof: 25 and she brought it before Saul, and before his servants; and they did eat. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

29 Now the Philistines gathered together all their hosts to Aphek: and the Israelites encamped by the fountain which is in Jezreel. 2 And the lords of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by thousands; and David and his men passed on in the rearward with Achish. 3 Then said the princes of the Philistines, What do these Hebrews here? 4 And Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines, Is not this David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, who hath been with me these days, or rather these years, and I have found no fault in him since he fell away unto me unto this day? 5 But the princes of the Philistines were wroth with him; and the princes of the Philistines said unto him, Make the man return, that he may go back to his place where thou hast appointed him, and let him not go down with us to battle, lest in the battle he become an adversary to us: for wherewith should this fellow reconcile himself unto his lords? should it not be with the heads of these men? 6 Is not this David, of whom they sang one to another in the dances, saying,

Saul hath slain his thousands, And David his ten thousands?

6 Then Achish called David, and said unto him, As Jehovah liveth, thou hast been upright, and thy going out and thy coming in with me in the host is good in my sight; for I have not found evil in thee since the day of thy coming unto me unto this day: nevertheless the lords favor thee not. 7 Wherefore now return, and go in peace, that thou displease not the lords of the Philistines. 8 And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and what hast thou found in thy servant so long as I have been before thee unto this day, that I may not go and fight against the enemies of my lord the king? 9 And Achish answered and said to David, I know that thou art good in my sight, as an angel of God: notwithstanding the princes of the Philistines have said, He shall not go up with us to the battle. 10 Wherefore now rise up early in the morning with the servants of thy lord that are come with thee; and as soon as ye are up early in the morning, and have light, depart. 11 So David rose up early, he and his men, to depart in the morning, to return into the land of the Philistines. And the Philistines went up to Jezreel.

30 And it came to pass, when David and his men were come to Ziklag on the third day, that 232 the Amalekites had made a raid upon the South, and upon Ziklag, and had smitten Ziklag, and burned it with fire, and had taken captive the women and all that were therein, both small and great: they slew not any, but carried them off, and went their way. 3 And when David and his men came to the city, behold, it was burned with fire; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, were taken captive. 4 Then David and the people that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until they had no more power to weep. 5 And David’s two wives were

230 Or, guilt come upon thee for this thing.
231 Or possibly, a god coming up Hb. elohim (plural)
232 So Rahlfs’ Sept., Aram., Vg. Massoretic reads him,
233 Though ch. 30:1 and 2Sa 1:2 might imply a delay.
234 The Philistine and Israelite armies were gone north.
235 Or, Shall I pursue after this troop.
taken captive, Ahinoam the Jezreelites, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite. 6 And David was greatly distressed; for the people spake 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 Jehovah his God.

7 And David said to Abiathar the priest, the son of Ahimelech, I pray thee, bring me hither the ephod. And Abiathar brought thither the ephod to David. 8 And David inquired of Jehovah, saying, 235If I pursue after this troop, shall I overtake them? And he answered him, Pursue; for thou shalt surely overtake them, and shalt without fail recover all. 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men that were with him, and came to the brook Besor, where those that were left behind stayed. 10 But David pursued, he and four hundred men; for two hundred stayed 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 did eat; and they gave him water to drink; 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 again to him; for he had eaten no bread, nor drunk any water, three days and three nights. 13 And David said unto him, To whom belongeth thou? and whence art thou? 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 south of the Cherethites, and upon that which belongeth to Judah, and upon the South of Caleb; and we burned Ziklag with fire. 15 And David said to him, Wilt thou bring me down to this troop? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou wilt neither kill me, nor deliver me up into the hands of my master, and I will bring thee down to this troop.

16 And when he had brought him down, behold, they were spread abroad over all the ground, eating and drinking, and dancing, 236because of all the great spoil that they had taken out of the land of the Philistines, and out of the land of Judah. 17 And David smote them from the twilight even unto 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 taken; and David rescued his two wives. 19 And there was nothing lacking to them, neither small nor great, neither sons nor daughters, neither spoil, nor anything that they had taken to them: David brought back all. 20 And David took all the flocks and the herds, which they drove before those other cattle, and said, This is David’s spoil.

21 And David came to the two hundred men, who were so faint that they could not follow David, whom also they had made to abide at the brook Besor; and they went forth to meet David, and to meet the people that were with him: and when David came near 241to the people, he 242saluted them. 22 Then answered all the wicked men and 243asked them of their welfare. 244Or, the base fellows, of those that went with David, and said, Because they went not with us, we will not give them aught of the spoil that we have recovered, save to every man his wife and his children, that he may lead them away, and depart. 23 Then said David, Ye shall not do so, my brethren, with that which Jehovah hath given unto us, who hath preserved us, and delivered the troop that came against us into our hand. 24 And who will hearken unto you in this matter? for as his share is that goeth down to the battle, so shall his share be that tarryeth 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 unto this day.

26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the spoil unto the elders of Judah, even to his friends, saying, Behold, a present for you of the spoil of the enemies of Jehovah: 27 to them that were in Beth-el, and to them that were in Ramoth of the South, and to them that were in Jattir, 28 and to them that were in Aroer, and to them that were in Siphmoth, and to them that were in Eshtemoa, 29 and to them that were in Racal, and to them that were in the cities of the Jerahmeelites, and to them that were in the cities of the Kenites, 30 and to them that were in Hormah, and to them that were in Borashan, and to them that were in Athach, 31 and to them that were in Hebron, and to all the places where David himself and his men were wont to haunt.

31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and fell down slain in mount Gilboa. 2 And the Philistines followed hard upon Saul and upon his sons; and the Philistines slew Jonathan, and Abinadab, and Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was greatly distressed by reason of the archers. 4 Then said Saul to his armorbearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, 243and abuse me. But his armorbearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armorbearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell 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 that were on the other side of the valley, and they that were beyond the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook the cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morn, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his three sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent into the land of the Philistines round about, to carry the tidings unto the house of their idols, and to the people. 10 And they put his armor in the house of the Ashtaroth; and they fastened his body to the wall of Beth-shan. 11 And when the inhabitants of Jabesh-gilead heard concerning him that which the Philistines had done to Saul, 12 all the valiant men arose, and went all night, and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan; and they came to Jabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk-tree in Jabesh, and fasted seven days.
1 And it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from the slaughter of the Amalekites, and David had abode two days in Ziklag.  

2 It came to pass on the third day, that, behold, a man came out of the camp from Saul, with his clothes rent, and earth upon his head: and so it was, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and did obeisance.  

3 And David said unto him, From whence comest thou? And he said unto him, Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped.  

4 And David said unto him, How went the matter? I pray thee, tell me. And he answered, The people are fled from the battle, and many of the people also are fallen and dead; and Saul and Jonathan his son are dead also.  

5 And David said unto the young man that told him, How knowest thou that Saul and Jonathan his son are dead?  

6 And the young man that told him said, As I happened by chance upon mount Gilboa, behold, Saul was leaning upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and the horsemen followed hard after him.  

7 And when he looked behind him, he saw me, and called unto me. And I answered, Here am I.  

8 And he said unto me, Who art thou? And I answered him, I am an Amalekite.  

9 And he said unto me, Stand, I pray thee, beside me, and slay me; for anguish hath taken hold of me, because my soul is yet whole in me.  

10 So I stood beside him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after that he was fallen: and I took the crown that was on his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and have brought them hither unto my lord.  

11 Then David took hold on his clothes, and rent them; and they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the children of Judah: and over Jonathan his son was a great mourning.  

12 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul: and they mourned, and wept, and fasted until even, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the children of Judah, and over Jonathan his son was a great mourning.  

13 And David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the daughter of Jethro, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.  

14 And his men that were with him did David bring up, every one whose heart God had put to him.  

15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Go near, and fall upon him. And he smote him, so that he died.  

16 And David said unto him, Thy blood be upon thy head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I have slain Jehovah’s anointed.  

17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son (and he bade them teach the children of Judah the song of the bow: behold, it is written in 4the book of Jashar):  

18 Thy glory, O Israel, is slain upon thy high places! How are the mighty fallen!  

19 Tell it not in Gath, Publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon:  

20 Lest the daughters of the Philistines rejoice, Lest the daughters of the uncircumcised triumph.

21 Ye mountains of Gilboa,  

Let there be no dew nor rain upon you, neither fields of offerings:  

For there the shield of the mighty was vilely cast away,  

The shield of Saul, not 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 lovely and pleasant in their lives, And in their death they were not divided:  

They were swifter than eagles,  

They were stronger than lions.  

24 Ye daughters of Israel, weep over Saul,  

Who clothed you in scarlet 9delicately,  

Who put ornaments of gold upon your apparel.  

25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle!  

9Jonathan is slain upon thy high places.  

26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan:  

Very pleasant hast thou been unto me: Thy love to me was wonderful, Passing the love of women.  

27 How are the mighty fallen, And the weapons of war perished!

2 And it came to pass after this, that David inquired of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go up into any of the cities of Judah? And Jehovah said unto him, Go up. And David said, Whither shall I go up? And he said, Unto Hebron.  

2 So David went up thither, and his two wives also, Ahinoam the Jezreelite, and Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite.  

3 And his men that were with him did David bring up, every man with his household: and they dwelt in the cities of Hebron.  

4 And the men of Judah came, and there they anointed David king over the house of Judah.  

5 And they told David, saying, The men of Jabesh-gilead were they that buried Saul.  

6 And David sent messengers unto the men of Jabesh-gilead, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of Jehovah, that ye have showed this kindness unto your lord, even unto Saul, and have buried him.  

7 And now Jehovah show lovingkindness and truth unto you: and I also will requite you this kindness, because ye have done this thing.  

8 Now therefore let your hands be strong, and be ye valiant; for Saul your lord is dead, and also the house of Judah have anointed me king over them.  

9 Now Abner the son of Ner, captain of Saul’s host, had taken 10Ish-boseth the son of Saul, and brought him over
to 11Mahanaim; 9 and he made him king over Gilead, and over the 12Ashurites, and over Jezreel, 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 he 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 12seven 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 them 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, I pray thee, arise and play before us. And Joab said, Let them arise. 15 Then they arose and went over by number: twelve 16for the Benjaminites of 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: wherefore that place was called 17Chelqath-hazzurim, which is in Gibeon. 17 And the battle was very sore that day; and Abner was beaten, and the men of the servants of David.

18 And the three sons of Zeruiah were there, Joab, and Abishai, and Asahel: and Asahel 18was as light of foot 19as a wild roe. 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, Is it thine own heart, Asahel? And he answered, It is I. 21 And Abner said to him, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armor. 22 And Abner said again to Asahel, Turn thee aside from following him. 23 And Joab said, Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay thee hold on one of the young men, and take thee his armor.

24 But Joab and Abishai pursued after Abner: and the sun went down when they were come to the hill of Ammah, that lieth before Giah by the way of the wilderness of Gibeon. 25 And the children of Benjamin gathered themselves together after Abner, and became one band, and stood on the top of a hill. 26 Then Abner called to Joab, and said, Shall the sword devour for ever? knowest thou not that it will be bitterness in the latter end? how long shall it be then, ere thou bid the people return from following their brethren? 27 And Joab said, As God liveth, if thou hadst not spoken, surely then 18in the morning the people had gone away, nor followed every one his brother. 28 So Joab blew the trumpet; and all the people stood still, and pursued after Israel no more, neither fought they any more. 29 And Abner and his men went all that night through the Arabah; and they passed over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron, and came to Mahanaim.

30 And Joab returned from following Abner: and when he had gathered all the people together, there lacked of David’s servants nineteen men and Asahel. 31 But the servants of David had smitten of Benjamin, and of Abner’s men, so that three hundred sixty men died. 32 And they took up Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of his father, which was in Beth-lehem. And Joab and his men went all night, and the day brake upon them at Hebron.

3 Now there was long war between the house of Saul and the house of David: and David waxed stronger and stronger, but the house of Saul waxed weaker and weaker.

2 And unto David were sons born in Hebron: and his first-born was Amnon of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; 3 and his second, 20Chileab, of Abigail the wife of Nabal the Carmelite; and the third, Absalom the son of Maacah the daughter of Talmai king of Geshur; 4 and the fourth, Adonijah the son of Haggit; and the fifth, Shephatiah 21the son of Abital; and the sixth, Ithream of 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 22made himself strong in the house of Saul. 7 Now Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Aiah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner, Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father’s concubine? 8 Then was Abner very wroth for the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I a dog’s head that belongeth to Judah? To this day do I show kindness unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brethren, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David; and yet thou chargest me this day with a fault concerning this woman. 9 God do so to Abner, and more also, if, as Jehovah hath sworn to David, Abner return not to meet with the face of David.

10 And Abner sent messengers to David 24on his behalf, saying, Whose is the land? saying, also, Make thee league with me, and behold, my hand shall be with thee, to bring about all Israel unto thee. 11 And he said, Well; I will make a league with thee; but one thing I require of thee: that is, thou shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal, Saul’s daughter, when thou comest to see my face. 12 And David sent messengers to Abner, and Abner came to meet him in the field of the sharp knives, 13 and Abner said to David, Why seest thou not my face, seeing I am come unto thee in good faith? and Jehovah do so to Abner, and more also, if I do not bring Michal, Saul’s daughter, when I come to see thy face.

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me 25 my wife Michal, whom I betrothed to me for a hundred foreskins of the Philistines. 15 And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her from her husband, even from 26 Paltiel the son of Laish. 16 And her husband went with her, weeping as he went, and followed her to Bahurim. Then said Abner unto him, Go, return: and he returned.

17 And Abner had communication with the elders of Israel, saying, In times past ye sought for David to be king over you: 18 now then do it; for Jehovah hath spoken of David, saying, By the hand of my servant David I will save my people Israel out of the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of all their enemies. 19 And Abner also spake 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 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 that were with him a feast. 21 And Abner said unto David, I will arise and go, and will gather all Israel unto my lord the king, that they may make a covenant with thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thy soul desireth. And David sent Abner away; and he went in peace.

22 And, behold, the servants of David and Joab came from a foray, and brought in a great spoil with them: but Abner was not with David in Hebron; for he had sent him away, and he was gone in peace. 23 When Joab and all the host that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and he hath sent him away, and he is gone in peace. 24 Then Joab came to the king, and said, What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee; why is it that thou hast sent him away, and he is quite gone? 25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that he came to deceive thee, and to know thy going out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou doest. 26 And when Joab was come out from David, he sent messengers after Abner, and they brought him back from the well of Sirah: but David knew it not.

27 And when Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside into the midst of the gate to speak with him privately, and smote him there in the body, so 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 Jehovah for ever of the blood of Abner the son of Ner: 29 let it fall upon the head of Joab, and upon all his father’s house; and let there not fail from the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a leper, or that leaneth on a staff, or that falleth by the sword, or that lacketh 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 that were with him, Rend your clothes, and gird you with sackcloth, and mourn before Abner. 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 dieth?

34 Thy hands were not bound, nor thy feet put into fetters: As a man falleth before the sons of iniquity, so didst thou fall.

And all the people wept again over him. 35 And all the people came to cause David to eat bread while it was yet day; but David sware, saying, God do to me, and more also, if I taste bread, or aught else, till the sun be down. 36 And all the people took notice of it, and it pleased them; as whatsoever the king did pleased all the people. 37 So 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 unto his servants, Know ye not that there is a prince and a great man 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: Jehovah reward the evil-doer according to his wickedness.

4 And when Ish-bosheth, Saul’s son, heard that Abner was dead in Hebron his hands became feeble, and all the Israelites were troubled. 2 And Ish-bosheth, Saul’s son, had two men that were captains of bands: the name of the one was Baanah, and the name of the other Rechab, the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children of Benjamin (for Beeroth also is reckoned to Benjamin: 3 and the Beerothites fled to Gittaim, and have been sojourners there until this day). 4 Now Jonathan, Saul’s son, had a son that was lame of his feet. He was five years old when the tidings came of Saul and Jonathan out of 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 32 Mephibosheth.

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, as he took his rest at noon. 6 And they came thither into the midst of the house, as though they would have fetched wheat; and they smote him in the body: and Rechab and Baanah his brother escaped. 7 Now when they came into the house, as he lay on his bed in his bedchamber, they smote him, and slew him, and beheaded him, and took his head, and went by the way of the Arabah all night. 8 And they brought the head of Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and said to the king, Behold, the head of Ish-bosheth, the son of Saul, thine enemy, who sought thy soul; and Jehovah hath 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 unto them, As Jehovah liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 10 when one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, thinking to have brought good tidings, I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his tidings. 11 How much more, when wicked men have slain a righteous man in his own house upon his bed, shall I not 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

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Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spake, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 In times past, when Saul was king over us, it was thou that ledest out and broughtest in Israel: and Jehovah said to thee, Thou shalt be shepherd of my people Israel, and thou shalt be prince 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 Jehovah: 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.

And David took him more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after he was come from Hebron; and there were yet sons and daughters born to David. 14 And these are the names of those that were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon. 15 And Ibhar, and Elishua, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 16 and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet.

And when the Philistines heard that they had anointed David king over Israel, all the Philistines went up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went down to the stronghold. 18 Now the Philistines had come and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 19 And David inquired of Jehovah, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And Jehovah said unto David, Go up; for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into thy hand. 20 And David came to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there; and he said, Jehovah hath broken mine enemies before me, like the breach of waters. Therefore he called the name of that place Baal-perazim. 21 And they left their images there; and David and his men took them away.

And the Philistines came up yet again, and spread themselves in the valley of Rephaim. 22 And when David inquired of Jehovah, he said, Thou shalt not go up: make a circuit behind them, and come upon them over against the mulberry trees. 24 And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry trees, that then thou shalt bestir thyself; for then is Jehovah gone out before thee to smite the host of the Philistines. 25 And David did so, as Jehovah commanded him, and smote the Philistines from Geba until thou come to Gezer.

2 And David again gathered together all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose, and went with all the people that were with him, from Baale-judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, which is called by the Name, even the name of Jehovah of hosts that sittest above the cherubim. And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in the hill; and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drove the new cart. 4 And they brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was in the hill, with the ark of God: and Ahio went before the ark. 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before Jehovah with all manner of instruments made of fir wood, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with castanets, and with cymbals.

And when they came to the threshing-floor of Nacah, Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen stumbled. 7 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Uzzah; and God smote him there for his error; and there he died by the ark of God. 8 And David was displeased, because Jehovah had broken forth upon Uzzah; and he called that place Perez-uzzah, unto this day. 9 And David was afraid of Jehovah that day; and he said, How shall the ark of Jehovah come unto me? 10 So David would not remove the ark of Jehovah unto him into the city of David; but David carried it aside into the house of Obed-edom the Gittite. 11 And the ark of Jehovah remained in the house of Obed-edom the Gittite three months: and Jehovah blessed thereon.
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Obed-edom, and all his house.

12 And it was told king David, saying, Jehovah hath blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of the ark of God. And David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom into the city of David with joy. 13 And it was so, that, when they that bare the ark of Jehovah had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. 14 And David danced before Jehovah 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 Jehovah with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet.

16 And it was so, as the ark of Jehovah came into the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked out at the window, and saw king David leaping and dancing before Jehovah; and she despised him in her heart. 17 And they brought in the ark of Jehovah, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings before Jehovah. 18 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offering and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of Jehovah of hosts. 19 And he dealt among all the people, even among the whole multitude of Israel, both to men and women, to every one a cake of bread, and a portion of flesh.) and a cake of raisins. 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 handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! 21 And David said unto Michal, It was before Jehovah, who chose me above thy father, and above all his house, to appoint me prince over the people of Jehovah, over Israel; therefore will I play before Jehovah. 22 And I will be yet more vile than this, and will be base in mine own sight: but of the handmaids of whom thou hast spaken, of them shall I be had in honor. 23 And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child unto the day of her death.

7 And it came to pass, when the king dwelt in his house, and Jehovah had given him rest from all his enemies round about, 2 that the king said unto Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 3 And Nathan said to the king, Go, do all that is in thy heart; for Jehovah is with thee. 4 And it came to pass the same night, that the word of Jehovah came unto Nathan, saying, 5 Go and tell my servant David, Thus saith Jehovah, Shalt thou build me a house for me to dwell in? 6 for I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even to this day, but have walked in a tent and in a tabernacle. 7 In all places wherein I have walked with all the children of Israel, spake I a word with any of the tribes of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people Israel, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedar? 8 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, I took thee from the sheepeote, from following the sheep, that thou shouldest be prince over my people, over Israel; and I have been with thee withersoever thou wast, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and I will make thee a great name, like unto the name of the great ones that are in the earth. 10 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness afflict them any more, as at the first, 11 and as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will cause thee to rest from all thine enemies. Moreover Jehovah telleth thee that Jehovah will make thee a house. 12 When thy days are fulfilled, and thou shalt sleep with thy fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, that shall proceed out of thy 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 for ever. 14 I will be his father, and he shall be my son: if he commit iniquity, I will chasten him with the rod of men, and with the stripes of the children of men; but my lovingkindness shall not depart from him, as I took it from Saul, whom I put away before thee. 15 And thy house and thy kingdom shall be made sure for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. 16 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

18 Then David the king went in, and sat before Jehovah; and he said, Who am I, O Lord Jehovah; and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? 19 And this was yet a small thing in thine eyes, O Lord Jehovah; but thou hast spoken also of thy servant’s house for a great while to come; and this too after the manner of men, O Lord Jehovah! 20 And what can David say more unto thee? for thou knowest thy servant, O Lord Jehovah. 21 For thy word’s sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make thy servant know it. 22 Wherefore thou art great, O Jehovah God: for there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 23 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people, even like Israel, whom God went to redeem unto himself today in the eyes of the handmaids of his servants, as one of the vain fellows shamelessly uncovereth himself! 24 And what one nation in the earth is like the people of Jehovah, over Israel; who went before thee in the sanctuary, as thou commandedst? 25 And when thou didst establish this the law of man, O Lord Jehovah? 26 And who is like thy people, like Israel, a nation that is alone in the earth, etc.

28 And now, O Lord Jehovah, thou art God, and thy words
after this it came to pass, that David smote the Philistines, and subdued them; and David took the bridle of the mother city out of the hand of the Philistines.

2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with the line, making them to lie down on the ground; and he measured two lines to put to death, and one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became servants to David, and brought tribute.

3 David smote also Hadadezer the son of Rehob, king of Zobah, as he went to recover his dominion at the River.

4 And David took from him a thousand seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand footmen: and David hocked all the chariot horses, but reserved of them for a hundred chariots.

5 And when the Syrians of Damascus came to succor Hadadezer king of Zobah, David smote of the Syrians twenty-two thousand men. 6 Then David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus; and the Syrians became servants to David, and brought tribute. And Jehovah gave victory to David whithersoever he put he garrisons, and all the men of Syria which he subdued; silver and the gold that he sanctified of all the nations which he brought.

7 And when Tobi king of Hamath heard that David had smote of the Syrians, as he went to recover his dominion at the River, Tobi sent to David, saying, Am I not a servant to thee? why then haveth David sent his servants to make war with me? Lest I come, and fight against David without leave. And Jehovah smote Tobi. And his hand was weakned in Jerusalem; for he did eat continually at the king's table.

8 And Tobi sent to David, saying, I am thy servant, and will do whatsoever thou shalt bid me. Therefore let mine house and the house of my father be before thee for a habitation for thy servants, and let my place be before thee in Jerusalem, where thou shalt set thy table. And thou shalt till the land, and shalt feed the seedlings of my计s, and of the children of Ammon, and of the Philistines, and of Amalek, and of the spoil of Hadadezer, son of Rehob, king of Zobab.

9 And David gat him a name when he returned from smiting the Syrians in the Valley of Salt, even eighteen thousand men. 14 And he put garrisons in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and all the Edomites became servants to David. And Jehovah gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

15 And David reigned over all Israel; and David executed justice and righteousness unto all his people. 16 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahitub was recorder; 17 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Ahimelech the son of Abiathar, were priests; and Seraiah was scribe; 18 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, was over the Cherethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were chief ministers.

9 And David said, Is there yet any that 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 they called him unto David; and the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And he said, Thy 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 unto him? And Ziba said unto the king, Jonathan hath yet a son, who is lame of his feet.

4 And the king said unto him, Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he is in the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, in Lo-debar. 5 Then king David sent, and fetched him out of the house of Machir the son of Ammiel, from Lo-debar. 6 And Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came unto David, and fell on his face, and did obeisance. And David said, Mephibosheth. And he answered, Behold, thy servant! 17 And David said unto him, Fear not; for I will surely show thee kindness for Jonathan thy father's sake, and will restore thee all the land of Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table continually. 8 And he did obeisance, and said, What is thy servant, that thou shouldest look upon such a dead dog as I am?

9 Then the king called to Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, All that pertained to Saul and to all his house have I given unto thy master's son. 10 And thou shalt till the land for him, thou, and thy sons, and thy servants; and thou shalt bring in the fruits, that thy master's son may have bread to eat: but Mephibosheth thy master's son shall eat bread always at my table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. 11 Then said Ziba unto the king, According to all that my lord the king commandeth his servant, so shall thy servant do. 84 As for Mephibosheth, said the king, he shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. 12 And Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was Mica. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were servants unto Mephibosheth. 13 So Mephibosheth dwelt in Jerusalem; for he did eat continually at the king's table. And he was lame in both his feet.

10 And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of Ammon died, and Hanun his son reigned in his stead. 2 And David said, I will show kindness unto Hanun
the son of Nahash, 88 as his father showed kindness unto me. So David sent by his servants to comfort him concerning his father. And David’s servants came into the land of the children of Ammon. 3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said unto Hanun their lord, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, in that he hath sent comforters unto thee? hath not David sent his servants unto thee to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? 4 So Hanun took David’s servants, and shaved off the one half of their beards, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to their buttocks, and sent them away. 5 When they told it unto David, he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they were become odious to David, 86 the children of Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rehob, and the Syrians of Zobah, twenty thousand footmen, and the king of Maacah with a thousand men, and the men of Tob twelve thousand men. 7 And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. 8 And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the entrance of the gate: and the Syrians of Zobah and of Rehob, and the men of Tob and Maacah, were by themselves in the field.

9 Now when Joab saw that 87 the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians: 10 and the rest of the people he committed into the hand of Abishai his brother; and he put them in array against the children of Ammon. 11 And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will come and help thee. 12 Be of good courage, and say to me the men for our people, and for the cities of our God: and Jehovah do that which seemeth him good. 13 So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh unto the battle against the Syrians: and they fled before him. 14 And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai, and entered into the city. Then Joab returned from the children of Ammon, and came to Jerusalem.

15 And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they gathered themselves together. 16 And 89 Hadarezer sent, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the River: and they came to Helam, with Shobach the captain of the host of Hadarezer at their head. 17 And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came to Helam. 18 And the Syrians set themselves in array against David, and fought with him. 18 And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians the men of seven hundred chariots, and forty thousand horsemen, and smote Shobach the captain of their host, so that he died there. 19 And when all the kings that were servants to Hadarezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with Israel, and served them. So the Syrians feared to help the children of Ammon any more.

11 And it came to pass, 92 at the return of the year, at the time when kings go out to battle, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of Ammon, and besieged Rabba. But David tarried at Jerusalem.

2 And it came to pass towards eventide, that David arose from off his bed, and walked upon the roof of the king’s house: and from the roof he saw a woman bathing; and the woman was very beautiful to look upon. 3 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? 4 And David sent messengers, and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay with her (for she was purified from her uncleanness); and she returned unto her house. 5 And the woman conceived; and she sent and told David, and said, I am with child.

6 And David sent to Joab, saying, Send me Uriah the Hittite. And Joab sent Uriah to David. 7 And when Uriah was come unto him, David asked of him how Joab did, and how the people fared, and how the war prospered. 8 And David said to Uriah, Go down to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Uriah departed out of the king’s house, and there followed him a mess 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 went not down to his house. 10 And when they had told David, saying, Uriah went not down unto his house, David said unto Uriah, Art thou not come from a journey? wherefore didst thou not go down unto thy house? 11 And Uriah said unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah, abide in booths; and I lie on my bed with thee. 12 And David said to Uriah, Tarry here today also, and tomorrow I will let thee depart. So Uriah abode in Jerusalem 93 that day, and the morrow. 13 And when David had called him, he did eat and drink before him; and he made him drunk: and in the evening he went out to lie on his bed with the servants of his lord, but went not 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 ye Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retire ye from him, that he may be smitten, and die. 16 And it came to pass, when Joab 97 kept watch upon the city, that he assigned Uriah unto the place where he knew that valiant men were. 17 And the men of the city went out, and fought with Joab: and there fell some of the people,
even 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 he charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast made an end of telling all the things concerning the war unto the king, 20 it shall be that, if the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee, Wherefore went ye so nigh unto the city to fight? knew ye not that they would shoot from the wall? 21 Who smote Abimelech the son of 9[Jerubbesheth] did not a woman cast an upper millstone upon him from the wall, so that he died at Thebez? why went ye so nigh the wall? then shalt thou say, Thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also.

22 So the messenger went, and came and showed David all that Joab had sent him for. 23 And the messenger said unto David, The king prevailed against us, and came out unto us into the field, and were upon us even unto the entrance of the gate. 24 And the shooters shot at thy servants from off the wall; and some of the king's servants are dead, and thy servant Uriah the Hittite is dead also. 25 Then David said unto the messenger, Thus shalt thou say unto Joab, Let not this thing displease thee, for the sword devoureth one as well as another; make thy battle more strong against the city, and overthrow it: and encourage thou him.

26 And when the wife of Uriah heard that Uriah her husband was dead, she made lamentation for her husband. 27 And when the mourning was past, David sent and took her home to his house, and she became his wife, and bare him a son. But the thing that David had done displeased Jehovah.

12 And Jehovah sent Nathan unto David. And he came unto him, and said unto him, There were two men in one city; the one rich, and the other poor. 2 The rich man had exceeding 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 did eat of his own morsel, and drank of his own cup, and lay in his bosom, and was unto him as a daughter. 4 And there came a traveller unto the rich man, and he spared to take of his own flock and of his own herd, to dress for the wayfaring man that was come unto him, but took the poor man's lamb, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. 5 And David's anger was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As Jehovah liveth, the man that hath done this is 98[worthy to 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, Thou art the man. Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, I anointed thee king over Israel, and I delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; 8 and I gave thee thy master's house, and thy master's wives into thy bosom, and gave thee the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added unto thee such and such things. 9 Wherefore hast thou despised the word of Jehovah to do that which is evil in his sight? thou hast smitten Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and hast taken his wife to be thy wife, and hast slain him with the sword of the children of Ammon. 10 Now therefore the sword shall never depart from thy house, because thou hast despised me, and hast taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be thy wife. 11 Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will raise up evil against thee out of thine own house; and I will take thy wives before thine eyes, and give them unto thy neighbor, and he shall lie with thy wives 100 in the sight of this sun. 12 For thou didst it secretly: but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun. 13 And David said unto Nathan, I have sinned against Jehovah. And Nathan said unto David, Jehovah also hath put away thy sin; thou shalt not die. 14 Howbeit, because this deed 101 thou hast greatly blasphemed Jehovah, the son also that is born unto thee shall surely begin to die. 15 And Nathan departed unto his house.

And Jehovah struck the child that Uriah's wife bare unto David, and it was very sick. 16 David therefore besought 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 stood beside 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. 19 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 spake unto him, and he hearkened not unto our voice: 102 [h]ow wilt thou then vex yourself, if we tell him that the child is dead! 20 But when David saw that his servants were whispering together, David perceived that the child was dead; and David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? And they said, He is dead. 21 Then David arose from the earth, and washed, and anointed himself, and changed his apparel; and he came into the house of Jehovah, and worshipped: then he came to his own house; and when he had no pity. 22 And David comforted Bath-sheba his wife, and went in unto her, and lay with her: and she bare a son, and David called his name Solomon. And Jehovah loved him; 23 and he sent by the hand of Nathan the prophet, and he called his name Jedidiah, for Jehovah's sake.

24 Now Joab fought against Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and took the royal city. 25 And Joab sent messengers to David, and said, I have fought against Rabbah; yes, I have taken the city of waters. 26 So Joab gathered all the people together, and went to Rabbah, and fought against it, and took it. 27 And he took the crown of their king from off his head; and the weight thereof was a
And it came to pass after this, that Absalom the son of David had a fair sister, whose name was Tamar; and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2 And Amnon was so vexed that he fell sick because of his sister Tamar; for she was a virgin; and it seemed hard to Amnon to do anything unto her. 3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Jonadab, the son of Shimeah, David’s brother: and Jonadab was a very subtle man. 4 And he said unto him, Why, O son of the king, art thou thus lean towards day to day? wilt thou not tell me? And Amnon said unto him, I love Tamar, my brother Absalom’s sister. 5 And Jonadab said unto him, Lay thee down on thy bed, and feign thyself sick: and when thy father cometh to see thee, say unto him, Let my sister Tamar come, I pray thee, and make me a couple of cakes in my sight, that I may eat from her hand. 6 So Amnon lay down, and feigned himself sick: and when the king was come to see him, Amnon said unto the king, My sister Tamar is my brother Absalom’s sister. 7 Then David sent home to Tamar, saying, Go now to thy brother Amnon’s house, and dress him food. 8 So Tamar went to her brother Amnon’s house; and he was laid down. And she took dough, and kneaded it, and made cakes in his sight, and did bake the cakes. 9 And she took the pan, and poured them out before him; but he refused to eat. And Amnon said, Have out all men from me. And they went out every man from him. 10 And Amnon said unto Tamar, Bring the food into the chamber, that I may eat from thy 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 near unto him to eat, he took hold of her, and said unto 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 thou this folly. 13 And I, wiliher shall I carry my shame: and as for thee, thou wilt be as one of the fools in Israel. Now therefore, I pray thee, speak unto the king; for he will not withhold me from thee. 14 Howbeit he would not hearken unto her; but he forced her, and lay with her.  

15 Then Amnon hated her with exceeding great hatred; for the hatred wherewith he hated her was greater than the love wherewith he had loved her. And Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. 16 And she said unto him, Not so, because this great wrong in putting me forth is worse than the other that thou didst unto me. But he would not hearken unto her. 17 Then he called his servant that ministered unto him, and said, Put now this woman out from me, and bolt the door after her. 18 And she had a garment of divers colors upon her; for with such robes were the king’s daughters that were virgins appareled. Then his servant brought her out, and bolted the door after her. 19 And Tamar put ashes on her head, and rent her garments of divers colors that was on her; and she laid her hand on her head, and went her way, crying aloud as she went.  

20 And Absalom her brother said unto her, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but now hold thy peace, my sister: he is thy brother; take not this thing to thy heart. So Tamar remained desolate in her brother Absalom’s house. 21 But when king David heard of all these things, he was very wroth. 22 And Absalom spake unto Amnon neither good nor bad; for Absalom hated Amnon, because he had forced his sister Tamar.  

23 And it came to pass after two full years, that Absalom had sheep-shearers 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, thy servant hath sheep-shearers; let the king, I pray thee, and his servants go with thy servant. 25 And the king said to Absalom, No, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome unto thee. And he pressed him: howbeit he would not go, but blessed him. 26 Then said Absalom, If not, I pray thee, let my brother Amnon go with us. And the king said to him, Why should he go with thee? 27 But Absalom pressed him, and he let Amnon and all the king’s sons go with him. 28 And Absalom commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye now, when Amnon’s heart is merry with wine; and when I say unto you, Smite Amnon, then kill him; fear not; have not I commanded you? and all the king’s sons go with him. 29 And Absalom had sheep-shearers in Baal-hazor, which is beside Ephraim: and Absalom invited all the king’s sons. 30 And the king’s sons arose, and every man gat him up upon his mule, and fled. 31 Then the tidings came to David, saying, Absalom hath slain all the king’s sons. 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, all the king’s sons; for Amnon only is dead: for by the appointment of Absalom this hath been determined from the day that he forced his sister Tamar. 33 Now therefore let not my lord the king take the thing to his heart, to think that all the king’s sons are dead; for Amnon only is dead.
34 But Absalom fled. And the young man that kept the watch lifted up his eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came much people by the way of the hillside behind him. 35 And Jonadab said unto the king, Behold, the king’s sons are come: as thy servant said, so it is. 36 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of 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 sore.

37 But Absalom fled, and went to Talmai the son of Ammihur, 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 forth unto Absalom: for he was comforted concerning Amnon, seeing he was dead.

14 Now Joab the son of Zeruiah perceived that the king’s heart was toward Absalom. 2 And Joab sent to Tekoa, and fetched thence a wise woman, and said unto her, I pray thee, feign thyself to be a mourner, and put on mourning apparel, and fetch home again his banished one. And she said, What aileth thee? And he said, Some man smote me, and I fell down an hedge; and now I am come down and am unhurt. 3 Then the woman said, Let thy handmaid, I pray thee, speak a word unto my lord the king. And he said, Say on.

4 And when the woman of Tekoa spake to the king, she fell on her face to the ground, and did obeisance, and said, Help, O king. 5 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, Of a truth I am a widow, and my husband is dead. 6 And thy handmaid had two sons, and they two strove together in the field, and there was none to part them, but the one smote the other, and killed him. 7 And, behold, the whole family is risen against thy handmaid, and they say, Deliver him that smote his brother, that we may kill him for the soul of his brother whom he slew, and so destroy the heir also. Thus will they quench my coal which is left, and will leave to my husband neither name nor remainder upon the face of the earth.

8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thy house, and I will give charge concerning thee. 9 And the woman of Tekoa said unto the king, My lord, O king, the iniquity and I will give charge concerning thee.

12 Then said she, I pray thee, let the king remember Jehovah thy God, that the avenger of blood destroy not any more, lest thou hast devised such a thing against the people of God? for in speaking this word the king is as one that is guilty, in that the king doth not fetch home again his banished one. 14 For we must needs die, and are as water spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again; neither doth God take away a soul, but deviseth means, that he that is banished be not an outcast from him. 15 Now therefore seeing that I am come to speak this word unto my lord the king, it is because the people have made me afraid: and thy handmaid said, I will now speak unto the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his servant. 16 For the king will hear, to deliver his servant out of the hand of the man that would destroy me and my son together out of the inheritance of God. 17 Then thy handmaid said, Let, I pray thee, the word of my lord the king be comfort-able; for as an angel of God, so is my lord the king to discern good and bad: and Jehovah thy God be with thee.

18 Then the king answered and said unto the woman, Hide not from me, I pray thee, that I may know the matter. And the woman said, Let my lord the king now speak. 19 And the king said, Is the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my lord, the king, none can turn to the right hand or to the left from aught that my lord the king hath spoken; for thy servant Joab, he bade me, and he put all these words in the mouth of thy handmaid: 20 to change the face of the matter hath thy 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 unto Joab, Behold now, I have done this thing: go therefore, bring the young man Absalom back. 22 And Joab fell to the ground on his face, and did obeisance, and blessed the king; and Joab said, Today thy servant knoweth that I have found favor in thy sight, my lord, O king, in that the king hath performed 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, but let him not see my face. So Absalom turned to his own house, and saw not the king’s face.

25 Now in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty: from the sole of his foot even to the crown of his head there was no blemish in him. 26 And when he cut the hair of his head (now it was at every year’s end that he cut it; because it was heavy on him, therefore he cut it); he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels, after the king’s weight. 27 And unto Absalom there were born three sons, and one daughter, whose name was Tamar: she was a woman of a fair countenance.

28 And Absalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem; and he saw not the king’s face. 29 And Absalom sent to Joab, to send him to the king; but he would not come to him: and he sent again a second time, but he would not come. 30 Therefore he said unto his servants, See, Joab’s field is near mine, and he hath 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 unto his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy servants set my field on fire? 32 And Absalom answered Joab, Behold, I sent unto thee, saying, Come hither, that I...
15 And it came to pass after this, that Absalom prepared himself a chariot 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 had a suit which should come to the king for judgment, then Absalom called unto him, and said, Of what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is of one of the tribes of Israel. 3 And Absalom said unto him, See, thy matters are good and right; but there is no man deputized of the king to hear thee. 4 Absalom said moreover, Oh that I were deputized under the king, that every man who hath any suit or cause might come unto me, and I would do him justice! 5 And it was so, that, when any man came nigh to do him obeisance, he put forth his hand, and took hold of him, and kissed him. 6 And on this manner did Absalom to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: so Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel.

7 And it came to pass at the end of forty years, that Absalom said unto the king, I pray thee, let me go and pay my vow, which I have vowed unto Jehovah, in Hebron. 8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Syria, saying, If Jehovah shall indeed bring me again to Jerusalem, then will I serve Jehovah. 9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace. So he arose, and went to Hebron. 10 But Absalom sent spies through all the tribes of Israel, saying, As soon as ye hear the sound of the trumpet, then ye shall say, Absalom is king in Hebron. 11 And with Absalom went two hundred men out of Jerusalem, that were invited, and went in their simplicity; and they knew not any thing. 12 And Absalom sent for Ahithophel the Gilonite, David’s counsellor, from his city, even from Giloh, while he was offering the sacrifices. And the conspiracy was strong; for the people increased continually with Absalom.

13 And there came a messenger to David, saying, The hearts of the men of Israel are after Absalom. 14 And David said unto all his servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and let us flee; for else none of us shall escape from Absalom: make speed to depart, lest he overtake us quickly, and bring down evil upon us, and smite the city with the edge of the sword. 15 And the king’s servants said unto the king, Behold, thy servants are ready to do whatsoever my lord the king shall choose. 16 And the king went forth, and all his household after him. And the king left ten women that were concubines, to keep the house. 17 And the king went forth, and all the people after him; and they tarried in Bethmerhak. 18 And all his servants passed on beside him; and all the Cherethites, and all the Pelethites, and all the Gittites, six hundred men that came after him from Gath, passed on before the king.

19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore goest thou also with us? return, and abide with the king: for thou art a foreigner, and also an exile; return to thine own place. 20 Whereas thou camest but yesterday, should I this day make thee go up and down with us, seeing I go whither I may? return thou and take back thy brethren; mercy and truth be with thee. 21 And Ittai answered the king, and said, As Jehovah liveth, and as my lord the king liveth, surely in what place my lord the king shall be, whether for death or for life, even there also will thy 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 that 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 to the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, toward the way of the wilderness.

24 And, lo, Zadok also came, and all the Levites with him, bearing the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down the ark of God; and Abiathar went up, until all the people had done passing out of the city. 25 And the king said unto Zadok, Carry back the ark of God into the city: if I shall find favor in the eyes of Jehovah, he will bring me again, and show me both it, and his habitation: 26 but if he say thus, I have no delight in thee; behold, here am I, let him do to me as seemeth good unto him. 27 The king said also unto Zadok the priest, Art thou not a seer? return into the city in peace, and your two sons with you, Ahimaaz thy son, and Jonathan the son of Abiathar. 28 See, I will tarry at the fords of the wilderness, until there come word from you to certify me. 29 Zadok therefore and Abiathar carried the ark of God again to Jerusalem: and they abode there.

30 And David went up by the ascent of the mount of Olives, and wept as he went up; and he had his head covered, and went barefoot: and all the people that were 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 Jehovah, I pray thee, turn the counsel of Ahithophel into foolishness. 32 And it came to pass, that, when David was come to the top of the ascent, where God was worshipped, behold, Hushai the Archite came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon his head. 33 And David said unto him, If thou passest on with me, then thou wilt be a burden unto me: 34 but if thou return to the city, and say unto Absalom, I will be thy servant, O king; as I have been thy father’s servant in time past, so will I now be thy servant; then wilt thou defeat for me the counsel of Ahithophel. 35 And hast thou not there with thee Zadok and Abiathar the priests? therefore it shall be, that what thing soever thou shalt hear out of the king’s house, thou shalt 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 ye shall send unto me

131 Possibly when Absalom was forty years old. [The Companion Bible suggests it is from David’s anointing.] Aram., some later Sept. mss., read four years;
132 Hb. Aram;
133 Or, worship;
134 Or, sent Ahithophel the Gilonite;
135 Or, at the Far House;
136 The brook flowing southward on the east side of Jerusalem;
137 Or, Seest thou? return etc.;
138 Hb™ Sept., Aram., Vg. read in the plains;
139 Or, where he was wont to worship God,
everything that ye shall hear. 37 So Hushai, David’s friend, came into the city; and Absalom came into Jerusalem.

16 And when David was a little past the top of the ascent, behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth met him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred clusters of raisins, and a hundred of summer fruits, and a 140bottle of wine. 2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou 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 are faint in the wilderness may drink. 3 And the king said, And where is thy master’s son? And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem; for he seeketh my soul: how much more the son of my father? 4 Then said the king, And where is thy master’s son? And Ziba said, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem; for he seeketh my soul: how much more the son of my father?

5 And when king David came to Bahurim, behold, there came out thence a man of the family of the house of Saul, whose name was Shimei, the son of Gera; he came out, and cursed as he came. 6 And he cast 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, Begone, thou man of blood, and on his left. 8 Jehovah hath returned upon the house of Saul, in whose stead thou art taken. And David said to Abishai, and to all his mighty men, and they were weary; because their heart was chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field; and thy father is a man or war, and will not lodge with the people.

9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruiah unto the king, Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? let me go and smite him while he is weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid; and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only. And Abishai said to the king, I beseech thee, O king, let me now find favor in thy sight, my lord, O king.

10 And the king said, And where is thy master’s son? And Ziba said, Behold, he abideth at Jerusalem; for he seeketh my soul: how much more the son of my father?

11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his mighty men, and they were weary; and he refreshed himself there.

12 And Absalom, and all the people, the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Ahithophel with him. 13 And it came to pass, when Hushai the Archite, David’s friend, was come unto Absalom, that Hushai said unto Absalom, Long live the king, Long live the king. 14 And Absalom said to Hushai, Is this thy kindness to thy friend? why westest thou not with thy friend? 15 And Hushai said unto Absalom, No; but whom Jehovah, and this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him will I abide. 16 And again, whom should I serve? should I not serve in the presence of his son? as I have served in thy father’s presence, so will I be in thy presence.

17 Moreover Ahithophel said unto 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 weary and weak-handed, and will make him afraid; and all the people that are with him shall flee; and I will smite the king only; 3 and I will bring back all the people unto thee: the man whom thou seekest is as if all returned: so 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 saith. 6 And when Hushai was come to Absalom, Absalom spake unto him, saying, Ahithophel hath spoken after this manner: shall we do after his saying? if not, speak thou. 7 And Hushai said unto Absalom, The counsel that Ahithophel hath given this time is not good. 8 Hushai said moreover, Thou knowest thy father and his men, that they are mighty men, and they are chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field; and thy father is a man or war, and will not lodge with the people.

9 Behold, he is hid now in some pit, or in some other place: and it will come to pass, when some of them are fallen at the first, that whosoever heareth it will say, There is a slaughter among the people that follow Absalom. 10 And even he that is valiant, whose heart is as the heart of a lion, will utterly melt; for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they are chafed in their minds, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field; and thy father is a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. 11 But I counsel that all Israel be gathered together unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, as the sand that is by the sea for multitude; and thou go to battle in thine own person. 12 So shall we come upon him in some place where he shall be found, and we will light upon him as the dew falleth on the ground; and of him and of all the men that are with him we will not leave so much as one. 13 Moreover, if he be gotten into a city, then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we will draw it into the river, until there be not one small stone found

140 Or, skin
141 Hb. Young men’s village,
142 That is, We are not likeminded. And so elsewhere.
143 So Massoretic. Or, When he curseth, and when etc. Sept., Aram., Vg. read So let him curse, because
144 Sopherim changed this to Jehovah will look on the wrong done unto me,
145 Hb. over against him,
146 Or, to Ayephim;
147 Hb. d’býr, meaning, word or, place of the word.
148 Hb. bitter of soul,
149 Or, that thy presence (Hb. face) go to the battle.
150 Or, withdraw himself into a city,
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 Jehovah had ordained to defeat the good counsel of Ahithophel, to the intent that Jehovah might bring evil upon Absalom.)

15 Then said Hushai unto 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 Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, Lodge not this night at the Ford of the wilderness, but by all means pass over; lest the king be swallowed up, and all the people that are with him. 17 152 Now Jonathan and Ahimaaz were staying by En-rogel; and a maid-servant used to go and tell them; and they went and told king David: for they might not be seen to come into the city. 18 But a lad saw them, and told Absalom: and they went both of them away quickly, and came to the house of a man in Bahurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down thither. 19 And the woman took and spread the covering over the well’s mouth, and strewed bruised grain thereon; and nothing was known. 20 And Absalom’s servants came to the woman to the house; and they said, Where are Ahimaaz and Jonathan? And the woman said unto 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 were departed, that they came up out of the well, and went and told king David; and they said unto David, Arise ye, and pass quickly over the water; for thus hath Ahithophel counselled against you. 22 Then David arose, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over the Jordan: by the morning light there lacked not one of them that was not gone over the Jordan. 23 And when Ahithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled his ass, and arose, and gat him home, unto his city, and set his house in order, and hanged himself; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchre 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 set Amasa over the host instead of Joab. Now Amasa was the son of a man of Ammihud of Lo-debar, and Bar-zillai the Gileadite of Rogelim, 26 brought beds, and beds, and earthen vessels, and wheat, and barley, and meal, and parched grain, and beans, and lentils, and parched pulse, and honey, and butter, and sheep, and cheese of the herd, for David, and for the people that were with him, to eat: for they said, The people are hungry, and weary, and thirsty, in the wilderness.

18 And David numbered the people that were with him, and set captains of thousands and captains of hundreds over them. 2 And David sent forth the people, a third part 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 unto the people, I will surely go forth with you myself also. 3 But the people said, Thou shalt 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: 156 but thou art worth ten thousand of us; therefore now it is better that thou be ready to succor us out of the city. 4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth you best I will do. And the king stood by the gate-side, and all the people went 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, even 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 forest of Ephraim. 7 And the people of Israel were smitten there before the servants of David, and there was a great slaughter there that day of twenty thousand men. 8 For the battle was there spread over the face of all the country; and the forest devoured more people that day than the sword devoured.

9 And Absalom chanced to meet the servants of David. And Absalom was riding upon his mule, and the mule went under the thick bushes of a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, and he was taken up between heaven and earth; and the mule that was under him went on. 10 And a certain man saw it, and told Joab, and said, Behold, I saw Absalom hanging in an oak. 11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, And, behold, thou sawest it, and why didst thou not smite him there to the ground? and I would have given thee ten pieces of silver, and a girdle. 12 And the man said unto Joab, Though I should receive a thousand pieces of silver in my hand, yet would I not put forth my hand against the king’s son: for in our hearing the king charged thee and Abishai and Ittai, saying, Beware that none touch the young man Absalom. 13 Otherwise if I had dealt falsely against his soul (and there is no matter hid from the king), then thou wouldest have set thyself against me. 14 Then said Joab, I may not tarry thus with thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust them through the heart of Absalom, while he was yet alive in the midst of the oak. 15 And ten young men that bare Joab’s armor compassed about and smote Absalom, and slew him.

16 And Joab blew the trumpet, and the people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab held back the people.
17 And they took Absalom, and cast him into the great pit in the forest, and raised over him a very great heap of stones: and all Israel fled every one to his tent. 18 Now Absalom in his lifetime had taken and reared up for himself the pillar, which is in the king’s dale; 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 Absalom’s monument, unto this day.

19 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok, Let me now run, and bear the king tidings, how that Jehovah hath avenged thee to his enemies. 20 And Joab said unto him, Thou shalt not be the bearer of tidings this day: but thou shalt bear tidings another day; but this day thou shalt bear no tidings, because the king’s son is dead. 21 Then said Joab to the Cushite, Go, tell the king what thou hast seen. And the Cushite bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Ahimaaz the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, But come what may, let me pray thee, also run after the Cushite. And Joab said, Wherfore wilt thou run, my son, seeing that thou hast no reward for the tidings? 23 But come what may, said he, I will run. And he said unto him, Run. Then Ahimaaz ran by the way of the Plain, and outran the Cushite.

24 Now David was sitting between the two gates: and the watchman went up to the roof of the gate unto 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 be alone, there is tidings in his mouth. And he came apace, and drew near. 26 And the watchman saw another man running; and the watchman called unto the porter, and said, Behold, another running alone. And the king said, He also bringeth tidings. 27 And the watchman said, I think the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings.

28 And Ahimaaz called, and said unto the king, All is well. And he bowed himself before the king with his face to the earth, and said, Blessed be Jehovah thy God, who hath delivered up the men that lifted up their hand against my lord the king. 29 And the king said, Is it well with the young man Absalom? And Ahimaaz answered, When Joab sent the king’s servant, even me thy servant, I saw a great tumult, but I knew not what it was. 30 And the king said, Turn aside, and stand here. And he turned aside, and stood still.

31 And, behold, the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, Tidings for my lord the king; for Jehovah hath avenged thee this day of all them that rose up against thee. 32 And the king said unto the Cushite, Is it well with the young man Absalom? 33 And the Cushite answered, The enemies of my lord the king, and all that rise up against thee to do thee hurt, be as that young man is. 34 And the king was much moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept: and as he wept, thus he said, O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!

19 And it was told Joab, Behold, the king weepeth and mourneth for Absalom. 2 And the victory that day was turned into mourning unto all the people: for the people heard say that day, The king grieveth for his son. 3 And the people gat them by stealth that day into the city, as people that are ashamed steal away when they flee in battle. 4 And the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Absalom, O Absalom, my son, my son! 5 And Joab came into the house to the king, and said, Thou hast shamed this day the faces of all thy servants, who this day have saved thy soul, and the souls of thy sons and of thy daughters, and the souls of thy wives, and the souls of thy concubines; 6 in that thou lovest them that hate thee, and hastest them that love thee. For thou hast declared this day, that princes and servants are nought unto thee: for this day I perceive, that if Absalom had lived, and all we had died this day, then it had pleased thee well. 7 Now therefore arise, go forth, and speak comfortably unto thy servants; for I swear by Jehovah, if thou go not forth, there will not tarry a man with thee this night: and that will be worse unto thee than all the evil that hath befallen thee from thy youth until now. 8 Then the king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told unto all the people, saying, Behold, the king is sitting in the gate: and all the people came before the king.

Now Israel had fled every man to his tent. 9 And all the people were at strife throughout all the tribes of Israel, saying, The king delivered us out of the hand of our enemies, and he saved us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is fled out of the land from Absalom. 10 And Absalom, whom we anointed over us, is dead in battle. Now therefore why speak ye not a word of bringing the king back?

11 And king David sent to Zadok and to Abiathar the priests, saying, Speak unto the elders of Judah, saying, Why are ye the last to bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech of all Israel is come to the king, to bring him to his house. 12 Ye are my brethren, ye are my bone and my flesh: wherefore then are ye the last to bring back the king? 13 And say ye to Amasa, Art thou not my bone and my flesh? God do so to me, and more also, if thou be not captain of the host before me continually in place of Joab. 14 And he bowed the heart of all the men of Judah, even as the heart of one man; so that they sent unto the king, saying, Return thou, and all thy servants. 15 So the king returned, and came to the Jordan. And Judah came to Gilgal, to go to meet the king, to bring the king over the Jordan.

16 And Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was of Bahurim, hasted and came down with the men of Judah to meet king David. 17 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 through the Jordan in the presence of the king. 18 And there went over a ferry-boat to bring over the king’s house-
hold, and to do what he thought good. And Shimei the son of Gera fell down before the king, when he was come over the Jordan. 19 And he said unto the king, Let not my lord impute iniquity unto me, neither do thou remember that which thy servant did perversely the day that my lord the king went out of Jerusalem, that the king should take it to his heart. 20 For thy servant doth know that I have sinned: therefore, behold, I am come this day the first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet my lord the king.

21 But Abishai the son of Zeruiah answered and said, Shall not Shimei be put to death for this, because he cursed Jehovah’s anointed? 22 And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons of Zeruiah, that ye should this day be adversaries unto 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? 23 And the king said unto Shimei, Thou shalt not die. And the king sware unto him.

24 And Mephibosheth the son of Saul came down to meet the king; and he had neither dressed his feet, nor trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the day the king departed until the day he came home in peace. 25 And it came to pass, 174 when he was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the king said unto him, Wherefore wentest not thou with me, Mephibosheth? 26 And he answered, My lord, O king, my servant deceived me: for thy servant said, I will saddle me an ass, that I may ride thereon, and go 175 with the king; because thy servant is lame. 27 And he hath slandered thy servant unto my lord the king; but my lord the king is as 176 an angel of God: do therefore what is good in thine eyes. 28 For all my father’s house were but 177 dead men before my lord the king; yet didst thou set thy servant among them that did eat at thine own table. What right therefore have I yet that I should cry any more unto the king? 29 And the king said unto him, Why speakest thou any more of thy matters? I say, Thou and Ziba divide the land.

30 And Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yes, let him take all, forasmuch as my lord the king is come in peace unto his own house.

31 And Barzillai the Gileadite came down from Rogelim; and he went over the Jordan with the king, to conduct him over the Jordan. 32 Now Barzillai was a very aged man, even eighty years old: and he had provided the king with sustenance while he lay at Mahanaim; for he was a very great man. 33 And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with me, and I will sustain thee with me in Jerusalem. 34 And Barzillai said unto the king, How many are the days of the years of my life, that I should go up with the king unto Jerusalem? 35 I am this day eighty years old: can I discern between good and bad? can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? can I hear any more the voice of singing men and singing women? wherefore then should thy servant be yet a burden unto my lord the king? 36 Thy servant would but just go over the Jordan with the king: and why should the king recompense it me with such a reward? 37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, turn back again, that I may die in mine own city, by the grave of my father and my mother. But behold, thy servant Chimham; let him go over with my lord the king; and do to him what shall seem good unto thee. 38 And the king answered, Chimham shall go over with me, and I will do for him that which shall seem good unto thee; and whatsoever thou shalt 173 require of me, that will I do for thee. 39 And all the people went over the Jordan, and the king went over: and the king kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned unto his own place.

40 So the king went over to Gilgal, and Chimham went over with him: and all the people of Judah brought the king over, and also half the people of Israel. 41 And, behold, all the men of Israel came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and brought the king, and his household, over the Jordan, and all David’s men with him? 42 And all the men of Judah answered the men of Israel, Because the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then are ye angry for this matter? have we eaten at all at the king’s cost? or hath he given us any gift? 43 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 ye: why then did ye despise us, that our advice should not be first had in bringing back our king? And the words of the men of Judah were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

4 And there happened to be there a man of worthless, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew the trumpet, and said, We have no portion in David, neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tent. 2 So all the men of Israel went up from following David, and followed Sheba the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah clave unto their king, from the Jordan even 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 in ward, and provided them with sustenance, but went not in unto them. So they were shut up unto the day of their death, living in widowhood.

4 Then said the king to Amasa, Call me the men of Judah together within three days, and be thou here present. 5 So Amasa went to call the men of Judah together; but he tarried longer than the set time which he had appointed him. 6 And David said to Abishai, Now will Sheba the son of Bichri do us more harm than did Absalom: take thou thy lord’s servants, and pursue after him, lest he get him fortified cities, and escape out of our sight. 7 And there went out after him Joab’s men, and 180 the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men; and they went out of Jerusalem to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri. 8 When they were at the great stone which is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. And Joab was girded with his apparel of war that he had put on, and thereon was a girdle with a sword fastened upon his loins in the sheath thereof; and as he went forth it fell out. 9 And

171 Or, would go over the Jordan.
172 Or, when Jerusalem was come to meet the king,
173 Some Massoretic mss. alone read to the king;
174 Or, the angel of God;
175 Hb. men of death before my lord the king;
176 Hb. choose to lay upon me,
177 Or, and were we not the first to speak of bringing back our king? (Lit. … my king)
178 That is, well-practiced in the ways of worthlessness,
179 Sopheraim changed gods (ebelim) to tents (ohelim).
180 Hb. in widowhood of life.
181 Likely, the elite palace guard and the couriers, And so elsewhere.
Joab said to Amasa, Is it well with thee, my brother? And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him. 10 But Amasa took no heed to the sword that was in Joab’s other hand: so he smote him therewith in the body, and shed out his bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and he died.

And Joab and Abishai his brother pursued after Sheba the son of Bichri. 11 And there stood by him one of Joab’s young men, and said, He that favoreth Joab, and he that is for David, let him follow Joab. 12 And Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that all the people stood still, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the field, and cast a garment over him, when he saw that everyone that came by him stood still. 13 Then he was removed out of the highway, all the men went on after Joab, to pursue after Sheba the son of Bichri.

14 And he went through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel, and to Beth-maacah, 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-maacah, and they cast up a mound against the city, and it stood against the rampart; and all the people that were with Joab 182battered the wall, to throw it down. 16 Then cried a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear; say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near hither, that I may speak with thee. 17 And he came near unto her; and the woman said, Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thy handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. 18 Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter. 19 I am of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seestest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of Jehovah? 20 And Joab answered and said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should swallow up or destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel?

Then she spake, saying, Art thou Joab? And he answered, I am. Then she said unto him, Hear the words of thy handmaid. And he answered, I do hear. 18 Then she spake, saying, They were wont to speak in old time, saying, They shall surely ask counsel at Abel: and so they ended the matter. 19 I am of them that are peaceable and faithful in Israel: thou seestest to destroy a city and a mother in Israel: why wilt thou swallow up the inheritance of Jehovah? 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 the hill-country of Ephraim, Sheba the son of Bichri by name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, even against David; deliver him only, and I will depart from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, his head shall be thrown to thee over the wall. 22 Then the woman went unto 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 the trumpet, and they dispersed from the city, every man to his tent. 23 And Joab returned to Jerusalem unto the king.

21 Now Joab was over all the host of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the Cherethites and over the Pelethites; 24 and Adoram was over the men subject to taskwork; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder; 25 And Sheva was scribe; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; 26 and also Ira the Jairite was chief minister unto David.

And there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David sought the face of Jehovah. And Jehovah said, It is for Saul, and for his bloody house, because he put to death the Gibeonites. 2 And the king called the Gibeonites, and said unto them (now the Gibeonites were not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Amorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them: and Saul sought to slay them in his zeal for the children of Israel and Judah); 3 and David said unto the Gibeonites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make atonement, that ye may bless the inheritance of Jehovah? 4 And the Gibeonites said unto him, It is no matter of silver or gold between us and Saul, or his house; 187 neither is it for us to put any man to death in Israel. And he said, What ye shall say, that will I do for you. 5 And they said unto the king, The man that consumeth us, and that deviseth against us, 188 that we should be destroyed from remaining in any of the borders of Israel, 6 let seven men of his sons be delivered unto us, and we will hang them up unto Jehovah in Gibeah of Saul, the chosen of Jehovah. And the king said, I will give them.

7 But the king spared Mephibosheth, the son of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of Jehovah’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 Aiah, whom she bare unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth: and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom she bare to Adriel the son of Barzillai the Meholathite: 9 and he delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites, and they hanged them in the mountain before Jehovah, and they fell all seven together. And they were put to death in the days of harvest, in the first days, at the beginning of barley harvest.

10 And Rizpah the daughter of Aiah took sackcloth, and spread it for her upon the rock, from the beginning of harvest until water was poured upon them from heaven; and she suffered neither the birds of the heavens 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 Aiah, 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 191street of Beth-shan, where the Philistines had hanged them, in the day that the Philistines slew Saul in Gilboa; 13 and he brought up from thence the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son: and they gathered the bones of them that were hanged. 14 And they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin in Zela, in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king commanded. And after that God was entreated for the land.

15 And the Philistines had war again with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines. And David waxed faint; 16 and Ishbi-benob, who was of the sons of the 192giant, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of copper in weight, he being

182 Or, undermined the wall,
183 So Hb reads. Cf. Carians. See 2Ki 11.4. Lamsa says, freedmen ... laborers;
184 Or, chronicler;
185 Or, secretary;
186 Or, priest unto David. See 1Chr 18:17.
187 Or, neither for us shalt thou put any man to death in Israel.
188 Or, so that we have been destroyed from
189 In 1Sa 18:19, Merab. Cf. ch. 6:23.
190 Usually late March, around the Feast of Passover.
191 Or, broad place of Beth-shan,
192 Hb. Raphah. And in vss. 18, 20, and 22.
193 About 3.5 kg (7.6 pounds).
And David spake unto Jehovah the words of this song in the day that Jehovah delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies, and out of the hand of Saul: 2 and he said, Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer, even mine; 3 God, my rock, in him will I take refuge; My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge; My saviour, thou savest me from violence.

I will call upon Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised: So shall I be saved from mine enemies. For the waves of death compassed me; The floods of worthlessness made me afraid: The cords of Sheol were round about me; The snares of death came upon me. In my distress I called upon Jehovah; Yes, I called unto my God: And he heard my voice out of his temple, And my cry came into his ears. Then the earth shook and trembled, The foundations of the heavens quaked And were shaken, because he was wroth. There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, And fire out of his mouth devoured: Coals were kindled by it. He bowed the heavens also, and came down; And thick darkness was under his feet. And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; Yes, he was seen upon the wings of the wind. And he made darkness booths round about him, Gathering of waters, thick clouds of the skies. At the brightness before him Coals of fire were kindled.

14 Jehovah thundered from heaven, And the Most High uttered his voice. And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; Lightning, and discomfited them. Then the channels of the sea appeared, The foundations of the world were laid bare, By the rebuke of Jehovah, At the blast of his breath of his nostrils. He sent from on high, he took me; He drew me out of many waters; He delivered me from my strong enemy, From them that hated me; for they were too mighty for me. They came upon me in the day of my calamity; But Jehovah was my stay. He brought me forth also into a large place; He delivered me, because he delighted in me. Jehovah rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me. For I have kept the ways of Jehovah, And have not wickedly departed from my God. For all his ordinances were before me; And as for his statutes, I did not depart from them. I was also perfect toward him; And I kept myself from mine iniquity. Therefore hath Jehovah recompensed me according to my righteousness, According to my cleanness in his eyesight. With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful; With the perfect man thou wilt show thyself perfect; With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; And with the perverse thou wilt show thyself reward. And the afflicted people thou wilt save; But thine eyes are upon the haughty, that thou mayest bring them down. For thou art my lamp, O Jehovah; And Jehovah will lighten my darkness. For by thee I run upon a troop; By my God do I leap over a wall. As for God, his way is perfect: The word of Jehovah is tried; He is a shield unto all them that take refuge in him. For who is God, save Jehovah? And who is a rock, save our God? God is my strong fortress; And he guideth my way in perfectness.

194 In 1Chr 20:4, at Gezer: Aram. reads of mighty men: 1QSam alone reads of mighty men: 195 In 1Chr 20:4, Sippai, 196 In 1Chr 20:5, the brother of Goliath the Gittite, 197 Or, reproached 198 In 1Sa 16:9, Shammah, In 1Chr 2:13; 20:7, Shimea 199 Hb. Belial, that is, worthlessness 200 Or, in his wrath, 201 Or, great waters; 202 So Ps 18:26. The text reads unsavory. 203 Or, whom thou wilt bring down. 204 Or, through 205 So Hb, versions. Most Hb, read guideth the perfect in his way. or, setteth free the perfect.
Now these are the last words of David.

David the son of Jesse saith,
And the man who was raised on high saith,
The anointed of the God of Jacob,
And the sweet psalmist of Israel:

The Spirit of Jehovah spake by me,
And his word was upon my tongue.
The God of Israel said,
The Rock of Israel spake to me:

One that ruleth over men rightly,
That ruleth in the awe of God.
He shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, A morning without clouds,
When the tender grass springeth out of the earth, Through clear shining after rain.

Truly my house is not so with God;
Yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant,
Ordered in all things, and sure:
For it is all my salvation, and all my desire,
Although he maketh it not to grow.

But the worthless shall be all of them as thorns to be thrust away, Because they cannot be taken with the hand;
But the man that toucheth them Must be armed with iron and the staff of a spear:
And they shall be utterly burned with fire in their place.

These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the three captains; the same was called Adino the Eznite, against whom eighty thousand slain at one time.

And after him was Eleazar the son of Dodai the son of an 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. He arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand clave unto the sword; and Jehovah wrought a great victory that day; and the people returned after him only to take spoil.

And after him was Shammah the son of Agee a Hararite. And the Philistines were gathered together into a troop, where was a plot of ground full of lentils; and the people fled from the Philistines. But he stood in the midst of the plot, and defended it, and slew the Philistines; and Jehovah wrought a great victory.

And three of the thirty chief men went down, and came to David in the harvest time unto the cave of Adullam; and
the troop of the Philistines was encamped in the valley of Rephaim. 14 And David was then in the stronghold; and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. 15 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate! 16 And the three mighty men brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was at the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but he would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto Jehovah. 17 And he said, Be it far from me, O Jehovah, that I should do this: shall I drink the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their souls: therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of the three. And he lifted up his spear against three hundred and slew them, and had a name among the three. 19 Was he not most honorable of the three? therefore he was the captain: howbeit he attained not unto the first three.

20 And Benaiah the son of Jehoada, the son of 227a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two sons of Ariel of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 21 And he slew an Egyptian man, a goodly man: and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian’s hand, and slew him with his own spear. 22 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoada, and had a name among the three mighty men. 23 He was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three. And David set him over his guard.

24 Asaiah the brother of Joab was one of the thirty; Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lehem, 25 Shammah the Harodite, Elikah 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 the Netophathite, Ittai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, 30 Benaiah the Pirathonite, Hiddai of the brooks of Gaash, 31 Abi-albon the Arbahite, Azmaveth the Barhumite, 32 Eliahu the Shaalbonite, 33 Ira the son of Jashen, Jonathan, 34 Shamma the Hararite, Ahiam the son of Sharar the Ararite, 35 Eliphelet the son of Ahasbai, the son of the Maacathite, Eliah the son of Ahithophel the Gilonite, 36 Hezro the Carmelite, Paarai the Arbite, 37 Igali the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, 38 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Beerothite, 39 Armbringers to Joab the son of Zeruiah, 40 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 41 Uriah the Hittite: thirty-seven in all.

24 And again the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel, and he moved David against them, saying, Go, number Israel and Judah. 2 And the king said to Joab the captain of the host, who was with him, Go now to and fro through all the tribes of Israel, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, and number ye the people, that I may know the sum of the people. 3 And Joab said unto the king, Now Jehovah thy God add unto the people, how many soever they may be, a hundredfold; and may the eyes of my lord the king see it: but why doth my lord the king delight in this thing? 4 Notwithstanding, the king’s word prevailed against Joab, and against the captains of the host. And Joab and the captains of the host went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. 5 And they passed over the Jordan, and encamped in Arnon, on the right side of the city that is in the middle of the valley, 222f of Gad, and unto Jazer: 6 then they came to Gilead, and to the land of Tahtim-hodshi; and they came to Dan-jaan, and round about to Sidon, 7 and came to the stronghold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites, and of the Canaanites; and they went out to the south of Judah, at Beer-sheba. 8 So when they had gone to and fro through all the land, they came to Jerusalem at the end of nine months and twenty days. 9 And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto the king: and there were in Israel eight hundred thousand valiant men that drew the sword; and the men of Judah were five hundred thousand men.

10 And David’s heart smote him after that he had numbered the people. And David said unto Jehovah, I have sinned greatly in that which I have done: but now, O Jehovah, put me not to death, but lay upon thee seven years’ pestilence; and take away my son out of my house. 11 And when David rose up in the morning, the word of Jehovah came unto the prophet Gad, David’s seer, saying, 12 Go and speak unto David, Thus saith Jehovah, I will take one of thy sons: and David said, I am a liverly man. 13 So Gad came to David, and told him, and said unto him, Shall seven years of famine come unto thee in thy land? or wilt thou flee three months before thy foes while they pursue thee? or shall there be three days’ pestilence in thy land? now advise thee, and consider what answer I shall return to him that sent me. 14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of Jehovah; for his mercies are great; and let me not fall into the hand of man. 15 So Jehovah sent a pestilence upon Israel from the morning even to the time appointed; and there died of the people from Dan even to Beer-sheba seventy thousand men. 16 And when the angel stretched out his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, Jehovah repented him of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed the people, It is enough; now stay thy hand. And the angel of Jehovah was by the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. 17 And David spake unto Jehovah when he saw the angel that smote the people, and said, Lo, I have sinned, and I have done perversely; but these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father’s house.

225 Hb. with their lives:   
226 Hb. slain,  
227 Hb 
228 Or. council.  
229 Or. Hezrai  
230 Hb 
231 By implication, a military census, preparing for war.  
232 Or. toward Gad,  
233 Or. lay upon thee  
234 1 Chronicles 21:12 says three years of famine. Possibly gemel (גָּמֶל) might be mistaken for zayin (זַיִן), or vice-versa. The Septuagint says three years here, but the Vulgate and Aramaic do not. Or, add a sabbath year to the three years of famine (ch. 21:1), three years more makes seven years total (per Douay Bible footnote on 1Chronicles 21:12).  
235 Or. many;  
236 Or. Ornan  In 1Chr 21:15, Ornan.
18 And Gad came that day to David, and said unto him, Go up, rear an altar unto Jehovah in the threshing-floor of Araunah the Jebusite. 19 And David went up according to the saying of Gad, as Jehovah commanded. 20 And Araunah looked forth, and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Araunah went out, and bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 21 And Araunah said, Wherefore is my lord the king come to his servant? And David said, To buy the threshing-floor of thee, to build an altar unto Jehovah, that the plague may be stayed from the people. 22 And Araunah said unto David, Let my lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good unto him: behold, the oxen for the burnt-offering, and the threshing instruments and the yokes of the oxen for the wood: 23 all this, O king, doth Araunah give unto the king. And Araunah said unto the king, Jehovah thy God accept thee. 24 And the king said unto Araunah, No; but I will truly buy it of thee at a price; neither will I offer burnt-offerings unto Jehovah my God which cost me nothing. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And David built there an altar unto Jehovah, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings. So Jehovah was entreated for the land, and the plague was stayed from Israel.

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237 Or, passing over toward him:
238 Or, all this did Araunah the king give unto the king.
239 David bought also the land, for 600 shekels of gold. 1Chr 21:25. This land became the Temple Mount. The prices were 0.58 kg (1.3 pounds) of silver and 7 kg (15 pounds) of gold.
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Now king David was old and stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he gat no heat. 2 Wherefore his servants said unto him, Let there be sought for my lord the king a young virgin: and let her stand before the king, and cherish him; and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may get heat. 3 So they sought for a fair damsel throughout all the borders of Israel, and found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 And the damsel was very fair; and she cherished 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 prepared him chariots and horsemen, and fifty men to run before him. 6 And his father had not displeased him at any time in saying, Why hast thou done so? and he was also a very good man; and he was born after Absalom. 7 And he conferred with Joab the son of Zeruiah, and with Abiathar the priest: and they following Adonijah helped him. 8 But Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and Nathan the prophet, and Shimei, and Rei, and the mighty men that belonged to David, were not with Adonijah. 9 And Adonijah slew sheep and oxen and fatlings by the stone of Zoheleth, which is beside En-rogel; and he called all his brethren, 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 Then Nathan spake unto Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adonijah the son of Haggith doth reign, and David our lord knoweth it not? 12 Now therefore come, let me, I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thine own soul, and the soul of thy son Solomon. 13 Go and get thee in unto king David, and say unto him, Didst not thou, my lord, O king, swear unto me thy servant Solomon, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit upon the throne? 14 Behold, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 15 Then king David answered and said, Call to me Bath-sheba. And she came in before the king. 16 And he said,遂 s/p, ‘my lord the king, thou knowest it not;’ and he hath slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host; but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. 17 And thou, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 18 Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

19 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 20 And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 21 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king’s sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and say, Long live king Adonijah. 22 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. 23 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not showed unto thy servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

24 And king David said, Call to me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada. And they came before the king. 25 And the king sware, and said, As Jehovah liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 26 truly as I sware unto thee by Jehovah, the God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; truly so will I do this day. 27 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did obeisance to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

28 And king David said, Call to me Bath-sheba. And she came in the king’s presence, and stood before the king. 29 And the king sware, and said, As Jehovah liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 30 truly as I sware unto thee by Jehovah, the God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; truly so will I do this day. 31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did obeisance to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.

32 And king David said, Call to me Bath-sheba. And she came in the king’s presence, and stood before the king. 33 And the king said unto them, Take with you the servants of your lord, and cause Solomon my son to ride upon mine 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 ye the trumpet, and say, Long live king Solomon. 35 Then ye shall come up after him, and he shall come and sit upon my throne; for he shall be king in my stead; and I have appointed him to be my lord the king, knowest it not; 19 and he hath slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the sons of the king, and Abiathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the host; but Solomon thy servant hath he not called. 20 And thou, my lord the king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, that thou shouldest tell them who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it will come to pass, when my lord the king shall sleep with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon shall be counted offenders.

22 And, lo, while she yet talked with the king, Nathan the prophet came in. 23 And they told the king, saying, Behold, Nathan the prophet. And when he was come in before the king, he bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou not showed unto thy servant Solomon, that thou mayest save thine own soul, and the soul of thy son? 25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slain oxen and fatlings and sheep in abundance, and hath called all the king’s sons, and the captains of the host, and Abiathar the priest; and, behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and say, Long live king Adonijah. 26 But me, even me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and thy servant Solomon, hath he not called. 27 Is this thing done by my lord the king, and thou hast not showed unto thy servants who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him?

28 Then king David answered and said, Call to me Bath-sheba. And she came in the king’s presence, and stood before the king. 29 And the king sware, and said, As Jehovah liveth, who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 30 truly as I sware unto thee by Jehovah, the God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne in my stead; truly so will I do this day. 31 Then Bath-sheba bowed with her face to the earth, and did obeisance to the king, and said, Let my lord king David live for ever.
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10 prince over Israel and over Judah. 36 And Benaiah the son of Jehoiada answered the king, and said, Amen: Jehovah, the God of my lord the king, say so too. 37 As Jehovah hath been with my lord the king, even so he be with Solomon, and make his throne greater than the throne of my lord king David.

38 So Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, went down, and caused Solomon to ride upon king David’s mule, and brought him to Gihon. 39 And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the Tent, and anointed Solomon. And they blew the trumpet; 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 rent with the sound of them.

41 And Adonijah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had made an end of eating. And when Joab heard the sound of the trumpet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city being in an uproar? 42 While he yet spake, behold, Jonathan the son of Abiahaar the priest came: and Adonijah said, Come in; for thou art a worthy man, and bringest good tidings. 43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adonijah, Truly our lord king David hath made Solomon king: 44 and the king hath 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 caused him to ride upon the king’s mule; 45 and Zadok the priest and Nathan the prophet have anointed him king in Gihon; and they are come up from thence rejoicing, so that the city rang again. This is the noise that ye have heard. 46 And also Solomon sitteth on the throne of the kingdom. 47 And moreover the king’s servants came to bless our lord king David, saying, 12 Thy God make the name of Solomon better than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne: and the king bowed himself upon the bed. 48 And also thus said the king, Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, who hath given one to sit on my throne this day, mine eyes even seeing it.

49 And all the guests of Adonijah were afraid, and rose up, and went every man his way. 50 And Adonijah feared because of Solomon; and he arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 51 And it was told Solomon, saying, Behold, Adonijah feareth king Solomon; for, lo, he hath laid hold on the horns of the altar, saying, Let king Solomon swear unto me, first that he will not slay his servant with the sword. 52 And Solomon said, If he shall show himself a worthy man, there shall not a hair of him fall to the earth; but if wickedness be found in him, he shall die. 53 So king Solomon sent, and they brought him down from the altar. And he came and did obeisance to king Solomon; and Solomon said unto him, Go to thy house.

2 Now the days of David drew nigh that he should die; and he charged Solomon his son, saying, 1 I am going the way of all the earth: be thou strong therefore, and show thyself a man; 2 and keep the charge of Jehovah thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, and his commandments, and his ordinances, and his testimonies, according to that which is written in the law of Moses, that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest, and whithersoever thou turnest thyself; 4 that Jehovah may establish his word which he spake concerning me, saying, If thy 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 thee (said he) a man on the throne of Israel.

5 Moreover thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did unto me, even what he did to the two captains of the hosts of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto Amasa the son of Jether, whom he slew, and 13 shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and in his shoes that were on his feet. 6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoar head go down to Sheol in peace. 7 But show kindness unto the sons of Barzillai the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table; for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom thy brother.

8 And, behold, there is with thee Shimei the son of Gera, the Benjaminite, 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 swear to him by Jehovah, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. 9 Now therefore hold him not guiltless, for thou art a wise man; and thou wilt know what thou owesth to do unto him, and thou shalt bring his hoar head 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 reigned he in Hebron, and thirty-three years reigned he in Jerusalem. 12 And Solomon sat upon the throne of David his father; and his kingdom was established greatly.

13 Then Adonijah the son of Haggith came to Bath-sheba the mother of Solomon. And she said, Comest thou peacefully? And he said, Peaceably. 14 He said moreover, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And she said, Say on. 15 And he said, Thou knowest also what Joab the son of Zeruiah did to me, and what Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother; 16 and all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the son of Abiathar the priest came: and moreover thou knowest what Joab the Gileadite, and let them be of those that eat at thy table; for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom thy brother.

17 Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set for the king’s mother; and she sat upon it. 18 And the days that David reigned over Israel were thirty-three years reigned he in Jerusalem. 19 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, Ask, my mother; for I will not deny thee. 20 And she said unto him, Say on. 21 And he said, Thou knowest that mine was the kingdom, and that all Israel set their faces on me, that I should reign: howbeit the kingdom is turned about, and is become my brother’s; for it was his from Jehovah. 22 And now I ask one petition of thee; 23 deny me not. And she said unto him, Say on. 17 And he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king (for he will not say thee no), that he give me Abishag the Shunammite to wife. 24 And Bath-sheba said, Well; I will speak for thee unto the king.

25 Bath-sheba therefore went unto king Solomon, to speak unto him for Adonijah. And the king rose up to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and sat down on his throne, and caused a throne to be set for the king’s mother; and she sat on his right hand. 26 Then she said, I ask one small petition of thee; deny me not. And the king said unto her, Ask on, my mother; for I will not deny thee. 27 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite be given to Adonijah thy brother to wife. 28 And king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, 29 for so they came to me when I fled from Absalom thy brother.

10 Or, leader
11 Likely, the elite palace guard and the couriers. And so elsewhere. Compare 2Sa 20:7, 23.
12 Hb omits Thy
13 Hb. today
14 Or, do wisely in all that thou doest,
15 Hb. set
16 The enumeration does not distinguish the month of accession or the month of demise, but the number of New Years days that were crossed. Cf. 2Sa 5:5.
17 Hb. turn not away my face. Also in vs. 20.
mother. And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for Adonijah? ask for him the kingdom also; for he is mine elder brother; even for him, and for Abiathar the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruiah. 23 Then king Solomon spake by Jehovah, saying, God do so to me, and more also, if Adonijah hath not spoken this word against his own soul. 24 Now therefore as Jehovah liveth, who hath established me, and set me on the throne of David my father, and who hath made me a house, as he promised, surely Adonijah shall be put to death this day. 25 And king Solomon sent by Benaiah the son of Jehoiada; and he fell upon him, so that he died.

26 And unto Abiathar the priest said the king, Get thee to Anathoth, unto thine own fields; for thou art worthy of death: but I will not at this time put thee to death, because thou barest the ark of Jehovah, and broughtest it to thine own fields, for thou art mighty in thine heart with Jehovah. And king Solomon sent by Benaiah the son of Jehoiada in his stead over the host; and Zadok the priest did the king put in the stead of Abiathar. 28 And the tidings came to Joab; for Joab had turned after Adonijah, though he turned not after Absalom. And Joab fled unto the Tent of Jehovah, and caught hold on the horns of the altar. 29 And it was told king Solomon, Joab is fled unto the Tent of Jehovah, and, behold, he is by the altar. Then Solomon sent Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, saying, Go, fall upon him. 30 And Benaiah came unto the Tent of Jehovah, and said unto him, Thus saith the king, Come forth. And he said, No; but I will die here. And Benaiah brought the king word again, saying, Thus said Joab, and thus he answered me. 31 And the king said unto him, Do as he hath said, and fall upon him, and bury him; that thou mayest take away thine head, because he fell upon two men more righteous and better than he, and slew them with the sword, and my father David died for it. 32 And the king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wicked thing which Joab shed without cause, from me and from my father's house. Therefore I will surely return thy wickedness upon thine own head. 33 But the king said, Thou hast showed unto this thy servant understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern the right way between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy people? 34 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the commandment that I have charged thee with? 35 The king said moreover to Shimei, Thou knowest all the wickedness which thy heart is privy to, that thou didst to David my father: therefore Jehovah shall return thy wickedness upon thine own head. 36 But king Solomon shall be blessed, and the throne of David shall be established before Jehovah for ever. 37 And Solomon loved Jehovah, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

3 And Solomon made affinity with Pharaoh king of Egypt, and took Pharaoh's daughter, and brought her into the city of David, until he had made an end of building his own house, and the house of Jehovah, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. 2 Only the people sacrificed in the high places, because there was no house built for the name of Jehovah until those days. 3 And Solomon loved Jehovah, walking in the statutes of David his father: only he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 And the king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there; for that was the great high place: a thousand burnt-offerings did Solomon offer upon that altar. 5 In Gibeon Jehovah appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. 6 And Solomon said, Thou hast showed unto thy servant David my father great lovingkindness, according as he walked before thee in truth, and in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart with thee; and thou hast kept for him this great lovingkindness, that thou hast given him a son to sit on his throne, as it is this day. 7 And now, O Jehovah my God, thou hast made thy 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 thy servant is in the midst of thy people which thou hast chosen, a great people, that cannot be numbered nor counted for multitude. 9 Give thy servant therefore an understanding heart to judge thy people, that I may discern between good and evil; for who is able to judge this thy great people?

10 And the speech pleased Jehovah, that Solomon had asked this thing. 11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life, neither hast asked riches for thyself, nor hast asked the soul of thine enemies, but hast asked for thyself understanding to discern justice; 12 behold, I have done according to thy word: lo, I have given thee a wise and an understanding heart; so that there hath been none like thee before thee, neither after

18 Hb. a man of death: 19 |Sa 2:27-36. 20 Or, for time without predetermined limit from 21 Vs. 38. 22 Hb. hearing Also in vs. 12. 23 Hb. heavy 24 Sopherim changed to the Lord, Also in vs. 15. 25 Hb. many days,
thee shall any arise like unto thee. 13 And I have also given thee that which thou hast not asked, both riches and honor, so that there shall not be any among the kings like unto thee, all thy days. 14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as thy father David did walk, then I will lengthen thy days. 15 And Solomon awoke, and beheld, it was a dream: and he came to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and offered up burnt-offerings, and offered peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his servants.

16 Then there came two women that were harlots, unto the king, and stood before him. 17 And the one woman said, Oh, my lord, I and this woman dwell in one house; and I was delivered of a child with her in the house. 18 And it came to pass the third day after I was delivered, that this woman was delivered also; and we were together; there was no stranger with us in the house, save we two in the house. 19 And this woman’s child died in the night, because she lay upon it. 20 And she arose at midnight, and took my son from beside me, while thy handmaid slept, and laid it in her bosom, and laid her dead child in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to give my child suck, behold, it was dead; but when I had looked at it in the morning, behold, it was not my son, whom I did bear. 22 And the other woman said, No; but the living is thy son, and the dead is thy son. And this one said, No; but the dead is thy son, and the living is my son. Thus they spake before the king.

23 Then said the king, The one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is the dead: and the other saith, No; but thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Fetch 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 the one, and half to the other. 26 Then spake the woman whose the living child was unto the king, for her heart yearned over her son, and she said, Oh, my lord, give her the living child, and in no wise slay it. But the other said, It shall be neither mine nor thine; divide it. 27 Then the king answered and said, Give her the living child, and in no wise slay it: she is the mother thereof. 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 justice.

4 And king Solomon was king over all Israel. 2 And these were the princes whom he had: Azariah the son of Zadok, the priest; 3 Eliehoresh and Ahijah, the sons of Shisha, 28 scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud, the 29 recorder; 4 and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was over the host; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; 5 and Azariah the son of Nathan was over the officers; and Zabud the son of Nathan was chief minister, and the king’s friend; 6 and Ahishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of Abda was over the men subject to taskwork.

7 And Solomon had twelve officers over all Israel, who provided victuals for the king and his household: each man had to make provision for a month in the year. 8 And these are their names: Ben-hur, in the hill-country of Ephraim; 9 Ben-deker, in Makaz, and in Shaalbim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-hanan; 10 Ben-hesed, in Araboth (to him pertained Sochoh, and all the land of Hepher); 11 Ben-abinadab, in all 34 the height of Dor (he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon to wife); 12 Baana the son of Ahilud, in Taanach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean which is beside Zarethan, beneath Jezreel, from Beth-shean to Abel-meholah, as far as 35 beyond Jokneam; 13 Ben-geber, in Ramoth-gilead (to him pertained 36 the towns of Jair the son of Manasseh, which are in Gilead; even to him pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and brazen bars); 14 Ahinadab the son of Iddo, in Mahanaim; 15 Ahimaz, in Naphtali (he also took Basemath the daughter of Solomon to wife); 16 Baana the son of Hushai, in Asher and 39 Bealth; 17 Jehoshaphat the son of Paruah, in Issachar; 18 Shimei the son of Ela, in Benjamin; 19 Geber the son of Uri, in the land of Gilead, the country of Sihon king of the Amorites and of Og king of Bashan: 36 and he was the only officer that was in the land.

20 Judah and Israel were many as the sand which is by the sea in multitudes, eating and drinking and making merry. 21 And Solomon ruled over all the kingdoms from the River Euphrates unto the land of the Philistines, and unto the border of Egypt: they brought tribute, and served Solomon all the days of his life. 22 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 out of the pastures, and a hundred sheep, besides harts, and gazelles, and roebucks, and fat fowl. 24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side the River, from Taphsah even to Gaza, over all the kings on this side the River: and he had peace on all sides round about him. 25 And Judah and Israel dwelt safely, every man under his vine and under his fig-tree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba, all the days of Solomon. 26 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls of horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. 27 And those officers provided victuals for king Solomon, and for all that came unto king Solomon’s table, every man in his month; they let nothing be lacking. 28 Barley also and straw for the horses and swift steeds brought they unto the place where the officers were, every man according
to his charge.

29 And God gave Solomon wisdom and understanding exceeding much, and largeness of heart, even as the sand that is on the sea-shore. 30 And Solomon’s wisdom excelled the wisdom of all the children of the east, and all the wisdom of Egypt. 31 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 nations round about. 32 And he spake three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand five. 33 And he spake of trees, from the cedar that is in Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall: he spake also of beasts, and of birds, and of creeping things, and of fishes. 34 And there came of all peoples to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

5 And Hiram king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon: for he had heard that they had anointed him king instead of his father: for Hiram was ever a lover of David. 2 And Solomon sent to Hiram, saying, 3 Thou knowest how that David my father could not build a house for Jehovah his God for the war which was about him on every side, until Jehovah put them under the soles of his feet. 4 But now Jehovah my God hath given me rest on every side: there is neither adversary, nor evil occurrence. 5 And, behold, I purpose to build a house for the name of Jehovah my God, as Jehovah spake unto David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will set upon thy throne in thy stead, he shall build the house for my name. 6 Now therefore command thou that they cut me cedar-trees out of Lebanon; and my servants shall be with thy servants; and I will give thee hire for thy servants according to all that thou shalt say: for thou knowest that there is not among us any that knoweth how to cut timber like unto the Sidonians.

7 And it came to pass, when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he rejoiced greatly, and said, Blessed be Jehovah this day, who hath given unto David a wise son over this great people. 8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, saying, I have heard the message which thou hast sent unto me: I will do all thy desire concerning timber of cedar, and concerning timber of fir. 9 My servants shall bring them down from Lebanon unto the sea; and I will make them into rafts to go by sea unto the place that thou shalt appoint me, and will cause them to be broken up there, and thou shalt receive them; and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in giving food for my household. 10 So Hiram gave Solomon timber of cedar and timber of fir according to all his desire. 11 And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand measures of wheat for food to his household, and twenty four thousand measures of pure oil: thus gave Solomon to Hiram year by year. 12 And Jehovah gave Solomon wisdom, as he promised him; and there was peace between Hiram and Solomon; and they two made a league together.

13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. 14 And he sent them to Lebanon, ten thousand a month by courses; a month they were in Lebanon, and two months at home: and Adoniram was over the men subject to taskwork. 15 And Solomon had seventy thousand that bare burdens, and eighty thousand that were hewers in the mountains; 16 besides Solomon’s chief officers that were over the work, three thousand three hundred, that bare rule over the people that wrought in the work. 17 And the king commanded, and they hewed out great stones, costly stones, to lay the foundation of the house with wrought stone. 18 And Solomon’s builders and Hiram’s builders and the Gebalites did fashion them, and prepared the timbers and the stones to build the house.

6 And it came to pass in the four hundred eightieth year after the children of Israel were come 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 Jehovah. 2 And the house which king Solomon built for Jehovah, the length thereof was sixty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits. 3 And the porch before the temple of the house, twenty cubits was the length thereof according to the breadth of the house; and ten cubits was the breadth thereof before the house. 4 And for the house he made windows of fixed lattice-work. 5 And against the wall of the house he built stories round about, against the walls of the house round about, both of the temple and of the Word; and he made side-chambers round about. 6 The nethermost story was five cubits broad, and the middle was six cubits broad, and the third was seven cubits broad; for on the outside he made offsets in the wall of the house round about, that the beams should not have hold in the walls of the house. 7 And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready at the quarry; and there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building. 8 The door for the middle side-chambers was in the right side of the house: and they went up by winding stairs into the middle story, and out of the middle into the third. 9 So he built the house, and finished it; and he covered the house with beams and planks of cedar. 10 And he built the stones against all the house, each five cubits high: and they rested on the house with timbers of cedar.

11 And the word of Jehovah came to Solomon, saying,
Concerning this house which thou art building, if thou wilt walk in my statutes, and execute mine ordinances, and keep all my commandments to walk in them; then will I establish my word with thee, which I spake unto David thy father. 13 And I will dwell among the children of Israel, and will not forsake my people Israel.

14 So Solomon built the house, and finished it. 15 And he built the walls of the house within with boards of cedar: 59 from the floor of the house unto the walls of the ceiling, he covered them on the inside with wood; and he covered the floor of the house with boards of 60 fir. 16 And he built twenty cubits on the hinder parts of the house with boards of cedar from the floor unto the walls of the ceiling; he built them for it within, for a Word, even for the Most Holy. 17 And the house, that is, the temple before the Word, was forty cubits long. 18 And there was cedar on the house within, carved with 61 knops and open flowers: all was 62 cedar; there was no stone seen. 19 And he prepared a Word in the midst of the house within, to set there the ark of the covenant of Jehovah. 20 And within the Word was a space of twenty cubits in length, and twenty cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits in the height thereof; and he overlaid it with pure gold: 63 and he covered the altar with cedar. 21 So Solomon overlaid the house within with pure gold: and he drew chains of gold across before the Word; and he overlaid it with gold. 22 And the whole house he overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished: also the whole altar that belonged to the Word he overlaid with gold.

23 And in the Word he made two 64 cherubim of olive-wood, each ten cubits high. 24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: from the uttermost part of the wings unto the uttermost part of the other wings were ten cubits. 25 And the other cherub was ten cubits: both the cherubim were of one measure and one form.

26 The height of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so was it of the other cherub. 27 And he set the cherubim within the inner house; and the wings of the cherubim were stretched forth, so that the wing of the one touched the 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 the walls of the house round about with carved figures of cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers, within and without. 30 And the floor of the house he overlaid with gold, within and without. 31 And for the entrance of the Word he made doors of olive-wood: the 66 lintel and door-posts were a fifth part of the wall. 32 So he made two doors of olive-wood; and he carved upon them carvings of cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers, and overlaid them with gold; and he spread the gold upon the cherubim, and upon the palm-trees. 33 So also made he for the entrance of the temple door-posts of olive-wood, out of a fourth part of the wall; 34 and two doors of 67 fir-wood: the two leaves of the one door were folding, and the two leaves of the other door were folding. 35 And he carved thereon cherubim and palm-trees and open flowers; and he overlaid them with gold fitted upon the graven work. 36 And he built the inner court with three courses of hewn stone, and a course of cedar beams.

37 In the fourth year was the foundation of the house of Jehovah laid, in the month Ziv. 38 And in the eleventh year, in the month Bul, 68 which is the eighth month, was the house finished throughout all the parts thereof, and according to all the fashion of it. So was he seven years in building it.

7 And Solomon was building his own house thirteen years, and he finished all his house. 2 For he built the house of the forest of Lebanon; the length thereof was a hundred cubits, and the breadth thereof fifty cubits, and the height thereof thirty cubits, upon four rows of cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. 3 And it was covered with cedar above over the forty-five 69 beams, that were upon the pillars; fifteen in a row. 4 And there were 70 beams in three rows, and window was over against window in three ranks. 5 And all the doors and posts were made square with beams; and window was over against window in three ranks. 6 And he made the porch of pillars; the length thereof was fifty cubits, and the breadth thereof thirty cubits; and a porch before them; and pillars and a threshold before them. 7 And he made the porch of the throne where he was to judge, even the porch of judgment: and it was covered with cedar from floor to floor. 8 And his house where he was to dwell, the other court within the porch, was of the like work. He made also a house for Pharaoh’s daughter (whom Solomon had taken to wife), like unto this porch.

9 All these were of costly stones, even of hewn stone, according to measure, sawed with saws, within and without, even from the foundation unto the coping, and so on the outside unto the great court. 10 And the foundation was of costly stones, even great stones, stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. 11 And above were costly stones, even hewn stones, according to measure, and cedar-wood. 12 And the great court round about had three courses of hewn stone, and a course of cedar beams; 72 like as the inner court of the house of Jehovah, and the porch of the house.

13 And king Solomon sent and fetched 73 Hiram out of 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 copper; and he was filled with wisdom and understanding and skill, to work all works in copper. And he came to king Solomon,
and wrought all his work. 15 For he fashioned the two pillars of copper, 74 eighteen cubits high apiece: and a line of twelve cubits compassed 75 either of them about. 16 And he made two capitals of molten copper, to set upon the tops of the pillars: the height of the one capital was five cubits, and the height of the other capital was five cubits. 17 There were 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 So he made the pillars; and there were two rows round about upon the one network, to cover the capitals that were upon the top of the 76 pillars; and so did he for the other capital. 19 And the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars in the porch were of lily-work, four cubits. 20 And there were capitals above also upon the two pillars, close by the belly which was beside the network: and the pomegranates were two hundred, in rows round about upon the other capital. 21 And he set up the pillars at the porch of the temple: and he set up the right pillar, and called the name thereof 77 Jachin; and he set up the left pillar, and called the name thereof 78 Boaz. 22 And upon the top of the pillars was lily-work: so was the work of the pillars finished. 23 And he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass, and the height thereof was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits compassed it round about. 24 And under the brim of it round about there were knops which did compass it. 79 for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about: the knops were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 25 It stood upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the north, and three looking toward the south, and three looking toward the south; and the sea was set upon them above, and all their hinder parts were inward. 26 And it was a handbreadth thick; and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily: it held two thousand baths. 27 And he made the ten bases of copper; four cubits was the length of one base, and four cubits the breadth thereof, and three cubits the height of it. 28 And the work of the bases was on this manner: they had panels; 82 and there were panels between the ledges; 29 and on the panels that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and cherubim: and upon the ledges there was a pedestal above; and beneath the lions and oxen were wreaths of hanging work. 30 And every base had four wheels, and axles of copper; and the four feet thereof had 84 undersetters: beneath the laver were the undersetters molten, with wreaths at the side of each. 31 And the mouth of it within the capital and above was a cubit; and the mouth thereof was round after the work of a pedestal, a cubit and a half; and also upon the mouth of it were gravings, and their panels were foursquare, not round. 32 And the four wheels were underneath the panels; and the axletrees of the wheels were in the base: and the height of a wheel was a cubit and half a cubit. 33 And the work of the wheels was like the work of a chariot wheel: their axletrees, and their felloes, and their spokes, and their naves, were all molten. 34 And there were four undersetters at the four corners of each base: the undersetters thereof were of the base itself. 35 And in the top of the base was there a round compass half a cubit high; and on the top of the base the 85 stays thereof and the panels thereof were of the same. 36 And on the plates of the stays thereof, and on the panels thereof, he graved cherubim, lions, and palm-trees, according to the space of each, with wreaths round about. 37 After this manner he made the ten bases: all of them had one casting, one measure, and one form. 38 And he made ten lavers of copper: one laver contained forty baths; and every laver was four cubits; and upon every one of the ten bases one laver. 39 And he set the bases, five on the right 86 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, toward the south. 40 And 87 Hiram made the 88 lavers, and the shovels, and the basins. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he wrought for king Solomon in the house of Jehovah: 41 the two pillars, and the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; and the two networks to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were on the top of the pillars; 42 and the four hundred pomegranates for the two networks; two rows of pomegranates for each network, to cover the two bowls of the capitals that were upon the pillars; 43 and the ten bases, and the ten lavers on the bases; 44 and the one sea, and the twelve 89lavers, and the twelve pomegranates, because they were exceeding many: 45 the weight of the copper 85 could not be found out. 46 In the plain of the Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Sukkoth and Zarethan. 47 And Solomon left all the vessels unweighed, because they were exceeding many: the weight of the copper 85 could not be found out. 48 And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of Jehovah: the golden altar, and the table whereupon the showbread was, of gold; 49 and the lampstands, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the Word, of pure gold; and the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, of gold; 50 and the cups, and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the censers, of pure gold; and the hinges, both for the doors of the inner house, the Most Holy, and for the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple, of gold.

74 Hb. eighteen cubits was the height of one pillar: 75 Hb. the other pillar 76 So Aram. Massoretic reads pomegranates; 77 That is, He shall establish; 78 That is, perhaps. In it is strength. 79 Corresponding to a diameter of 9.55 cubits. Likely measuring the basin without the lip. 80 Or, ten in a cubit, 81 1 bath = 22 litres = 5.8 U.S. gallons. See R.B.Y. Scott, “Weights and Measures of the Bible;” The Biblical Archaeologist Reader 3; Garden City, N.Y.: Doubleday Anchor, 1970. p. 352. A cubit of ≥ 19 inches is implied, and a lip of 4 inches. 82 Or, even borders between the ledges; 83 Or, it was in like manner above; 84 Hb. shoulders And in vs. 34 (twice). 85 Hb. hands 86 Hb. shoulder 87 Hb. Hirom 88 4QKgs Sept. read pots, As also 2Chr 4:11. 89 Hb. upon the face of the pillars; 90 Hb 8xt (Aram.) reads, the vessels of the Tent, 91 Or, was not searched out. 92 Or, firepans, or, snuffdishes,
Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of the city of David, which is Zion. 2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast, 3in 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 Jehovah, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the tent; even these did the priests and the Levites bring up. 5 And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were with him before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. 6 And the priests brought up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah unto its place, into the Word of the house, to the Most Holy, even under the wings of the cherubim. 7 For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 8 And the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the Holy before the Word; but they were not seen without: and there they are unto this day. 9 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone which Moses put there at Horeb. 9When Jehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of the land of Egypt. 10 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the Holy, that the cloud filled the house of Jehovah, 11 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud; for the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah. 12 Then spake Solomon, Jehovah hath said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 13 I have surely built thee a house of habitation, a place for thee to dwell in for ever. 14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood. 15 And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, who spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, saying, Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my name might be there; 96 but I chose David to be over my people Israel. 17 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Jehovah, the God of Israel. 18 But Jehovah said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thy heart to build a house for my name, thou didst well that it was in thy heart: 19 nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name. 20 And Jehovah hath established his word that he spake; for I am risen up in the stead of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah promised, and have built the house for the name of Jehovah, the God of Israel. 21 And there have I set a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of Jehovah, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them out of the land of Egypt.

22 And Solomon stood before the altar of Jehovah in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward the heavens; 23 and he said, Jehovah, the God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in the heavens above, or on earth beneath; who keepeth covenant and lovingkindness 9with thy servants, that walk before thee with all their heart; 24 who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou didst promise him: yes, thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thy hand, as it is this day. 25 Now therefore, Jehovah, the God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, 9There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only thy children take heed to their way, to walk before me as thou hast walked before me. 26 Now therefore, O God of Israel, let thy word, I pray thee, be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David my father.

27 But will God in very deed dwell on the earth? behold, the heavens and the heavens of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house that I have built! 28 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Jehovah my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee this day; 29 that thine eyes may be open toward this house night and day, even toward the place whereof thou hast said, My name shall be there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward this place. 30 And hearken thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yes, hear thou up in the heavens thy dwelling-place; and when thou hearest, forgive.

31 99If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and he come and swear before thine altar in this house; 32 then hear thou in the heavens, and do, and judge thy servants, condemning the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head, and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

33 When thy people Israel are smitten down before an enemy, because they have sinned against thee; if they turn again to thee, and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication unto thee in this house: 34 then hear thou in the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest unto their fathers.

35 When heaven is shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, 100 when thou dost afflict them: 36 then hear thou in the heavens, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel.
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thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

37 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemy besiege them in the land of their 103 cities; whatsoever plague, whatsoever sickness there be; 38 what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, who shall know every man the plague of his own heart, and spread forth his hands toward this house: 39 then hear thou in the heavens thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men;) 40 that they may fear thee all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

41 Moreover concerning the foreigner, that is not of thy people Israel, when he shall come out of a far country for thy name’s sake 42 (for they shall hear of thy great name, and of thy mighty hand, and of thine outstretched arm): when he shall come and pray toward this house; 43 hear thou in the heavens thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, to fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and that they may know that I 104 this house which I have built is called by thy name.

44 If thy people go out to battle against their enemy, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto Jehovah toward the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name; 45 then hear thou in the heavens their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause.

46 If they sin against thee (for there is no man that sinneth not), and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to an enemy, so that they carry them away captive unto the land of the enemy, far off or near; 47 yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of them that carried them captive, saying, We have sinned, and have done perversely, we have dealt wickedly; 48 if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their enemies, who carried them captive, and pray unto thee toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, the city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name: 49 then hear thou their prayer and their supplication in the heavens thy dwelling-place, and maintain their cause; 50 and forgive thy people who have sinned against thee, and all their transgressions wherein they have transgressed against thee; and give them compassion before those who carried them captive, that they may have compassion on them 51 (for they are thy people, and thine inheritance, which thou broughtest forth out of Egypt, from the midst of the furnace of iron); 52 that thine eyes may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to hearken unto them whenever they cry unto thee. 53 For thou didst separate them from among all the peoples of the earth, to be thine inheritance, as thou spakest by Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord Jehovah.

54 And it was so, that, when Solomon had made an end of praying all this prayer and supplication unto Jehovah, he arose from before the altar of Jehovah, from kneeling on his knees with his hands spread forth toward the heavens. 55 And he stood, and blessed all the assembly of Israel with a loud voice, saying, 56 Blessed be Jehovah, that hath given rest unto his people Israel, according to all that he promised: there hath not 109 failed one word of all his good promise, which he promised by Moses his servant. 57 Jehovah 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 unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his ordinances, which he commanded our fathers. 59 And let these my words, wherewith I have made supplication before Jehovah, be nigh unto Jehovah our God day and night, that he may incline our hearts to him, that we may walk in all his ways, and that he may turn our heart to him, to walk in all his ways, and that he may forgive our iniquities, and our sin; 60 that the children of Israel may return unto Jehovah their God, and may hear his voice; 61 that all the peoples of the earth may know that Jehovah is God; 62 there is none else. 63 Let your heart therefore be perfect with Jehovah our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

64 And the king, and all Israel with him, offered sacrifice before Jehovah. 65 And Solomon offered for the sacrifice of peace-offerings, which he offered unto Jehovah, twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred twenty thousand sheep. 66 And Jehovah our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let him not leave us, nor forsake us; 67 that he may incline our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways, and that he may turn our heart to him, to walk in all his ways, and that he may forgive our iniquities, and our sin; 68 that the children of Israel may return unto Jehovah their God, and may hear his voice; 69 that all the peoples of the earth may know that Jehovah is God; 70 there is none else. 71 Let your heart therefore be perfect with Jehovah our God, to walk in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as at this day.

9 And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished the building of the house of Jehovah, and the king’s house, and all Solomon’s desire which he was pleased to do, 2 that Jehovah appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gibeon. 3 And Jehovah said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast made before me: I have sanctified this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there forever; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually. 4 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity

103 Hb. gates;
104 Or. thy name is called upon this house etc.
105 Or. right.
106 Hb. they that take them captive carry them away
107 Or. right;
108 Hb. to be for compassion
109 Hb. fallen
110 Hb. the thing of a day in its day;
111 Or. delight
112 Or. for time without fixed end; Hb. owlam (=olam) Similarly in vs. 5.
113 Or. spake concerning David thy father,
And Hiram sent "wise men" and "craftsmen" to Solomon.

10 And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon concerning the name of Jehovah, she came to prove him with hard questions. 2 And she came to Jerusalem with a very great train, with camels that bare spices, and very much gold, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with all of him that was in her heart. 3 And Solomon told her all her questions: there was not anything hid from the king which he told her not. 4 And when the queen of Sheba had seen all the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 5 and the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the waiting of his ministers, and the apparel of his servants, and his cupbearers, and his notifies, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of Jehovah; there was no more spirit in her. 6 And she said to the king, It was a true report that I heard in mine own land of thine acts, and of thy wisdom. 7 Howbeit I believed not the words, until I came, and mine eyes had seen it: and, behold, the half was not told me; but thou hast added wisdom and goodness to the fame which I heard. 8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, that stand continually before thee, and that hear thy wisdom. 9 Blessed be Jehovah thy God, who delighted in thee, to set thee on the throne of Israel: because Jehovah loved Israel for ever, therefore made he thee king, to do justice and righteousness. 10 And she gave the king a hundred 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 the navy also of Hiram, that brought gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir great plenty of almug-trees.
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and precious stones. 12 And the king made of the almug-trees pillars for the house of Jehovah, and for the king's house, harps also and psalters for the singers: there came no such almug-trees, nor were seen, unto this day.

13 And king Solomon gave to the queen of Sheba all her desire, whatsoever she asked, besides that which Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. So she turned, and went to her own land, she and her servants.

14 Now the weight of gold that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred sixty-six talents of gold, besides that which the traders brought, and the traffic of the merchants, and of all the kings of the mingled people, and of the governors of the country. 15 And king Solomon made two hundred bucklers of beaten gold; six hundred shekels of gold went to one buckler. 16 And he made three hundred shields of beaten gold; three pounds of gold went to one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. 17 Moreover the king made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the finest gold. 18 There were six steps to the throne, and the top of the throne was round behind; and there were stays on either side by the place of the seat, and two lions standing beside the stays. 19 And twelve lions stood there on the one side and on the other upon the six steps: there was not the like made in any other kingdom. 20 And all king Solomon's drinking vessels were of gold, and all the vessels of the house of the forest of Lebanon were of pure gold: none were of silver; it was nothing accounted of in the days of Solomon. 21 For the king had at sea a navy of Tarshish, bringing gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks.

22 So king Solomon exceeded all the kings of the earth in riches and in wisdom. 23 And all the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 24 And they brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year.

25 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 26 And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore-trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 27 And the horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt; and the king's merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. 28 And a chariot came up and went out of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

11 Now king Solomon loved many foreign women, together with the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, Ammonites, Edomites, Sidonians, and Hittites; of the nations concerning which Jehovah said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go among them, neither shall they come among you; for surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: Solomon clave unto 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 Jehovah his God, as was the heart of David his father. 5 For Solomon went after Ashoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites. 6 And Solomon did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and went not fully after Jehovah, as did David his father. 7 Then did Solomon build a high place for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, in the mount that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech the abomination of the children of Ammon. 8 And so did he for all his foreign wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods.

9 And Jehovah was angry with Solomon, because his heart was turned away from Jehovah, the God of Israel, who had appeared unto him twice, 10 and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods: but he kept not that which Jehovah commanded. 11 Wherefore Jehovah said unto Solomon, Forasmuch as this is done of thee, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I have commanded thee, I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. 12 Notwithstanding in thy days I will not do it, for David thy father's sake: but I will rend it out of thy hand. 13 Howbeit I will not rend away all the kingdom; but I will give one tribe to thy son, for David my servant's sake, and for Jerusalem's sake, which I have chosen.

14 And Jehovah raised up an adversary unto 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 host was gone up to bury the slain, and had smitten every male in Edom 16 (for Joab and all Israel remained there six months, 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 into Egypt, Hadad being yet a little child. 18 And they arose out of Midian, and came to Paran; and they took men with them out of Paran, and they came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, who gave him a house, and appointed him victuals, and gave him land. 19 And Hadad found great favor in the sight of Pharaoh, so that he gave

131 Or, a railing  Hb. a prop
132 Hb. which he gave her according to the hand of king Solomon.
133 That is, about 19,500 kg or about 21.5 Br. tons.
134 In 2Chr 9:14, Arabia,
135 That is, 7 kilograms, or about 15 pounds.
136 Hb. maneh Hence about 1.74 kg = 3.8 pounds, about 90 cm³ in volume.
137 Or, arms  Hb. hands
138 Ships of Tarshish were ocean-going vessels, larger than Ships of Kittim for the Mediterranean trade.
139 Likely gold from the world's largest deposits in South Africa (Ophir), then silver from the world's largest deposits in the western Americas [Solomon was contemporary with the Olmec civilization in Mexico], then ivory from India, and lastly the livestock also from India. Such a long expedition could explain the need for a 3-year duration.
140 That is, 7 kilograms, or about 15 pounds.
141 Hb. in their hand.
142 Or, besides the daughter of Pharaoh,
143 That is, the mount of Olives, just east of Jerusalem
144 Hb. is with thee,
him to wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Tahpenes the queen. 20 And the sister of Tahpenes bare him Genubath his son, whom Tahpenes weaned in Pharaoh’s house; and Genubath was in Pharaoh’s house 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 host was dead, Hadad said to Pharaoh, Let me depart, that I may go to mine own country. 22 Then Pharaoh said unto him, But what hast thou lacked with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thine own country? And he answered, Nothing: howbeit only let me depart.

23 And God raised up another adversary unto him, Rezon the son of Eliada, who had fled from his lord Hadadezer king of Zobah. 24 And he gathered men unto him, and became captain over a troop, when David slew them of Zobah: and they went to Damascus, and dwelt therein, and reigned in Damascus. 25 And he was an adversary to Israel all the days of Solomon, besides the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria.

26 And Jeroboam the son of Nebat, an Ephraimite of Zeredah, a servant of Solomon, whose mother’s name was Zeruah, a widow, he also 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 breach of the city of David his father. 28 And the man Jeroboam was a mighty man of valor; and Solomon saw the young man that he was industrious, and he gave him charge over all the labor of the house of Joseph. 29 And it came to pass at that time, when Jeroboam went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Ahijah the Shilonite found him in the way; now Ahijah had clad himself with a new garment; and they two were alone in the field. 30 And Ahijah laid hold of the new garment that was on him, and rent it in twelve pieces. 31 And he said to Jeroboam, Take thee ten pieces; for thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out of the hand of Solomon, and will give ten tribes to thee 32 (but he shall have one tribe, for my servant David’s sake and for Jerusalem’s sake, the city which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel); 33 because that they have forsaken me, and have worshipped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of Moab, and Micolom the god of the children of Ammon; and they have not walked in my ways, to do that which is right in my eyes, and to keep my statutes and mine ordinances, as did David his father. 34 Howbeit I will not take the whole kingdom out of his hand; but I will make him prince all the days of his life, for David my servant’s sake whom I chose, 35 who kept my commandments and my statutes; 36 but I will take the kingdom out of his son’s hand, and will give it unto thee, even ten tribes. 37 And unto 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 me to put my name there. 38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all that I command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, and do that which is right in mine eyes, to keep my statutes and my commandments, as David my servant did; that I will be with thee, and will build thee a sure house, as I built for David, and will give Israel unto thee.

39 And I will for this afflict the seed of David but not for ever. 40 Solomon sought therefore to kill Jeroboam; but Jeroboam arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak king of Egypt, and was in Egypt until the death of Solomon.

41 Now 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 stead.

12 And Rehoboam went to Shechem: for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. 2 And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it (for he was yet in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jeroboam dwelt in Egypt, 3 and they sent and called him), that Jeroboam and all the assembly of Israel came, and spake unto Rehoboam, saying, 4 Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. 5 And he said unto them, Depart yet for three days, then come again to me. And the people departed.

6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou wilt be a servant unto this people this day, and wilt serve them, and answer them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants all thy days. 8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men that were grown up with him, and spake to the people thence, saying, My father made your yoke hard, but I will add to your yoke: my father lade you with a heavy yoke, I will add to your yoke.

9 And all Israel answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: 10 to your gods, O Israel: now see to thine own

145 Hb. closed up
146 Hb. burden
147 Or, because he kept my commandments
148 Or, over all that thy soul desireth,
149 Or, words or matters
150 Sopherim changed to to your tents,
house, David. So Israel departed unto their tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Adoram, who was over the men subject to taskwork; and all Israel stoned him to death with stones. And king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day. 20 And it came to pass, when all Israel heard that Jeroboam was returned, that they sent and called him unto the congregation, and made him king over all Israel: there was none that followed the house of David, but the tribe of Judah only.

21 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, and the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred eighty thousand chosen men, that were warriers, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam the son of Solomon. 22 But the word of God came unto Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 23 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the rest of the people, saying, 24 Thus saith Jehovah, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for this thing is of me. So they hearkened unto the word of Jehovah, and returned and went their way, according to the word of Jehovah.

25 Then Jeroboam built Shechem in the hill-country of Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and he went out from thence, and built Penuel. 26 And Jeroboam said in his heart, Now will the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 if this people go up to offer sacrifices in the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem, then will the heart of this people turn again unto their lord, even unto Rehoboam king of Judah; and they will kill me, and return to Rehoboam king of Judah. 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and made two calves of gold; and he said unto them, 29 It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem: behold thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 30 And he set the one in Beth-el, and the other he put he in Dan. 31 And this thing became a sin; for the people went to worship before it, even unto Dan. 32 And he made houses of high places, and made priests from among all the people, that were not of the sons of Levi. 33 And Jeroboam ordained a feast in the eighth month, on the fifteenth day of the month, like unto the feast that is in Judah, and he offered upon the altar. So did he in Beth-el, 34 sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he placed in Beth-el the priests of the high places that he had made. 35 And he went up unto the altar which he had made in Beth-el on the fifteenth day in the eighth month, even in the month which he had devised of his own heart: and he ordained a feast for the children of Israel, and went up unto the altar, to burn incense.

13 And behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of Jehovah unto Beth-el; and Jeroboam was standing by the altar to burn incense. 2 And he cried against the altar by the word of Jehovah, and said, 3 O altar, altar, thus saith Jehovah: Behold, a son shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name; and upon thee shall he sacrifice the priests of the high places that burn incense upon thee, and men’s bones shall they burn upon thee. 4 And he gave a sign the same day, saying, This is the sign which Jehovah hath spoken: Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes that are upon it shall be poured out. 5 And it came to pass, when the king heard the saying of the man of God, which he cried against the altar in Beth-el, that Jeroboam put forth his hand from the altar, saying, Lay hold on him. And his hand, which he put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back again to him. 6 The altar also was rent, and the ashes poured out from the altar, according to the sign which the man of God had given by the word of Jehovah. 7 And the king answered and said unto the man of God, Entreat now the favor of Jehovah thy God, and pray for me, that my hand may be restored me again. And the man of God entreated Jehovah, and the king’s hand was restored him again, and became as it was before. 8 And the king said unto the man of God, Come home with me, and refresh thyself, and I will give thee a reward. 9 And the man of God said unto the king, If thou wilt give me half thy house, I will not go in with thee, neither will I eat bread nor drink water in this place; 10 for so was it charged me by the word of Jehovah, saying, Thou shalt eat no bread, nor drink water, neither return by the way that thou camest. 11 So he went another way, and returned not by the way that he came to Beth-el.

11 Now there dwelt an old prophet in Beth-el; and 12 one of 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 unto the king, them also they told unto their father. 13 And their father said unto them, What way went he? Now his sons 14 had showed him what way the man of God went, that came from Judah. 15 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass. 16 And he went after the man of God, and found him sitting under an oak; and he said unto him, Art thou the man of God that camest from Judah? And he said, I am. 17 Then he said unto him, Come home with me, and eat bread. 18 And he said, I may not return with thee, nor go in with thee; neither will I eat bread nor drink water with thee in this place: 19 for it was said to me by the word of Jehovah, Thou shalt eat no bread nor drink water there, nor turn again to go by the way that thou camest. 20 And he said unto him, I also am a prophet as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of Jehovah, saying, Bring him back with thee into thy house, that he may eat bread and drink water. 21 But he lied unto him. 22 So he went back with him, and did eat bread in his house, and drank water.

20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that the word of Jehovah came unto the prophet that brought him back; 21 and he cried unto the man of God that came from Judah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Forasmuch as thou hast been

151 Likely soon after Tishri 1 (cf. vs. 32), as the kings of Israel appear to reckon regnal years from Nisan 1.
152 Or, Ye have gone up long enough to Jerusalem:
153 Hb. elohim,
154 Or, each of them,
155 Or, offered upon the altar Similarly in vs. 33 (both times).
156 Or, to sacrifice unto
157 Hb. alone reads: apart
158 2Ki 23:15-16.
159 Hb. his son came
160 So versions. Massoretic reads saw what way
161 Or, terebinth;
disobedient unto the mouth of Jehovah, and hast not kept the commandment which Jehovah thy God commanded thee, 
22 but camest back, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place of which he said to thee, Eat no bread, and drink no water; thy body shall not come unto the sepulchre of thy fathers. 23 And it came to pass, after he had eaten bread, and after he had drunk, that he saddled for him the ass, to wit, for the prophet whom he had brought back. 24 And when he was gone, a lion met him in the way, and slew him: and his body was cast in the way, and the ass stood by the body. 25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the body cast in the way, and the lion standing by the body; and they came and told it in the city where the old prophet dwelt.

26 And when the prophet that brought him back from the way heard thereof, he said, It is the man of God, who was disobedient unto the mouth of Jehovah: therefore Jehovah hath delivered him unto the lion, which hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake unto him. 27 And he spake to his sons, saying, Saddle me the ass. And they saddled it. 28 And he went and found his body cast in the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the body: the lion had not eaten the body, nor torn the ass. 29 And the prophet took up the body of the man of God, and laid it upon the ass, and brought it back; and he came to the city of the old prophet, to mourn, and to bury him. 30 And he laid his body 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 spake to his sons, saying, When I am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the man of God is buried; lay my bones beside his bones. 32 For the saying which he cried by the word of Jehovah against the altar in Bet-lil, 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: 163 whoseover would, he consecrated him that there might be priests of the high places. 34 And this thing became sin unto the house of Jeroboam, even to cut it off, and to destroy it from off the face of the earth.

14 At that time Abijah the son of Jeroboam fell sick. 2 And Jeroboam said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that thou be not known to be his wife. 3 And take with thee ten loaves, and cakes, and a cruse of honey, and go to him: he will tell thee 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. 5 And Jehovah said unto Ahijah, Behold, the wife of Jeroboam cometh to inquire of thee concerning her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou say unto her; for it will be, when she cometh in, that she will 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, thou wife of Jeroboam; why feignest thou thyself to be another? for I am sent to thee with heavy tidings. 7 Go, tell Jeroboam, thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Forasmuch as I exalted thee from among the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel, and rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it thee; and yet thou hast not been as my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed me with all his heart, to do only that which was right in mine eyes, 
8 but hast done evil above all that were before thee, and hast gone and made thee other gods, and molten images, to provoke me to anger, and hast cast me behind thy back: 9 therefore, behold, I will bring evil upon the house of Jeroboam, and will cut off from Jeroboam every man-child, him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel, and will utterly sweep away the house of Jeroboam, as a man sweepeth away dung, till it be all gone. 10 Him that dieth of Jeroboam in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the birds of the heavens eat: for Jehovah hath spoken it. 11 Arise thou therefore, get thee to thy house: and when thy feet enter into the city, the child shall die. 12 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 Jehovah, the God of Israel, in the house of Jeroboam.

Moreover Jehovah will raise him up a king over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jeroboam that day: 13 but what even now? 14 For Jehovah will smite Israel, as a reed is shaken in the water, and he will root up Israel out of this good land which he gave to their fathers, and will scatter them beyond the River, because they have made their Asherim, provoking Jehovah to anger. 15 And he will give Israel up because of the sins of Jeroboam, 168 which he hath sinned, and wherewith he hath made Israel to sin.

16 And Jeroboam's wife arose, and departed, and came to Tirzah: and as she came to the threshold of the house, the child died. 17 And all Israel buried him, and mourned for him, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the prophet.

18 And the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 19 And the days which Jeroboam reigned were twenty-two years: and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son reigned in his stead.

20 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 Jehovah had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there: and his mother's name was Naamah 169 the Ammonitess. 21 And Judah did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and they provoked him to jealousy with their sins which they committed, above all that their fathers had done. 22 For they also built them high places, and 17 pillars, and

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162 Or, rebelled against the word of Jehovah:

163 Or, whomsoever he would,

164 Or, by this thing he became sin

165 Or, bottle

166 Or, leader Hb. nagid

167 Or, and what even now?

168 Or, who did sin, and who made Israel to sin.

169 This work is lost, likely lost when Shalmaneser and Senenacherib, kings of Assyria, conquered Samaria and all Israel, and took away the Israelites captive.

170 Sept. reads daughter of Ana son of Naas [or, of Hanan son of Nahash] king of the Ammonites.
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172 Asherim, on every high hill, and under every kind of green tree; 24 and there were also sodomites in the land: they did according to all the abominations of the nations which Jehovah drove out before the children of Israel.

25 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem; 172 and he took away the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king’s house; he even took away all: and he took away all the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 27 And king Rehoboam made in their stead shields of copper, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, who kept the door of the king’s house. 28 And it was so, that, as oft as the king went into the house of Jehovah, the guard bare them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber.

29 Now 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 the Ammonitess. And Abijam his son reigned in his stead.

15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jeroboam the son of Nebat began Abijam to reign over Judah. 2 Three years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother’s name was Maacah 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 Jehovah his God, as the heart of David his father. 4 Nevertheless for David’s sake did Jehovah 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 Jehovah, and turned not aside from anything that he commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriah the Hittite. 6 Now 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 stead.

9 And in the twentieth year of Jeroboam king of Israel began Asa to reign over Judah. 10 And forty-one years reigned he in Jerusalem: and his mother’s name was Maacah the daughter of Abishalom. 11 And Asa did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, as did David his father. 12 And he put away the sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols that his fathers had made. 13 And also Maacah his mother he removed from being queen, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. 14 But the high places were not taken away: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect with Jehovah all his days. 15 And he brought into the house of Jehovah the things that his father had sanctified, and the things that he himself had sanctified, silver, and gold, and vessels.

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 anyone 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 Jehovah, and the treasures of the king’s house, and delivered them into the hand of his servants; and king Asa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, the son of Hezon, king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, 19 There is a league between me and thee, between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. 20 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel, and smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-beth-maacah, and all Chinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. 21 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building Ramah, and dwelt in Tirzah. 22 Then king Asa made a proclamation unto all Judah; none was exempted: and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had built; and king Asa built therewith Geba of Benjamin, and Mizpah.

23 Now 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 the time of 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 stead.

25 And Nadab the son of Jeroboam began to reign over Israel in the second year of Asa king of Judah; and he reigned over Israel two years. 26 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of his father, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 27 And Baasha the son of Ahijah, of the house of Issachar, conspired against him; and Baasha smote him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines; for Nadab and all Israel were laying siege to Gibbethon. 28 Even in the third year of Asa king of Judah did Baasha slay him, and reigned in his stead. 29 And it came to pass that, as soon as he was king, he smote all the house

171 Or, obelisks,

172 Plural of Asherah (masc.). Just as Ashereth is the fem. plural of Astarte. Likely a high wooden idol.

173 Sheshonk I claims many victories in Canaan and Syria, including over Taanach, Beth-shean, Mahanaim, Gibeon, Bethhoron, and Megiddo in Israel, and The Field of Abram, Arad, and many other cities in Judah. [The names of many more cities in the list are lost.] J.H. Breasted, Ancient Records of Egypt (ARE), Vol. IV, para. 709-723.

174 Hb, runners,

175 The book of Chronicles in the Old Testament.

176 In 2Chr 12:16, Abijah

177 In 2Chr 13:2, Micahiah the daughter of Uriel.

178 In 2Chr 11:20, 21, Absalom.

179 Or, queen mother,

180 Or, for Asherah;

181 Meaning, high place

182 Or, Let there be a league

183 Asa’s diseased feet may have caused Jehoshaphat to exercise authority already in King Asa’s 39th year, though likely not in his own right. Cf. 2Chr 16:12. But it might have caused Jehoshaphat to count the balance of Asa’s last year as his first year, contrary to the usual practice in Judah.
of Jeroboam: he left not to Jeroboam any that breathed, until he had destroyed him; according unto the saying of Jehovah, which he spake by his servant Ahijah the Shilonite; 30 for the sins of Jeroboam which he sinned, and wherewith he made Israel to sin, because of his provocation wherewith he provoked Jehovah, the God of Israel, to anger. 31 Now 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, and reigned twenty-four years. 34 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and walked in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin wherewith he made Israel to sin. 16 And the word of Jehovah came to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying, 2 Forasmuch as I exalted thee out of the dust, and made thee an 184 prince over my people Israel, and thou hast walked in the way of Jeroboam, and hast made my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins; 3 behold, I will utterly sweep away Baasha and his house; and I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat. 4 Him that dieth of Baasha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the field shall the birds of the heavens eat. 5 Now 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 stead. 7 And moreover by the prophet Jehu the son of Hanani came the word of Jehovah against Baasha, and against his house, both because of all the evil that he did in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, in being like the house of Jeroboam, and because he smote 185 him. 8 In the twenty-sixth year of Asa king of Judah began Elah the son of Baasha to reign over Israel in Tirzah, and reigned two years. 9 And his servant Zimri, captain of half his chariots, conspired against him. Now he was in Tirzah, drinking himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was over the household in Tirzah: 10 and Zimri went in and smote him, and killed him, in the twenty-seventh year of Asa king of Judah, and reigned in his stead. 11 And it came to pass, when he began to reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he smote all the house of Baasha: he left him not a single man-child, neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. 12 Thus did Zimri destroy all the house of Baasha, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake against Baasha by Jehu the prophet, for all the sins of Baasha, and the sins of Elah his son, which they sinned, and wherewith they made Israel to sin, to provoke Jehovah, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 14 Now 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. Now the people were encamped against Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines. 16 And the people that were encamped heard say, Zimri hath conspired, and hath also smitten the king: wherefore all Israel made Omri, the captain of the host, 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 into the 186 castle of the king's house, and burnt the king's house over him with fire, and died, 19 for his sins which he sinned in doing that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, in walking in the way of Jeroboam, and in his sin which he did, to make Israel to sin. 20 Now the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his treason that he wrought, 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 that followed Omri prevailed against the people that 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, and reigned twelve years: six years reigned he in Tirzah. 24 And he bought the hill 187 Samaria of Shemer for two talents of silver; and he 188 built on the hill, and called the name of the city which he built, after the name of Shemer, the owner of the hill, Samaria. 25 And Omri did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, and dealt wickedly above all that were before him. 26 For he walked in all the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and in his sins wherewith he made Israel to sin, to provoke Jehovah, the God of Israel, to anger with their vanities. 27 Now 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 So Omri slept with his fathers, and was buried in Samaria; and Ahab his son reigned in his stead. 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 that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah above all that were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the ways of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made the Asherah; and Ahab did yet more to provoke Jehovah, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him. 34 In his days did Hiel the Beth-el-ite build Jericho: he laid 30 the foundation thereof with the loss of Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof with the loss of his youngest son Segub, 189 according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun. 17 And Elijah the 190 Tishbite, who was of the sojourners of Gilead, said unto Ahab, As Jehovah, the God of Israel, liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew
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nor rain these years, but according to my word. 2 And the word of Jehovah came unto him, saying, 3 Get thee hence, and turn thee eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that thou shalt drink of the brook; and I have commanded the ravens to feed thee there. 5 So he went and did according unto the word of Jehovah; for he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith, that is before the Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh 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 was no rain in the land.

8 And the word of Jehovah came unto him, saying, 9 Arise, get thee to Zarephath, which belongeth to Sidon, and dwell there: behold, I have commanded a widow there to sustain thee. 10 So he arose and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the gate of the city, behold, a widow was there gathering sticks: and he called to her, and said, Fetch me, I pray thee, a little water in a vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she was going to fetch it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thy hand. 12 And she said, As Jehovah thy God liveth, I have not a cake, but a handful of meal in the jar, and a little oil in the cruse: and, behold, I pray thee, a morsel of bread in thy hand. 13 And he answered, I have not troubled Israel, The jar of meal wasted not, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by Elijah.

14 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 sore, that there was no breath left in him. 15 And she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O thou man of God? art thou come unto me to bring my son to remembrance, and to slay my son? 16 And he said unto her, Give me thy son. 17 And he took him out of her bosom, and carried him up into the chamber, where he abode, and laid him upon his own bed. 18 And he cried unto Jehovah, and said, O Jehovah my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by slaying her son? 19 And he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried unto Jehovah, and said, O Jehovah my God, I pray thee, let this child’s soul come into him again. 20 And Jehovah hearkened unto the voice of Elijah; and the soul of the child came into him again, and he revived. 21 And Elijah took the child, and brought him down out of the chamber into the house, and delivered him unto his mother; and Elijah said, See, thy son liveth. 22 And the woman said to Elijah, Now I know that thou art a man of God, and that the word of Jehovah in thy mouth is truth.

18 And it came to pass after many days, that the word of Jehovah came to Elijah, in the third year, saying, 19 Go, show thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth. 20 And Elijah went to show himself unto Ahab. And the famine was sore in Samaria. 21 And Ahab called Obadiah, who was over the household. (Now Obadiah feared Jehovah greatly: 22 for it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of Jehovah, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.) 23 And Ahab said unto Obadiah, Go through the land, unto all the fountains of water, and unto all the brooks: peradventure we may find grass and save the horses and mules alive, 24 that we lose not all the beasts. 25 So 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, Is it thou, my lord Elijah? 8 And he answered him, It is I: go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. 9 And he said, Wherein have I sinned, that thou wouldst deliver thy servant into the hand of Ahab, to slay me? 10 As Jehovah thy God liveth, there is no nation or kingdom, whither my lord hath not sent to seek thee: and when they said, He is not here, he took an oath of the kingdom and nation, that they found thee not. 11 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here. 12 And it will come to pass, as soon as I am gone from thee, that the Spirit of Jehovah will carry thee whither I know not; and so when I come and tell Ahab, and he cannot find thee, he will slay me; but I thy servant fear Jehovah from my youth. 13 Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of Jehovah, how I hid a hundred men of Jehovah’s prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water? 14 And now thou sayest, Go, tell thy lord, Behold, Elijah is here; and he will slay me. 15 And Elijah said, As Jehovah of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, I will surely show myself unto him today.

16 So 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 unto him, Art thou come unto me, to bring my sin to remembrance? and I will cause thee to know this day, my servant, how Jehovah maketh a man. 18 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, am left a prophet of Jehovah; but Baal’s prophets are four hundred fifty men. 19 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under; and I will call on the name of Jehovah: and the god that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

20 So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel. 21 And Elijah came near unto all the people, and said, How long go ye about being two, and ye shall come near unto me. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken. 22 And they answered him, Art thou come unto me to bring my sin to remembrance? and I will cause thee to know this day, my servant, how Jehovah maketh a man. 23 Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, am left a prophet of Jehovah; but Baal’s prophets are four hundred fifty men. 24 Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, and put no fire under; and I will call on the name of Jehovah: and the god that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

25 And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your god, and put no fire under it.

193 Or, art thou come etc. 194 Or, life or, being And in vs. 22. 195 Or, and lose none of the beasts. 196 Plural of Baal.
26 And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped about 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 is gone aside, or he is on a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth and must be awaked. 28 And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with 200 knives and lances, till the blood gushed out upon them. 29 And it was so, when midday was past, that they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening oblation; but there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

30 And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me; and all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of Jehovah that was thrown down. 31 And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of Jehovah came, saying, Israel shall be thy name. 32 And with the stones he built an altar in the name of Jehovah; and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed. 33 And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid it on the wood. And he said, Fill four jars with water, and pour it on the burnt-offering, and on the wood. 34 And he said, Do it a second time; and they did it a second time. And he said, Do it a third time; and they did it a third time. 35 And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water. 36 And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening oblation, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word. 37 Hear me, O Jehovah, hear me, that this people may know that thou, Jehovah, art God, and that thou turnest their heart back again. 38 Then the fire of Jehovah fell, and consumed the burnt-offering, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, Jehovah, he is God; Jehovah, he is God.

40 And Elijah said unto 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 unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is the sound of abundance of rain. 42 So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he bowed himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees. 43 And he 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 ariseth a cloud out of the sea, as small as a man’s hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Make ready thy chariot, and get thee down, that the rain stop thee not. 45 And it came to pass in a little while, that the heavens grew black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel: 46 and the hand of Jehovah was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.

19 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy soul as the soul of one of them by tomorrow about this time. 3 And when he saw that, he arose, and went for his soul, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongeth 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 juniper-tree: and he requested for his soul that he might die, and said, It is enough; now, O Jehovah, take away my soul; for I am not better than my fathers. 5 And he lay down and slept under a juniper-tree; and, behold, an angel touched him, and said unto him, Arise and eat. 6 And he looked, and, behold, there was at his head a cake baked on the 200 coals, and a crust of water. And he did eat and drink, and laid him down again. 7 And the angel of Jehovah came again a second time, and touched him, and said, Arise and eat, because the journey is too great for thee. 8 And he arose, and did eat and drink, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights unto Horeb the mount of God.

9 And he came thither unto a cave, and lodged there; and, behold, the word of Jehovah came to him, and he said unto him, What doest thou here, Elijah? 10 And he said, I have been very jealous for Jehovah, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets. 11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before Jehovah. And he came thither unto the mount before Jehovah. And he went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave. 12 And Jehovah said unto him, What is this that thou doest here, Elijah? 13 And he said, I have been very jealous for Jehovah, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword; and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my soul, to take it away. 14 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before Jehovah. And Jehovah passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench. 15 And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces; and they said, Jehovah, he is God; Jehovah, he is God.

16 And Jehovah said unto him, Go back again; go not down into the valley of the sons of Ake这件事情。
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shall anoint Hazael to be king over Syria; and Jehu the grandson of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha the son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy stead. And it shall come to pass, that he that escapeth from the sword of Hazael shall slay; and him that escapeth from the sword of Jehu shall Elisha slay. Yet will I leave me seven thousand in Israel, all the knees which have not bowed unto Baal, and every mouth which hath not kissed him.

So he departed thence, 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 over unto him, and cast his mantle upon him. And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and ministered unto him. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered in the instruments of the oxen, and gave unto the people, and they did eat. Then he arose, and went after Elijah, and ministered unto him.

Ben-hadad the king of Syria gathered all his host together; and there were thirty-two kings with him, and horses and chariots: and he went up and besieged Samaria, and fought against it. And he sentmessengers to Ahab king of Israel, into the city, and said unto him, Thus saith Ben-hadad. Thy silver and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; and it shall come to pass, when Ben-hadad sends me again, and I shall see that Ben-hadad is alive, I will send my servants unto thee tomorrow about this thing: take the kings away, every man out of his place, and surely we shall be stronger than they. And he hearkened unto them.

So these went out of the city, the young men of the princes of the provinces, and the army which followed them. And they slew every one his man; and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad fled, and Israel pursued them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a horse with horsemen. And the king of Israel went out, and smote the horses and the chariots, and slew the Syrians with a great slaughter.

And the prophet came near to the king of Israel, and said unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see what thou doest; for at the return of the year the king of Syria will come up against thee. And the servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Their god is a god 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. And do this thing: take the kings away, every man out of his place, and number thee an army, like the army that thou hast 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 hearkened unto their voice, and did so.

And it came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad mustered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to fight against Israel. And the children of Israel were mustered, and were victualled, and went against them: and the children of Israel encamped before them like two little flocks of kids; but the Syrians filled the country. And a man of God came near and spake unto the king of Israel, and said, Thus
saith Jehovah, Because the Syrians have said, Jehovah is a god of the hills, but he is not a god of the valleys; therefore will I deliver all this great multitude into thy hand, and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. 29 And they encamped one over against the other seven days. And so it was, that in the seventh day the battle was joined; and the children of Israel slew of the Syrians a hundred thousand footmen in one day. 30 But the rest fled to Aphek, into the city; and the wall fell upon twenty-seven thousand men that were left. And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, 223 into an inner chamber.

31 And his servants said unto him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings: let us, we pray thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel: peradventure he will save thy soul. 32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and came to the king of Israel, and said, Thy servant Ben-hadad saith, I pray thee, let me live. 33 Now the men 225 observed diligently, and hasted 226 to catch whether it were 225 his mind; and they said, Thy brother Ben-hadad. Then he said, Go, ye bring him. Then Ben-hadad came forth to him; and he caused him to come up into the chariot. 34 And Ben-hadad said unto him, The cities which my father took from thy father I will restore; and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria. And I, said Ahab, will let thee go with this covenant. So he made a covenant with him, and let him go.

35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said unto his fellow by the word of Jehovah, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man refused to smite him. 36 Then he said unto him, Because thou hast not obeyed the voice of Jehovah, behold, as soon as thou art departed from me, 227 a lion shall slay thee. And as soon as he was departed from him, a lion slay him. 37 Then he found another man, and said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, smiting and wounding him. 38 So the prophet departed, and waited for the king by the way, and disguised himself with his headband over his eyes. 39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king; and he said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought a man unto me, and said, Keep this man: if by any means he be missing, then shall thy soul be for his soul, or else thou shalt pay a talent of silver. 40 And as thy servant was busy here and there, he was gone. And the king of Israel said unto him, So shall thy judgment be; thyself hast decided it. 41 And he hasted, and took the headband away from his eyes; and the king of Israel discerned him that he was of the prophets. 42 And he said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Because thou hast let go out of thy hand the man whom I had devoted to destruction, therefore thy soul shall go for his soul, and thy people for his people. 43 And the king of Israel went to his house heavy and displeased, and came to Samaria.

21 And it came to pass after these things, that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard, which was in Jezreel, hard by the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 And Ahab spake unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that I may have it for a garden of herbs, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee for it a better vineyard than it: or, if it seem good to thee, I will give thee the worth of it in money. 3 And Naboth said to Ahab, Jehovah forbid it me, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. 4 And Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, I will not give thee 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 unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread? 6 And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard. 7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thy heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. 8 So she wrote 228 letters in Ahab’s name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, and that dwelt with Naboth. 9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth high among the people: 10 and set two men, 230 sons of worthless kings, before him: and let them bear witness against him, saying, Thou didst curse God and the king. 11 And he carried him out, and stone him to death.

12 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles that dwelt in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, according as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them. 13 They proclaimed a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people. 14 And the two men, the sons of worthless kings, came in and sat before him: and the men of worthlessness bare witness against him, even against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, Naboth did curse God and the king. 15 Then they carried him forth out of the city, and stoned him to death with stones. 16 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead. 17 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 thee for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead. 18 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.

19 And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who dwelleth in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth,
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whither he is gone down to take possession of it. 19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. 20 And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee, because thou hast sold thyself to do that which is evil in the sight of Jehovah. 21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will utterly sweep thee away and will cut off from Ahab every man-child, and him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel: 22 and I will make thy house like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah for the provocation whereewith thou hast provoked me to anger, and hast made Israel to sin. 23 And of Jezebel also spake Jehovah, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the rampart of Jezreel. 24 Him that dieth of Ahab in the city the dogs shall eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the birds of the heavens eat; 25 (But there was none like unto Ahab, who did sell himself to do that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. 26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all that the Amorites did, whom Jehovah cast out before the children of Israel.)

27 And it came to pass, when Ahab heard those words, that he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh, and fasted, and lay in sackcloth, and went softly. 28 And the word of Jehovah came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 Seest thou how Ahab humbleth himself before me? because he humbleth 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.

22 And they continued three years without war between Syria and Israel. 2 And it came to pass in the third year, 232 that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. 3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants, Know ye that Ramoth-gilead is ours, and we are able to take it, and take it not out of the hand of the king of Syria? 4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to battle to Ramoth-gilead? And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses.

5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire first, I pray thee, for the word of Jehovah. 6 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, about four hundred men, and said unto them, shall I go against Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, for Jehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king. 7 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we may inquire of him? 8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Jehovah, Micaiah the son of Imlah: but I hate him; for he doth 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, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imlah. 10 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. 11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith Jehovah, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until they be consumed. 12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for Jehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king.

13 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake unto him, saying, Behold now, the words of the prophets declare good unto the king with one mouth: let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word of one of them, and speak thou good. 14 And Micaiah said, As Jehovah liveth, what Jehovah saith unto me, that will I speak. 15 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, 230 Go up and prosper; and Jehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king. 16 And the king said unto him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me nothing but the truth in the name of Jehovah? 17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and Jehovah 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 thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? 19 And Micaiah said, Therefore hear thou the word of Jehovah: I saw Jehovah sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right hand and on his left. 20 And Jehovah said, Who shall entice 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 Jehovah, and said, I will entice Ahab. 22 And Jehovah said, Will he go? And he said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And Jehovah said, Thou shalt entice him, and shalt prevail also: go forth, and do so. 23 Now therefore, behold, Jehovah hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets; and Jehovah hath spoken evil concerning thee.

24 Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah on the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of Jehovah from me to speak unto thee? 25 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 26 And the king of Israel said, Take Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon.

232 Jehoshaphat's league with Ahab may have been in response to the threat from Shalmaneser III of Assyria, also in Ahab's last year. Shalmaneser claims to have defeated: Ahab of Israel, 2,000 chariots and 10,000 foot-soldiers; Hadad-ezar of Damascus, 1,200 chariots and 20,000 foot-soldiers and 1,200 cavalrymen; Irhuleni of Hamath, 700 chariots and 10,000 foot-soldiers and 700 cavalry-men; Gindibu' of Arabia, 1,000 camel-riders; and eight other nations (one illegible), slaying 14,000. It is likely Shalmaneser's losses were still greater, as he does not claim to have extracted tribute from these twelve nations [ANET p. 277]. With Assyria repulsed, if Damascus/Syria had lost much more than Israel, Ahab may have felt emboldened to retake Ramoth-gilead. Cf. ch. 20:34.

233 Or, keep silence,
234 Hb. as the day, or, today,
235 Sopherim changed to the Lord
236 Or, cunuch,
237 Hb. a threshing-floor
238 Perhaps it was spoken sarcastically.
239 Or, deceive
240 Hb. the spirit,
241 Likely implying these prophets were in Ahab's hire.
242 Or, from chamber to chamber to hide thyself.
the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son; 27 and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I come in peace. 28 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, Jehovah hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, ye peoples, all of you.

29 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. 30 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguising myself, and go into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and went into the battle. 31 Now the king of Syria had commanded the thirty-two captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel. 32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely it 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 saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 34 And a certain man drew his bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the armor: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thy hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am sore wounded. 35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and died in the evening; and the blood ran out of the wound into the bottom of the chariot. 36 And there went a cry throughout the host about the going down of the sun, saying, Every man to his city, and every man to his country.

37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria; and they buried the king in Samaria. 38 And they washed the chariot by the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood (now the harlots washed themselves there); 42 according unto the word of Jehovah which he spake. 39 Now the rest of the acts of Ahab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built, and all the cities that he built, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel? 40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

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 way of Asa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah: howbeit the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel.

45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his might that he showed, and how he warred, are they not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah? 46 And the remnant of the sodomites, that remained in the days of his father Aza, he put away out of the land. 47 And there was no king in Edom: a deputy was king. 48 Jehoshaphat made ships of Tarshish to go to Ophir for gold (but they went not; for the ships were broken at Ezion-geber). 49 Then said Ahaziah the son of Ahab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not. 50 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 stead.

51 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and he reigned two years over Israel. 52 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, 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, 248 wherein he made Israel to sin. 53 And he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger Jehovah the God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

243 Implying the king of Syria knew that Ahab alone was the motivator for the battle, not the people.

244 Hb. in his simplicity,

245 Or, the lower armor and the breastplate:

246 Or possibly, and they washed the armor there

247 ch. 21:19.

248 Implying ocean-going ships were necessary to reach Ophir; hence, most likely, Ophir is South Africa.

249 Or, who made Israel to sin.
And Moab rebelled against Israel after the death of Ahab. 2 And Ahaziah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and was sick: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, whether I shall recover of this sickness. 3 But the angel of Jehovah said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? 4 Now therefore thus saith Jehovah, Thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. And Elijah departed.

5 And the messengers returned unto him, and he said unto them, Why is it that ye are returned? 6 And they said unto him, There came up a man to meet us, and said unto us, Go, turn again unto the king that sent you, and say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Is it because there is no God in Israel, that thou sendest to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron? therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. 7 And he said unto them, What manner of man was he that came up to meet you, and told you these words? 8 And they answered him, He was a hairy man, and girt with a girdle of leather about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite.

9 Then the king sent unto him a captain of fifty with his fifty. And he went up to him: and, behold, he was sitting on the top of the hill. And he spake unto him, O man of God, the king hath said, Come down. 10 And Elijah answered and said to the captain of fifty, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 11 And again he sent unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he answered and said unto him, O man of God, thus hath the king said, Come down quickly. 12 And Elijah answered and said unto them, If I be a man of God, let fire come down from heaven, and consume thee and thy fifty. And the fire of God came down from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 13 And again he sent the captain of a third fifty with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and fell on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and said unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my soul be precious in thy sight. 14 Behold, there came fire down from heaven, and consumed the two former captains of fifty with their fifties; but now let my soul be precious in thy sight. 15 And the angel of Jehovah said unto Elijah, Go down with him: be not afraid of him. And he arose, and went down with him unto the king. 16 And he said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to inquire of Baal-zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of his word? therefore thou shalt not come down from the bed whither thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. 17 So he died according to the word of Jehovah which Elijah had spoken. 4 And Jehoram began to reign in his stead in the second year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son. 18 Now 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 Jehovah would take up Elijah by a whirlwind into heaven, that Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said unto Elisha, Tarry here, I pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me as far as Beth-el. And Elisha said, As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they went down to Beth-el. 3 And the sons of the prophets that were at Beth-el came forth to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that Jehovah will take away thy master from thy head today? And he said, Yes, I know it; hold ye your peace. 4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha, tarry here, I pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me to the Jordan. And he said, As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So they came to Jericho. 5 And the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho came near to Elisha, and said unto him, Knowest thou that Jehovah will take away thy master from thy head today? And he answered, Yes, I know it; hold ye your peace. 6 And Elijah said unto him, Tarry here, I pray thee; for Jehovah hath sent me to the Jordan. And he said, As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. And they two went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood over against them afar off: and they two went on. 8 And it came to pass, as they still went on, and talked, that, behold, there appeared a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, which parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a whirlwind into heaven. 12 And Elisha saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof!
And he saw him no more: and he took hold of his own clothes, and rent 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 the Jordan. 14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is Jehovah, the God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they were divided hither and thither; and Elisha went over.

15 And when the sons of the prophets that were at Jericho over against him saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah doth rest on Elisha. And they came to meet him, and bowed themselves to the ground before him. 16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there are with thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master, lest he tarried at Jericho; and he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

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 they came back unto him, while he tarried at Jericho; and he said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Go not?

19 And the men of the city said unto Elisha, Behold, we pray thee, the situation of this city is pleasant, as my lord seeth: but the water is bad, and the land miscarryeth. 20 And he said, Bring me a new cruse, and put salt therein. And they brought it to him. 21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast salt therein, and said, Thus saith Jehovah, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from thence any miscarriage any more death or miscarrying.

22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the word of Elisha which he spake. 23 And he went up from thence unto Beth-εl; and as he was going up by the way, there came forth young lads out of the city, and mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, thou baldhead; go up, thou baldhead. 24 And he looked behind him and saw them, and cursed them in the name of Jehovah. And there came forth two she-bears out of the wood, and tore forty-two lads of them. 25 And he went from thence to mount Carmel, and from thence he returned to Samaria.

2 Now Jehoram the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, but not like his father, and like his mother; for he put away the abomination of Baal that his father had made. 3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

4 Now Mesha king of Moab was a sheep-master; and he rendered unto the king of Israel the wool of a hundred thousand sheep, and of a hundred thousand rams. 5 But it came to pass, when Ahab was dead, that the king of Moab rebelled against the king of Israel. 6 And king Jehoram went out of Samaria at that time, and mustered all Israel. 7 And he went and sent to Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, saying, The king of Moab hath rebelled against me: wilt thou go with me against Moab to battle? And he said, I will go up: I am as thou art, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses. 8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he answered, The way of the wilderness of Edom. 9 So 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 host, nor for the beasts that followed them. 10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! for Jehovah hath called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. 11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of Jehovah, that we may inquire of Jehovah by him? And one of the king of Israel’s servants answered and said, Elisha the son of Shaphat is here, who poured water on the hands of Elijah. 12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of Jehovah is with him. So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom went down to him.

13 And Elisha said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? get thee to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, No; for Jehovah hath called these three kings together to deliver them into the hand of Moab. 14 And Elisha said, As Jehovah of hosts liveth, before whom I stand, surely, were it not that I regard the presence of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, I would not look toward thee, nor see thee. 15 But now bring me a minstrel. And it came to pass, when the minstrel played, that the hand of Jehovah came upon him. 16 And he said, Thus saith Jehovah, Make this valley full of trenches. 17 For thus saith Jehovah, Ye shall not see wind, neither shall ye see rain; yet that valley shall be filled with water, and ye shall drink, both ye and your cattle and your beasts. 18 And this is but a light thing in the sight of Jehovah: he will also deliver the Moabites into your hand. 19 And ye shall smite every fortified city, and every choice city, and shall fell every good tree, and stop all fountains of water, and mar every good piece of land with stones. 20 And it came to pass in the morning about the time of offering the oblation, that, behold, there came water by the way of Edom, and the country was filled with water.

21 Now when all the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to fight against them, they gathered themselves together, all that were able to put on armor, and upward, and stood on the border. 22 And they rose up early in the morning, and the sun shone upon the water, and the Moabites saw the water over against them as red as blood: 23 and they said, This is blood; the kings are surely destroyed, and they have smitten each man his fellow: now therefore, Moab, to the spoil. 24 And when they came to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and they went forward into the land smiting the Moabites. 25 And they beat down the cities; and on every good piece of land they cast every man his stone, and filled it; and they stopped all the fountains of water, and felled all the good trees, until in Kir-hareseth only they left the stones thenceforth; howbeit the slingers went about it, and smote it. 26 And when the king of Moab saw that the battle was too sore for
him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew sword, to break through unto the king of Edom; but they could not. 27 Then he took his eldest son that should have reigned in his stead, and offered him for a burnt-offering upon the wall. And there was great wrath against Israel: and they departed from him, and returned to their own land.

4 Now there cried a certain woman of the wives of the sons of the prophets unto Elisha, saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou knowest that thy servant did fear Jehovah: and the creditor is come to take unto him my two children to be bondmen. 2 And Elisha said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me; what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thy handmaid hath not anything in the house, save a pot of oil. 3 Then he said, Go, borrow thee vessels abroad of all thy neighbors, even empty vessels; borrow not a few. 4 And thou shalt go in, and shut the door upon thee and upon thy sons, and pour out into all those vessels; and thou shalt set aside that which is full. 5 So she went from him, and shut the door upon her and upon her sons; they brought the vessels to her, and she poured out. 6 And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, There is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed. 7 Then she came and told the man of God. And he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy debt, and live thou and thy sons of the rest.

8 And it fell on a day, that Elisha passed to Shunem, where was a great woman; and she constrained him to eat bread. And so it was, that as oft as he passed by, he turned in thither to eat bread. 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, which passeth by us continually. 10 Let us make, I pray thee, a little chamber 2 on the wall; and let us set for him there a bed, and a table, and a seat, and a lampstand: and it shall be, when he cometh to us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it fell on a day, that he came thither, and he turned into the chamber and lay there. 12 And he said to Gehazi his servant, Call this Shunammite.

And when he had called her, she stood before him. 13 And he said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast been careful for us with all this care; what is to be done for thee? wouldest thou be spoken for to the king, or to the captain of the host? And she answered, I dwell among mine own people. 14 And he said, What then is to be done for her? And Gehazi answered, Truly she hath no son, 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, At this season, when the time cometh round, thou shalt embrace a son. And she said, No, my lord, thou man of God, do not lie unto thy handmaid.

17 And the woman conceived, and bare a son at that season, when the time came round, as Elisha had said unto her. 18 And when the child was grown, it fell on a day, that he went out to his father to the reapers. 19 And he said unto his father, My head, my head. And he said to his servant, 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 shut the door upon him, and went out. 22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I pray thee, one of the servants, and one of the asses, that I may run to the man of God, and come again. 23 And he said, Wherefore wilt thou go to him today? it is neither new moon nor sabbath. And she said, 24 It shall be well. 24 Then she saddled an ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; slacken me not the riding, except I bid thee. 25 So she went, and came unto the man of God to mount Carmel.

And it came to pass, when the man of God saw her afar off, that he said to Gehazi his servant, Behold, yonder is the Shunammite: 26 run, I pray thee, now to meet her, and say unto her, Is it well with thee? is it well with thy husband? is it well with thy child? And she answered, It is well. 27 And when she came to the man of God to the hill, she caught hold of his feet. And Gehazi came near to thrust her away; but the man of God said, Let her alone: for her soul is vexed within

19 Or, there came great wrath upon Israel: The role of the crown prince, and any demands Israel may have made concerning him, are not easily inferred here. But see the Moabitestone footnote below.

20 King Mesha of Moab commemorated his rebellion and violence in a stane discovered in 1868, largely corroborating the account above:

I am Mesha, son of Chemosh[...], king of Moab, the Dibonite — my father had reigned over Moab thirty years, and I reigned after my father, — who made this high place for Chemosh in Qarhoh [...] because he saved me from all the kings and caused me to triumph over all my adversaries. As for Omri, king of Israel, he humbled Moab many years (lit. days), for Chemosh was angry at his land. And his son [Ahab] followed him and he also said, “I will humble Moab.” In my time he spoke thus, but I have triumphed over him and over his house, while Israel hath perished for ever! Now Omri had occupied the land of Medeba, and Israel had dwelt there in its time and half the time of his son, forty years [ago ?]; but Chemosh dwelt there in my time.

And I built Baal-meeleon, making a reservoir in it, and I built Qaryaten. Now the men of Gad had always dwelt in the land of Ateroth, and the king of Israel had built Ateroth for them; but I fought against the town and took it and slew all the people of the town as satiation (intoxication) for Chemosh and Moab.

And I brought back from there Arel (or, Oriel), its chieftain, dragging him before Chemosh in Kerioth, and I settled there men of Sharon and men of Maharith. And Chemosh said to me, “Go, take Neba from Israel!” So I went by night and fought against it from the break of dawn until noon, taking it and slaying all, seven thousand men, boys, women, girls and maid-servants, for I had devoted them to destruction for the god Ashhtar-Chemosh. And I took from there the […] of Jehovah, dragging them before Chemosh. And the king of Israel had built Jahaz, and he dwelt there while he was fighting against me, but Chemosh drove him out before me. And I took from Moab two hundred men, all first class warriors, and set them against Jahaz and took it in order to attach it to the district of Dibon.

It was I who built Qaroh, the wall of the forests (?) and the wall of the citadel [...]. And I cut beams (?) for Qarhoh with Israelite captives. …


*Possibly written the year after Ahab’s sons were all slain. chs. 9-10.

21 Or, with walls;

22 Or, showed us all this reverence;

23 Hb. Shalom. or, Peace. And in vs. 26 (4 times).

24 Hb. bitter
her; and Jehovah hath hid it from me, and hath not told me.

28 Then she said, Did I desire a son of my lord? did I not say, Do not deceive me? 29 Then he said to Gehazi, Gird up thy loins, and take my staff in thy hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, salute him not; and if any salute thee, answer him not again: and lay my staff upon the face of the child. 30 And the mother of the child said, As Jehovah liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. 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 29 hearing. Wherefore he returned to meet him, and told him, saying, The child is not awaked.

32 And when Elisha was come into the house, behold, the child was dead, and laid upon his bed. 33 He went in therefore, and shut the door upon them twain, and prayed unto Jehovah. 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 him; and the flesh of the child waxed warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house once 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 Shunammite. So he called her. And when she was come in unto him, he said, Take up thy son. 37 Then she went in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground; and she took up her son, and went out.

38 And Elisha came again to Galgal: and there was a heath in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him; and he said unto his servant, Set on the great pot, and boil pottage for the sons of the prophets. 39 And one went out into the field to gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered thereof wild gourds his lap full, and came and shred them into the pot of pottage; for they knew them not. 40 So 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 man of God, there is death in the pot. And they could not eat thereof. 41 But he said, Then bring meal. And he cast it into the pot; and he said, Four out for the people, that they may eat. And there was no harm in the pot.

42 And there came a man from Baal-shalishah, and brought the man of God bread of the firstfruits, twenty loaves of barley, and fresh ears of grain in 29 his sack. And he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat. 43 And his servant said, What, should I set this before a hundred men? But he said, Give unto the people, that they may eat; for thus saith Jehovah, They shall eat, and shall leave thereof. 44 So he set it before them, and they did eat, and left thereof, according to the word of Jehovah.

Now Naaman, captain of the host of the king of Syria, was a great man 31 with his master, and honorable, because by him Jehovah had given 32 victory unto Syria: he was also a mighty man of valor, but he was a leper. And the Syrarians had gone out in bands, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maiden; and she 33 waited on Naaman’s wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress, Would that my lord were with the prophet that is in Samaria! then would he recover him of his leprosy. 4 And one went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus said the maiden that is of the land of Israel. 5 And the king of Syria said, Go now, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him 36 ten talents of silver, and six thousand 36 pieces of gold, and ten changes of raiment. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, saying, And now when this letter is come unto thee, behold, I have sent Naaman my servant to thee, that thou mayest recover him of his leprosy. 7 And it came to pass, when the king of Israel had read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this man doth send unto me to recover a man of his leprosy? but consider, I pray you, and see how he seeketh 37 a quarrel against me.

8 And it was so, when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had rent his clothes, that he sent to the king, saying, Wherefore hast thou rent thy clothes? let him come now to me, and he shall know that there is a prophet in Israel. 9 So Naaman came with his horses and with his chariots, and stood at the door of the house of Elisha. 10 And Elisha sent a messenger unto him, saying, Go and wash in the Jordan seven times, and thy flesh shall come again to thee, and thou shalt be clean. 11 But Naaman was wroth, and went away, and said, Behold, I thought, He will surely come out to me, and stand, and call on the name of Jehovah his God, and wave his hand over the place, and recover the leper. 12 Are not Abanah and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? may I not wash in them, and be clean? So he turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants came near, and spake unto him, and said, My father, if the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldest thou not have done it? how much rather then, when he saith to thee, Wash, and be clean? 14 Then he went down, and dipped himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the saying of the man of God; and his flesh came again like unto 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 pray thee, take a 39 present of thy servant. 16 But he said, As Jehovah liveth, before whom I stand, I will receive none. And he urged him to take it; but he refused. 17 And Naaman said, If not, yet, I pray thee, let there be given to thy servant two mules’ burden of earth; for thy servant will henceforth offer neither burnt-offering nor sacrifice unto other gods, but unto Jehovah. 18 In this thing Jehovah pardon thy servant: when my master goeth into the house of Rimmon to worship there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I bow myself in the house of Rimmon, when I bow myself in the house of

25 Hb. attention.
26 Or, bowed himself upon him; Also in vs. 35.
27 Or, and embraced the child seven times,
28 Hb. evil thing in the pot.
29 Or, the husk thereof.
30 Or, minister
31 Hb. before
32 Hb. salvation
33 Hb. was before Naaman’s wife.
34 Or, he
35 That is, 350 kg of silver, or, 770 pounds.
36 Or, shekels (6,000 shekels = 70 kg.)
37 Or, an occasion against me.
Rimmon, Jehovah pardon thy servant in this thing. 19 And he said unto him, Go in peace. So he departed from him a little way.

20 But Gehazi, the servant of Elisha the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared this Naaman the Syrian, in not receiving at his hands that which he brought: as Jehovah liveth, I will run after him, and take somewhat of him. 21 So Gehazi followed after Naaman. And when Naaman saw one running after him, he alighted from the chariot to meet him, and said, Is all well? 22 And he said, All is well. My master hath sent me, saying, Behold, even now there are come to me from the hill-country of Ephraim two young men of the sons of the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two changes of raiment, and laid two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver to the prophets; give them, I pray thee, a talent of silver, and two talents of silver from him.

23 And Naaman said, Be pleased to take two talents. And he urged him, and bound two talents of silver in two bags, with two changes of raiment, and laid them upon his camels. 24 And he came to the "hill, he took them from their hand, and bestowed 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 unto him, Whence comest thou, thou wainwright? And he said, Thy servant went not whither. 26 And he said unto him, Went not my heart with thee, when the man turned from his chariot to meet thee? Is it a time to receive money, and to receive garments, and oliveyards and vineyards, and sheep and oxen, and men-servants and maid-servants? 27 The leprosy therefore of Naaman shall cleave unto thee, and unto thy seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a leper as white as snow.

And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha, Behold, now, the place where we dwell before thee is too strait for us. 2 Let us go, we pray thee, unto the Jordan, and take thence every man a beam, and let us make us a place there, where we may dwell. And he answered, Go ye. 3 And one said, Be pleased, I pray thee, to go with thy servants. And he answered, I will go. 4 So he went with them. And when they came to the Jordan, they cut down wood. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe-head fell into the water; and he cried, and said, Alas, my master! for it was borrowed. 6 And the man of God said, Where fell it? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither, 43 and made the axe-head to swim. 7 And he said, Take it up to thee. So he put out his hand, and took it.

8 Now the king of Syria was warring against Israel; and he took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not such a place; for thither the Syrians are coming down. 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place which the man of God told him and warned him of; and he saved himself there, not once nor twice. 11 And the heart of the king of Syria was sore troubled for this thing; and he called his servants, and said unto them, Will ye not show me which of us is for the king of Israel? 12 And one of his servants said, No, my lord, O king; but Elisha, the prophet that is in Israel, telleth the king of Israel the words that thou speakest in thy bedchamber. 13 And he said, Go and see where he is, that I may send and fetch him. And it was told him, saying, Behold, he is in Dothan.

14 Therefore sent he thither horses, and chariots, and a great host: and they came by night, and compassed the city about. 15 And when the servant of the man of God was risen early, and gone forth, behold, a host with horses and chariots was round about the city. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my master! how shall we do? 16 And he answered, Fear not; for they that are with us are more than they that are with them. 17 And Elisha prayed, and said, Jehovah, I pray thee, open his eyes, that he may see. And Jehovah opened the eyes of the young man; and he saw: and, behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire round about Elisha. 18 And when they came down to him, Elisha prayed unto Jehovah, and said, Smite this people, I pray thee, with blindness. And he smote them with blindness according to the word of Elisha. 19 And Elisha said unto them, This is not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom ye seek. And he led them to Samaria.

20 And it came to pass, when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha said, Jehovah, open the eyes of these men, that they may see. And Jehovah opened their eyes, and they saw; and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. 21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha, when he saw them, My father, shall I smite them? 22 And he answered, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldest thou smite those whom thou hast taken captive with thy sword and with thy bow? set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink, and go to their master. 23 And he prepared great provision for them; and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel.

24 And it came to pass after this, that Ben-hadad king of Syria gathered all his host, 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 forty pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a kab 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 unto him, saying, Help, my lord, O king. 27 And he said, 48 If Jehovah do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? out of the threshing-floor, or out of the winepress? 28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she answered, This woman said unto me, Give thy son, that we may eat him today, and we will eat mine ox today. 29 So we boiled my son, and did eat him: and it came to pass, when the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent his clothes; (now he was passing by upon the wall;) and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth within upon his flesh. 31 Then he said, Go do so to me, and more also, if the head of Elisha the son of Shaphat shall stand on him this day.

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39 Hb. blessing
40 Or, some distance. Sept. a horse (chariot) racecourse.
41 Hb. Ophel,
42 Or, My heart went not from me, when etc.
43 Or, and brought the iron to the surface.
44 Or, encamping.
45 Hb. nation
46 80 shekels = 925 gm, or about 2 pounds.
47 Or, shekels (both times)
48 Or, No, let Jehovah help thee!
32 But Elisha was sitting in his house, and the elders were sitting with him; and the king sent a man from before him: but ere the messenger came to him, he said to the elders, See ye how this son of a murderer hath sent to take away my head? look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, and hold the door fast against him: is not the sound of his master’s feet behind him? 33 And while he was yet talking with them, behold, the messenger came down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of Jehovah; why should I wait for Jehovah any longer?

7 And Elisha said, Hear ye the word of Jehovah: thus saith Jehovah, 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 the captain on whose hand the king leaned answered the man of God, and said, Behold, if Jehovah should make windows in heaven, might this thing be? And he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof.

3 Now there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate: and they said one to another, Why sit we 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. Now therefore come, and let us fall unto the host of the Syrians: 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 unto the camp of the Syrians; and when they were come to the outermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no man there. 6 For Jehovah had made the host of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, even the noise of a great host: and they said one to another, Lo, the king of Israel hath hired against us the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of the Egyptians, to come upon us. 7 Wherefore 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 souls. 8 And when these lepers came to the outermost part of the camp, they went into one tent, and did eat and drink, and carried thence silver, and gold, and raiment, and went and hid it; and they came back, and entered into another tent, and carried thence also, and went and hid it.

9 Then they said one to another, We do not well: this day is a day of good tidings, and we hold our peace: if we tarry till the morning light, punishment will overtake us: now therefore come, let us go and tell the king’s household. 10 So they came and called unto the porter of the city; and they told them, saying, We came to the camp of the Syrians, and behold, there was no man there, neither voice of man, but the horses tied, and the asses tied, and the tents as they were. 11 And he called the porters; and they told it to the king’s household within. 12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants, I will now show you what Jehovah has done to us. They know that we are hungry; therefore are they gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, When they come out of the city, we shall take them alive, and get into the city. 13 And one of his servants answered and said, Let some take, I pray thee, 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, they are as all the multitude of Israel that are consumed;) and let us send and see. 14 They took therefore two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the host of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. 15 And they went after them unto the Jordan: and, lo, all the way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste. And the messengers returned, and told the king.

16 And the people went out, and plundered the camp of the Syrians. So a measure of fine flour was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of Jehovah. 17 And the king appointed the captain on whose hand he leaned to have the charge of the gate: and the people trod upon him in the gate, and he died as the man of God had said, who spake 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 captain answered the man of God, and said, Now, behold, if Jehovah should make windows in heaven, might such a thing be? and he said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thine eyes, but shalt not eat thereof: 20 it came to pass even so unto him; for the people trod upon him in the gate, and he died.

8 Now Elisha had spoken unto the woman, whose son he had restored to life, saying, Arise, and go thou and thy household, and sojourn wheresoever thou canst sojourn: for Jehovah hath called for a famine; and it shall also come upon the land seven years. 2 And the woman arose, and did according to the word of Jehovah; and she went with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. 3 And it came to pass at the seven years’ end, that the woman returned out of the land of the Philistines: and she went forth to cry unto the king for her house and for her land. 4 Now the king was talking with Gehazi the servant of the man of God, saying, Tell me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha hath done. 5 And it came to pass, as he was telling the king how he had restored to life him that was dead, 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. So the king appointed unto 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 Syria was sick; and it was told him, saying, The man of God is come hither. 8 And the king said unto Hazael, Take a present in thy hand, and go, meet the man of God, and inquire of Jehovah by him, saying, Shall I recover of this sickness? 9 So Hazael went to meet him, and took a present 58 with him, 59 even of every good thing of Damascus, forty camels’
burden, and came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover of this sickness? 10 And Elisha said unto him, Go, say unto him, Thou shalt surely recover; howbeit Jehovah hath showed me that he shall surely die. 11 And he settled his countenance steadfastly upon him, until he was ashamed: and the man of God wept. 12 And Hazael said, Why weepest my lord? And he answered, Because I know the evil that thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strongholds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and wilt dash in pieces their little ones, and rip up their women with child. 13 And Hazael said, But what is thy servant, who is but a dog, that he should do this great thing? And Elisha answered, Jehovah hath showed me that thou shalt be king over Syria. 14 Then he departed from Elisha, and came to his master; who said to him, What said Elisha to thee? And he answered, He told me that thou wouldest surely recover. 15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took the coverlet, and dipped it in water, and spread it on his face, so that he died: and Hazael reigned in his stead.

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 he had the daughter of Ahab to wife; and he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah. 19 Howbeit Jehovah would not destroy Judah, for David his servant’s sake, as he promised him to give unto him a lamp 64for his children alway.

20 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, and made a king over themselves. 21 Then Joram passed over to Zair, and all his chariots with him: and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites that compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots; and the people fled to their tents. 22 So Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah unto this day. 23 And Jehoram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

24 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Ahab king of Israel did Ahabahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah begin to reign. 25 Twenty-two years old was Ahabiahaziah 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. 26 And he walked in the way of the house of Ahab, and did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, as did the house of Ahab; for he was the son-in-law of the house of Ahab. 27 And he went with Joram the son of Ahab to war against Hazael king of Syria at Ramoth-gilead: and the Syrians wounded Joram. 28 And king Joram returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought against Hazael king of Syria. And Ahabiahaziah the son of Jehoram king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of Ahab in Jezreel, because he was sick.

And Elisha the prophet called one of the sons of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this vial of oil in thy hand, and go to Ramoth-gilead. 2 And when thou comest thither, look out there Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber. 3 Then take the vial of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith Jehovah, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not. 4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramoth-gilead. 5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. 6 And Jehu said, Unto which of us all? And he said, To thee, O captain. 7 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, I have anointed thee king over the people of Jehovah, even over Israel. 8 And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of Jehovah, at the hand of Jezebel. 9 For the whole house of Ahab shall perish; and I will cut off from Ahab every man-child, and him that is shut up and him that is left at large in Israel. 10 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. 11 And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her. And he opened the door, and fled.

11 Then Jehu came forth to the servants of his lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this mad fellow to thee? And he said unto them, Ye know the man and what his talk was. 12 And they said, It is false; tell us now. And he said, Thus and thus spake he to me, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, I have anointed thee king over Israel. 13 Then they hasted, and took every man his garbment, and put it under him 65on the top of the stairs, and blew the trumpet, saying, Jehu is king.

14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram was keeping Ramoth-gilead, he and all Israel, because of Hazael king of Syria; 15 but king 66Joram was returned to be healed in Jezreel of the wounds which the Syrians had given him, when he fought with Hazael king of Syria.) And Jehu said, If this be your souls, then let none escape and go forth out of the city, to go to tell it in Jezreel. 16 So Jehu rode in a chariot, and went to Jezreel; for Joram lay there. And Ahabiahaziah king of Judah was come down to see Joram.

17 Now the watchman was standing on the tower in Jezreel, and he spied the company of Jehu as he came, and said, I see a company. And Joram said, Take a horseman, and send to meet them, and let him say, 67Is it peace? 18 So there went one on horseback to meet him, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to do with peace? turn thee behind me. And the watchman told, saying, The messenger came to them, but he cometh not back. 19 Then he sent out a second on horseback, who came to them, and said, Thus saith the king, Is it peace? And Jehu answered, What
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Now Ahab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, even the elders, and unto them that brought up the sons of Ahab, saying, 2And now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing your master’s sons are with you, and there are with you chariots and horses, a fortified city also, and armor; 3look ye out the best and meetest of your master’s sons, and set him on his father’s throne, and fight for your master’s house. 4But they were exceedingly afraid, and said, Behold, the two kings stood not before him: how then shall we stand? 5And he that was in charge of the house, and he that was over the city, the elders also, and they that brought up the children, sent to Jehu, saying, We are thy servants, and will do all that thou shalt bid us; we will not make any man king: do thou that which is good in thine eyes. 6Then he wrote a letter a second time to them, saying, If ye be on my side, and if ye will hear me, take ye the heads of the men thy master’s sons, and come to me to Jezreel by tomorrow this time. Now the king’s sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who brought them up. 7And it came to pass, when the letter came to them that they took the king’s sons, and slew them, even seventy persons, and put their heads in baskets, and sent them unto him to Jezreel. 8And they came a messenger, and told him, saying, They have brought the heads of the king’s sons. And he said, Lay ye them in two heaps at the entrance of the gate until the morning. 9And it came to pass in the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to all the people, Ye are righteous: behold, I conspired against my master, and slew him; but who smote all these? 10Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of Jehovah, which Jehovah spake concerning the house of Ahab: for Jehovah hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah. 11So Jehu smote all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his familiar friends, and his priests, until he left him none remaining. 12And he arose and departed, and went to Samaria. And as he was at the shearing-house of the shepherds in the way, 13Jehu met with the brethren of Ahaziah king of Judah, and said, Who are ye? And they answered, We are the brethren of Ahaziah: and we go down to salute the children of the king and the children of the queen. 14And he said, Take them alive. And they took them alive, and slew them at the pit of the shearing house, even forty-two men; neither left he any of them. 15And when he was departed thence, he lighted on Jehonadab the son of Rechab coming to meet him; and he saluted him, and said to him, Is thy heart right, as my heart is with thy heart? And Jehonadab answered, It is. If it be, give me thy hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took him up to him into the chariot. 16And he said, Come with me, and see my zeal for Jehovah. So they made him ride in his chariot. 17And when he came to Samaria, he smote all that remained unto Ahab in Samaria, till he had destroyed him, according to the word of Jehovah, which he spake by his servant Elijah. 18And Jehu gathered all the people together, and said unto them, Ahab served Baal a little; but Jehu will serve him much. 19Now therefore call unto me all the prophets of Baal, all his worshippers, and all his priests; let none be wanting: for I have a great sacrifice to do to Baal; whosoever shall be wanting, he shall not live. But Jehu did it in subtlety, to the intent that
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he might destroy the worshippers of Baal. 20 And Jehu said, Sanctify 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 that came not. And they came into the house of Baal; and the house of Baal was filled from one end to another. 22 And he said unto him that was over the vestry, Bring forth vestments for all the worshippers of Baal. And he brought them forth the vestments. 23 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal; and he said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of Jehovah, but the worshippers of Baal only. 24 And they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt-offerings. Now Jehu had appointed him eighty men without, and said, If any of the men whom I bring into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his soul shall be for the soul of him.

25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the 78 guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. 26 And they brought forth the 76 pillars that were in the house of Baal, and burned them. 27 And they brake down the pillar of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught-house, unto this day. 28 Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.

29 Howbeit from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, 77 wherewith he made Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from after them, to wit, the golden calves that were in Beth-el, and that were in Dan. 30 And Jehovah said unto Jehu, Because thou hast 78 done well in executing that which is right in mine eyes, and hast done unto the house of Ahab according to all that was in my heart, thy sons of the fourth generation shall sit on the throne of Israel. 31 But Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of Jehovah, the God of Israel, with all his heart: he had departed not from the sins of Jeroboam, wherewith he made Israel to sin.

32 In those days Jehovah began to cut off from Israel: and 79 Hazael smote 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 valley of the Arnon, even Gilead and Bashan. 34 Now 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 stead. 36 And the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was twenty-eight years.

11 Now when Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, she arose and destroyed all the seed royal. 2 But Jehosheba, the daughter of king Joram, sister of Ahaziah, took Joash the son of Ahaziah, and stole him away from among the king’s sons that were to be slain, even him and his nurse. 3 And they brought them into the house of Jehovah; and they hid him from Athaliah, so that he was not slain. 4 And he was with her hid in the house of Jehovah six years: and Athaliah reigned over the land.

4 And in the seventh year Jehoiada sent and fetched the captains over hundreds, of the 80 Carites and of the 81 guard, and brought them to him into the house of Jehovah; and he made a covenant with them, and took an oath of them in the house of Jehovah, and showed them the king’s son. 5 And he commanded them, saying, This is the thing that ye shall do: a third part of you, that come in on the sabbath, shall be keepers of the watch of the king’s house; and a third part shall be at the gate Sur; and a third part at the gate behind the guards: so shall ye keep the watch of the house, and be a barrier. 6 And the two companies of you, even all that go forth on the sabbath, shall keep the watch of the house of Jehovah about the king. 7 And ye shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and he that cometh within the ranks, let him be slain: and be ye with the king when he goeth out, and when he cometh in.

9 And the captains over hundreds did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded; and they took every man his men, those that were to come in on the sabbath, with those that were to go out on the sabbath, and came to Jehoiada the priest. 10 And the priest delivered to the captains over hundreds the spears and shields that had been king David’s, which were in the house of Jehovah. 11 And the guard stood, every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about. 12 Then he brought out the king’s son, and put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony; and they made 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 into the house of Jehovah: 14 and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by the pillar, as the manner was, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and cried, Treason! treason! 15 And Jehoiada the priest commanded the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth between the ranks; and him that followeth her slay with the sword: for the priest said, Let her not be slain in
the house of Jehovah. 16 So they made way for her; and she went by the way of the horses’ entry to the king’s house: and there was she slain.

17 And Jehoiada made a covenant between Jehovah and the king and the people, that they should be Jehovah’s people; between the king also and the people. 18 And all the people of the land went to the house of Baal, and brake it down; its altars and his images brake they in pieces thoroughly, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altar.

And the priests appointed officers over the house of Jehovah. 19 And he took the captains over hundreds, and the Carites, and the guard, and all the people of the land; and they brought down the king from the house of Jehovah, and came by the way of the gate of the guard unto the king’s house. And he sat on the throne of the kings.

20 So all the people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet. And Athaliah they had slain with the sword at the king’s house.

21 Jehoash was seven years old when he began to reign.

12 In the seventh year of Jehu began Jehoash to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother’s name was Zibiah of Beer-sheba. 2 And Jehoash did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah all his days wherein Jehoia the priest instructed him. 3 Howbeit the high places were not taken away; the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places.

4 And Jehoash said to the priests, All the money of the hallowed things that is brought into the house of Jehovah, in current money, the money of the persons for whom each man is rated, and all the money that it cometh into any man’s heart to bring into the house of Jehovah, let the priests take it to them, every man from his acquaintance; and they shall repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach shall be found. 5 But it was so, that in the twenty-third year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. 6 Then king Jehoash called for Jehoiada the priest, and for the other priests, and said unto them, Why repair ye not the breaches of the house? now therefore take no more money from your acquaintance, but deliver it for the breaches of the house. 7 And the priests consented that they should take no more money from the people, neither repair the breaches of the house themselves.

9 But Jehoia the priest took a chest, and bored a hole in the lid of it, and set it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of Jehovah: and the priests that kept the threshold put therein all the money that was brought into the house of Jehovah. 10 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 put it up in bags and counted the money that was found in the house of Jehovah. 11 And they gave the money that was weighed out into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of Jehovah: and they paid it out to the carpenters and the builders, that wrought upon the house of Jehovah, and to the masons and the hewers of stone, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the breaches of the house of Jehovah, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it. 13 But there were not made for the house of Jehovah cups of silver, snuffers, basins, trumpets, any vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, of the money that was brought into the house of Jehovah;

for they gave that to them that did the work, and repaired therewith the house of Jehovah. 15 Moreover they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to give to them that did the work; for they dealt faithfully.

16 The money for the trespass-offerings, and the money for the sin-offerings, was not brought into the house of Jehovah: it was the priests’.

17 Then Hazael king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath; and Hazael took it; and Hazael set his face to go up to Jerusalem. 18 And Jehoash king of Judah took all the sanctified things that Jehoshaphat and Jehoram and Ahaziah, his fathers, kings of Judah, had sanctified, and his own sanctified things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and of the king’s house, and sent it to Hazael king of Syria; and he went away from Jerusalem.

19 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 20 And his servants arose, and made a conspiracy, and smote Joash at the house of Millo, on the way that goeth down to Silla.

21 For Jozacar the son of Shimeth, and Jehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David; and Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

13 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 reigned seventeen years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah; and followed the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom. 3 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of Hazael king of Syria, and into the hand of Benhadad the son of Hazael, continually. 4 And Jehoahaz besought Jehovah, and Jehovah hearkened unto him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, how that the king of Syria oppressed them. 5 And Jehovah gave Israel a saviour, so that they went out from under the hand of the Syrians; and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents as beforetime. 6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jeroboam, whereby he made Israel to sin, but walked therein; and there remained the Asherah also in Samaria.) 7 For he left not to Jehoahaz of the people save fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand footmen; for the king of Syria destroyed them, and made them like the dust in threshing.

8 HB. offices
98 HB. each man the money of the souls of his estimation, See Lv 27:2.
99 HB. secretary
100 HB. bound up and counted etc.
101 HB. brought it forth to the carpenters etc.
102 HB. went forth for the house
103 In the time of Jehoahaz and/or Jehoash, Adad-Nirari III of Assyria also claims to have put his tribute.
104 HB. all the days.
105 HB. he walked
106 HB. to trample on.
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Israel. 9 And Jehoahaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son reigned in his stead.

10 In the thirty-seventh year of Joash king of Judah began Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz to reign over Israel in Samaria, and reigned sixteen years. 11 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin; but he walked therein. 12 Now the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his might wherein 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 Now Elisha was fallen sick of his sickness whereof he died: and Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over him; and said, My father, my father, the chariots of Israel and the horsemen thereof! 15 And Elisha said unto him, Take bow and arrows; and he took unto him bow and arrows. 16 And he said to the king of Israel, Put thy hand upon the bow; and he put his hand upon it. And Elisha laid 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, Jehovah’s arrow of victory over Syria; for thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till thou have consumed them. 18 And he said, Take the arrows; and he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground; and he smote thrice, and stayed. 19 And the man of God was wroth with him, and said, Thou shouldst have smitten five or six times: then hadst thou stayed.

20 And Elisha died, and they buried him. Now 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 him, and said to one another, Look, there is the king of Israel fallen down by the wall. And they took hold of the man. 22 And Hazael king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of Jehoahaz. 23 But Jehoahaz was gracious unto them, and had compassion on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet. 24 And Hazael king of Syria died; and Ben-hadad his son reigned in his stead. 25 And Jehoash the son of Jehoahaz took again out of the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Hazael the cities which he had taken out of the hand of Jehoahaz his father by war. Three times did Joash smite him, and recovered the cities of Israel.

14 In the second year of Joash son of Joahaz king of Israel began Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah to reign. 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 eyes of Jehovah, yet not like David his father: he did according to all that Joash his father had done. 4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 5 And it came to pass, as soon as the kingdom was established in his hand, that he slew his servants who had slain the king his father: 6 but the children of the murderers he put not to death; according to that which is written in the book of the law of Moses, as Jehovah commanded, saying, 103 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 die for his own sin. 7 He slew of Edom in the Valley of Salt ten thousand, and took Sela by war, and called the name of it Joktheel, unto 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 103thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trod down the thistle. 10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, and thy heart hath lifted thee up: glory thereof, and abide at home; for why shouldst thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldst fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?

11 But Amaziah would not hearken. So Jehoash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. 12 And Judah was put to worse before Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. 13 And Jehoash king of Israel took Amaziah king of Judah, the son of Jehoash the son of Ahaziah, at Beth-shemesh, and came to Jerusalem, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 14 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king’s house, the hostages also, and returned to Samaria.

15 Now 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 stead.

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 Now 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 slew him there. 20 And they brought him upon 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.

98 Hb. his face,
99 Hb. salvation (both times)
100 Or, against
101 Hb. when the man went and touched the bones
102 Hb. until now.
103 Dt 24:16.
104 Or, the rock by war,
105 Or, thorn (both times)
106 Or, provoke calamity to thy hurt,
107 In ch. 15:13, and 2Chr 26:1, Uzziah
108 Evidence for the Judean building of Eilat includes an inscription there, “belonging to Jotham.”
23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah began Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty-one years. 24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 25 He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath unto the sea of the Arabah, according to the word of Jehovah, the God of Israel, which he spake by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was of Gath-hepher. 26 For Jehovah saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter; for there was none shut up nor left at large, neither was there any helper for Israel. 27 And Jehovah said not 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 Now the rest of the acts of Jeroboam, and all that he did, and his might, how he warred, 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, even with the kings of Israel; and Zechariah his son reigned in his stead.

15 In the twenty-seventh year of Jeroboam king of Israel began 109 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 eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 4 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places. 5 And Jehovah smote the king, so that he was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in 110 a separate house. And Jotham the king’s son was over the household, judging the people of the land. 6 Now 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 Pekahiah his son reigned in his stead.

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 Jehovah, as his fathers had done: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 10 And Shallum the son of Jabesh conspired against him, and smote him before the people, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. 11 Now 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 Jehovah which he spake unto Jotham, saying, Thy sons to the fourth generation shall sit upon the throne of Israel. 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 the space of a month in Samaria. 14 And Menahem the son of Gadi went up from Tirzah, and came to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Jabesh in Samaria, and slew him, and reigned in his stead. 15 Now 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 smote Tiphsah, and all that were therein, and the borders thereof, from Tirzah: because they opened not to him, therefore he smote it; and all the women therein that 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 Jehovah: he departed not all his days from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 19 There came against the land 111 Pul the king of Assyria; and Menahem gave Pul a 112 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, even of all the mighty men of wealth, of each man 113 fifty shekels of silver, to give to the king of Assyria. So the king of Assyria turned back, and stayed not there in the land. 21 Now 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 stead.

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 Jehovah: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 25 And Pekah the son of Remaliah, his captain, conspired against him, and smote him in Samaria, in the 114 castle of the king’s house, with Argob and Arieh; and with him were fifty men of the Gileadites: and he slew him, and reigned in his stead. 26 Now 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 reigned twenty years. 28 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah: he departed not from the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, wherewith he made Israel to sin. 29 In the days of Pekah king of Israel came Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and took Ijon, and Abel-beth-maacah, and Rezin. 30 And Hoshea the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekah the son of Remaliah, and smote him, and slew him, and reigned in his stead, in the twentieth year of Jotham the son of Uzziah. 31 Now 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.

109 In vss. 13, 30, etc., Uzziah

110 Or, the infirmatory.

111 Tiglath-Pileser III (Tukulti-apla-essara, meaning Tigris’ great lord; nickname Pulu) writes, I received tribute from … Menahem of Samaria … I returned him to his place [and imposed tribute upon him, to wit:] gold, silver, linen garments with multicolored trimmings, … [I re]ceived from him. The house of Omri … all its inhabitants and their possessions I led to Assyria. They overthrew their king Pekah and I placed Hoshea as king over them. I received from them 10 talents of gold, 1,000(?) talents of silver as their [tribute] and brought them to Assyria. [J.B. Pritchard, ANET; p. 282-284.]

112 1,000 talents = 35,000 kg = 77,000 pounds.

113 50 shekels = 580 gm, implying 60,000 mighty men.

114 Or, palace.
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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 Jerusha the daughter of Zadok. 34 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah; he did according to all that his father Uzziah had done. 35 Howbeit the high places were not taken away: the people still sacrificed and burned incense in the high places. He built the upper gate of the house of Jehovah. 36 Now 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 Jehovah began to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, 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 stead.

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekah the son of Remaliah began Ahaz the son of Jotham king of Judah to reign. 2 Twenty years old was Ahaz when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah his God, like David his father. 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, yes, and made his son to pass through the fire, according to the abominations of the nations, whom Jehovah cast out from before the children of Israel. 4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree.

5 Then Rezin king of Syria 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 Syria recovered Elath to Syria, and drove the Jews from Elath; and the Syrians came to Elath, and dwelt there unto this day.

7 So Ahaz sent messengers to Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, saying, I am thy servant and thy son: come up, and save me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and out of the hand of the king of Israel, that rise up against me. 8 And Ahaz took the silver and gold that was found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king’s house, and sent it for a present to the king of Assyria. 9 And the king of Assyria hearkened unto him; and the king of Assyria went up against Damascus, and took it, and carried the people of it captive to Kir, and slew Rezin.

10 And king Ahaz went to Damascus to meet Tiglath-pileser king of Assyria, and saw the altar that was at Damascus; and king Ahaz sent to Urijah the priest the fashion of the altar, and the pattern of it, according to all the workmanship thereof. 11 And Urijah the priest built an altar: according to all that king Ahaz had sent from Damascus, so did Urijah the priest make it against the coming of king Ahaz from Damascus. 12 And when the king came from Damascus, the king saw the altar: and the king drew near unto the altar, and offered thereon. 13 And he burnt 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 the copper altar, which was before Jehovah, he brought from the forefront of the house, from between his altar and the house of Jehovah, and put it on the north side of his altar. 15 And king Ahaz commanded Urijah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burnt-offering, and the evening meal-offering, and the king’s burnt-offering, 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: but the copper altar shall be for me to inquire by. 16 Thus did Urijah the priest, according to all that king Ahaz commanded.

17 In the twelfth year of Ahaz king of Judah began Hoshea the son of Elah to reign in Samaria over Israel, and reigned nine years. 2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, yet not as the kings of Israel that were before him. 3 Against him came up Shalmaneser king of Assyria; and Hoshea became his servant, and brought him tribute. 4 And the king of Assyria found conspiracy in Hoshea; for he had sent messengers to So king of Egypt, and offered 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 unto Assyria, and placed them in Chalah, and on the Chabor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

7 And it was so, because the children of Israel had sinned against Jehovah their God, who brought them up out of the land of Egypt from under the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt,

115 Hb. Elath (first and second times) Modern Elat.
116 HbSept., Vg. read Edomites
117 An inscription of Tiglath-pileser III says, I received the tribute of … Enil of Hamath, … Sanipu of the house of Ammon, Salamanu of Moab, … Jehoahaz of Judah, Kaushmalakku of Edom, … consisting of gold, silver, etc. [ANET, p. 282.]
118 Another inscription of Tiglath-pileser III says, I received tribute from … Rezon of Damascus, Menahem of Samaria, Hirram of Tyre, … Zabibe, the queen of Arabia. [18 nations total] to wit gold, silver, tin, iron, … horses, etc. [ANET, p. 283.]
119 Or, went up unto it.
120 Hb. the peace-offerings which were his.
121 Or, covered place for the sabbath
and had feared other gods, and walked in the statutes of the nations, whom Jehovah cast out from before the children of Israel, and of the kings of Israel, which they made. 9 And the children of Israel did secretly things that were not right against Jehovah their God: and they built them high places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen to the fortified city; 10 and they set them up pillars and Asherim upon every high hill, and under every green tree; 11 and there they burnt incense in all the high places, as did the nations whom Jehovah carried away before them; and they wrought wicked things to provoke Jehovah to anger; 12 and they served idols, whereof Jehovah had said unto them, Ye shall not do this thing. 13 Yet Jehovah testified unto Israel, and unto Judah, by every prophet, and every seer, saying, Turn ye from your evil ways, and keep my commandments and my statutes, according to all the law which I commanded your fathers, and which I sent unto you by my servants the prophets. 14 Notwithstanding, they would not hear, but hardened their neck, like to the neck of their fathers, who believed not in Jehovah their God. 15 And they rejected his statutes, and his covenant that he made with their fathers, and his testimonies which he testified unto them; and they followed vanity, and became vain, and went after the nations that were round about them, concerning whom Jehovah had charged them that they should not do like them. 16 And they forsook all the commandments of Jehovah their God, and made them molten images, even two calves, and made an Asherah, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served Baal. 17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. 18 Therefore Jehovah was very angry with Israel, and removed them out of his sight: there was none left but the tribe of Judah only.

19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of Jehovah their God, but walked in the statutes of Israel which they made. 20 And Jehovah rejected all the seed of Israel, and afflicted them, and delivered them into the hand of spoilers, until he had cast them out of his sight. 21 For he rent Israel from the house of David; and they made Jeroboam the son of Nebat king; and Jeroboam drave Israel from following Jehovah, and made them sin a great sin. 22 And the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jeroboam which he did; and they departed not from them; 23 until Jehovah removed Israel out of his sight, as he spake by all his servants the prophets. So Israel was carried away out of their own land to Assyria unto this day.

24 And the king of Assyria drave men from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from Ava, and from Hamath and Sepharvaim, and placed them in the cities of Samaria instead of the children of Israel; and they possessed Samaria, and dwelt in the cities thereof. 25 And so it was, at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not Jehovah: therefore Jehovah sent lions among them, which killed some of them. 26 Wherefore they spake to the king of Assyria, saying, The nations which thou hast carried away, and placed in the cities of Samaria, know not the law of the god of the land: therefore he hath sent lions among them, and, behold, they slay them, because they know not the law of the god of the land.

27 Then the king of Assyria commanded, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom ye brought from thence; and let him go and dwell there, and let him teach them the law of the gods of the land. 28 So one of the priests whom they had carried away from Samaria came and dwelt in Beth-el, and taught them how they should fear Jehovah. 29 Howbeit 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 wherein they dwelt. 30 And the men of Babylon made Sukkoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth made Nergal, and the men of Hamath made Ashima, and the Avites made Nibhaz and Tartak; and the Sepharvites burnt their children in the fire to Aadammelech and Anammelech, the gods of Sepharvaim. 31 So they feared Jehovah, and made unto them from among themselves priests of the high places, who sacrificed for them in the houses of the high places. 32 They feared Jehovah, and served their own gods, after the manner of the nations from among whom they had been carried away.

33 Unto this day they do after the former manner: they fear not Jehovah, neither do they after their statutes, or after their ordinances, or after the law or after the commandment which Jehovah commanded the children of Jacob, whom he named Israel; 34 with whom Jehovah had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves to them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them: 35 but Jehovah, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt with great power and with an outstretched arm, him shall ye fear, and unto him shall ye bow yourselves, and to him shall ye sacrifice: 36 and the statutes and the ordinances, and the law and the commandment, which he wrote for you, ye shall observe to do all your days; and ye shall not fear other gods:

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18 Now 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: and his mother’s name was Abi the daughter of Zechariah. 3 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, according to all that David his father had done. 4 He removed the high places, and brake the pillars, and cut down the Asherah: and he brake in pieces the brazen serpent that Moses had made; for unto those days the children of Israel neither Overseers nor officials and who had not yet brought their tribute to any king. I deported their survivors and settled them in Samaria. [ANET, p. 285-286.] Sargon later claims to have received tribute from Judah.

125 Or, practiced.
126 Or, obelisks
127 According to another reading, drew away Israel
128 In his 7th year (of 16) Sargon II of Assyria writes, I crushed the tribes of Tamud, Ibadidi, Marsimanu, and Haiapa, the Arabs who live, far away, in the desert and who know
129 Or, practiced.
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did burn incense to it; and 131 he called it 132 Nehushtan. 5 He trusted in Jehovah, the God of Israel; so that after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor among them that were before him. 6 For he clave to Jehovah; he departed not from following him, but kept his commandments, which Jehovah commanded Moses. 7 And Jehovah was with him; whithersoever he went forth he prospered: and he rebelled against the king of Assyria, and served him not. 8 He smote the Philistines unto Gaza and the borders thereof, from the tower of the watchmen 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, which was the ninth year of Hoshea king of Israel, Samaria was taken. 11 And the king of Assyria carried Israel away unto Assyria, and put them in Chalach, and on the Chabor, the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes, 12 because they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah their God, but transgressed his covenant, even all that Moses the servant of Jehovah commanded, and would not hear it, nor do it.

13 Now in the fourteenth year of king Hezekiah did 134 Senacherib king of Assyria come 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; return from me: that which thou puttest on me will I bear. 15 And the king of Assyria appointed unto Hezekiah king of Judah three hundred talents of silver and thirty talents of gold.

16 And Hezekiah gave him all the silver that was found in the house of Jehovah, and in the treasures of the king’s house. 17 At that time did Hezekiah cut off the gold from the doors of the temple of Jehovah, and from the 135 pillars which Hezekiah king of Judah had overlaid, and gave it to the king of Assyria. 18 And the king of Assyria sent 136 Tartan and Rab-saris and Rab-shakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a great army unto Jerusalem. And they went up and came to Jerusalem. And when they were come up, they came and stood by the conduit of the upper pool, which is in the highway of the fuller’s field. 19 And when they had called to the king, there came out to them Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, who was over the household, and Shebnah the 138 scribe, and Joah the son of Asaph the 140 recorder.

19 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? 20 Thou sayest (but they are but 141 vain words), There is counsel and strength for the war. Now on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled against me? 21 Now, behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt; whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt unto all that trust on him. 22 But if ye say unto me, We trust in Jehovah our God; is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar in Jerusalem? 23 Now therefore, I pray thee, 142 give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. 24 How then canst thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master’s servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 25 Am I now come up without Jehovah against this place to destroy it? Jehovah said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

26 Then said Eliakim the son of Hilkiah, and Shebna, and Joah, unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not with us in the Jews’ language, in the ears of the people that are on the wall. 27 But Rabshakeh said unto them, Hath my master sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? hath he not sent me to the men that sit on the wall, to eat their own dung, and to drink their own water with you? 28 Then Rabshakeh stood, and cried with a loud voice in the Jews’ language, and spake, saying, Hear ye the word of the great king, the king of Assyria. 29 Thus saith the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive thee; for he will not be able to deliver you out of his hand; 30 neither let Hezekiah make you trust in Jehovah, saying, Jehovah will surely deliver us, this city shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 31 Hearken not to Hezekiah: for thus saith the king of Assyria, 143 Make your peace with me, and come out to me; and eat ye every one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and drink ye every one the waters of his own cistern; 32 until I come and take you lordship had overwhelmed and whose irregular and elite troops which he had brought into Jerusalem, his royal residence, in order to strengthen it, had deserted him, did send me, later, to Nineveh, my lordly city, together with 30 talents of gold, 800 talents of silver, precious stones, ... his own daughters, concubines ... [ANET, p. 288.] [Senacherib conveniently ignores his own losses.]

131 Or, it was called
132 That is, Just a piece of copper.
134 Hb. Sanherib From the Prism of Sennacherib, As to Hezekiah the Jew, he did not submit to my yoke, I laid siege to 46 of his strong cities, walled forts and to the countless small villages in their vicinity, and conquered them by means of well-stamped (earth-) ramps, and battering-rams brought thus near to the walls, combined with the attack by foot soldiers, using mines, breeches as well as sapper work. I drove out of them 200,000 people, young and old, male and female, horses, mules, donkeys, camels, big and small cattle beyond counting, and considered them booty. Himself I made a prisoner in Jerusalem, his royal residence, like a bird in a cage. I surrounded him with earthwork in order to molest those who were leaving his city’s gate. His towns which I had plundered, I took away from his country and gave them over to Mitinti king of Ashdod, Padi king of Ekron, and Sibiblūl king of Gaza. Thus I reduced his country, but to me as his overlord which I imposed latter upon him beyond the former tribute, to be delivered annually. Hezekiah himself, whom the terror-inspiring splendor of my

135 That is, 10,400 kg of silver and 1,040 kg of gold.
136 Or, doorposts
137 Not three names, but titles of Assyrian officers.
138 An epigraph says, Sennacherib, king of the world, king of Assyria, sat upon a rimed throne and passed in review the booty taken from Lachish.
139 Or, secretary
140 Or, chronicler.
141 Hb. a word of the lips
142 Or, make a wager with my master
143 Hb. Aramean or, Aramaic
144 Hb. Make with me a blessing.
away to a land like your own land, a land of grain and new wine, a land of bread and vineyards, a land of olives and of honey, that ye may live, and not die: and hearken not unto Hezekiah, when he persuadeth you, saying, Jehovah will deliver us. 33 Hath any of the gods of the nations ever delivered his land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 34 Where are the gods of Hamath, and of Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim, of Hena, and Ivah? have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 35 Who are they among all the gods of the countries, that have delivered their country out of my hand, that Jehovah should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand?

36 But the people held their peace, and answered him not a word; for the king's commandment was, saying, Answer him not.

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 rent, and told him the words of Rabshakeh.

19 And it came to pass, when king Hezekiah heard it, that he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of Jehovah. 2 And he sent Eliakim, who was over the household, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, unto Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus saith Hezekiah, This day is a day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of reproach; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4 It may be Jehovah thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, 145 whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to defy the living God, and will rebuke the words which Jehovah thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up thy prayer for the remnant that is left. 5 So the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said unto them, Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus saith Jehovah, Be not afraid of the words that thou hast heard, wherewith the servants of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will put a spirit in him, and he shall hear tidings, and shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land.

8 So Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9 And when he heard say of Tirhakah king of Ethiopia, Behold, he is come out to fight against thee, he sent messengers again unto Hezekiah, saying, 10 Thus shall ye speak to Hezekiah king of Judah, saying, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11 Behold, thou hast heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all lands, by destroying them utterly: and shalt thou be delivered?

12 Have the gods of the nations delivered them, which my fathers have destroyed, Gozan, and Haran, and Rezeph, and the children of Eden that were in Telassar? 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 letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up unto the house of Jehovah, and spread it before Jehovah. 15 And Hezekiah prayed before Jehovah, and said, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, that sittest above the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. 16 Incline thine ear, O Jehovah, and hear; open thine eyes, O Jehovah, and see; and hear the words of Sennacherib, wherewith he hath sent him to defy the living God. 17 Of a truth, Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste the nations and their lands, and have cast 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.

18 Now therefore, O Jehovah our God, save thou us, I beseech thee, out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou Jehovah art God alone.

19 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard thee. 20 This is the word that Jehovah hath spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head at thee. 21 Whom hast thou defied and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. 22 By thy messengers thou hast defied Jehovah, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir-trees thereof; and I will enter into his farthest lodging-place, the forest of his fruitful field. 23 I have digged and drunk strange waters, and with the sole of my feet will I dry up all the rivers of Egypt.

24 Hast thou not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that it should be thine to lay waste fortified cities into ruinous heaps. 25 Therefore their inhabitants were of small power, they were dismayed and confounded; they were as grain blasted before it is grown up.

26 And he said, Thus saith Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, In the house of the Lord shall be neither grass nor thistle; but in its place shall grow things that are of goodly fruit.

27 And Hezekiah returned, and said to Isaiah, Let there now be a word from the Lord, I pray thee. 28 And Isaiah said, Say, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, the shadow returneth ten degrees upon the highway that descendeth out of the sun. 29 And Hezekiah answered, It is a light and tender thing for thee, O Jehovah, to be wrought for thee in the day of my trouble: but thou hast reproved the words of the handwriting of the hand that was sent unto me. 30 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto the king, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Because thou hast set thy trust in the chesed of Egypt, and hast trusted in the shadow of the river, and hast said, When I am sick, then will I go into the house of God; 31 Lo, therefore, the Lord shall bring thee into a land of dryness and barrenness, and a land where there is no water; and he shall give thee bread of thorns, and salt of the sea.

145 Or, wherewith the king of Assyria hath sent him to defy the living God,

146 Hb. devoting them utterly:

147 Or, art enthroned above the cherubim,

148 Hb. after thee.

149 Sopherim changed to the Lord,

150 Some mss. in Hb read driving

151 Or, cypress

152 Or, defence. Hb. Mazor. (only the Nile Delta)

153 Hb. the escaped of the house of Judah that remain shall again take root downward,

154 Hbms, versions read Jehovah of hosts (And so it is in Is 37:32.)
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this. 32 Therefore saith Jehovah concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come unto this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he 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 he shall not come unto this city, saith Jehovah. 34 For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David's sake.

35 And it came to pass that night, that the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred eighty-five thousand: and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 36 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 37 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Asshur-melech and Sharezer smote him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

20 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then he turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto Jehovah, saying, 3 Remember now, O Jehovah, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 And it came to pass, before Isaiah was gone out into the middle part of the city, that the word of Jehovah came to him, saying, 5 Turn back, and say to Hezekiah the prince of my people, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will heal thee; on the third day thou shalt go up unto the house of Jehovah. 6 And I will add unto thy days fifteen years; and I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for mine 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 unto Isaiah, What shall be the sign that Jehovah will heal me, and that I shall go up unto the house of Jehovah the third day? 9 And Isaiah said, This shall be the sign unto thee from Jehovah, that Jehovah will heal me, and that I shall go up unto the house of Jehovah the third day? 10 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of Jehovah. 11 Behold, the days come, that all that doth evil in thy house, and that they have eaten the firstfruits of thy field which thou shalt bring unto Jehovah; and none shall come before it with shield, nor shall it be shamed. 12 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Isaiah said, They are come from a far country, even from Babylon. 13 And he said, What have they seen in thy house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in my house have they seen; there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them.

16 And Isaiah said unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of Jehovah. 17 Behold, the days come, that all that doth evil in thy house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store unto this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith Jehovah. 18 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. 19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of Jehovah which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, Is it not so, if peace and truth shall be in my days? 20 Now the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and all his might, and how he made the pool, and the conduit, and brought water into 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 stead.

21 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he 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 Jehovah, after the abominations of the nations whom Jehovah cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father

155 Herodotus II.141 (transl. Henry Cary) likely records this same event: Sennacherib, king of the Arabians and Assyrians, marched a large army against Egypt. ... he [Sethos; likely Stephnathis] took with him such of the Egyptians as were willing to follow him, and encamped in Pelusium, for here the entrance into Egypt is; but none of the military caste followed him, but tradesmen, mechanics, and sutlers [peddlers]. When they arrived there, a number of field mice, pouring in upon their enemies, devoured their quivers and their bows, and moreover, the handles of their shields; so that on the next day, when they fled bereft of their arms, many of them fell. And to this day, a stone statue of this king stands in the temple of Vulcan, with a mouse in his hand.

156 Hb vs., versions read Aadmamelech and Sharezer his sons (And so it is in Is 37:38.)

157 Or, out of

158 Several Massoretic mss. and all ancient versions read the middle court,

159 Or, leader

160 Or, the shadow is gone forward ten steps, shall it go back etc.

161 Or, degrees (both times) Also in vss. 10 and 11.

162 In Is 39:1, Merodach-baladan [Marduk-Baladan]

163 Or, spicery,

164 Some mss., Aram. read, all the house of

165 Or, jewels,

166 This tunnel was rediscovered in 1880, with an inscription describing its construction, And this was the way in which the tunnel was cut through: — While [they] were still [using the] axe, each man toward his fellow, and while there were still three cubits to be cut through, [there was heard] the voice of a man calling to his fellow, for there was an overlap (?) in the rock on the right [and on the left]. And when the tunnel was driven through, the quarrymen heaved the rock, each man toward his fellow, axe against axe; and the water flowed from the spring toward the reservoir for 1,200 cubits, and the height of the rock overhead of the quarrymen was 100 cubits. [ANET, p. 321.]
had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Baal, and made an Asherah, 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 Jehovah, whereof Jehovah 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 Jehovah. 6 And he made his son to pass through the fire, and practised augury, and used enchantments, and 167 dealt with them that had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set the graven image of Asherah, that he had made, in the house of which Jehovah said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever; 8 and I will stretch over Jerusalem the line of Samaria, and the plum of the house of Ahab; and I will wipe Jerusalem as a prey and a spoil to all their enemies; 9 and I will put my name for ever; 10 and I will pour out the money that is found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of Jehovah; and let them give it to the workmen that are in the house of Jehovah, to repair the breaches of the house, 11 unto the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house. 12 And Jehovah spake by his servants the prophets, saying, 13 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Tell ye the man whom thou hast sent thee unto me, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, because they have done that which is evil in my sight, and have provoked me to anger, since the day their fathers came forth out of Egypt, even unto this day. 14 Moreover Manasseh shed innocent blood very much, till he had filled Jerusalem from one end to another; besides his sin wherewith he made Judah to sin, in doing that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah. 15 Now the rest of the acts of Manasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he sinned, are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 16 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 stead. 17 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. 18 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, as did Manasseh his father. 19 And he walked in all the way that his father walked in, and served the idols that his father served, and worshipped them: 20 and he forsook Jehovah, the God of his fathers, and walked not in the way of Jehovah. 21 And the servants of Amon conspired against him, and put the king to death in his own house. 22 But the people of the land slew all them that had conspired against king Amon; and the people of the land made Josiah his son king in his stead. 23 Now 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? 24 And he was buried in his sepulchre in the garden of Uzza: and Josiah his son reigned in his stead.

22 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 Bozath. 2 And he did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, and walked in all the way of David his father, and turned not aside to the right hand or to the left. 3 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 Jehovah, saying, 4 Go up to Hilkiah the high priest, that he may sum the money that is brought into the house of Jehovah, which the keepers of the threshold have gathered of the people: 5 and let them deliver it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of Jehovah; and let them give it to the workmen that are in the house of Jehovah, to repair the breaches of the house, 6 unto the carpenters, and to the builders, and to the masons, and for buying timber and hewn stone to repair the house. 7 Howbeit there was no reckoning made with them of the money that was delivered into their hand; for they dealt faithfully.

8 And Hilkiah the high priest said unto Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of Jehovah. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan, and he read it. 9 And Shaphan the scribe came to the king, and brought the king the word again, and said, Thy servants have emptied out the money that was found in the house, and have delivered it into the hand of the workmen that have the oversight of the house of Jehovah. 10 And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath 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 law, that he rent his clothes. 12 And the king commended Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and Achbor the son of Micaiah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king’s servant, saying, 13 Go ye, inquire of Jehovah for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that is found; for great is the wrath of Jehovah that is kindled against us, because our fathers have not hearkened unto the words of this book, to do according unto all that is written concerning us.

14 So Hilkiah the priest, and Ahikam, and Achbor, and Shaphan, and Asaiah, went unto Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah, the son of Harhas, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the second quarter;) and they communed with her. 15 And she said unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me. 16 Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even all the words of the book which the king of Judah hath read. 17 Because they have forsaken me, and have burned incense unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath shall be kindled against this place, and it shall not be quenched. 18 But unto the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of...
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Jehovah, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: As touching the words which thou hast heard, 19 because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before Jehovah, when thou hearest what I spake against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, that they should become a desolation and a curse, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith Jehovah. 20 Therefore, behold, I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil which I will bring upon this place. And they brought the king word again.

23 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and of Jerusalem. 2 And the king went up to the house of Jehovah, 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 ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of Jehovah. 3 And the king stood by the pillar, and made a covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies, and his statutes, with all his heart, and with all his soul, to confirm 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 keepers of the thresholds, to bring forth out of the temple of Jehovah all the vessels that were made for Baal, and for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven, and he burned them without Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron, and carried the ashes thereof upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them; and all the houses also of the high places that were made for Baal, and for the Asherah, and filled their places with dust.

5 And he brought out the Asherah from the house of Jehovah, without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burned it at the brook Kidron, and beat it to dust, and cast the dust thereof upon the graves of the common people. 7 And he brake down the houses of the sodomites, that were in the house of Jehovah, where the women wove hangings for the Asherah. 8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of Judah, and defiled the high places where the priests had burned incense, from Geba to Beer-sheba; and he brake down the high places of the gates that were at 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 Jehovah in Jerusalem, but they did eat unleavened bread among their brethren. 10 And he defiled Topheth, 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 Jehovah, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the precincts; and he burned the chariots of the sun with fire. 12 And the altars that were on the roof 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 Jehovah, did the king break down, and beat them down from thence, 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 builded for Ashirot the abomination of the Sidonians, and for Chemosh the abomination of Moab, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of Ammon, did the king defile. 14 And he brake in pieces the pillars, 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 to sin, had made, even that altar and the high place he brake down; and he burned the high place and beat it to dust, and burned the Asherah. 16 And as Josiah turned himself, he spied the sepulchres that were there in the mount; and he sent, and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burned them upon the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of Jehovah which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these things. 17 Then he said, What monument is that which I see? And the men of the city told him, It is the sepulchre of the man of God, who came from Judah, and proclaimed these things that thou hast done against the altar of Beth-el. 18 And he said, Let him be; let no man move his bones. So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet that came out of 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 Jehovah to anger, Josiah took away, and did to them according to all the acts that he had done in Beth-el.

20 And he slew all the priests of the high places that were there, upon the altars, and burned men's bones upon them; and he returned to Jerusalem.

21 And the king commanded all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto Jehovah your God, as it is written in this book of the covenant. 22 Surely there was not kept 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 was this passover kept to Jehovah in Jerusalem.

24 Moreover them that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the teraphim, 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 confirm the words of the law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of Jehovah. 25 And like unto him was there no king

171 Or, an astonishment and
172 Or, on the platform,
173 Or, perform
175 Or, twelve signs of the Zodiac,
176 Hb. the children of the people.
177 Or, tents Hb. houses
178 Most Hb text reads, sons (or, children) of Hinnom,
179 Massoretic points read, that they should not come into the house of Jehovah,
180 Or, ran from thence,
181 Or, destruction,
182 Or, obelisks,
183 Or, sacrificed
184 Or, perform
before him, that turned to Jehovah with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him.

26 Notwithstanding, Jehovah turned not from the fierceness of his great wrath, wherewith his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provocations wherewith Manasseh had provoked him. 27 And Jehovah said, I will remove Judah also out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and I will cast off this city which I have chosen, even Jerusalem, and the house of which I said, My name shall be there.

28 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and all that he did, are 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 Asshur to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and Pharaoh-Necho slew him at Megiddo, when he had seen him. 30 And his servants carried him in a chariot dead from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoahaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him, and made him king in his father’s stead.

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 Jehovah, according to all that his fathers had done. 33 And Pharaoh-Nechoh put him in bonds at Riblah in the land of Hamath, 18th 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-Nechoh made Eliakim the son of Josiah king instead of Josiah his father, and changed his name to Jehoiakim: but he 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 unto Pharaoh-Nechoh.

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 Zebidah the daughter of Pedaijah of Rumah. 37 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his fathers had done.

24 In his days Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came up, and Jehoiakim became his servant three years: then he turned and rebelled against him. 2 And Jehoiakim sent against him bands of the Chaldeans, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the children of Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of Jehovah, which he speaketh by his servants the prophets. 3 Surely 188 at the commandment of Jehovah came this upon Judah, to remove them out of 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: and Jehovah would not pardon. 5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoiakim, and all that he did, are not written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 6 So Jehoiakim slept with his fathers; and Jehoahazin his son reigned in his stead. 7 And the king of Egypt came not again any more out of his land; for the king of Babylon had taken, from the brook of Egypt unto the river Euphrates, all that pertained to the king of Egypt.

8 Jehoahaz was eighteen years old when he began to reign; and he reigned in Jerusalem three months: and his mother’s name was Nehushtah the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. 9 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, according to all that his father had done.

10 At that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon 189 came up to Jerusalem, and the city was besieged. 11 And Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came unto the city, while his servants were besieging it; 12 and Jehoiakim the king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, and his mother, and his servants, and his princes, and his 190 officers: and the king of Babylon took him in the eighth year of his reign. 13 And he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king’s house, and cut in pieces all the vessels of gold, which Solomon king of Israel had made in the temple of Jehovah, as Jehovah had said. 14 And he carried away away all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the mighty men of valor, even ten thousand captives, and all the craftsmen and the smiths; none remained, save the poorest sort of the people of the land. 15 And he carried away 191 Jehoiachin to Babylon; and the king’s mother, and the king’s wives, and his officers, and the 192 chief men of the land, carried he into captivity from Jerusalem to Babylon. 16 And all the men of might, even seven thousand, and the craftsmen and the smiths a thousand, all of them strong and apt for war, even them the king of Babylon brought captive to Babylon. 17 And the king of Babylon made Mattaniah, Jehoiachin’s father’s brother, king in his stead, 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 Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 20 For through the anger of Jehovah did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence. And Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon.

25 And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, that

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185 Most Hb 186 Or, fine [3,500 kg of silver and 35 kg of gold]
187 Meaning, Jehovah sets up
188 Sept., (Aram.) read on account of the anger of
189 The Babylonian account, in Nebuchadnezzar II’s 7th year, says, In the (9th) month Kishimu, the king of Akkad called up his army, marched against Syria (lit. Hattu-land), encamped against the city of Judah and seized the town on the second day of the (12th) month Adar. He captured the king. He appointed there a king of his own choice. He took much booty from it and sent it to Babylon. [J.B. Pritchard, The Ancient Near East, Vol. 1; p. 203.]
190 Or, eunuchs: Also in vs. 15.
191 Some rations appointed in Babylon are given in text Babylon 28186, 10 ša’al of oil to Jehoiakin, the son of the king of Judah; 2½ ša’al of oil for the five sons of the king of Judah through Qana’a … [ANET, p. 308.] Apparently Pedaijah and another of the seven sons had already died. Cf. 1Chr 3:17.
192 Or, mighty men of the land,
193 That is, Righteousness of Jehovah. Cf. 2Chr 36:13
194 Hb. Hamutal
Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon came, he and all his army, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built forts against it round about. 2 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 3 On the ninth day of the fourth month the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 4 Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled by night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; (now the Chaldeans were against the city round about;) and the king went by the way of the Arabah. 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his army was scattered from him.

6 Then they took the king, and carried him up unto the king of Babylon to Riblah; and they gave judgment upon him. 7 And they slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes, and put out the eyes of Zedekiah, and bound him in fetters, and carried him to Babylon.

8 Now in the fifth month, on the second day of the month, which was the nineteenth year of king Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, came Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, a servant of the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem. 9 And he burnt the house of Jehovah, and the king's house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, burnt he with fire. 10 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down the walls of Jerusalem round about. 11 And the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away captive. 12 But the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vinedressers and husbandmen.

13 And the pillars of copper that were in the house of Jehovah, and the bases and the copper sea that were in the house of Jehovah, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried the copper of them to Babylon. 14 And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of copper wherewith they ministered, took they away. 15 And the firepans, and the basins, that was of solid gold, and that which was of solid silver, the captain of the guard took away. 16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the bases, which Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah, the copper of all these vessels was without weight. 17 The height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits, and a capital of copper was upon it; and the height of the capital was three cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capital round about, all of copper: and like unto these had the second pillar with network.

18 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: 19 and out of the city he took an officer that was set over the men of war; and five men of them that saw the king's face, who were found in the city; and the scribe, the captain of the host, that mustered the people of the land; and sixty men of the people of the land, that were found in the city. 20 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. 21 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land.

22 And as for the people that were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon had left, even over them he made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, governor. 23 Now when all the captains of the forces, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah governor, they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and Seraiah the son of Tanhumeth the Netophathi, and Jaazaniah the son of the Maacathite, they and their men.

24 And Gedaliah sware to them and to their men, and said unto them, Fear not because of the servants of the Chaldeans: dwell 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 the seed royal, came, and ten men with him, and smote Gedaliah, that so he died, and the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah. 26 And all the people, both small and great, and the captains of the forces, arose, and came to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans.

27 And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity 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, did lift up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah out of prison; 28 and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon, 29 and changed his prison garments. And Jehoiachin did eat bread before him continually all the days of his life: 30 and for his allowance, there was a continual allowance given him of the king, every day a portion, all the days of his life.

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195 Or, spake with him of judgment.
196 tenth day in Jr 52:12.
197 Hb. gold gold, and that which was of silver silver.
198 five cubits in Jr 52:22 and 1Ki 7:16. 3 and 5 are somewhat similar only in paleo-Hebrew alphabetic numerics.
199 Or, eunuch
200 Or, scribe of the captain of the host.
201 That is, Amel-Marduk (who succeeded Nebuchadnezzar II and reigned two years).
202 That is, in his accession year (or, year zero). His first year begins the following Nisan 1, near the Spring equinox. Contrast with 1Sa 13:1.
203 Regarding an allowance, see note on Jr 52:34.
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(The First Book of the Chronicles of the Kings of Judah)

1:1 Descendants of Adam — 1:17 of Shem — 1:28 of Abraham
2:1 of Israel — 3:1 of David — 10:1 Death of Saul

1 Adam, Seth, Enosh, 2 Kenan, Mahalalel, Jared, 3 Enoch, Methuselah, Lamech, 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 5 7 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 8Diphath, and Togarmah. 9 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim.

8 The sons of Ham: Cush, and Mizraim, Put, and Canaan. 9 And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Havilah, and Cushan, and Harran, andiron, and Dor. 10 And Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one in the earth. 11 And Mizraim begat Lud and Anam, and Madai, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 12 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tarshish, Kittim, and Rodanim. 13 And Javan begat Elishah, and Tarshish, and Cimah, and Sheba, and Dedan. 14 And the sons of Joktan: 15Abram (the same is Abraham), and Nahor, and Haran. 16 And Joktan begat Sheba, and Dedan, and Arel, and Saggar, and Padan, and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tiras. 17 And the sons of Shem: Elam, and Assur, and Arphaxad, and Lud, and Aram, and Uz, and Hul, and Gether, and Meshech. 18 And Arphaxad begat Shelah, and Shelah begat Eber. 19 And unto Eber were born two sons: 20The name of the one was Peleg; for in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan. 21 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, and Hazarmaveth, and Jerah, and 22Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, and 23Ether, and Abiimelech, and Sheba, and Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab. 24 These were the sons of Joktan.

25 Shem, Arphaxad, Shelah, 26 Eber, Peleg, Reu, Serug, Nahor, Terah, 27 Abram (the same is Abraham). 28 The sons of Abraham: Isaac, and Ishmael. 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 And the sons of Keturah, Abraham’s concubine: she bare Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Ishbak, and Shuah. And the sons of Jokshan: 33 Sheba, and Dedan. 34 And the sons of Midian: Ephah, and Epher, and Hanoch, and Abida, and Eldaah. All these were the sons of Keturah. 35 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau, and Israel.
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the trouble of Israel, who committed a trespass in the devoted thing.

9 The sons also of Hezron, that were born unto him: Jerahmeel, and Ram, and Chelubai. 10 And Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nashon, prince of the children of Judah; 11 and Nashon begat Salma, and Salma begat Boaz; 12 and Boaz begat Obed; and Obed begat Jesse; 13 and Jesse begat his firstborn Eliab, and Abinadab the second, and Shimea the third, 14 and Nethaneel the fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15 Ozem the sixth, David the seventh; 16 and their sisters were Zeruiah and Abigail; and the sons of Zeruiah: 17 Abishai, and Joab, and Asahel, three. 18 And Abigail bare Amasa; and the father of Amasa was Jether the Ishmaelite.

18 And Caleb the son of Hezron begot children of Azubah his wife, and of Jerioth; and these were her sons: Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon. 19 And Azubah died, and Caleb took unto him Ephrath, who bare him Hur. 20 And Hur begat Uri, and Uri begat Bezael.

21 And afterward Hezron went in to Machir the daughter of Gilead, whom he took to wife when he was sixty years old; and she bare him Segub. 22 And Segub begat Jair, who had twenty-three cities in the land of Gilead.

23 And Gershur and Aram took unto them Ephraim, who bare them Hebron, and Peled, and Asaiah, and Tabeel. 24 And after that Hezron was dead in Caleb-ephrahith, then Abijah Hezron's wife bare 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 Ahi, and Shephuphan, and Maachah. 26 And Jerameel had another wife, whose name was Atarah; she was the mother of Onam. 27 And the sons of Ram the firstborn of Jerahmeel were Maaaz, and Jamin, and Eker. 28 And the sons of Onam were Shammai, and Jada. 29 And the sons of Shammai: Nadab, and Abishur. 30 And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abihail; and she bare him Ishi, and Molad. 31 And the sons of Nadab: Seled, and Appaim; but Seled died without children. 32 And the sons of Shobal: Jabesh, and Haroeh, and Jahleel, and Rech喇, and Arab, and Hamo.

33 The sons of Ram the firstborn of Hezron were Jeriah, and Shema, andob, and Noger, and Sheneah, and Aran. 34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarha. 35 And Sheshan gave his daughter to Jarha his servant to wife; and she bare him Attai. 36 And Attai begat Nathan, and Nathan begat Zabud; 37 and Zabud begat Ephlal, and Ephlal begat Obed; 38 and Obed begat Jehu, and Jehu begat Azariah, 39 and Azariah begat Helez, and Helez begat Eleasah, and Eleasah begat Sismai, and Sismai begat Shallum, and Shallum begat Jekamiah, and Jekamiah begat Eliahu.

40 And the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerahmeel were Meshua his firstborn, who was the father of Ziph, and the sons of Mareshah the father of Hebron. 41 And the sons of Hebron: Korah, and Tappuah, and Rekem, and Shema. 42 And Shema begat Raham, the father of Jorkeam; and Rekem begat Shammai. 43 And the son of Shammai was Maon; and Maon was the father of Beth-zur. 44 And Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bare Haran, and Moza, and Gazez; and Haran begat Gazez. 45 And the sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Joatham, and Geshan, and Pelet, and Ephah, and Shaaph. 46 Maacah, Caleb's concubine, bare Sheber and Tirhanah. 47 She bare 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 Ephrahith: Shobal the father of Kiriaath-jearim, 51 Salma the father of Beth-lehem, Hareph the father of Beth-gader. 52 And Shobal the father of Kiriaath-jearim had sons: Haroeh, half of the Menuhoth. 53 And the families of Kiriaath-jearim: the Ithrites, and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the Mishraites; of them came the Zorathites and the Eshtaolites. 54 The sons of Salmon: Beth-lehem, and Netophathites, Atroth-beth-joab, and half of the Manahathites, and the Zorites. 55 And the families of scribes that dwelt at Jabez: the Tirathites, the Shimeathites, the Sucathites. These are the Kenites that came of Hammath, the father of the house of Rechab.

Now these were the sons of David, that were born unto him in Hebron: the firstborn, Amnon, of Ahinoam the Jezreelitess; the second, Daniel, of Abigail the Carmelites; 2 the third, Absalom the son of Maacah 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: four were six born unto him in Hebron; and there he reigned seven years 4 and six months. And in Jerusalem he reigned thirty-three years; 5 and these were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shimei, and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bath-shua the daughter of Ammiel; 6 and Ibar, and Elishama, and Eliphelet, and Japhia, 7 and Noah, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 8 and Elishama, and Eliada, and Eliphelet, nine. 9 All these were the sons of David, besides the sons of the concubines; and Tamar was 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: the firstborn Johanan, the second Jehoakim, the third Zedekiah, the fourth Shallum. 16 And the sons of Jehoakim: 17 Jechoniah his son, Zedekiah his son. 17 And the sons of Jehoia: 18 the captive: Shealtiel his son, and Malchiram, and Pedaiah, and Shenazzar, and Jehozadak, and Zerubabel, and Shimei. 19 And the sons of Pedaiah: Zerubbabel, and Shimei. 20 And the sons of Zerubbabel: Meshullam, and Hananiah; and Shelomith was their sister; 21 and Hashubah, and Ohel, and Berechiah, and Hasadiah, Jushab-hesed, five. 22 And

19 In 1Ki 4:31, Darda
21 Hb. Abshai And so elsewhere.
22 Or. Chavvoth-jair
23 Hb. daughters
24 Or. sons. And in vs. 32
25 Implying he moved to Jerusalem in Nisan (ca. April).
26 In 2Ki 24:6, Jehoiachin Cf. Mt 1:11.
27 Or. Assir
28 Hb. son Also in vs. 23.
29 Sept., Aram, Vg. read And the sons of Hananiah; Pelatiah: and his son; Jehaiah: and his son; Rephaiah: and his son; Arnan: and his son; Obadiah: and his son; Shecaniah.
The sons of Hananiah: Pelatiah, and Jeshiaiah; the sons of Rephaiah, the sons of Arnan, the sons of Obadiah, the sons of Shecaniah. 22 And the sons of Shecaniah: Shemaiah. And the sons of Shemaiah: Hattush, and Igal, and Bariah, and Neariah, and Shaphat. 31,36,32 And the sons of Neariah: Eliaoenai, and Hizkiah, and Azrikam, three. 24 And the sons of Elioenai: Hodaviah, and Eliahasib, and Pelaiah, and Akkub, and Johanan, and Delaiah, and Anani, seven.

4 The sons of Judah: Perez, Hezron, and Carmi, and Hur, and Shobal. 2 And Reiah the son of Shobal begat Jahath; and Jahath begat Ahumai and Lahad. These are the families of the Zorathites. 3 And these were the sons of the father of Ezrah: Jezerel, and Ishma, and Idbash; and the name of their sister was Hazzelelponi; 4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and Ezera the father of Hushah. These are the sons of Hur, the firstborn of Ephrathah, the father of Beth-lehem. 5 And Ashur the father of Tekoa had two wives, Helah and Naarah. 6 And Naarah bare him Ahuzzam, and Hepher, and Temeni, and Haahashtari. These were the sons of Naarah. 7 And the sons of Helah were Zereth, and Harha, and Dori, and Henah, and Eshhareshwar, and Ziph, and Ziphah, Tiria, and Asarel.

8 And Hakkoz begat Anub, and Zobebah, and Shobal. 9 And Zorah begat生机伯利恒。这些是琐拉家族的血统。4 迦南的子孙：佩列、以谢伦、迦密和孤。2 以列的儿子希幔和拉哈得。这些是琐拉家族的血统。3 其中，以列的儿子是撒合的长子，他的妻子名叫哈泽列泼尼。4 并波乃扫是示拉的长子，他父亲的家族是琐拉家族的长子。7 以列的儿子是撒合的长子，他的儿子有直Direk、哈拉、多利、以拿、以沙实沙维拉、以彼和以彼。8 以和考的儿子是阿努、佐别巴和所巴。
son, Baal his son, 6 Beerah his son, whom 47Tiglath-pilesner king of Assyria carried away captive: he was prince of the Reubenites. 7 And his brethren by their families, when the genealogy of their generations was reckoned: the chief, Jeiel, and Zechariah, 8 and Bela the son of Azaz, the son of Shema, the son of Joel, who dwelt in Aroer, even unto Nebo and Balaam; 9 and eastward he dwelt even unto the entrance of the wilderness from 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 Hagrites, who fell by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents throughout all the land east of Gilead.

11 And the sons of Gad dwelt over against them, in the land of Bashan unto Salecah: 12 Joel the chief, and Shapham the second, and Janai, and Shaphat in Bashan. 13 And their brethren of their fathers’ houses: Michael, and Meshullam, and Sheba, and Jorai, and Jacan, and Zia, and Eber, seven. 14 These were the sons 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 their fathers’ houses. 16 And they dwelt in Gilead in Bashan, and in its 48 towns, and in all the 49 suburbs of Sharon, as far as their 50 borders. 17 All these were reckoned 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 the half-tribe of Manasseh, of valiant men, men able to bear buckler and sword, and to shoot with bow, and skilful in war, were forty-four thousand seven hundred sixty, that were able to go forth to war. 19 And they made war with the Hagrites, with Jetur, and Naphish, and Nodab. 20 And they were helped against them, and the Hagrites were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them; for they cried to God in the battle, and he was entreated of them, because they put their trust in him. 21 And they took away their cattle; of their camels fifty and five thousand, 22 and of sheep two hundred fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of souls of men a hundred thousand. 23 For there fell many slain, because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their stead until the captivity.

24 And the children of the half-tribe of Manasseh dwelt in the land: they increased from Bashan unto Baal-hermon and Senir and mount Hermon. 24 And these were the heads of their fathers’ houses: even Epher, and Ishi, and Eliel, and Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodaviah, and Jahddiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, heads of their fathers’ houses.

25 And they trespassed 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, 51even the spirit of Tiglath-pilesner king of Assyria, and he carried them away, even the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half-tribe of Manasseh, and brought them unto Chalach, and Chabor, and Haran, even to the river of Gozan, unto this day.

6 The sons of Levi: 52Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 2 And the sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, and Hebron, and Uziel. 3 And the children of Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam. 4 And the sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar. 5 Eleazar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua, 6 and Abishua begat Bukki, and Bukki begat Uzzi, and Uzzi begat Zerahiah, and Zerahiah begat Meraioth, 7 and Meraioth begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 8 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Ahimaaz, and Ahimaaz begat Azariah, and Azariah begat Johanan, 10 and Johanan begat Azariah, (he it is that executed the priest’s office in the house that Solomon built in Jerusalem,) 11 and Azariah begat Amariah, and Amariah begat Ahitub, 12 and Ahitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum, 13 and Shallum begat Hilkiah, and Hilkiah begat Azariah, 14 and Azariah begat Seraijah, and Seraijah begat Jehozadak; 15 and Jehozadak went into captivity, when Jehovah carried away Judah and Jerusalem by the hand of Nebuchadnezzar.

16 The sons of Levi: 54Gershon, Kohath, and Merari. 17 And these are the names of the sons of Gershon: Libni and Shimei. 18 And the sons of Kohath were Amram, and Izhar, and Hebron, and Uziel. 19 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushli. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers’ houses. 20 Of Gershon: Libni his son, Jahath his son, Zimmah his son, 21 and Joel his son, Zerah his son, 22 Amminadab his son, Korah his son, Assir his son, 23 Elkanah his son, and Ebiaash his son, and Assir his son, 24 Tahath his son, 25 Uriel his son, Uzziiah his son, and Shaul his son. 25 And the sons of Elkanah: Amasai, and Ahimoth.

26 As for Elkanah, the sons of Elkanah: 27 Zophai his son, and Nahath his son, 28 Joel his son, Jeroham his son, Elkanah his son. 28 And the sons of Samuel: the firstborn Joel, and the second Abijah. 29 The sons of Merari: Mahli, Libni his son, Shimei his son, Uzzi his son, 30 Shimea his son, Haggiah his son, Asaiah his son.

31 And these are they whom David set over the service of song in the house of Jehovah, after that the ark had rested. 32 And they ministered with song before the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, until Solomon had built the house of Jehovah in Jerusalem: and they 46waited on their office according to their order. 33 And these are they that waited, and their sons.

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47 In 2Ki 15:29, 16:7, Tiglath-pilesner
48 Hb. daughters,
49 Or, pasture lands of Sharon,
50 Hb. goings forth.
51 Or, and The Hb. ו, vav (“and”), like the Gk. και, does not distinguish whether one or two; it can mean either also or even. Archaeology shows us that the name Tukulti-apil-Esharra was abbreviated to Pulta in Babylon. Hence, here translate even.
52 In vs. 16, Gershon
53 In ch. 9:11, Mesheullam
54 In vs. 1, Gershom  But see Ex 2:22.
55 In vs. 42, Ethan
56 In vs. 41, Adai
57 In vs. 41, Ethni
58 In vss. 2, 18, 38, Izhar
59 In vs. 36, Zephaniah, … Azariah, … Joel
60 Hb 45.9  Sept. read Elkanah his son, Zophai etc.
61 In vs. 35, Zuph
62 In vs. 34, Toah
63 In vs. 34, Eliel
64 See vs. 33, and 1Sa 8:2. Hb. Vashmi, and Abiah.
65 Hb. stood. And in vs. 33.
Of the sons of the Kohathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel, 34 the son of Elkanah, the son of Jeroham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toah, the son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Mahath, the son of Amasai, 36 the son of Elkanah, the son of Azariah, the son of Zophan, 37 the son of Tahath, the son of Assir, the son of Elbasaph, the son of Korah, 38 the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, the son of Israel. 39 And his brother Asaph, who stood on his right hand, even Asaph the son of Berechiah, the son of Shimea, 40 the son of Michael, the son of Baaseiah, the son of Malchijah, 41 the son of Ethni, the son of Zerah, the son of Adaiah, 42 the son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shimei, 43 the son of Jahath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. 44 And on the left hand their brethren the sons of Merari: 45 Ethan the son of Kish, the son of Abdi, the son of Malluch, 46 the son of Hashabiah, the son of Amaziah, 47 the son of Hilkiah, the son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shemer, 48 the son of Mahli, the son of Shimea, the son of Shemer, the son of Levi. 49 And their brethren the Levites were appointed for all the service of the tabernacle of the house of God.

50 But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of burnt-offering, and upon the altar of incense, for all the work of the Most Holy, and to make atonement for Israel, according to all that Moses the servant of God had commanded.

51 And these are the sons of Aaron: Eleazar his son, Phinehas his son, 52 Merari his son, Moses his son, 53 Kish his son, Merari his son, Phinehas his son, Eleazar his son, 54 Shocran his son, of them they gave Hebron in the land of Judah, and the suburbs thereof round about it; 55 but the fields of the city, and the villages thereof, they gave to Caleb the son of Jephunneh.

56 And to the sons of Aaron they gave the cities of refuge, Hebron; Libnah also with its suburbs, and Jattir, and Eshtemoa with its suburbs, 57 and Hilen with its suburbs, Debir with its suburbs, 58 and Ashan with its suburbs, and Beth-shemesh with its suburbs; 59 and out of the tribe of Benjamin, Geba with its suburbs, and 60 and all the cities of Manasseh, ten cities. 61 And unto the rest of the sons of Kohath were given by lot, out of the half-tribe, the half of Manasseh, ten cities. 62 And to the sons of Gershom, according to their families, out of the tribe of Issachar, and out of the tribe of Asher, and out of the tribe of Naphtali, and out of the tribe of Manasseh in Bashan, thirteen cities. 63 Unto the sons of Merari were given by lot, according to their families, out of the tribe of Reuben, and out of the tribe of Gad, and out of the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 64 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites the cities with their suburbs. 65 And they gave by lot out of the tribe of the children of Judah, and out of the tribe of the children of Simeon, and out of the tribe of the children of Benjamin, these cities which are mentioned by name.

66 And some of the families of the sons of Kohath had cities of their borders out of the tribe of Ephraim. 67 And they gave unto them the cities of refuge, Shechem in the hill-country of Ephraim with its suburbs; Gezer also with its suburbs, 68 and Jokmeam with its suburbs, and Beth-horon with its suburbs, 69 and Ajalon with its suburbs, and Goth-rimon with its suburbs; 70 and out of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Anan with its suburbs, and Bileam with its suburbs, for the rest of the family of the sons of Kohath.

71 Unto the sons of Gershom were given, out of the family of the half-tribe of Manasseh, Golan in Bashan with its suburbs, and Ashtaroth with its suburbs; 72 and out of the tribe of Issachar, Kedesh with its suburbs, Daberath with its suburbs, 73 and Ramoth with its suburbs, and Anem with its suburbs; 74 and out of the tribe of Asher, Maskil with its suburbs, and Abdon with its suburbs, 75 and Hukok with its suburbs, and Rehob with its suburbs; 76 and out of the tribe of Naphtali, Kedesh in Galilee with its suburbs, and Hammon with its suburbs, and Kiriathaim with its suburbs.

77 Unto the rest of the Levites, the sons of Merari, were given, out of the tribe of Zebulun, Rimon with its suburbs, Tabor with its suburbs; 78 and beyond the Jordan at Jericho, on the east side of the Jordan, were given them, out of the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its suburbs, and Jahzah with its suburbs, 79 and Kedemoth with its suburbs, and Mephaath with its suburbs; 80 and out of the tribe of Gad, Ramoth in Gilead with its suburbs, and Mahanaim with its suburbs, 81 and Heshbon with its suburbs, and Jazer with its suburbs.

7 And of the sons of Issachar: Tola, and Puah, Jashub, and Shimron, four. 2 And the sons of Tola: Uzi, and Phenaiah, and Jeriel, and Jahmai, and Ibshi, and Shemuel, heads of their fathers’ houses, to wit, of Tola; mighty men of valor in their generations: their number in the days of David was twenty-two thousand six hundred. 3 And the sons of Uzi: Izrahiah. And the sons of Izrahiah: Michael, and Obadijah, and Joel, and Ishiah, five; all of them chief men. 4 And with them, by their generations, after their fathers’ houses, were heads of the host for war, thirty-six thousand; for they had many wives and sons. 5 And their brethren among all the families of Issachar, mighty men of valor, reckoned in all by genealogy, were eighty-seven thousand.
two thousand thirty-four. 8 And the sons of Becher: Zemirah, and Joash, and Eliezer, and Elipoenai, and Omri, and Jeremoth, and Abijah, and Anattho, and Alemeth. All these were the sons of Becher. 9 And they were reckoned by genealogy, after their generations, heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, twenty thousand two hundred. 10 And the sons of Jedial: Bilhan. And the sons of Bilhan: Jeush, and Benjamin, and Euud, and Chenanaah, and Zethan, and Tarsish, and Ahishahar. 11 All these were sons of Jedial, according to the heads of their fathers' houses, mighty men of valor, seventeen thousand two hundred, that were able to go forth in the host for war. 12 Shuppim also, and Huppim, the sons of 87 Ir, Hushim, the sons of 88 Aher.

13 The sons of Naphtali: 89 Jahziel, and Guni, and Jezler, and 90 Shallum, the sons of Bilhah.

14 The sons of Manasseh: Asriel, whom his concubine the Aramitess bare; she bare Machir the father of Gilead: 15 and Machir took a wife 84 of Huppim and Shuppim, 85 whose sister's name was Maacah; and the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters only. 16 And Maacah the wife of Machir bare a son, and she called his name Peresh: and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rames. 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 Hammotheth bare Ishhod, and 91 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 Eledah his son, and Tahath his son, 21 and Zabad his son, and Shuthelah his son, and Ezer, and Eled, whom the men of Gath that were born in the land slew, because they came down to take away their cattle. 22 And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And he went in to his wife, and she conceived, and bare a son, and he called his name Beriah, because it went evil with his house. 24 And his daughter was Sheerah, who built Beth-horon the nether and the upper, and Uzzen-sheerah. 25 And Rephah was his son, and Resheph, and Telah his son, and Tahani his son, 26 Ladan his son, Ammihud his son, Elishama his son, 27 87 Nun his son, Joshua his son.

28 And their possessions and habitations were Beth-el and the 88 towns thereof, and eastward 89 Naaran, and westward Gezer, with the towns thereof; Shechem also and the towns thereof, unto 90 Azzah and the towns thereof; 29 and by the borders of the children of Manasseh, Beth-shean and its towns, Taanach and its towns, Megiddo and its towns, Dor and its towns. In these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel.

30 The sons of Asher: Innah, and Ishvah, and Ishvi, and Beriah, and Serah their sister. 31 And the sons of Beriah: Heber, and Malchiel, who was the father of Birzaith. 32 And Heber begat Japhlet, and 94 Shomer, and Hotham, and Shua their sister. 33 And the sons of Japhlet: Pasach, and Bimhal, and Ashvath. These are the children of Japhlet. 34 And the sons of 92 Shomer: Ahi, and Rohgah, Jehubbah, and Aram.

35 And the sons of Helam his brother: Zophah, and Imna, 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 Athran, and Beera. 38 And the sons of Jethar: Jephunneh, and Pispa, and Ara.

39 And the sons of Ulla: Arah, and Hananiel, and Rizia. 40 All these were the children of Asher, heads of the fathers' houses, choice and mighty men of valor, chief of the princes. And the number of them reckoned by genealogy for service in war was twenty-six thousand men.

8 And Benjamin begat Bela his firstborn, Ashbel the second, and Aharah the third, 2 Noahah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 3 And Bela had sons, 93 Addar, and Gera, and Abihud, 4 and Abihua, and Naaman, and Ahoh, 5 and Gera, and 94 Shephuphan, and Huram. 6 And these are the sons of Ehud: these are the heads of fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Geba, and they carried them captive to Manahath: 7 and Naaman, and Ahijah, and Gera, he carried them captive; and he beget Uzza and Abihud. 8 And Shaharam begat children in the field of Moab, after he had sent them away; Hushim and Baara were his wives. 9 And he beget of Hodesh his wife, Jobab, and Zibia, and Meshoa, and Malcam, 10 and Jeuz, and Shachia, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of fathers' houses. 11 And of Hushim he begat Abitub and Elpaal. 12 And the sons of Elpaal: Eber, and Misham, and Shemed, who built Ono and Lod, with the towns thereof; 13 and Beriah, and Shema, who were heads of fathers' houses of the inhabitants of Ajalon, who put to flight the inhabitants of Gath; 14 and Ahio, Shashak, and Jeremoth, 15 and Zebadiah, and Arad, and Eder, 16 and Michael, and Ishpah, and Joha, the sons of Beria, 17 and Zebadiah, and Meshullam, and Hizki, and Heber, 18 and Ishmerai, and Izlia, and Jobab, the sons of Elpaal, 19 and Jakim, and Zichri, and Zabdi, 20 and Elienai, and Zillethai, and Elie, 21 and Adaiah, and Beriah, and Shimrath, the sons of 90 Shimei, 22 and Ishpan, and Eber, and Eliel, 23 and Abdon, and Zichri, and Hanan, 24 and Hananiah, and Elam, and Anthothijah, 25 and Ishdeiah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak, 26 and Shamsherai, and Shehariah, and Athaliah, 27 and Jaarashiah, and Eliah, and Zichri, the sons of Jeroham. 28 These were heads of fathers' houses throughout their generations, chief men: these dwelt in Jerusalem.

79 In Nu 26:39, Shephuphan and Hupham
80 In vs. 7, Iri
81 In Nu 26:38, Ahiram
82 In Ge 46:24, Jahzeel
83 In Ge 46:24, Shilem
84 Or, for
85 Or, and his sister's name
86 Possibly in Nu 26:30, Iezer
87 Hb. Non
88 Hb. daughters
89 In Josh 16:7, Naarah
90 Many mss. read, Ayyah
91 In vs. 34, Shemer
92 In vs. 32, Shomer
93 In Ge 46:21, Ard
94 In Nu 26:39, Shephupham
95 Or, sent away Hushim and Baara his wives.
96 In vs. 13, Shema
29 And in Gibeon there dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife’s name was Maakah; 30 and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Nadab, 31 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah.

32 And Mikloth begat Shimeah. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren. 33 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul begat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Sibbecai, 34 and the sons of Jonathan were Merib-baal; and Merib-baal begat Micah.

35 And the sons of Micah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tidiah, and Zaccur, and Shimei.

36 And the sons of Shimeah: Shelomoth, and Hozabeh, and Huppah, and Meremoth, 37 and Shashak, and Ahijah, and Jeremoth, 38 and Ziklag, and Z goggles, and Abishangershath, and Ziklag.

39 And the sons of ShPRESSION: Shimeah. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren. 40 And the sons of Ulam were mighty men of valor, archers, and had many sons; and sons, sons, a hundred fifty. All these were the sons of Benjamin.

9 So all Israel were reckoned by genealogies; and, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel: and Judah was carried away captive to Babylon for their transgression. 2 Now the first inhabitants that dwelt in their possessions in their cities were, Israel, the priests, the Levites, and the Nethinim. 3 And in Jerusalem dwelt of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim and Manasseh: 4 Uthai the son of Ammihud, the son of Omri, the son of Imri, 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 brethren, six hundred ninety. 7 And of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodaviah, the son of Hassenuah, and Ibneiah the son of Jeroham, and Elah the son of Uzzai, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatiah, the son of Reuel, the son of Ibniiah; 9 and their brethren, according to their genealogies, twenty thousand five hundred sixty. All these men were heads of fathers’ houses by their fathers’ houses.

10 And of the priests: Jedaiah, and Jehoiarib, Jachin, and Seraiah, the son of Azariah, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, 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 Jeshaiah, the son of Adaliah, the son of Abdekar, the son of Manasseh, the son of Mattathath, the son of Shizlerath, the son of Zecheriah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Ahitub, the son of Hilkiah; 13 and their brethren, heads of their fathers’ houses, a thousand seven hundred six; very able men for the work 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 Mica, 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, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites.

17 And the porters: Shallum and Akkub, and Talmon, and Ahiman, and their brethren, (Shallum was the chief,) who hitherto waited in the king’s gate eastward: they were the porters for the camps of the children of Levi. 18 And Shallum the son of Kore, the son of Ebiasaph, the son of Korah, and his brethren, of his father’s house, the Korahites, were over the work of the service, keepers of the thresholds of the tent: and their fathers had been over the camp of Jehovah, keepers of the entry. 20 And Phinehas the son of Eleazar was ruler over them in time past, and Jehovah was with him. 21 Zechariah the son of Meshelemiah was porter of the door of the tent of meeting. 22 All these that were chosen to be porters in the thresholds were two hundred twelve. These were reckoned by genealogy in their villages, whom David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their office of trust. 23 So they and their children had the oversight of the gates of the house of Jehovah, even the house of the tent, by wards. 24 On the four sides were the porters, toward the east, west, north, and south. 25 And their brethren, in their villages, were to come in every seven days from time to time to be with them: 26 for the four chief porters, who were Levites, were in an office of trust, and were over the chambers and over the treasuries in the house of God. 27 And they lodged round about the house of God, because the charge thereof was upon them; and to them pertained the opening thereof morning by morning.

28 And certain of them had charge of the vessels of service; for by count were these brought in and by count were these taken out. 29 Some of them also were appointed over the furniture, and over all the vessels of the Holy, and over the fine flour, and the wine, and the oil, and the frankincense, and the spices. 30 And some of the sons of the priests prepared the confection of the spices. 31 And Mattithiah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korahite, had the office of trust over the things that were baked in pans. 32 And some of their brethren, of the sons of the Kohathites, were over the showbread, to prepare it every sabbath.

33 And these are the singers, heads of fathers’ houses of the Levites, who dwelt in the chambers and were free from other service; for they were employed in their work day and night. 34 These were heads of fathers’ houses of the Levites, throughout their generations, chief men: these dwelt at Jerusalem.

35 And in Gibeon there dwelt the father of Gibeon, Jeiel, whose wife’s name was Maakah; 36 and his firstborn son Abdon, and Zur, and Kish, and Baal, and Ner, and Nadab, 37 and Gedor, and Ahio, and Zechariah, and Mikloth. 38 And Mikloth begat Shimeon. And they also dwelt with their brethren in Jerusalem, over against their brethren.

39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish begat Saul; and Saul be-
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gat Jonathan, and Malchi-shua, and Abinadab, and Eshbaal. 40 And the son of Jonathan was Merib-baai; and Merib-baal begat Michah. 41 And the sons of Michah: Pithon, and Melech, and Tahrea, and Azaz. 42 And Azaz begat Buz; and Buz begat Arza; and Arza begat Aanath. 43 And Aanath begat Gath; and Gath begat Eshcol; and Eshcol begat Zohar. 44 And Zohar begat Achzib. 45 And the sons of Gath were Asheri, and Roheth, and Everest, and Tekoa. 46 And the sons of Asheri were Adhithol, and Elpaal, and Zanih, and Zethron, and Jarmuth. 47 And the sons of Roheth were Naharaim, and Harha; and the sons of Everest were Asaph, and Bebai, and Elraim, and Jobab. 48 And the sons of Tekoa were Haahas, and Sheelah, and Ilai.

And thou shalt be shepherd of my people Israel, and thou shalt lead them out and bring them in, and thou shalt be his prince over my people Israel. 2 And Jehovah spake unto Samuel, saying, I have hid my servant David, whom I have chosen in my eyes, in the house of his father. 3 And I have removed Saul from being prince; for he has not performed my commandments. 4 And I have commanded him concerning all his work that he shall do; and also concerning the son of Jesse. 5 And David kept not the commandments of Jehovah, which he had given to Samuel. 6 And David said, When Saul my master is dead, then will I be prince; and also I will be the first of his princes. 7 And Jehovah said unto Samuel, Hearken the voice of the people in all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected thee, but they have rejected me, that I should not reign over them. 8 Now therefore hear their voice, and do all that they say unto thee; for they have not rejected me, but they have rejected thee, that I should not reign over them. 9 And Samuel said unto the people, Jehovah is witness against you this day, that it was your will that Jehovah should reign over you. 10 But Jehovah said unto Samuel, Hearken; their voice is not thine voice that they cried unto me, but they cry, saying, Make us a king to rule over us. 11 And Samuel said unto Jehovah, Wherefore is it that thou heardest the voice of the people in this matter? for Jehovah’s sake lest the men of Israel say unto thee, Hath not Jehovah made thee king over us? 12 Then Jehovah said unto Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto your city. 13 And when all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of Jehovah by Samuel. 4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (the same is Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. 5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come in hither. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion; the same is the city of David. 6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief. 7 And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the city of David. 8 And he built the city round about, from Millo even round about; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9 And David waxed greater and greater; for Jehovah of hosts was with him.

Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before 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 Malchi-shua, the sons of Saul. 3 And the battle went sore against Saul, and the archers overtook him; and he was distressed by reason of the archers. 4 Then said Saul unto his armor-bearer, Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith, lest these uncircumcised come and abuse me. But his armor-bearer would not; for he was sore afraid. Therefore Saul took his sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, he likewise fell upon his sword, and died. 6 So Saul died, and his three sons; and all his house died together.

And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they fled, and that Saul and his sons were dead, they forsook their cities, and fled; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass in the morrow, when the Philistines came to strip the slain, that they found Saul and his sons fallen in mount Gilboa. 9 And they stripped him, and put on his armor; and the Philistines followed hard after the host of Israel, and slew Jona-dab, the son of Rechab. 10 And the Philistines had done whatsoever their soul desired; for with a great slaughter they smote the host of Israel, and slew Jona-dab, the son of Rechab, whom one of the thirty mighty men had. 11 And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come in hither. Nevertheless David took the strong hold of Zion; the same is the city of David. 12 And when all Jabesh-gilead heard all that the Philistines had done to Saul, 13 all the valiant men arose, 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.

So Saul died for his trespass which he committed against Jehovah, because of the word of Jehovah, which he kept not; and also for that he asked counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to inquire thereby, and inquired not of Jehovah: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse. Then all Israel gathered themselves to David unto Hebron, saying, Behold, we are thy bone and thy flesh. 2 In times past, even when Saul was king, it was thou that ledest out and broughtest in Israel: and Jehovah thy God said unto thee, Thou shalt be shepherd of my people Israel, and thou shalt be prince over my people Israel. 3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king to Hebron; and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before Jehovah; and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of Jehovah by Samuel. 4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem (the same is Jebus); and the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land, were there. 5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come in hither. Nevertheless David took the stronghold of Zion; the same is the city of David. 6 And David said, Whosoever smiteth the Jebusites first shall be chief and captain. And Joab the son of Zeruiah went up first, and was made chief. 7 And David dwelt in the stronghold; therefore they called it the city of David. 8 And he built the city round about, from Millo even round about; and Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9 And David waxed greater and greater; for Jehovah of hosts was with him.

10 Now these are the chief of the mighty men whom David had, who showed themselves strong with him in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. 11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashobeam, the son of Hachmonite, the chief of the thirty; he lifted up his spear against three hundred and slew them 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 Pasdammim, and there the Philistines gathered together to battle, where was a plot of ground full of barley; and the people fled from before the Philistines. 14 And they stood in the midst of the plot, and defended itself, and slew the Philistines; and Jehovah saved them by a great victory. 15 And three of the thirty chief men went down to the rock to David, into the cave of Adullam; and the host of the Philistines were encamped in the valley of Rephaim. 16 And David was then in the stronghold, and the garrison of the Philistines was then in Beth-lehem. 17 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would give me water to drink of the well of Beth-lehem, which is by the gate! 18 And the three brake through the host of the Philistines, and drew water out of the well of Beth-lehem, that was by the gate, and took it, and brought it to David: but David would not drink thereof, but poured it out unto Jehovah. 19 And said, My God forbid it me, that I should do this: shall I drink the blood of these men that have put their souls in jeopardy? for with the jeopardy of their souls they brought it. Therefore he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men.

20 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, he was chief of the three; for he lifted up his spear against three hundred and slew them, and had a name among the three. 21 Of the three, he was more honorable than the two, and was made their captain: howbeit he attained not to the first three.
22 Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, who had done mighty deeds, he slew the two sons of Ariel of Moab: he went down also and slew a lion in the midst of a pit in time of snow. 23 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of great stature, 128five cubits high; and in the Egyptian’s hand was a spear as a weaver’s beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and plucked the spear out of the Egyptian’s hand, and slew him with his own spear. 24 These things did Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, and had a name among the three mighty men.

25 Behold he was more honorable than the thirty, but he attained not to the first three: and David set him over his 117guard.

26 Also the mighty men of the armies: Asahel the brother of Joab, Elhanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lemeh, 27 128Shammoth the Harorite, Helez the 129Pelonite, 28 Ira the son of Ik-kesh the Tekoite, Abiezer the Anathothite, 29 130Sibbecai the Hushathite, 30 Ilai the Ahohite, 31 Maharai the Netophathite, 32 Heled the son of Baanah the Netophathite, 33 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gibeah of the children of Benjamin, Benaiah the Pirathonite, 34 Hurai of the brooks of Gaash, 35 Abiel the Arphathite, 36 Azmaveth the Baharumite, Eliahu the Shaalbonite, 37 the sons of Hashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shagee the Hararite, 38 Ahiam the son of 133Samar the Hararite, 39 Eliphal the son of Ur, 40 Hepher the Merar-ehite, 41 Ahijah the Pelonite, 42 Naarai the son of Ezbi, 43 Joel the brother of Nathan, Mibhar the son of Hargi, 44 Zelek the Ammonite, Naharai the Berothite, 45 the armor-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruiah, 46 Ira the Ithrite, Gareb the Ithrite, 47 Uriah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Ahlai, 48 Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of the Reubenites, and thirty with him, 49 Hanan the son of Maacah, and Josaphat the Mithnite, 50 Uzzia the Ashtarothite, Shama and Jeiel the sons of Hotham the Aroerite, 51 Jediael the son of Shimri, and Joha his brother, the Titite, 52 Elieel the Mahavite, and Jeremiah, and Jarebi, and Joshaviah, the sons of Elaam, and Ithmah the Moabite, 53 Eliel, and Obed, and Jaasiel the Mezobait.

12 Now these are they that came to David to Ziklag, 138while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish; and they were among the mighty men, his helpers in war. 2 They 14 were armed with bows, and could use both the right hand and the left in slinging stones and in shooting arrows from the bow: they were of Saul’s brethren of Benjamin.

3 The chief was Ahiezer; then Joash, the sons of Shammaiah the Gibeathite, and Zeziel, and Pelet, the sons of Azmaveth, and Beracah, and Jehu the Anathothite, 4 and Ishmaiah the Gibeonite, a mighty man among the thirty, and the thirty, and Jeremiah, and Jahaziel, and Johanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite, 5 Eluzai, and Jerimoth, and Bealiah, and Shemariah, and Shephatiah the Haruphit, 6 Elkanah, and Ish-shiah, and Azarel, and Joelzer, and Jashobeam, the Korahites, 7 and Joelah, and Zebadiah, the sons of Jeroham of Gedor.

8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David to the stronghold in the wilderness, mighty men of valor, men trained for war, that could handle shield and spear; whose faces were like the faces of lions, and they were as swift as the roes upon the mountains: 9 Ezer the chief, Obadiah the second, Eliah the third, 10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth, 11 Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, 12 Johanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth, 13 Jeremiah the tenth, Machbannai the eleventh. 14 These of the sons of Gad were captains of the host: he that was least was equal to a hundred, and the greatest to a thousand. 15 These are they that went over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all them of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west.

16 And there came of the children of Benjamin and Judah to the stronghold unto David. 17 And David went out to meet them, and answered and said unto them, If ye be come peaceably unto me to help me, my heart shall be knit unto you; but if ye be come to betray me to mine adversaries, see there is no wrong in my hands, the God of our fathers look thereon, and rebuke it. 18 Then the Spirit of Amasai, who was chief of the band thirty, and he said, Thine are we, David, and on thy side, thou son of Jesse: peace, peace be unto thee, and peace be to thy helpers; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received them, and made them captains of the band.

19 Of Manasseh also there fell away some to David, when he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: but they helped them not; for the lords of the Philistines upon advice sent him away, saying, He will fall away to his master Saul to the jeopardy of our heads. 20 As he went to Ziklag, there fell to him of Manasseh, Adnah, and Jozabad, and Je-diael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and Zillethai, captains of thousands that were of Manasseh. 21 And they helped David against the band of rovers: for they were all mighty men of valor, and were captains in the host. 22 For from day to day men came to David to help him, until there was a great host, like the host of God.

23 And these are the numbers of the heads of them that were armed for war, who came to David to Hebron, to turn the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the word of Jehovah.

24 The children of Judah that bare shield and spear were six thousand eight hundred, armed for war. 25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the war, seven thousand one hundred. 26 Of the children of Levi four thousand six hundred. 27 And Jehoiada was the leader of the house of Aaron;...
and with him were three thousand seven hundred, 28 and Zadok, a young man mighty of valor, and of his father’s house twenty-two captains. 29 And of the children of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three thousand: for hitherto the greatest part of them had kept their allegiance to the house of Saul. 30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand eight hundred, mighty men of valor, famous men in their fathers’ houses. 31 And of the half-tribe of Manasseh eighteen thousand, who were mentioned by name, to come and make David king. 32 And of the children of Issachar, men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment. 33 Of Zebulun, such as were able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, with all manner of instruments of war, fifty thousand, and that could order the battle array, and were not of double heart. 34 And of Naphtali a thousand captains, and with them with shield and spear thirty-seven thousand. 35 And of the Danites that could set the battle in array, twenty-eight thousand six hundred. 36 And of Asher, such as were able to go out in the host, that could set the battle in array, forty thousand. 37 And on the other side of the Jordan, of the Reubenites, and of the Gadites, and of the half-tribe of Manasseh, with all manner of instruments of war for the battle, a hundred twenty thousand.

38 All these, being men of war, that could order the battle array, came with a perfect heart to Hebron, to make David king over all Israel: and all the rest also of Israel were of one heart to make David king. 39 And they were there with David three days, eating and drinking; for their brethren had made preparation for them. 40 Moreover they that were nigh unto them, even as far as Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought bread on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on oxen, victuals of meal, cakes of figs, and clusters of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep in abundance: for there was joy in Israel.

13 And David consulted with the captains of thousands and of hundreds, even with every leader. 2 And David said unto all the assembly of Israel, If it seem good unto you, and if it be of Jehovah our God, let us send abroad throughout all your brethren that are left in all the land of Israel, 14 with whom the priests and Levites are in their cities that have suburbs, that they may gather themselves unto us; 3 and let us bring again the ark of our God to us: for we sought not unto it in the days of Saul. 4 And all the assembly said that they would do so; for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people. 5 So David assembled all Israel together, from the Shihor the brook of Egypt even unto 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 belonged to Judah, to bring up from thence the ark of God, of Jehovah that dwelleth among the cherubim, that is called by the Name. 7 And they carried the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab: and Uzza and Ahio drove the cart. 8 And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, even with songs, and with harps, and with psalteries, and with timbrels, and with cymbals, and with trumpets.

9 And when they came unto the threshing-floor of Chidon, Uzza put forth his hand to hold the ark; for the oxen stumbled. 10 And the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Uzza, and he smote him, because he put forth his hand to the ark; and there he died before God. 11 And David was displeased, because Jehovah had broken forth upon Uzza: and he called that place Perez-uzzah, unto this day. 12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring the ark of God home to me? 13 So David removed not the ark unto him into 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 Jehovah blessed the house of Obed-edom, and all that he had.

14 And Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and cedar-trees, and masons, and carpenters, to build him a house. 2 And David perceived that Jehovah had established him king over Israel; for his kingdom was exalted on high, for his people Israel’s sake.

3 And David took more wives at Jerusalem; and David begat more sons and daughters. 4 And these are the names of the children whom he had in Jerusalem: Shammua, and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, 5 and Ibhar, and Elishua, and Elpelet, 6 and Nahash, and Nepheg, and Japhia, 7 and Elishama, and Beeliada, and Eliphelet.

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 Now the Philistines had come and made a raid in the valley of Rephaim. 10 And David inquired of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And Jehovah said unto him, Go up; for I will deliver them into thy hand. 11 So they came up to Baal-perazim, and David smote them there; and David said, God hath broken mine enemies by my hand, like the breach of waters. Therefore they called the name of that place Baal-perazim.

12 And they left their gods there; and David gave commandment, 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 unto him, Thou shalt not go up after them: turn away from them, and come upon them over against the mulberry-trees. 15 And it shall be, when thou hearest the sound of marching in the tops of the mulberry-trees, that thou shalt go out to battle; for God is gone out before thee to smite the host of the Philistines.

145 Hb. kept the charge of the house of Saul.
146 Hb. lands of Israel.
147 Or, and with them to the priests and Levites that are
148 Or, pasture lands,
149 Or, is enthroned above the cherubim, Cf. Ez 10:18, 19.
150 Or, where the Name is called on.
151 Or, were restive. or, threw it down.
152 That is, The breach of Uzza,
153 Likely a Levite with a “gath” (wine-press), on the road from Kiriath-jearim up toward Jerusalem.
154 Or, before them.
155 Or, broken forth upon mine enemies
156 That is, The place of breakings forth.
157 Or, balsam-trees. Also in vs. 15.
158 Likely blowing dust eastward towards the Philistines.
Philipstines. 18 And David did as God commanded him: and they smote the host of the Philistines from Gibeon even to Gezer. 17 And the fame of David went out into all lands; and Jehovah brought the fear of him upon all nations.

15 And David made him houses in the city of David; and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. 2 Then David said, None ought to carry the ark of God but the Levites: for them hath Jehovah chosen to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him forever. 3 And David assembled all Israel at Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of Jehovah unto its place, which he had prepared for it. 4 And David gathered together the sons of Aaron, and the Levites:

5 of the sons of Kohath, Uriel the chief, and his brethren a hundred twenty; 6 of the sons of Merari, Asaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred twenty; 7 of the sons of Gershom, Joel the chief, and his brethren a hundred thirty; 8 of the sons of Elizaphan, Shemaiah the chief, and his brethren two hundred; 9 of the sons of Hebron, Eliel the chief, and his brethren eighty; 10 of the sons of Uzziel, Amminadab the chief, and his brethren a hundred twelve. 11 And David called for Zadok and Abiathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, Asaiah, Joel, Shemaiah, and Eliel, and Amminadab, and said unto them, Ye are the heads of the fathers’ houses of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, both ye and your brethren, that ye may bring up the ark of Jehovah, the God of Israel, unto the place that I have prepared for it. 13 For because ye bare it not at the first, Jehovah our God made a breach upon us, for that we sought him not according to the ordinance. 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of Jehovah, the God of Israel. 15 And the children of the Levites bare the ark of God upon their shoulders with the staves thereon, as Moses commanded according to the word of Jehovah.

16 And David spake to the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brethren the singers, with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, sounding aloud and lifting up their brethren the singers, with instruments of music, psalter and harp. 17 Then on that day did David first ordain to give thanks unto Jehovah, by the hand of Asaph and his brethren. 18 O give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name; Make known his doings among the peoples. 19 Sing unto him, sing praises unto him; Talk ye of all his marvellous works. 20 Glory ye in his holy name; Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah. 21 Seek ye Jehovah and his strength; Seek his face evermore.

22 Remember his marvellous works that he hath done, His wonders, and the judgments of his mouth, 23 O ye seed of Israel his servant, Ye children of Jacob, his chosen ones.

159 In 2Sa 5:25, Geba
160 Or, for time unlimited. [i.e., without fixed termination]
161 Nu 4:15.
162 Or, the carrying of the ark (twice) And in vs. 27.
163 Or, of wine,
164 In ch. 15:18, Jaaziel,
165 Or, make it the chief work to give thanks
166 Vss. 8-22 are the same as Ps 105:1-15.
167 Or, Meditate on all his marvellous works.
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14 He is Jehovah our God; His judgments are in all the earth.
15 Remember his covenant forever, The word which he commanded to a thousand generations," 16 The covenant which he made with Abraham, And his oath unto Isaac, 17 And confirmed the same unto Jacob for a statute, To Israel for an everlasting covenant, 18 Saying, Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, The lot of your inheritance; 19 When ye were but a few men in number, Yes, very few, and sojourners in it; 20 And they went about from nation to nation, And from one kingdom to another people.

He suffered no man to do them wrong; Yes, he reproved kings for their sakes, 22 Saying, Touch not mine anointed ones, And do my prophets no harm. 23 Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth; Show forth his salvation from day to day. 24 Declare his glory among the nations, His marvellous works among all the peoples. 25 For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised: He also is to be feared above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the peoples are idols: But Jehovah made the heavens. 27 Honor and majesty are before him: Strength and gladness are in his place. 28 Ascribe unto Jehovah, ye kindreds of the peoples, Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength; 29 Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name: Bring an offering, and come before him; Worship Jehovah in the splendor of holiness.

Tremble before him, all the earth: The world also is established that it cannot be moved. 31 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; And let them say among the nations, Jehovah reigneth. 32 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof; Let the field exult, and all that is therein; 33 Then shall the trees of the wood sing for joy before Jehovah; For he cometh to judge the earth. 34 O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; For his lovingkindness endureth forever. 35 And say ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, And gather us together and deliver us from the nations, To give thanks unto thy holy name, And to triumph in thy praise. 36 Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, From everlasting even to everlasting.

And all the people said, Amen, and praised Jehovah. 37 So he left there, before the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, Asaph and his brethren, to minister before the ark continually, as every day’s work required; 38 and Obed-edom with their brethren, sixty-eight; Obed-edom also the son of Jeduthun and Hosah to be doorkeepers; 39 and Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before the tabernacle of Jehovah in the high place that was at Gibeon, 40 to offer burnt-offerings unto Jehovah upon the altar of burnt-offering continually towards morning and evening; even according to all that is written in the law of Jehovah, which he commanded unto Israel; 41 and with them Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were chosen, who were mentioned by name, to give thanks to Jehovah, because his lovingkindness endureth forever; 42 and with them Heman and Jeduthun with trumpets and cymbals for those that should sound aloud, and withal instruments for the songs of God; and the sons of Jeduthun to be at the gate. 43 And all the people departed every man to his house: and David returned to bless his house.

And it came to pass, when David dwelt in his house, that David said to Nathan the prophet, Lo, I dwell in a house of cedar, but the ark of the covenant of Jehovah dwelleth under curtains. 2 And Nathan said unto David, Do all that is in thy heart; for God is with thee. 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 saith Jehovah, Thou shalt not build me a house of cedar, but I will build thee a house, and I will establish thy throne forever. 5 In all places wherein I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedar? 7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith Jehovah, Thou shalt not build me a house of cedar? I have gone from tent to tent, and from one tabernacle to another. 6 In all places wherein I have walked with all Israel, spake I a word with any of the judges of Israel, whom I commanded to be shepherd of my people, saying, Why have ye not built me a house of cedar? 7 Now therefore thus shalt thou say unto my servant David, Thus saith Jehovah, of hosts, I took thee from the lot of thy fathers, and brought thee from the sheepcote, from following the sheep, to be prince over my people Israel, and the covenant of Jehovah, which I made with Abraham, and with Isaac, and with Jacob, which I confirmed unto them, saying, I will be their God, and they shall be my people; and thou shalt build me a house, and I will establish thy throne forever. 8 And I have been with thee whithersoever thou hast gone, and have cut off all thine enemies from before thee; and I will make thee a name, like unto the name of the great ones that are in the earth. 9 And I will appoint a place for my people Israel, and will plant them, that they may dwell in their own place, and be moved no more; neither shall the children of wickedness waste them any more, as at the first. 10 And as from the day that I commanded judges to be over my people Israel; and I will subdue all thine enemies. Moreover I tell thee that Jehovah will build thee a house. 11 And it shall come to pass, when thy days are fulfilled that thou must go, that I will raise up thy seed after thee, and 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 lovingkindness away from him, as I took it from him that was before thee; 14 but I will settle him in my house and in my kingdom forever; and his throne shall be established forever. 15 According to all these words, and according to all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David.

168 Hb. cord or, line 169 Or, things of nought: 170 Or, in holy apparel. 171 Ex 29:38-42; Nu 28:3-6. 172 Sept. omits Heman and Jeduthun with 173 Hb. have been from tent to tent, etc. 174 Or, pasture, 175 Or, leader over my people Israel: 176 Or, have subdued all thine enemies. 177 Or, And who is like thy people Israel, a nation that is
Then David the king went in, and sat before Jehovah; and he said, Who am I, O Jehovah God, and what is my house, that thou hast brought me thus far? 17 And this was a small thing in thine eyes, O God; but thou hast hasted spoken of thy servant’s house for a great while to come, and hast regarded me according to the estate of a man of high degree, O Jehovah God. 18 What can David say yet more unto thee concerning the honor which is done to thy servant? for thou knowest thy servant. 19 O Jehovah, for thy servant’s sake, and according to thine own heart, hast thou wrought all this greatness, to make known all these great things. 20 O Jehovah, there is none like thee, neither is there any God besides thee, according to all that we have heard with our ears. 21 And what one nation in the earth is like thy people Israel, whom God went to redeem unto himself for a people, to make thee a name by great and terrible things, in driving out nations from before thine people, whom thou redeemedst out of Egypt? 22 For thy people Israel didst thou make thine own people for ever; and thou, Jehovah, becamest their God. 23 And now, O Jehovah, let the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, be established forever, and do as thou hast spoken. 24 178 And let thy name be established and magnified forever, saying, Jehovah of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God to Israel: and the house of David thy servant is established before thee. 25 For thou, O my God, hast revealed thy servant that thou wilt build him a house: therefore hath even thou, O Jehovah, let the word that thou hast spoken concerning thy servant, and concerning his house, be established forever. 26 And now, O Jehovah, thou art God, and hast promised this good to thy servant. 27 And now it hath pleased thee to bless the house of David thy servant, and brought the shields of gold that were on the servants of Hadarezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 28 And from Tibhath and from Cun, cities of Hadarezer, David took very much copper, wherewith Solomon made the copper sea, and the pillars, and the vessels of copper.

9 And when Tou king of Hamath heard that David had smitten all the host of Hadarezer king of Zobah, 10 he sent Hadoram his son to king David, to salute him, and to bless him, because he had fought against Hadarezer and smitten him; (for Hadarezer had wars with Tou;) and he had with him all manner of vessels of gold and silver and copper. 11 These also did king David sanctify unto Jehovah, with the silver and the gold that he carried away from all the nations; from Edom and from Moab, and from the children of Ammon, and from the Philistines, and from Amalek.

12 Moreover Abishai the son of Zeruiah smote of the Edomites in the Valley of Salt eighteen thousand. 13 And he put garrisons in Edom; and all the Edomites became servants to David. And Jehovah gave victory to David whithersoever he went.

14 And David reigned over all Israel; and he executed justice and righteousness unto all his people. 15 And Joab the son of Zeruiah was over the host; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahitub was recorder; 16 and Zadok the son of Ahitub, and Abimelech the son of Abiathar, were 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 chiefs about the king.

19 And it came to pass after this, that Nahash the king of the children of Ammon died, and his son reigned in his stead. 2 And David said, I will show kindness unto Hanun the son of Nahash, because his father showed kindness to me. So David sent messengers to comfort him concerning his father. And David’s servants came into the land of the children of Ammon to Hanun, to comfort him. 3 But the princes of the children of Ammon said to Hanun, Thinkest thou that David doth honor thy father, in that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are not his servants come unto thee to search, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? 4 So Hanun took David’s servants, and shaved them, and cut off their garments in the middle, even to the buttocks, and sent them away. 5 Then there went certain persons, and told David how the men were served. And he sent to meet them; for the men were greatly ashamed. And the king said, Tarry at Jericho until your beards be grown, and then return.

6 And when the children of Ammon saw that they had made themselves odious to David, Hanun and the children of Ammon sent a thousand talents of silver to hire them chariots and horsemen out of Mesopotamia, and out of Aram-maakah, and out of Zobah. 7 So they hired them thirty-two...
thousand chariots, and the king of Maacah and his people, who came and encamped before Medeba. And the children of Ammon gathered themselves together from their cities, and came to battle. And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the host of the mighty men. And the children of Ammon came out, and put the battle in array at the gate of the city: and the kings that were come were by themselves in the field.

10 Now when Joab saw that the battle was set against him before and behind, he chose of all the choice men of Israel, and put them in array against the Syrians. And the rest of the people he committed to the hand of Abishai his brother; and they put themselves in array against the children of Ammon. And he said, If the Syrians be too strong for me, then thou shalt help me; but if the children of Ammon be too strong for thee, then I will help thee. Be of good courage, and let us play the man for our people, and for the cities of our God: and Jehovah do that which seemeth him good. So Joab and the people that were with him drew nigh before theSyrians unto the battle; and they fled before him. And when the children of Ammon saw that the Syrians were fled, they likewise fled before Abishai his brother, and entered into the city. Then Joab came to Jerusalem.

15 And when the Syrians saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they sent messengers, and drew forth the Syrians that were beyond the River, with Shophach the captain of the host of Hadadezer at their head. And it was told David; and he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came upon them, and set the battle in array against them. So when David had put the battle in array against theSyrians, they fought with him. And the Syrians fled before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians the men of seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand footmen, and killed Shophach the captain of the host. And when the servants of Hadadezer saw that they were put to the worse before Israel, they made peace with David, and served him: neither did he return to him thine hand of man.

19 But the children of Ammon and the villages of the children of Rephael dissembled against David all the days of Saul. And when Saul died, the children of Ammon rose up against David in war. And David heard of it, and sent Joab and the host of the mighty men, and they came and besieged Rabbah, the capital of the Ammonites. And Joab smote Rabbah, and overthrew Ammon, and came and besieged Rabbah. But David tarried at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and overthrew it. And David took the crown of their king from off 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 forth the spoil of the city, exceeding much. And he brought forth the people that were there, and assigned them to saws, and to harrows of iron, and to axes. And thus did David unto all the cities of the children of Ammon. And David and all the people returned to Jerusalem.

4 And it came to pass after this, that there arose war at Gezer with the Philistines: then Sibbecai the Hushathite slew Sippai, of the sons of the giants; and they were subdued. And there was again war with the Philistines; and Elhanan the son of Jair slew Lahmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver’s beam. And there was again war at Gath, where 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 born unto the giant. And when he was sped Israel, Jonathan the son of Shimea, David’s brother, slew him. These were born unto the giant in Gath; and they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his servants.

21 And Satan stood up against Israel, and moved David to number Israel. And David said to Joab and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba; and bring me word, that I may know the sum of them. And Joab said, Jehovah make his people a hundred times as many as they are: but, my lord the king, are not all my lord’s servants? why doth my lord require this thing? why will he be a cause of guilt unto Israel? Nevertheless the king’s word prevailed against Joab. Wherefore Joab departed, and went throughout all Israel, and came to Jerusalem. And Joab gave up the sum of the numbering of the people unto David. And all they of Israel were a thousand thousand and a hundred thousand men that drew sword: and Judah was four hundred seventy thousand men that drew sword. But Levi and Benjamin counted he not among them; for the king’s word was abominable to Joab. And God was displeased with this thing; therefore he smote Israel. And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, in that I have done this thing: but now, put away, I beseech thee, the iniquity of thy servant; for I have done very foolishly.

9 And Jehovah spake unto Gad, David’s seer, saying, Go and speak unto David, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, I offer thee three things: choose thee one of them, that I may do it unto thee. So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Take which thou wilt: either three years of famine; or three months to be consumed before thy foes, while the sword of thine enemies overtaketh thee; or else three days the sword of Jehovah; or three days pestilence in the land, and the angel of Jehovah destroying throughout all the borders of Israel. Now therefore consider what answer I shall return to him that sent me. And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me fall, I pray, into the hand of Jehovah; for very great are his mercies: and let me not fall into the hand of man. So Jehovah sent a pestilence upon Israel; and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. And God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it: and as he was about to destroy, Jehovah beheld, and he repented him of the evil, and said to the destroyinng angel, It is enough; now stay thy hand. And the angel of Jehovah was standing by the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of Jehovah standing between earth and heaven,
having a drawn sword in his hand stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces. 17 And David said unto God, Is it not I that commanded the people to be numbered? even I it is that have sinned and done very wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand, I pray thee, O Jehovah my God, be against me, and against my father’s house; but not against thy people, that they should be plagued.

18 Then the angel of Jehovah commanded Gad to say to David, that David should go up, and rear an altar unto Jehovah in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 And David went up at the saying of Gad, which he spake in the name of Jehovah. 20 And Ornan turned back, and saw the angel; and his four sons that were with him hid themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 21 And as David came to Ornan, Ornan looked and saw David, and went out of the threshing-floor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. 22 Then David said to Ornan, Give me the place of this threshing-floor, that I may build thereon an altar unto Jehovah: for the full price shalt thou give it me, that the plague may be stayed from the people. 23 And Ornan said unto David, Take it to thee, and let my lord the king do that which is good in his eyes: lo, I give thee 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 truly buy it for the land of Israel; and he set masons to hewers and workers of stone and timber, and copper in abundance with prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the tabernacle of Jehovah, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt-offering; and copper in abundance with prepared iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the tabernacle of Jehovah, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt-offering.

25 As David gave to Ornan for the place that is the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, 26 And David built there a threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 27 And Jehovah answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 28 Then David said, This is the house of Jehovah God, and this is the altar of burnt-offering for Israel.

29 At that time, when David saw that Jehovah had answered him in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then he sacrificed there. 30 For the tabernacle of Jehovah, which Moses made in the wilderness, and the altar of burnt-offering, were at that time in the high place at Gibeon. 31 But David could not go before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because of the sword of the angel of Jehovah. 32 Then David said, This is the house of Jehovah God, and this is the altar of burnt-offering for Israel.

22 Then David said, This is the house of Jehovah God, and this is the altar of burnt-offering for Israel.

2 And David commanded to gather together the sojourners that were in the land of Israel, and he set masons to hew wrought 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 couplings; and copper in abundance without weight; 4 and cedar-trees without number: for the Sidonians and they of Tyre brought cedar-trees in abundance to David. 5 And David said, Solomon my son is young and tender, and the house that is to be builded for Jehovah must be exceeding magnificent, of fame and of glory throughout all countries: I will therefore make preparation for it. So David prepared abundantly before his death.

6 Then he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build a house for Jehovah, the God of Israel. 7 And David said to Solomon, 208 This his son, As for me, it was in my heart to build a house unto the name of Jehovah my God. 8 But the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, Thou hast shed blood abundantly, and hast made great wars: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because thou hast shed much blood upon the earth in my sight. 9 Behold, a son shall be born to thee, who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies round about; for his name shall be Solomon, and I will give peace and quietness unto 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 for ever. 11 Now, my son, Jehovah be with thee; and prosper thou, and build the house of Jehovah thy God, as he hath spoken concerning thee. 12 Only Jehovah give thee discretion and understanding, and give thee charge concerning Israel; that so thou mayest keep the law of Jehovah thy God. 13 Then shalt thou prosper, if thou observe to do the statutes and the ordinances with which Jehovah charged Moses concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; fear not, neither be dismayed. 14 Now, behold, in my 209 affliction I have prepared for the house of Jehovah a hundred thousand talents of gold, and a thousand thousand talents of silver, and of copper and iron without weight; for it is in abundance: timber also and stone have I prepared; and thou mayest add thereto. 15 Moreover there are workmen with thee in abundance, hewers and workers of stone and timber, and all men that are skilful in every manner of work: 16 of the gold, the silver, and the copper, and the iron, there is no number. Arise and be doing and Jehovah be with thee.

17 David also commanded all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, saying, 18 Is not Jehovah your God with you? and hath he not given you rest on every side? for he hath delivered the inhabitants of the land into my hand; and the land is subdued before Jehovah, and before his people. 19 Now set your heart and your soul to seek after Jehovah your God; arise therefore, and build ye the sanctuary of Jehovah, to bring the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and the holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be builded for the name of Jehovah.

23 Now David was old and full of days; and 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 thirty years old and upward; and their number by their polls, man by man, was thirty-eight thousand. 4 Of these twenty-four thousand were to oversee the work of the house of Jehovah; and six thousand were officers and judges; 5 and four thousand were door-keepers; and four thousand praised Jehovah with the instruments which I made, said David, to praise therewith.
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6 And David divided them into 212 courses according to the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kohath, and Merari.

7 Of the Gershonites: 213 Ladan and Shimei. 8 The sons of Ladan: Jehiel the chief, and Zetham, and Joel, three. 9 The sons of Shimei: Shelomoth, and Haziel, and Haran, three. These were the heads of the fathers’ houses of Ladan. 10 And the sons of Shimei: Jahath, 214 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 had not many sons; therefore they became a fathers’ house in one reckoning.

12 The sons of Kohath: Amram, Izhar, Hebron, and Uzzziel, four. 13 The sons of Amram: Aaron and Moses; and Aaron was separated, 215 that he should sanctify the most holy things, he and his sons, 216 for ever, to burn incense before Jehovah, to minister unto him, and to bless in his name, for ever.

14 But as for Moses the man of God, his sons were named among the tribe of Levi. 15 The sons of Moses: Gershom and Eliezer. 16 The sons of Gershom: 217 Shebuel the chief. 17 And the sons of Eliezer were: Rehabiah the chief; and Eliezer had no other sons; but the sons of Rehabiah were very many.

18 The sons of Izhar: 218 Shelomith the chief. 19 The sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, and Jekameam the fourth.

20 The sons of Uzziel: Micah the chief, and Ishiah the second.

21 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushi. The sons of Mahli: Eleazar and Kish. 22 And Eleazar died, and had no sons, but daughters only: and their brethren the sons of Kish took them to wife.

23 The sons of Mushi: Mahli, and Eder, and Jeremoth, three.

24 These were the sons of Levi after their fathers’ houses, even the heads of the fathers’ houses of those of them that were counted, in the number of names by their polls, who did the work for the service of the house of Jehovah, from twenty years old and upward.

25 For David said, Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath given rest unto his people; and he dwelleth in Jerusalem 219 for ever: 26 and also the Levites shall no more have need to carry the tabernacle and all the vessels of it for the service thereof. 27 For by the last words of David the sons of Levi were numbered, from twenty years old and upward.

28 For 220 their office was to wait on the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of Jehovah, in the courts, and in the chambers, and in the purifying of all holy things, even the work of the service of the house of God; 29 for the showbread also, and for the fine flour for a meal-offering, whether of unleavened wafers, or of that which is baked in the pan, or of that which is soaked, and for all manner of measure and size; 30 and to stand every morning to thank and praise Jehovah, and likewise towards evening; 31 and to offer all burnt-offerings unto Jehovah, on the sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the set feasts, in number according to the ordinance concerning them, continually before Jehovah; 32 and that they should keep the charge of the tent of meeting, and the charge of the Holy, and the charge of the sons of Aaron their brethren, for the service of the house of Jehovah.

24 And the courses of the sons of Aaron were these. The sons of Aaron: Nadab and Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. 2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and had no children: therefore Eleazar and Ithamar executed the priest’s office. 3 222 And David with Zadok of the sons of Eleazar, and Ahimelech of the sons of Ithamar, divided them according to their ordering 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 divided: of the sons of Eleazar there were sixteen, heads of fathers’ houses; and of the sons of Ithamar, according to their fathers’ houses, eight.

5 Thus were they divided by lot, one sort with another; for there were princes of the Holy, and princes of God, both of the sons of Eleazar, and of the sons of Ithamar. 6 And Shemaiah the son of Nethanel the scribe, who was of the Levites, wrote them in the presence of the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, and the heads of the fathers’ houses of the priests and of the Levites; one fathers’ house being taken for Eleazar, and 223 one taken for Ithamar.

7 Now the first lot came forth to Jehoiarib, the second to Jedaijah,

8 the third to Harim, the fourth to Seorim,

9 the fifth to Malchijah, the sixth to Mijamin,

10 the seventh to Hakkoz, the eighth to 224 Abijah,

11 the ninth to Jesua, the tenth to Shecaniah,

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 Happizzez,

16 the nineteenth to Petahiah, the twentieth to Jehezekel,

17 the twenty-first to Jachin, the twenty-second to Gamul,

18 the twenty-third to Delaiah, the twenty-fourth to Maaziah.

19 This was the ordering of them in their service, to come into the house of Jehovah according to the ordinance given unto them by Aaron their father, as Jehovah, the God of Israel, had commanded him.

20 And of the rest of the sons of Levi: of the sons of Amram, 225 Shubael; of the sons of Shubael, Jehdeiah. 21 Of Rehabiah: of the sons of Rehabiah, Ishiah the chief. 22 Of the Izharites, 226 Shelomith; of the sons of Shelomith, Jahath.

212 Hb. divisions
213 So also in ch. 26:21. But in ch. 6:17, Libni
214 In vs. 11, Zizah
215 Or, to sanctify as most holy him and his sons,
216 Or, for time unlimited, (both times) [i.e., without fixed termination]
217 In ch. 24:20, Shubael Meaning, Returned to God. Targum says, It is Jonathan (Ig 18:30) after he reformed from idols.
218 In ch. 24:22, Shelomoth
219 Or, for time unlimited, [i.e., without fixed termination]
220 Or, in the last acts of David
221 Hb. their station was at the hand of the sons of Aaron. See similar wording in Neh. 11:24.
222 Or, And David divided them, even Zadok etc.
223 Hb 1st reads, taken, taken
224 The course of Abijah is mentioned in Lk 1:5, which implies the 24 courses were reckoned until the destruction of the Temple in A.D. 70.
225 In ch. 23:16, Shebuel
226 In ch. 23:18, Shelomith
23 And the sons of Hebron: Jeriah the chief, Amariah the second, Jahaziel the third, Jekameam the fourth. 24 The sons of Uzziel, Micah; of the sons of Micah, Shamir. 25 The brother of Micah, Ishiah; of the sons of Ishiah, Zechariah. 26 The sons of Merari: Mahli and Mushii; the sons of Jaaziah: Beno. 27 The sons of Merari: of Jazaniah, Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and Ibri. 28 Of Mahli: Eleazar, who had no sons. 29 Of Kish: the sons of Kish: Jerahmeel. 30 And the sons of Mushii: Mahli, and Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after their fathers’ houses. 31 These likewise cast lots even as their brethren 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 of the Levites; the fathers’ houses of the chief even as those of his younger brother.

25 Moreover David and the captains of the host set apart for the service certain of the sons of Asaph, and of Heman, and of Jeduthun, who should prophesy with harps, with psalteries, and with cymbals: and the number of them that did the work according to their service was: 2 of the sons of Asaph: Zaccur, and Joseph, and Nethaniah, and Asharelah, the sons of Asaph, under the hand of Asaph, who prophesied 229 after the orders of the king. 3 Of Jeduthun: the sons of Jeduthun: Gedaliah, and Zeri, and Jeshaiah, Shimri, Hashabiah, and Mattithiah, six, under the hands of their father Jeduthun with the harp, who prophesied in giving thanks and praising Jehovah. 4 Of Heman; the sons of Heman: Bukkiah, Mattaniah, Shemaiah, and Uzziel, and Jerimoth, Hananiah, Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, and Romamti-ezer, Josiahkeshah, Mallothi, Hothir, Mahazioth. 5 All these were the sons of Heman the king’s seer in the words of God, to lift up the horn. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three daughters. 6 All these were under the hands of their father for song in the house of Jehovah, with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of the house of God; 234 Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman being under the orders of the king. 7 And the number of them, with their brethren that were instructed in singing unto Jehovah, even all that were skilful, was two hundred eighty-eight. 8 And they 235 cast lots for their offices, all alike, as well the small as the great, the teacher as the scholar.

9 Now the first lot came forth for Asaph to Joseph: 226 the second to Gedaliah; he and his brethren and sons were twelve: 10 the third to Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 11 the fourth to Izri, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 12 the fifth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 13 the sixth to Bukkiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 14 the seventh to Jeshaiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 15 the eighth to Jeshiaiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 16 the ninth to Mattaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 17 the tenth to Shimei, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 18 the eleventh to Azarel, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 19 the twelfth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 20 for the thirteenth, Shubael, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 21 for the fourteenth, Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 22 for the fifteenth to Jeremoth, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 23 for the sixteenth to Hananiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 24 for the seventeenth to Joshbekashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 25 for the eighteenth to Hanani, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 26 for the nineteenth to Mallothi, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 27 for the twentieth to Eliashah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 28 for the twenty-first to Hothir, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 29 for the twenty-second to Giddalti, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 30 for the twenty-third to Mahazioth, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 31 for the twenty-fourth to Romamti-ezer, his sons and his brethren, twelve.

26 For the courses of the doorkeepers: of the Korahites, 237 Meshelemiah the son of Kore, of the sons of 238 Asaph. 2 And Meshelemiah had sons: Zechariah the firstborn, Jediah the second, Zebadiah the third, Jathniel the fourth, 3 Elam the fifth, Jehohanan the sixth, Eliehoenai the seventh. 4 And Obed-edom had sons: Shemaiah the firstborn, Jehozabad the second, Joah the third, and Sacar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth, Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Peulthai the eighth; for God blessed him. 6 Also unto Shemaiah his son were sons born, that ruled over the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor. 7 The sons of Shemaiah: Othni, and Rephael, and Obed, Elzabad, whose brethren were valiant men, Elhu, and Semachiah. 8 All these were of the sons of Obed-edom: they and their sons and their brethren, able men in strength for the service; sixty-two of Obed-edom. 9 And Meshelemiah had sons and brethren, valiant men, eighteen. 10 Also Hosah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri the chief, (for though he was not the firstborn, yet his father made him chief,) 11 Hilkiah the second, Tebaliah the third, Zechariah the fourth: all the sons and brethren of Hosah were thirteen.

12 Of these were the courses of the doorkeepers, even of the chief men, having offices like their brethren, to minister in the house of Jehovah. 13 And they cast lots, as well as the small as the great, according to their fathers’ houses, for every gate. 14 And the lot eastward fell to Eleazar, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 15 the second to Ithamar, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 16 the third to Azarel, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 17 the fourth to Shelmethai, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 18 the fifth to Hazamiel, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 19 the sixth to Shapariah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 20 the seventh to Jozabad, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 21 the eighth to Johanan, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 22 the ninth to Bani, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 23 the tenth to Phinnuech, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 24 the eleventh to Jamin, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 25 the twelfth to Mattithiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 26 the thirteenth to Micah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 27 the fourteenth to Zadok, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 28 the fifteenth to Abijah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 29 the sixteenth to Seraiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 30 the seventeenth to Tanhumeth the Merarite, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 31 the eighteenth to Joel, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 32 the nineteenth to Pedaiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 33 the twentieth to Nethaniah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 34 the twenty-first to Giddon, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 35 the twenty-second to Jerahmeel, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 36 the twenty-third to Hezir, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 37 the twenty-fourth to Asaiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 38 the twenty-fifth to Elizaphan, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 39 the twenty-sixth to Jakim, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 40 the twenty-seventh to Uziel, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 41 the twenty-eighth to Hashabiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 42 the twenty-ninth to Zaccur, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 43 the thirtieth to Shashbliah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 44 the thirty-first to Ahimeloch, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 45 the thirty-second to Alexibiah, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 46 the thirty-third to Zichri, his sons and his brethren, twelve: 47 the thirty-fourth to Mesthaia, his sons and his brethren, twelve. 48 These were the courses of the doorkeepers;

237 In vs. 14, Jesharelah 238 Hb. by the hands of the king.
239 In vs. 11, Izri 240 Sept. reads Shimeai, given in vs. 17 as the fourth of Jeduthun’s sons in the sequence of vss. 9-21. Massoretic, Aram., Vg. omit Shimeai.
231 With Shimeai, mentioned in vs. 17.
232 In vs. 18, Azarel 233 In vs. 20, Shubael 234 Or, after the orders of the king, even Asaph, Jeduthun, and Heman.
235 Or, cast lots, ward against ward, as well etc.
236 Must insert, he and his brethren and sons were twelve: to complete the number 288 in vs. 7.
237 In vs. 14, Shelemiah 238 In ch. 9:19, Ebiасaph 239 Or, wards over against their brethren, 240 In vs. 1, Meshelemiah.
241 That is, Casting forth,
242 Or, the precinct (both times)
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of the sons of the Korahites, and of 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 holy things. 21 The sons of Ladan, the sons of the Gershonites belonging to Ladan, the heads of the fathers’ houses belonging to Ladan the Gershonite: Jehiel. 22 The sons of Jehiel: Zetham, and Joel his brother, over the treasures of the house of Jehovah. 23 Of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites: 24 and Shebuel the son of Gershon, the son of Moses, was ruler over the treasures. 25 And his brethren: of Eliezer came Rehabiah his son, and Jeshaiah his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son. 26 This Shelomoth and his brethren were over all the treasures of the holy things, which David the king, and the heads of the fathers’ houses, the captains over thousands and hundreds, and the captains of the host, had hallowed. 27 Out of the spoil won in battles did they hallow to repair the house of Jehovah. 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 hallowed, whosoever had hallowed anything, it was under the hand of Shelomoth, and of his brethren.

29 Of the Izharites, Chenaniah and his sons were for the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges. 30 Of the Hebronites, Hashabiah and his brethren, men of valor, a thousand seven hundred, were over the outward business over Israel, for officers and judges.

31 Of the Kohathites: of the Amramites, of the Izharites, of the Hebronites, of the Uzzielites: 32 and Shebuel the son of Gershon, the son of Moses, was the chief of the families of the Kohathites, according to their generations to wit, the heads of fathers’ houses, in the villages, and in the castles, and over the work of the field for tillage of the ground. 33 And over the vineyards for the wine-cellar, for the vineyards was Zabdi the son of Hala: 34 And over the olive-trees and the sycomore-trees that were in the lowland was Baal-hanan the son of Shinab: 35 and over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the valleys was Shaphat the son of Adai: 36 and over the camels was Obil the Ishmaelite: and over the asses was Jehdeiah the Meronothite: and over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagrite. 37 These were the rulers of the substance which was king David’s.

38 Also Jonathan, David’s uncle, was a counsellor, a man of understanding, and a scribe: and Jehiel the son of Hachmoni was with the king’s sons: 39 and Ahithophel was the king’s counsellor: and Hushai the Archite was the king’s friend: 40 and after Ahithophel was Jehoiada the son of Benaiah, and Abiathar: and the captain of the king’s host was Joab.
And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the companies that served the king by course, and the captains of thousands, and the captains of hundreds, and the rulers over all the substance and possessions of the king and of his sons, with the officers, and the mighty men, even all the mighty men of valor, unto Jerusalem. 2 Then David the king stood up upon his feet, and said, Hear me, my brethren, and my people: as for me, it was in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of Jehovah, and for the footstool of our God; and I had made ready for the building. 3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a house for my name, because thou art a man of wars, and hast shed blood. 4 Howbeit Jehovah, the God of Israel, chose me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever: for he hath chosen Judah to be prince: and in 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 Jehovah hath given me many sons,) he hath chosen Solomon my son to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of Jehovah over Israel. 6 And he said unto me, Solomon thy son, he shall build my house for my name, and I had made ready for it every lampstand; 16 and the gold by weight for the tables of showbread, for every table; and silver for the tables of silver; 17 and the flesh-hooks, and the basins, and the cups, of pure gold; and for the golden bowls by weight for every bowl; and for the silver bowls by weight for every bowl; 18 and for the altar of incense refined gold by weight; and gold for the pattern of the chariot, even the cherubim, that spread out their wings, and covered the ark of the covenant of Jehovah. 19 All this, said David, have I been made to understand in writing from the hand of Jehovah, even all the works of this pattern.

And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong and of good courage, and do it: fear not, nor be dismayed; for Jehovah God, even my God, is with thee; he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until all the work for the service of the house of Jehovah be finished. 21 And, behold, there are the courses of the priests and the Levites, for all the service of the house of Jehovah: and there shall be with thee in all manner of work every willing man that hath skill, for any manner of service: also the captains and all the people will be wholly at thy commandment.

And David the king said unto all the assembly, Solomon my son, whom alone God hath chosen, is yet young and tender, and the work is great; for the palace is not for man, but for Jehovah God. 2 Now I have prepared with all my might for the house of my God the gold for the things of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and the copper for the things of copper, the iron for the things of iron, and wood for the things of wood; 26onyx stones, and stones to be set, stones for inlaid work, and of diverse colors, and all manner of precious stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 Moreover also, because I have set my affection on the house of my God, seeing that I have a treasure of mine own of gold and silver, I give it unto the house of my God, over and above all that I have prepared for the holy house, 4 even three thousand talents of gold, of the gold of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, wherewith to overlay the walls of the houses; 5 of gold for the things of gold, and of silver for the things of silver, and for all manner of work to be made by the hands of artificers. Who then offereth willingly, 24to consecrate himself this day unto Jehovah?

Then the princes of the fathers’ houses, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the captains of thousands and of hundreds, with the rulers over the king’s work, offered willingly; 7 and they gave for the service of the house of God of gold 26two thousand talents and ten thousand darics, and of silver ten thousand talents, and of copper eighteen thousand talents, and of iron a hundred thousand talents. 8 And they with whom precious stones were found gave them to the treasure of the house of Jehovah, under the hand of Jehiel the Gersbonite. 9 Then the people rejoiced, for that they offered willingly, because with a perfect heart they offered willingly to Jehovah: and David the king also rejoiced with great joy.
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10 Wherefore David blessed Jehovah before all the assembly; and David said, Blessed be thou, the God of Israel our father, for ever and ever. 11 Thine, O Jehovah, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty: for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Jehovah, and thou art exalted as head above all. 12 Both riches and honor come of thee, and thou rulest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thy hand it is to make great, and to give strength unto all. 13 Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name. 14 But who am I, and what is my people, that we should be able to offer so willingly after this sort? for all things come of thee, and of thine own have we given thee. 15 For we are strangers before thee, and sojourners, as all our fathers were: our days on the earth are as a shadow, and there is no abiding. 16 O Jehovah our God, all this store that we have prepared to build thee a house for thy holy name cometh of thy hand, and is all thine own. 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast 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 thy people, that are present here, offer willingly unto thee. 18 O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of thy heart, and in thine own. 17 I know also, my God, that thou triest the heart, and hast 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 thy people, that are present here, offer willingly unto thee. 18 O Jehovah, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, our fathers, keep this for ever in the imagination of the thoughts of thy heart, 19 and give unto Solomon my son a perfect heart, to keep thy commandments, thy testimonies, and thy 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 assembly, Now bless Jehovah your God. And all the assembly blessed Jehovah, the God of their fathers, and bowed down their heads, and worshipped Jehovah, and the king. 21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto Jehovah, and offered burnt-offerings unto Jehovah, on the morrow after that day, even a thousand bullocks, a thousand rams, and a thousand lambs, with their drink-offerings, and sacrifices in abundance for all Israel, 22 and did eat and drink before Jehovah on that day with great gladness. And they made Solomon the son of David king the second time, and anointed him unto Jehovah to be prince, and Zadok to be priest. 23 Then Solomon sat on the throne of Jehovah 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 unto Solomon the king. 25 And Jehovah 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 Now David the son of Jesse reigned over all Israel. 27 And the time that he reigned over Israel was forty years; seven years reigned he in Hebron, and thirty-three years reigned he in Jerusalem. 28 And he died in a good old age, full of days, riches, and honor: and Solomon his son reigned in his stead. 29 Now the acts of David the king, the first and the last, behold, they are written in the history of Samuel the seer, and in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of Gad the seer, 30 with all his reign and his might, and the times that went over him, and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the countries.

263 Hb. retain strength to offer 264 Hb. of thy hand have we given thee. 265 Hb. hope. 266 Or, establish 267 Or, leader, 268 Hb. gave the hand under Solomon the king. 269 Hb. words (three times)
And Solomon the son of David was strengthened in his kingdom, and Jehovah his God was with him, and magnified him exceedingly. 2. And Solomon spake unto all Israel, to the captains of thousands and of hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the heads of the fathers’ houses. 3. So Solomon, and all the assembly 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 Jehovah had made in the wilderness. 4. But the ark of God had David brought up from Kirjath-jearim to the place that David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for it at Jerusalem. 5. Moreover the copper altar, that Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Hur, had made, was there before the tabernacle of Jehovah: and Solomon and the assembly sought unto it. 6. And Solomon went up thither to the copper altar before Jehovah, which was at the tent of meeting, and offered a thousand burnt-offerings upon it.

7. In that night did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, Ask what I shall give thee. 8. And Solomon said unto God, Thou hast showed great lovingkindness unto David my father, and hast made me king over a people like the dust of the earth in multitude. 9. Now, O Jehovah God, let thy promise unto David my father be established; for thou hast made me king over a people like the soil of the earth, for abundance. 10. And Solomon gathered chariots and horsemen; and he had a thousand four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he placed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. 11. And the king made silver and gold to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the sycomore-trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. 12. And the horses which Solomon had were brought out of Egypt; the king’s merchants received them in droves, each drove at a price. 13. And they fetched up and brought out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred fifty shekels: and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their means.

2. Now Solomon purposed to build a house for the name of Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom. 2. And Solomon counted out seventy thousand men to bear burdens and eighty thousand men that were hewers in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred to oversee them. 3. And Solomon sent to the king of Tyre, saying, As thou didst deal with David my father, and didst send him cedars to build him a house to dwell therein, even so deal with me. 4. Behold, I am about to build a house for the name of Jehovah my God, to sanctify it to him, and to burn before him incense of sweet spices, and for the continual showbread, and for the burnt-offerings morning and evening, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts of Jehovah our God. This is an ordinance for ever to Israel. 5. And the house which I build is great; for great is our God above all the gods. 6. But who is able to build him a house, seeing the heavens and the heavens of heavens cannot contain him? who am I then, that I should build him a house, save only to burn incense before him? 7. Now therefore send me a man skilful to work in gold, and in silver, and in copper, and in iron, and in purple, and crimson, and blue, and that knoweth how tograve all manner of engravings, to be with the skilful men that are with me in Judah and in Jerusalem, whom David my father did provide. 8. Send me also cedars, fir-trees, and almag-trees, out of Lebanon; for I know that thy servants know how to cut timber in Lebanon: and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants, 9. even to prepare me timber in abundance; for the house which I am about to build shall be great and wonderful. 10. And, behold, I will give to thy servants, the hewers that cut timber, twenty thousand measures of beaten wheat, and twenty thousand measures of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and twenty thousand baths of oil.

11. Then Huram the king of Tyre answered in writing, which he sent to Solomon, because Jehovah loveth his people, he hath made thee king over them. 12. Huram said moreover, Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, that made heaven and earth, who hath given to David the king a wise son, ended with discretion and understanding, that should build a house for Jehovah, and a house for his kingdom. 13. And now I have sent a skilful man, ended with understanding, of Huram...
my father’s, 14 the son of a woman of the daughters of Dan; and his father was a man of Tyre, skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in copper, in iron, in stone, and in timber, in purple, in blue, and in fine linen, and in crimson, also to grave any manner of graving, and to devise any device; that there may be a place appointed unto him with thy skilful men, and with the skilful men of my lord David thy father. 15 Now therefore the wheat and the barley, the oil and the wine, which my lord hath spoken of, let him send unto his servants: 16 and we will cut wood out of Lebanon, as much as thou shalt need; and we will bring it to thee in floats by sea to 17 Joppa; and thou shalt carry it up to Jerusalem.

17 And Solomon numbered all the sojourners that were in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith David his father had numbered them; and they were found a hundred fifty-three thousand six hundred. 18 And he set seventy thousand of them to bear burdens, and eighty thousand that were hewers in the mountains, and three thousand six hundred overseers to set the people at work.

Then Solomon began to build the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem on mount Moriah, where Jehovah appeared unto David his father, which he made ready 14 in the place that David had appointed, in the threshing-floor of 15 Ornan the Jebusite. 2 And he began to build in 16 the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. 3 Now 17 these are the foundations which Solomon laid for the building of the house of God. The length by 18 cubits after the first measure was 19 sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. 4 And the porch that was before the house, the length of it, according to the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the height 20 a hundred twenty cubits; and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 5 And the greater house he ceiled with 21 fir-tree, which he overlaid with fine gold, and wrought thereon 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 thresholds, and the walls thereof, and the doors thereof, with gold; and graved cherubim on the walls.

And he made the house of the Most Holy: the length thereof, according to 22 the breadth of the house, was twenty cubits, and the breadth thereof twenty cubits; and he overlaid it with fine gold, amounting to 22 six hundred talents. 9 And the weight of the nails was 23 fifty shekels of gold. And he overlaid the upper chambers with gold.

10 And in the house of the Most Holy he made two cherubim of image work; and they overlaid them with gold. 11 And the wings of the cherubim were twenty cubits long: the 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 the 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 toward the house. 14 And he made the veil of blue, and purple, and crimson, and fine linen, and wrought cherubim thereon.

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 Word, and put them on the tops of the pillars; and he 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 21 Jachin, and the name of that on the left 22 Boaz.

Moreover he made an altar of copper, 27 twenty cubits the length thereof, and twenty cubits the breadth thereof, and ten cubits the height thereof. 2 Also he made the molten sea of ten cubits from brim to brim, round in compass; and the height thereof was five cubits; and a line of thirty cubits compassed it round about. 3 And under it was the likeness of oxen, which did compass it round about, for ten cubits, compassing the sea round about. The oxen were in two rows, cast when it was cast. 4 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 upon them above, and all their hinder parts were inward. 5 And it was 31 a handbreadth thick: and the brim thereof was wrought like the brim of a cup, like the flower of a lily; 22 it received and held three thousand baths. 6 He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them; such thing as belonged to the burnt-offering they washed in them; but the sea was for the priests to wash in.

7 And he made the ten lampstands of gold according to the ordinance concerning them; and he 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 Furthermore he made the court of the priests, and the great court, and doors for the court, and overlaid the doors of them with copper. 10 And he set the sea on the right side of the house eastward, toward the south.

11 And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basins. So Huram made an end of doing the work that he wrought for king Solomon in the house of God: 12 the two pillars, and the bowls, and the two capitals which were upon the top of the pillars, and the two networks to cover the two bowels of the capitals that were upon the top of the pillars, 13 and the four hundred pomegranates for each network, for the network was of pure gold; 14 He made also the bases, and the lavers made he upon the bases; 15 one sea, and the twelve oxen under it. 16 The pots also, and the shovels, and the flesh-hooks, and all the vessels thereof, did Huram his father make for king Solomon for the house of Jehovah of bright copper. 17 In the plain of the Jordan did the king cast them, in the clay ground between Sukkoth and Zeredah. 18 Thus Solomon made all these vessels in great abundance: for the weight of the copper 34 could not be found out.

19 And Solomon made all the vessels that were in the house of God, the golden altar also, and the tables whereon the showbread; 20 and the lampstands with their lamps, to burn according to the ordinance before the Word, of pure gold; 21 and the flowers, and the lamps, and the torches of gold, and that perfect gold; 22 and the snuffers, and the basins, and the spoons, and the 35 firepans, of pure gold: and as for the entry of the house, the inner doors thereof for the Most Holy, and the doors of the house, to wit, of the temple, were of gold.

5 Thus all the work that Solomon wrought for the house of Jehovah was finished. And Solomon brought in the holy things that David his father had dedicated, even the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels, and put them in the treasuries of the house of God.

2 Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel, and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the fathers' houses of the children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of Jehovah out of the city of David, which is Zion. 3 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto the king at the feast, which was in the seventh month. 4 And all the elders of Israel came: and the Levites took up the ark; 5 and they brought up the ark, and the tent of meeting, and all the holy vessels that were in the Tent; these did the priests 36 the Levites bring up. 6 And king Solomon and all the congregation of Israel, that were assembled unto him, were before the ark, sacrificing sheep and oxen, that could not be counted nor numbered for multitude. 7 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of Jehovah unto its place, into the Word of the house, to the Most Holy, even under the wings of the cherubim. 8 For the cherubim spread forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cherubim covered the ark and the staves thereof above. 9 And 37 the staves were so long that the ends of the staves were seen from the ark before the Word; but they were not seen without: and there it is unto this day. 10 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables which Moses put there at Horeb, 38 when Jehovah made a covenant with the children of Israel, when they came out of Egypt.

11 And it came to pass, when the priests were come out of the Holy, (for all the priests that were present had sanctified themselves, and did not keep their courses; 12 also the Levites who were the singers, all of them, even Asaph, Heman, Jeduthun, and their sons and their brethren, arrayed in fine linen, with cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east end of the altar, and with them a hundred twenty priests sounding with trumpets;) 13 it came to pass, when the trumpeters and singers were as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising and thanking Jehovah; and when they lifted up their voice with the trumpets and cymbals and instruments 40 of music, and praised Jehovah, saying, For he is good; for his loving-kindness endureth for ever; that then the house was filled with a cloud, even the house of Jehovah, 14 so that the priests could not stand to minister by reason of the cloud: for the glory of Jehovah filled the house of God.

6 Then spake Solomon, Jehovah hath said that he would dwell in 42 the thick darkness. 2 But I have built thee a house of habitation, and a place for thee to dwell in for ever. 3 And the king turned his face, and blessed all the assembly of Israel: and all the assembly of Israel stood.

4 And he said, Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, who spake with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hands fulfilled it, saying, 5 Since the day that I brought forth my people out of the land of Egypt, I chose no city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a house in, that my name might be there; neither chose I any man to be prince over my people Israel: 6 but I have chosen Jerusalem, that my name might be there; and have chosen David to be over my people Israel.

7 Now it was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of Jehovah, the God of Israel. 8 But Jehovah said unto David my father, Whereas it was in thy heart to build a house for my name, thou didst well that it was in thy heart:

9 nevertheless thou shalt not build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house for my name.

10 And Jehovah hath performed his word that he spake; for I am risen up in the stead of David my father, and sit on the throne of Israel, as Jehovah promised, and have built the house for the name of Jehovah, the God of Israel. 11 And there have I set the ark, wherein is the covenant of Jehovah, which he made with the children of Israel.
12 And he stood before the altar of Jehovah in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands; 13 (for Solomon had made a copper scaffold, 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 assembly of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven;) 14 and he said, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, there is no God like thee, in heaven, or on earth; who keepest covenant and lovingkindness 44 with thy servants, that walk before thee with all their heart; 15 who hast kept with thy servant David my father that which thou didst promise him: yes, thou spakest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thy hand, as it is this day. 16 Now therefore, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, keep with thy servant David my father that which thou hast promised him, saying, 45 There shall not fail thee a man in my sight to sit on the throne of Israel, if only thy children take heed to their way, to walk in my law as thou hast walked before me. 17 Now therefore, O Jehovah, the God of Israel, let thy word be verified, which thou spakest unto thy servant David.

18 But will God in very deed dwell with men on the earth? behold, the heavens and the heavens of heavens cannot contain thee; how much less this house which I have built!

19 Yet have thou respect unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Jehovah my God, to hearken unto the cry and to the prayer which thy servant prayeth before thee;

20 that thine eyes may be open toward this house day and night, even toward the place whereof thou hast said that thou wouldest put thy name there; to hearken unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray toward this place. 21 And hearken thou to the supplications of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, when they shall pray toward this place: yes, hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

22 If a man sin against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him to swear, and 47 he come and swear before thine altar in this house; 23 then hear thou from heaven, and do, and judge thy servants, requiring the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head; and justifying the righteous, to give him according to his righteousness.

24 And if thy people Israel be smitten down before the enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and shall turn again and confess thy name, and pray and make supplication before thee in this house; 25 then hear thou from heaven, and forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and bring them again unto the land which thou gavest to them and to their fathers.

26 When the heavens are shut up, and there is no rain, because they have sinned against thee; if they pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, 48 when thou dost afflict them: 27 then hear thou in heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy people Israel, when thou teachest them the good way wherein they should walk; and send rain upon thy land, which thou hast given to thy people for an inheritance.

28 If there be in the land famine, if there be pestilence, if there be blasting or mildew, locust or caterpillar; if their enemies besiege them in the land of 50 their cities; whatsoever plague or whatsoever sickness there be; 29 what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, who shall know every man his own plague and his own sorrow, and shall spread forth his hands toward this house:

30 then hear thou from heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and render unto every man according to all his ways, whose heart thou knowest; (for thou, even thou only, knowest the hearts of the children of men;) 31 that they may fear thee, to walk in thy ways, all the days that they live in the land which thou gavest unto our fathers.

32 Moreover concerning the foreigner, that is not of thy people Israel, when he shall come from a far country for thy great name’s sake, and thy mighty hand, and thine outstretched arm; when they shall come and pray toward this house: 33 then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calleth to thee for; that all the peoples of the earth may know thy name, and fear thee, as doth thy people Israel, and that they may know that this house which I have built is called by thy name.

34 If thy people go out to battle against their enemies, by whatsoever way thou shalt send them, and they pray unto thee toward this city which thou hast chosen, and the house which I have built for thy name; 35 then hear thou from heaven their prayer and their supplication, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people who have sinned against thee.

36 If they sin against thee, (for there is no man that sinneth not,) and thou be angry with them, and deliver them to the enemy, so that 51 they carry them away captive unto a land far off or near; 37 yet if they shall bethink themselves in the land whither they are carried captive, and turn again, and make supplication unto thee in the land of their captivity, saying, We have sinned, we have done perversely, and have dealt wickedly; 38 if they return unto thee with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they have carried them captive, and pray toward their land, which thou gavest unto their fathers, and the city which thou hast chosen, and toward the house which I have built for thy name: 39 then hear thou from heaven, even from thy dwelling-place, their prayer and their supplications, and maintain their cause, and forgive thy people who have sinned against thee.

40 Now, O my God, let, I beseech thee, thine eyes be open, and let thine ears be attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place. 41 Now therefore arise, O Jehovah God, into thy resting-place, thou, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Jehovah God, be clothed with salvation, and let thy saints rejoice in thy goodness. 42 O Jehovah God, turn not away the face of thine anointed: remember thy lovingkindesses to David thy servant.

44 Or, for

45 Hb. There shall not be cut off unto thee a man from my sight to sit on the throne etc.

46 Or, Whereinsoever a man shall sin against

47 So the versions. Masoretic reads the oath come before thine altar in this house;

48 Or, because

49 Or, answerest them:

50 Hb. its gates; or, his gates;

51 Or, thy name is called upon this house which I have built.

52 Or, right. Also in vs. 39.

53 Hb. they that take them captive carry them away unto a land far off or near;

54 Or, good.

55 Or, good deeds to David thy servant. See ch. 32:32.
Now when Solomon had made an end of praying, the fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of Jehovah filled the house. And the priests could not enter into the house of Jehovah, because the glory of Jehovah filled Jehovah’s house. And all the children of Israel looked on, when the fire came down, and the glory of Jehovah was upon the house; and they bowed themselves with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, and worshipped, and gave thanks unto Jehovah, saying, For he is good; for his lovingkindness endureth forever.

Then the king and all the people offered sacrifice before Jehovah. And king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty-two thousand oxen, and a hundred twenty thousand sheep. So the king and all the people dedicated the house of God. And the priests stood, according to their offices; the Levites also with instruments of music of Jehovah, which David the king had made to give thanks unto Jehovah, (for his lovingkindness endureth forever,) when David praised by their ministry: and the priests sounded trumpets before them: and all Israel stood. Then Solomon sanctified the middle of the court that was before the house of Jehovah; for there he offered the burnt-offerings, and the fat of the peace-offerings, because the copper altar which Solomon had made was not able to receive the burnt-offering, and the meal-offering, and the fat.

So Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the entrance of Hamath unto the brook of Egypt. And on the eighth day they held a solemn assembly: for they kept the dedication of the altar seven days, and the feast seven days. And on the twenty-third day of the seventh month he sent the people away unto their tents, joyful and glad of heart for the goodness that Jehovah had showed unto David, and to Solomon, and to Israel his people.

And Solomon finished the house of Jehovah, and the king’s house: and all that came into Solomon’s heart to make in the house of Jehovah, and in his own house, he prosperously effected. And Jehovah appeared to Solomon in the night, and said unto him, I have heard thy prayer, and have chosen this place to myself for a house of sacrifice. If I shut up the heavens so that there is no rain, or if I command the locust to devour the land, or if I send pestilence among my people; if my people, whom I have 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. Now mine eyes shall be open, and mine ears attent, unto the prayer that is made in this place. For now have I chosen and sanctified this house, that my name may be there 90 for ever; and mine eyes and my heart shall be there perpetually.

And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me as David thy father walked, and do according to all that I have commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and mine ordinances; then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom, according as I covenanted with David thy father, saying, There shall not fail thee a man to be ruler in Israel.

But if ye 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; then will I pluck them up by the roots out of my land which I have given them; and this house, which I have sanctified for my name, will I cast out of my sight, and I will make it a proverb and a byword among all peoples. And this house, which is so high, every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall say, Why hath Jehovah done thus unto this land, and to this house? And they shall answer, Because they forsook Jehovah, the God of their fathers, who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, and laid hold on other gods, and worshipped them, and served them: therefore hath he brought all this evil upon them.

And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, wherein Solomon had built the house of Jehovah, and his own house, 2 that the cities which Huram had given to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there.

And Solomon went to Hamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. And he built Tadmor in the wilderness, and all the store-cities, which he built in Hamath. Also he built Beth-horon the upper, and Beth-horon the nether, fortified cities, with walls, double gates, and bars; and Baalath, and all the store-cities that Solomon had, and all the cities for his chariots, and the cities for his horsemen, and all that Solomon desired to build for his pleasure in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.

As for all the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Amorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, that were not of Israel; of their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel consumed not, of them did Solomon raise a levy of bondservants unto this day. But of the children of Israel did Solomon make no servants for his work; but they were men of war, and chief of his captains, and rulers of his chariots and of his horsemen. And these were the chief officers of king Solomon, even two hundred fifty, that bare rule over the people.

And Solomon brought up the daughter of Pharaoh out of the city of David unto the house that he had built for her; for he said, My wife shall not dwell in the house of David king of Israel, because the places are holy, whereunto the ark of Jehovah hath come.

Then Solomon offered burnt-offerings unto Jehovah on the altar of Jehovah, which he had built before the porch, even as the duty of every day required, offering according to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, and on the new moons, and on the set feasts, three times in the year, even in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of booths.

And he appointed, according to the ordinance of David his father, the courses of the priests to their service, and the Levites to their offices, to praise, and to minister before the priests, as the duty of every day required; the doorkeepers also by their courses at every gate: for so had David the man of God commanded. And they departed not from the commandment of the king unto the priests and Levites concerning any matter, or concerning the treasures.

56 Or, for the song of Jehovah.
57 Or, closing festival.
58 Hb. upon whom my name is called.
59 Or, for time unlimited. [i.e., without fixed termination]
60 Hb. men subject to taskwork unto this day.
61 Hb. they are holy,
Now all the work of Solomon was prepared unto the day of the foundation of the house of Jehovah, and until it was finished. So the house of Jehovah was completed.

Then went Solomon to Ezion-geber, and to Ezloth, on the seashore in the land of Edom. And Huram sent him by the hands of his servants, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they came with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and fetched thence four hundred fifty talents of gold, and brought them to king Solomon.

And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with hard questions at Jerusalem, with a very great train, and camels that bare spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she communed with him of all that was in her heart. And Solomon told her all her questions; and there was not anything hid from Solomon which he told her not. And when the queen of Sheba had seen the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, and the food of 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 unto the house of Jehovah; there was no more breath, till she had heard all these things.

The weight of gold that came to Solomon in one day of the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. So the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the algum-trees and precious stone.

There were none such seen before in the land of thine house, for time unlimited, but Solomon. And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. And they brought every man his tribute, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and raiment, armor, and spices, horses, and mules, a rate year by year. And Solomon had four thousand stalls for horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, that he bestowed in the chariot cities, and with the king at Jerusalem. And he ruled over all the kings from the River even unto the land of the Philistines, and to the border of Egypt. And the king made silver to be in Jerusalem as stones, and cedars made he to be as the yecomore-trees that are in the lowland, for abundance. And they brought horses for Solomon out of Egypt, and out of all lands.

Now the rest of the acts of Solomon, first and last, are they not written in the history of Nathan the prophet, and in the prophecy of Ahijah the Shilonite, and in the visions of Iddo the seer concerning Jeroboam the son of Nebat?

And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all Israel forty years. And Solomon slept with his fathers, and he was buried in the city of David his father: and Rehoboam his son reigned in his stead.

And Rehoboam went to Shechem; for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. And it came to pass, when Jeroboam the son of Nebat heard of it, (for he was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Solomon,) that Jeroboam returned out of Egypt. And they sent and called him; and Jeroboam and all Israel came, and they spake to Rehoboam, saying, Thy father made our yoke grievous: now therefore make thou the grievous service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, lighter, and we will serve thee. And he said unto them, Come again unto me after three days. And the people departed.
6 And king Rehoboam took counsel with the old men, that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, What counsel give ye me to return answer to this people? 7 And they spake unto him, saying, If thou be kind to this people, and please them, and speak good words to them, then they will be thy servants all thy days. 8 But he forsook the counsel of the old men which they had given him, and took counsel with the young men that were grown up with him, that stood before him. 9 And he said unto them, What counsel give ye, that we may return answer to this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make the yoke that thy father did put upon us lighter? 10 And the young men that were grown up with him spake unto him, saying, Thus shalt thou say unto the people that spake unto thee, saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but make thou it lighter unto us; thus shalt thou say unto them, My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. 11 And now whereas my father did lade 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 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king bade, saying, Come to me again the third day. 13 And the king answered them roughly: and king Rehoboam forsook the counsel of the old men, 14 and spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, but I will add thereto: my father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions. 15 So the king hearkened not unto the people; for it was brought about of God, that Jehovah might establish his word, which he spake by Ahijah the Shilonite to Jeroboam the son of Nebat.

16 And when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people answered the king, saying, What portion have we in David? neither have we inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man go to his gods, O Israel: now see to thine own house, David. So all Israel departed unto their tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel that dwelt in the cities of Judah, Rehoboam reigned over them. 18 Then king Rehoboam sent Hadoram, who was over the men subject to taskwork; and the children of Israel stoned him to death with a stoned. And king Rehoboam made speed to get him up to his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So Israel rebelled against the house of David unto this day.

20 And when Rehoboam was come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin, a hundred eighty thousand chosen men, that were warriors, to fight against Israel, to bring the kingdom again to Rehoboam. 2 But the word of Jehovah came to Shemaiah the man of God, saying, 3 Speak unto Rehoboam the son of Solomon, king of Judah, and to all Israel in Judah and Benjamin, saying, 4 Thus saith Jehovah, Ye shall not go up, nor fight against your brethren: return every man to his house; for this thing is of me. So they hearkened unto the words of Jehovah, and returned from going against Jeroboam.

5 And Rehoboam dwelt in Jerusalem, and built cities for defence in Judah. 6 He built Beth-lehem, and Etam, and Tekoa, and Beth-zur, and Soco, and Adullam, and Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, and Adoraim, and Lachish, and Azekah, and Zorah, and Aijalon, and Hebron, which are in Judah, and in Benjamin, fortified cities. 11 And he fortified the strongholds, and put captains in them, and stores of victuals, and oil and wine. 12 And in every city he put shields and spears, and made them exceeding strong. And Judah and Benjamin belonged to him.

13 And the priests and the Levites that were in all Israel resorted to him out of all their border. 14 For the Levites left their suburbs and their possession, and came to Judah and Jerusalem: for Jeroboam and his sons cast them off, that they should not execute the priest’s office unto Jehovah; 15 and he appointed him priests for the high places, and for the he-goats, and for the calves which he had made. 16 And after them, out of all the tribes of Israel, such as set their hearts to seek Jehovah, the God of Israel, came to Jerusalem to sacrifice unto Jehovah, the God of their fathers. 17 So they strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and made Rehoboam the son of Solomon strong, three years; for they walked three years in the way of David and Solomon.

18 And Rehoboam took him a wife, Mahalath the daughter of Jerimoth the son of David, and Abihail the daughter of Eliab the son of Jesse; 19 and she bare him sons: Jeush, and Shamariah, and Zaham. 20 And after her he took Maacah the daughter of Absalom; and she bare him Abijah, and Attai, and Ziza, and Shelomith. 21 And Rehoboam loved Maacah the daughter of Absalom above all his wives and his concubines: (for he took eighteen wives, and sixty concubines, and begat twenty-eight sons and sixty daughters.) 22 And Rehoboam appointed Abijah the son of Maacah to be chief, even the prince among his brethren; for he was minded to make him king. 23 And he dealt wisely, and dispersed of all his sons throughout all the lands of Judah and Benjamin, unto every fortified city: and he gave them victuals in abundance. And he sought for them many wives.

12 And it came to pass, when the kingdom of Rehoboam was established, and he was strong, that he forsook the law of Jehovah, and all Israel with him. 2 And it came to pass in the fifth year of king Rehoboam, that Shishak king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, because they had trespassed against Jehovah, 3 with twelve hundred chariots, and sixty thousand horsemen. And the people were without number that came with him out of Egypt: the 79 Libyans, the Sukkim, and the 80 Ethiopians. 4 And he took the fortified cities which pertained to Judah, and came unto Jerusalem. 5 Now Shemaijah the prophet came to Rehoboam, and to the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, Ye have forsaken me, therefore have I also left you in the hand of Shishak. 6 Then the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, Jehovah is righteous. 7 And when Jehovah saw that they humbled themselves, the word of Jehovah came to Shemaiah, saying, They have humbled themselves: I will not destroy them; but I will grant them 81 some deliverance, and my wrath shall not be poured out upon Jerusalem by the hand

75 Sopherim changed to to your tents,
76 Or, and Abihail
77 In ch. 13:2, Micaiah the daughter of Uriel; Compare Maacah ... Abishalom in 1Ki 15:2.
78 Or, sought a multitude of wives.
79 Or, Libyans,
80 Lit. Cushites. That is, Black Africans.
81 Or, deliverance within a little while, or, a few that shall escape,
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of Shishaq. Nevertheless they shall be his servants, that they may know both my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the countries.

9 So Shishaq king of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, and took away the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king’s house; he took all away: he took away also the shields of gold which Solomon had made. And king Rehoboam made in their stead shields of copper, and committed them to the hands of the captains of the guard, that kept the door of the king’s house. And it was so, that, as oft as the king entered into the house of Jehovah, the guard came and bare them, and brought them back into the guard-chamber. And when he humbled himself, the wrath of Jehovah turned from him, so as not to destroy him altogether: and moreover in Judah there were good things found.

10 So king Rehoboam strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned: for Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not turn from the ways of his father, which he had committed to Jeroboam. 11 And the Ammonitess. And Jeroboam gave Abijah three hundred mighty men of valor. And Abijah joined battle with an army of valiant men of war, even four hundred thousand chosen men, and three hundred mighty men of valor. 12 And Abijah stood up upon mount Zemaraim, which is in the hill-country of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, O Jeroboam, and all Israel: 13 for it is not a man ofttimes that God will be able to help a city with horses, and with bow and sword. 14 Yet Jeroboam the son of Nebat, the servant of Solomon the son of David, rose up, and rebelled against his lord. 15 And there were gathered unto him sons of worthlessness, base fellows that strengthened themselves against Rehoboam the son of Solomon, when Rehoboam was young and tender-hearted, and could not withstand them. 16 And now ye think to withstand the kingdom of Jehovah in the hand of the sons of David; and ye are a great multitude, and there are with you the golden calves which Jeroboam made you for gods. 17 Have ye not driven out the priests of Jehovah, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and made ye priests after the manner of the peoples of other lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams, the same may be a priest of them that are no gods. 18 But as for us, Jehovah is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and we have priests ministering unto Jehovah, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites in their work: 19 and they burn unto Jehovah every morning and every evening burnt-offerings and sweet incense: the showbread also set they in order upon the pure table; and the lampstand of gold with the lamps thereof, to burn every evening: for we keep the charge of Jehovah our God; but ye have forsaken him. 20 And, behold, God is with us at our head, and his priests with the trumpets of alarm to sound an alarm against you. O children of Israel, fight ye not against Jehovah, the God of your fathers; for ye shall not prosper.

21 But Jeroboam caused an ambushment to come about behind them: so they were before Judah, and the ambushment was behind them. 22 And when Judah looked back, behold, the battle was before and behind them; and they cried unto Jehovah and Jeroboam, and the priests sounded with the trumpets. 23 Then the men of Judah gave a shout: and as the men of Judah shouted, it came to pass, that God smote Jeroboam and all Israel before Abijah and Judah. 24 And the children of Israel fled before Judah; and God delivered them into their hand. 25 And Abijah and his people slew them with a great slaughter: so there fell down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen men. 26 Thus the children of Israel were brought under at that time, and the children of Judah prevailed, because they relied upon Jehovah, the God of their fathers. 27 And Abijah pursued after Jeroboam, and took cities from him, Beth-el with the towns thereof, and Jeshanah with the towns thereof, and Ephron with the towns thereof. 28 Neither did Jeroboam recover strength again in the days of Abijah: and Jehovah smote him, and he died. 29 But Abijah waxed mighty, and took unto himself fourteen wives, and begat twenty-two sons, and sixteen daughters. 30 And the rest of the acts of Abijah, and his ways, and his sayings, are written in the commentary of the prophet Iddo.

14 So Abijah slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David; and Asa his son reigned in his stead. In his days the land was quiet ten years. 2 And Asa did that which was good and right in the eyes of Jehovah his God: for he took away the foreign altars, and the high places, and brake down the aspills, and hewed down the Asherahs, and commanded Judah to seek Jehovah, the God of their fathers, and to do the law and the commandment. 3 Also he took away out of all the cities of Judah the high places and the sun-images: and the kingdom was quiet before him. 4 And he built fortified cities in Judah; for the land was quiet, and he had no war in those years, because Jehovah had given him rest. 5 For he said unto Judah, Let us build these cities, and make about them walls, and towers, double gates, and bars; the land is yet before us, because we have sought Jehovah our God; we have sought him, and he hath given us rest on every side. So they built and prospered. 6 And Asa had an army that bare bucklers and spears, out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of Benjamin, that bare shields and drew bows, two hundred eighty thousand: all these were mighty men of valor.

9 And there came out against them Zerah the Ethiopian with an army of a thousand thousand, and three hundred chariots; and he came unto Mareshah. 10 Then Asa went
to meet him, and they set the battle in array in the valley of Zephathah at Mareshah. 11 And Asa cried unto Jehovah his God, and said, Jehovah, there is none besides thee to help, between the mighty and him that hath no strength: help us, O Jehovah our God; for we rely on thee, and in thy name are we come against this multitude. O Jehovah, thou art our God; let not man prevail against thee. 12 So Jehovah smote the Ethiopians before Asa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians fled. 13 And Asa and the people that were with him pursued them unto Gerar; and there fell of the Ethiopians so many that they could not recover themselves; for they were destroyed before Jehovah, and before his host; and they carried away very much booty. 14 And they smote all the cities round about Gerar; for the fear of Jehovah came upon them: and they despoiled all the cities; for there was much spoil in them. 15 They smote also the tents of cattle, and carried away sheep in abundance, and camels, and returned to Jerusalem.

15 And the Spirit of God came upon Azariah the son of Oded: 2 and he went out to meet Asa, and said unto him, Hear ye me, Asa, and all Judah and Benjamin: Jehovah is with you, while ye are with him; and if ye seek him, he will be found of you; but if ye forsake him, he will forsake you. 3 Now for a long season Israel was without the true God, and without a teaching priest, and without law; 4 but when in their distress they turned unto Jehovah, the God of Israel, and sought him, he was found of them. 5 And in those days there was no peace to him that went out, nor to him that came in; but great vexations were upon all the inhabitants of the lands. 6 And they were broken in pieces, nation against nation, and city against city; for God did vex them with all adversity. 7 But be ye strong, and let not your hands be slack; for your work shall be rewarded.

8 And when Asa heard these words, even the prophecy of Oded the prophet, he took courage, and put away the abominations out of all the land of Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he had taken from the hill-country of Ephraim; and he renewed the altar of Jehovah, that was before the porch of Jehovah. 9 And he gathered all Judah and Benjamin, and them that sojourned with them out of Ephraim and Manasseh, and out of Simeon: for they fell to him out of Israel in abundance, when they saw that Jehovah his God was with him. 10 So they gathered themselves together at Jerusalem in the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of Asa. 11 And they sacrificed unto Jehovah in that day, of the spoil which they had brought, seven hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. 12 And they entered into the covenant to seek Jehovah, the God of their fathers, with all their heart and with all their soul; 13 and that whosoever would not seek Jehovah, the God of Israel, should be put to death, whether small or great, whether man or woman. 14 And they sware unto Jehovah with a loud voice, and with shouting, and with straight trumpets, and with rams horn trumpets. 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 of them: and Jehovah gave them rest round about.

16 And also Maacah, the mother of Asa the king, he removed from being queen mother, because she had made an abominable image for an Asherah; and Asa cut down her image, and made dust of it, and burnt it at the brook Kidron. 17 But the high places were not taken away out of Israel: nevertheless the heart of Asa was perfect all his days. 18 And he brought into the house of God the holy things that his father had dedicated, and that he himself had dedicated, silver, and gold, and vessels. 19 And there was no more war unto the thirty-fifth year of the reign of Asa.

In the thirty-sixth year of the reign of Asa, Baasha king of Israel went up against Judah, and built Ramah, that he might not suffer anyone to go out or come in to Asa king of Judah. 2 Then Asa brought out silver and gold out of the treasures of the house of Jehovah and of the king’s house, and sent to Ben-hadad king of Syria, that dwelt at Damascus, saying, 3 There is a league between me and thee, as there was between my father and thy father: behold, I have sent thee silver and gold; go, break thy league with Baasha king of Israel, that he may depart from me. 4 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Asa, and sent the captains of his armies against the cities of Israel; and they smote Ijon, and Dan, and Abel-maim, and all the store-cities of Naphtali. 5 And it came to pass, when Baasha heard thereof, that he left off building Ramah, and let his work cease. 6 Then Asa the king took all Judah; and they carried away the stones of Ramah, and the timber thereof, wherewith Baasha had builded; and he built therewith Geba and Mizpah.

7 And at that time Hanani the seer came to Asa king of Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied on the king of Syria, and hast not relied on Jehovah thy God, therefore is the host of the king of Syria escaped out of thy hand. 8 Were not the Ethiopians and the Lubim a huge host, with chariots and horsemen exceeding many? yet, because thou didst rely on Jehovah, he delivered them into thy hand. 9 For the eyes of Jehovah run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him. Herein thou hast done foolishly; for from henceforth thou shalt have wars. 10 Then Asa was wroth with the seer, and put him in the prison-house; for he was in a rage with him because of this thing. And Asa oppressed some of the people at the same time.

11 And, behold, the acts of Asa, first and last, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. 12 And in the thirty-ninth year of his reign Asa was diseased in his feet; his disease was exceeding great: yet in his disease he sought...
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not to Jehovah, but to 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 sepulchres, which he had hewn out for himself in the city of David, and laid him in the bed which was filled with sweet odors and divers kinds of spices prepared by the perfumers’ art: and they made a very great burning for him.

17 And Jehoshaphat his son reigned in his stead, 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 Jehoshaphat was with Jehoshaphat, because he walked in the first ways of his father David, and sought not unto the Baalim. 4 But sought to the God of his father, and walked in his commandments, and not after the doings of Israel. 5 Therefore Jehovah established the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah brought to Jehoshaphat tribute; and he had riches and honor in abundance. 6 And his heart was lifted up in the ways of Jehovah: and furthermore he took away the high places and the Asherahs out of Judah.

7 Also in the third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Ben-hail, and Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, and Micaiah, to teach in the cities of Judah; 8 and with them the Levites, even Shemaiah, and Nethaniah, and Zebadiah, and Asahel, and Shamiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adonijah, and Tobijah, and Tob-adonijah, the Levites: and with them Elishama and Jehoram, the priests. 9 And they taught in Judah, having the book of the law of Jehovah with them; and they went about throughout all the cities of Judah, and taught among the people.

10 And the fear of Jehovah fell upon all the kingdoms of the lands that were round about Judah, so that they made no war against Jehoshaphat. 11 And some of the Philistines brought Jehoshaphat presents, and silver for tribute; the Arabians also brought him flocks, seven thousand seven hundred rams, and seven thousand seven hundred he-goats. 12 And Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built inJudah castles and cities of store.

13 Jehoshaphat waxed great exceedingly; and he built in Judah and in Jerusalem. 14 And he had many works in the land of Judah, and in the cities of Ephraim, which Asa his father had taken. 15 And he prepared by the perfumers’ art: and they made a very great store of perfumes in Jerusalem. 16 And he strengthened himself against Israel.

14 Now Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance; and he joined affinity with Ahab. 2 And after certain years he went down to Ahab to Samaria. And Ahab killed sheep and oxen for him in abundance, and for the people that were with him, and moved him to go up with him to Ramoth-gilead. 3 And Ahab king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me to Ramoth-gilead? And he answered him, I am as thou art, and my people as thy people; and we will be with thee in the war.

4 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire first, I pray thee, for the word of Jehovah. 5 Then the king of Israel gathered the prophets together, four hundred men, and said unto 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 hand of the king. 6 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of Jehovah besides, that we may inquire of him? 7 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is yet one man by whom we may inquire of Jehovah: but I hate him: for he never prophesieth good concerning me, but all his days evil: the same is Micaiah the son of Imla. 8 And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the king say so. 9 Then the king of Israel called an officer, and said, Fetch quickly Micaiah the son of Imla. 10 Now the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah sat each on his throne, arrayed in their robes, and they were sitting in an open place at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets were prophesying before them. 11 And Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah made him horns of iron, and said, Thus saith Jehovah, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until they be consumed. 12 And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to Ramoth-gilead, and prosper; for Jehovah will deliver it into the hand of the king.

12 And the messenger that went to call Micaiah spake to him, saying, Behold, the words of the prophets declare good to the king with one mouth: let thy word therefore, I pray thee, be like one of theirs, and speak thou good. 13 And Micaiah said, As Jehovah liveth, what my God saith, that will I speak. 14 And when he was come to the king, the king said unto him, Micaiah, shall we go to Ramoth-gilead to battle, or shall I forbear? And he said, Go ye up, and prosper; and they shall be delivered into your hand. 15 And the king said to him, How many times shall I adjure thee that thou speak unto me nothing but the truth in the name of Jehovah? 16 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered upon the mountains, as sheep that have no shepherd: and Jehovah said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. 17 And the king of Israel said to Jehoshaphat, Did I not tell thee that he would not prophesy good concerning me, but evil? 18 And Micaiah said, Therefore hear ye the word of Jehovah: I saw Jehovah sitting upon his throne, and all the host of heaven standing on his right hand and on his left. 19 And Jehovah said, Who shall entice Ahab king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gilead? And one spake saying after this manner, and another saying after that manner. 20 And there came forth a spirit, and stood before Jehovah, and said, I will entice him. And Jehovah said unto him, Wherewith? 21 And he said, I will go forth, and will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou shalt entice him, and shalt prevail also: go forth, and do so. 22 Now therefore, behold, Jehovah hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets; and Jehovah hath spoken evil concern-

102 Or, a terror from Jehovah 103 Hb. as the day or, today 104 Or, eunuch 105 Hb. a threshing-floor at the entrance etc. 106 Hb. Micah 107 Or, deceive And in vs. 21.
Then Zedekiah the son of Chenaanah came near, and smote Micaiah upon the cheek, and said, Which way went the Spirit of Jehovah from me to speak unto thee? 24 And Micaiah said, Behold, thou shalt see on that day, when thou shalt go into an inner chamber to hide thyself. 25 And the king of Judah said, Take ye Micaiah, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king’s son; 26 and say, Thus saith the king, Put this fellow in the prison, and feed him with bread of affliction and with water of affliction, until I return in peace. 27 And Micaiah said, If thou return at all in peace, Jehovah hath not spoken by me. And he said, Hear, ye peoples, all of you.

28 So the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah went up to Ramoth-gilead. 29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and go into the battle; but put thou on thy robes. So the king of Israel disguised himself; and they went into the battle. 30 Now the king of Syria had commanded the captains of his chariots, saying, Fight neither with small nor great, save only with the king of Israel. 31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, It is the king of Israel. Therefore they turned about to fight against him: but Jehoshaphat cried out, and Jehovah helped him; and God moved them to depart from him. 32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from pursuing him. 33 And a certain man drew his bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the armor: wherefore he said to the driver of the chariot, Turn thy hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am sore wounded. 34 And the battle increased that day: howbeit the king of Israel stayed the battle from Syria; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar (the same is En-gedi). 35 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek unto Jehovah; and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

19 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, Shouldest thou help the wicked, and love them that hate Jehovah? for this thing wrath is upon thee from before Jehovah. 3 Nevertheless there are good things found in thee, in that thou hast put away the Asherahs out of the land, and hast set thy heart to seek God.

4 And Jehoshaphat dwelt at Jerusalem: and he went out again among the people from Beer-sheba to the hill-country of Ephraim, and brought them back unto Jehovah, the God of their fathers. 5 And he set judges in the land throughout all the fortified cities of Judah, city by city, 6 and said to the judges, Consider what ye do: for ye judge not for man, but for Jehovah; and he is with you in the judgment. 7 Now therefore let the fear of Jehovah be upon you; take heed and do it: for there is no iniquity with Jehovah our God, nor respect of persons, nor taking of bribes.

8 Moreover in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat set of the Levites and the priests, and of the heads of the fathers’ houses of Israel, for the judgment of Jehovah, and for controversies. And they returned to Jerusalem. 9 And he charged them, saying, Thus shall ye do in the awe of Jehovah, faithfully, and with a perfect heart. 10 And whosoever any controversy shall come to you from your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, ye shall warn them, that they be not guilty towards Jehovah, and so wrath come upon you and upon your brethren: this do, and ye shall not be guilty. 11 And, behold, Amariah the chief priest is over you in all matters of Jehovah; and Zebadiah the son of Ishmael, the ruler of the house of Judah, in all the king’s matters: also the Levites shall be officers before you. 12 Deal courageously, and Jehovah be with the good.

20 And it came to pass after this, that the children of Moab, and the children of Ammon, and with them some of the Ammonites, came against Jehoshaphat to battle. 2 Then there came some that told Jehoshaphat, saying, There cometh a great multitude against thee from beyond the sea from Syria; and, behold, they are in Hazazon-tamar (the same is En-gedi). 3 And Jehoshaphat feared, and set himself to seek unto Jehovah; and he proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

5 And Jehoshaphat stood in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in the house of Jehovah, before the new court; 6 and he said, O Jehovah, the God of our fathers, art not thou God in heaven? and art not thou ruler over all the kingdoms of the nations? and in thy hand is power and might, so that none is able to withstand thee. 7 Didst not thou, O our God, drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and give it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? 8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, If evil come upon us, the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we will stand before this house, and before thee, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, and thou wilt hear and save. 9 And now, behold, the children of Ammon and Moab and mount Seir, whom thou wouldest not let Israel invade, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but they turned aside from them, and destroyed them not; 10 behold, how they reward us, to come to cast us out of thy possession, which thou hast given us to inherit. 11 O our God, wilt thou not judge them? for we have no might against this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do: but our eyes are upon thee. 12 And all Judah stood before Jehovah, 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, the Levite, of the sons of Asaph, came the Spirit of Jehovah in the midst of the assembly; 15 and he said, Hearken ye, all Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem, and thou king Jehoshaphat: Thus saith Jehovah unto you, Fear not ye, neither be dismayed by...
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reason of this great multitude; for the battle is not yours, but 
God’s. 16 Tomorrow go ye down against them: behold, 
they come up by the ascent of Ziz; and ye shall find them at 
the end of the valley, before the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 Ye shall 
not need to fight in this battle: set yourselves, stand ye still, 
and see the salvation of Jehovah with you, O Judah and Jerusalem; 
fear not, nor be dismayed: tomorrow go out against them; for 
Jehovah is with you. 18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with 
his face to the ground; and all Judah and the inhabitants of 
Jerusalem fell down before Jehovah, worshipping Jehovah. 19 
And the Levites, of the children of the Kohathites, and of the 
children of the Korahites, stood up to praise Jehovah, the God 
of Israel, with an exceeding loud voice.

20 And they rose early in the morning, and went forth into 
the wilderness of Tekoa: and as they went forth, Jehoshaphat 
stood and said, Hear me, O Judah, and ye inhabitants of 
Jerusalem: believe in Jehovah your God, so shall ye be estab-
lished; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper. 21 And when 
he had taken counsel with the people, he appointed them that 
sang unto Jehovah, and give praise 112 in holy apparel, as 
they went out before the army, and say, Give thanks unto 
Jehovah; for his lovingkindness endureth for ever. 22 And 
when they began to sing and to praise, Jehovah set liers-in-
wait against the children of Ammon, Moab, and mount Seir, 
that were come against Judah; and they were smitten. 23 For 
the children of Ammon and Moab stood up against the 
inhabitants of mount Seir, utterly to slay and destroy them: and 
when they had made an end of the inhabitants of Seir, every 
one helped to destroy another.

24 And when Judah came to the watch-tower of the wilder-
ness, they looked upon the multitude; and, behold, they were 
dead bodies fallen to the earth, and there were none that 
escaped. 25 And when Jehoshaphat and his people came to take 
the spoil of them, they found among them in abundance both 
riches and 118 dead bodies, and precious jewels, which they 
stripped off for themselves, more than they could carry away: 
and they were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much. 26 
And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in the 
valley of 120 Beracah; for there they blessed Jehovah: therefore 
the name of that place was called The valley of Beracah unto 
this day. 27 Then they returned, every man of Judah and Jeru-
usalem, and Jehoshaphat in the forefront of them, to go again to 
Jerusalem with joy; for Jehovah had made them to rejoice over 
their enemies. 28 And they came to Jerusalem with psalteries 
and harps and trumpets unto the house of Jehovah. 29 And 
the fear of God was on all the kingdoms of the countries, when 
they heard that Jehovah fought against the enemies of Israel. 30 So 
the realm of Jehoshaphat was quiet; for his God gave 
him rest round about.

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 turned not aside from it, doing that which was 
right in the eyes of Jehovah. 33 Howbeit the high places were 
not taken away; neither as yet had the people set their hearts 
unto the God of their fathers. 34 Now the rest of the acts of Je-
hoshaphat, first and last, behold, they are written in the 122 hist-
ory of Jehu the son of Hanani, 123 which is inserted in the book 
of the kings of Israel.

35 And after this did Jehoshaphat king of Judah join him-
self with Ahaziah king of Israel; the same did very wickedly:
36 and he joined himself with him to make ships to go to 
Tarshish; and they made the ships in Ezion-geber. 37 Then 
Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah prophesied against 
Jehoshaphat, saying, Because thou hast joined thyself with 
Ahaziah, Jehovah hath 122 destroyed thy works. And the ships 
were broken, so that they were not able to go to Tarshish.

21 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried 
with his fathers in the city of David: and Jehoram his son 
reigned in his stead. 2 And he had brethren, the sons of 
Jehoshaphat: Azariah, Jehiel, and Zechariah, and Azariah, 
and Michael, and Shephatiah; all these were the sons of 
Jehoshaphat king 122 of Israel. 3 And their father gave them 
that great gifts, of silver, and of gold, and of precious things, 
with fortified cities in Judah: but the kingdom gave he to Jehoram, 
because he was the firstborn. 4 Now when Jehoram was risen 
up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened him-
self, he slew all his brethren with the sword, and divers also 
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 did 
did the house of Ahab; for he had the daughter of Ahab to wife: and 
he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah. 7 Howbeit 
Jehovah would not destroy the house of David, because of the 
covenant that he had made with David, and as he promised to 
give a lamp to him and to his children all their days.

8 In his days Edom revolted from under the hand of Judah, 
and made a king over themselves. 9 Then Jehoram passed 
over with his captains, and all his chariots with him: and he 
rose up by night, and smote the Edomites that compassed him 
about, and the captains of the chariots. 10 So Edom revolted 
from under the hand of Judah unto this day: then did Libnah 
revolt at the same time from under his hand, because he had 
forsaken Jehovah, the God of his fathers.

11 Moreover he made high places in the 124 mountains 
of Judah, and made the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play the 
harlot, and 125 sed Judah astray. 12 And there came a writer to 
him from Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, the 
God of David thy father, Because thou hast not walked in the 
ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, nor in the ways of Asa king 
of Judah, 13 but hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, 
and hast made Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem to play 
the harlot, like as the house of Ahab 126 did, and also hast 
slain thy brethren of thy father’s house, that were better than 
yourself: 14 behold, Jehovah will smite with a great 127 plague 
thy people, and thy children, and thy wives, and all thy sub-
stance; 15 and thou shalt have great sickness by disease of thy

117 Or, in the beauty of holiness,
118 A few Hb. mss., Vg. read garments,
119 That is, Blessing
120 Hb. words
121 Or, who is mentioned in etc. See 1Ki 16:1, 7.
122 Or, made a breach in thy works.
123 Severin, versions read of Judah.
124 Sept., Vg. read cities Cf. Ez 16:24, 25.
125 Or, compelled Judah thereto.
126 Hb. made to play harlots.
bowels, until thy bowels fall out by reason of the sickness, 128
day by day.

16 And Jehovah stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians that are beside the Ethiopians: 17 and they came up against Judah, and brake into it, and carried away all the substance that was found 129 in the king's house, and his sons also, and his wives; so that there was never a son left him, save 130 Jehoahaz, the youngest of his sons.

18 And after all this Jehoshaphat smote him in his bowels with an incurable disease. 19 And it came to pass, in process of time, at the end of two years, that his bowels fell out by reason of his sickness, and he died of sore diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like 131 the burning of his fathers.

20 Thirty-two 20 years old was he when he began to reign, and he reigned in Jerusalem eight years: and he departed without being desired; and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

22 And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made 131 Ahaziah his youngest son king in his stead; for the band of men that came with the Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So Ahaziah 132 the son of Jehoram king of Judah reigned.

23 And in the seventh year Jehoiada strengthened himself, and took the captains of hundreds, Azariah the son of Jehoram, and Ishmael 133 the son of Jehohanan, and Azariah the son of Obad, and Maaseiah the son of Adaiah, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, into covenant with him. 2 And they went about in Judah, and gathered the Levites out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel, and they came to Jerusalem. 3 And all the assembly made a covenant with the king in the house of God. And he said unto them, Behold, the king's son shall reign, as Jehovah hath spoken concerning the sons of David. 4 This is the thing that ye shall do: a third part of you, that come in on the sabbath, of the priests and of the Levites, shall be porters of the thresholds; 5 and a third part shall be at the king's house; and a third part at the gate of the foundation: and all the people shall be in the courts of the house of Jehovah. 6 But let none come into the house of Jehovah, save the priests, and they that minister of the Levites; they shall come in, for they are holy: but all the people shall keep the charge of Jehovah. 7 And the Levites shall compass the king round about, every man with his weapons in his hand; and whosoever cometh into the house, let him be slain: and be ye with the king when he cometh in, and when he goeth out.

8 So the Levites and all Judah did according to all that Jehoiada the priest commanded: and they took every man his men, those that were to come in on the sabbath, with those that were to go out on the sabbath; for Jehoiada the priest dismissed not the courses. 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 with his weapon in his hand, from the right 142 side of the house to the left side of the house, along by the altar and the house, by the king round about. 11 Then they brought out the king's son, and 143 put the crown upon him, and gave him the testimony, and made him king: and Jehoiada and his sons anointed him; and they said, Long live the king.

12 And when Athaliah heard the noise 144 of the people

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running and praising the king, she came to the people into the house of Jehovah: 13 and she looked, and, behold, the king stood by his pillar at the entrance, and the captains and the trumpets by the king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew trumpets; the singers also played on the instruments of music, and led the singing of praise. Then Athaliah rent her clothes, and said, Treason! treason! 14 And Jehoiada the priest brought out the captains of hundreds that were set over the host, and said unto them, Have her forth between the ranks; and whoso followeth her, let him be slain with the sword: for the priest said, Slay her not in the house of Jehovah.

15 So they laid hands on her; and she went to the entrance of the horse gate to the king’s house: and they slew her there.

16 And Jehoiada made a covenant between himself, and all the people, and the king, that they should be Jehovah’s people. 17 And all the people went to the house of Baal, and brake it down, and brake his altars and his images in pieces, and slew Mattan the priest of Baal before the altars. 18 And Jehoiada appointed the officers of the house of Jehovah under the hand of the priests the Levites, whom David had distributed in the house of Jehovah, to offer the burnt-offerings of Jehovah, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing and with singing, according to the order of David. 19 And he set the porters at the gates of the house of Jehovah, that none that was unclean in anything should enter in. 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 Jehovah: and they came through the upper gate unto the king’s house, and set the king upon the throne of the kingdom. 21 So all the people of the land rejoiced; and the city was quiet. And Athaliah they had slain with the sword.

24 Joash was seven years old when he began to reign; and he reigned forty years in Jerusalem: and his mother’s name was Zibiah, of Beer-sheba. 2 And Joash did that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah all the days of Jehoiada the priest. 3 And Jehoiada took for him two wives; and he begat sons and daughters.

4 And it came to pass after this, that Joash was minded to restore the house of Jehovah. 5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather of all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year; and see that ye hasten the matter. Howbeit the Levites hastened it not. 6 And the king called for Jehoiada the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required of the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the tax of Moses the servant of Jehovah, and of the assembly of Israel, for the tent of the testimony? 7 For the sons of Athaliah, that wicked woman, had broken up the house of God; and also all the holy things of the house of Jehovah did they bestow upon the Baalim.

8 So the king commanded, and they made a chest, and set it without at the gate of the house of Jehovah. 9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in for Jehovah 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 made it full. 11 And it was so, that, at what time the chest was brought unto the king’s officers by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw that there was much money, the king’s scribe and the chief 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 money in abundance. 12 And the king and Jehoiada gave it to such as did the work of the service of the house of Jehovah; and they hired masons and carpenters to restore the house of Jehovah, and also such as wrought iron and copper to repair the house of Jehovah. 13 So the workmen wrought, and the work of repairing went forward in their hands, and they set up the house of God in its state, and strengthened it. 14 And when they had made an end, they brought the rest of the money before the king and Jehoiada, whereof were made vessels for the house of Jehovah, even vessels wherewith to minister and to offer, and spoons, and vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt-offerings in the house of Jehovah continually all the days of Jehoiada.

15 But Jehoiada waxed old and was full of days, and he died; a hundred 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, and toward God and his house. 17 Now after the death of Jehoiada came the princes of Judah, and made obeisance to the king. Then the king hearkened unto them. 18 And they forsook the house of Jehovah the God of their fathers, and served the Asherahs and the idols: and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem for this their guiltiness. 19 Yet he sent prophets to them, to bring them again unto Jehovah; and they testified against them: but they would not give ear.

20 And the Spirit of God came upon Zechariah the son of Jehoiada the priest; and he stood above the people, and said unto them, Thus saith God, Why transgress ye the commandments of Jehovah, so that ye cannot prosper? because ye have forsaken Jehovah, he hath also forsaken you. 21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the entrance of the temple of Jehovah. 22 Thus Joash the king remembered not the kindness which Jehovah his father had done to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, Jehovah look upon it, and require it.

23 And it came to pass at the end of the year, that the army of the Syrians 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 the spoil of them unto the king of Damascus. 24 For the army of the Syrians came with a small company of men; and Jehovah delivered a very great host into their hand, because they had forsaken Jehovah, the God of their fathers. So they executed judgment upon Joash.

25 And when they were departed from him, (for they left him very sick,) 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 buried him not in the sepulchres of the kings. 26 And these are they that conspired against him: Zabad the son of Shimeath the Ammonitess, and Jehozabad the son of Shimrith the Moabites. 27 Now concerning his sons, and the greatness of the burdens laid upon him, and the rebuilding of the house of God, behold, they are written in the commentary of the book of the kings. And Amaziah his son reigned in his stead.

25 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 eyes of Jehovah, but not with a perfect heart. 3 Now it came to pass, when the kingdom was established unto him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father. 4 But he put not their children to death, but did according to that which is written in the law in the book of Moses, as Jehovah commanded, saying, The fathers shall not die for the children, neither shall the children die for the fathers; but every man shall die for his own sin.

5 Moreover Amaziah gathered Judah together, and ordered them according to their fathers’ houses, under captains of thousands and captains of hundreds, even all Judah and Benjamin: and he numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and found them three hundred thousand chosen men, able to go forth to war, that could handle spear and shield. 6 He hired also a hundred thousand mighty men of valor out of Israel for a hundred talents of silver. 7 But there came a man of God to him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for Jehovah is not with Israel, to wit, with all the children of Ephraim. 8 But if thou wilt go, do valiantly, be strong for the battle: Jehovah will cast thee down before the enemy; for Jehovah hath power to help, and to cast down. 9 And Amaziah said to the man of God, But what shall we do for the hundred talents which I have given to the army of Israel? And the man of God answered, Jehovah is able to give thee much more than this. 10 Then Amaziah separated them, to wit, the army that was to come to him out of Ephraim, to go home again: wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against Judah, and they returned home in fierce anger. 11 And Amaziah took courage, and led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, and smote of the children of Seir ten thousand. 12 And other ten thousand did the children of Judah carry away alive, and brought them unto the top of the rock, and cast them down from the top of the rock, so that they all were broken in pieces. 13 But the men of the army whom Amaziah sent back, that they should not go with him to battle, fell upon the cities of Judah, from Samaaria even unto Beth-horon, and smote of them three thousand, and took much spoil.

14 Now it came to pass, after that Amaziah was come from the slaughter of the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Seir, and set them up to be his gods, and bowed down himself before them, and burned incense unto them. 15 Wherefore the anger of Jehovah was kindled against Amaziah, and he sent unto him a prophet, who said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people which have not delivered their own people out of thy hand? 16 And it came to pass, as he talked with him, that the king said unto him, Have we made thee of the king’s counsel? forbear; why shouldst thou be smitten? Then the prophet forebore, and said, I know that God hath determined to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel.

17 Then Amaziah king of Judah took advice, and sent 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 to Amaziah king of Judah, saying, The thistle that was in Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son to wife: and there passed by a wild beast that was in Lebanon, and trod down the thistle. 19 Thou sayest, Lo, thou hast smitten Edom; and thy heart lifteth thee up to boast: abide now at home; why shouldst thou meddle to thy hurt, that thou shouldest fall, even thou, and Judah with thee?

20 But Amaziah would not; for it was of God, that he might deliver them into the hand of their enemies, because they had sought after the gods of Edom. 21 So Joash king of Israel went up; and he and Amaziah king of Judah looked one another in the face. 22 And Judah was put to the worse before Israel; and they fled every man to his tent. 23 And Joash 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 brake down the wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner gate, four hundred cubits. 24 And he took all the gold and silver, and all the vessels that were found in the house of God with Obed-edom, and the treasures of the king’s house, the hostages also, 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. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Amaziah, first and last, behold, are they not written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel? 27 Now from the time that Amaziah did turn away from following Jehovah they made a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem; and he fled to Lachish: but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. 28 And they brought him upon horses, and buried him with his fathers in the city of Judah.

26 And all the people of Judah took Uzziah, who was sixteen years old, and made him king instead 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 Jecihiah, of Jerusalem. 4 And he did that which was right in the eyes of
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Jehovah, according to all that his father Amaziah had done. 5 And he set himself to seek God in the days of Zechariah, who had understanding in the vision of God: and as long as he sought Jehovah, God made him prosper.

6 And he went forth and warred against the Philistines, and brake down the wall of Gath, and the wall of Jabneh, and the wall of Ashdod; and he built cities in the country of Ashdod, and among the Philistines. 7 And God helped him against the Philistines, and against the Arabians that dwelt in Gur-baal, and the Meunim. 8 And the Ammonites gave tribute to Uzziah: and his name spread abroad even to the entrance of Egypt; for he waxed exceeding strong. 9 Moreover 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 And he built towers in the wilderness, and hewed out many cisterns, for he had much cattle; in the lowland also, and in the plain: and he had husbandmen and vinedressers in the mountains and in the fruitful fields; for he loved husbandry. 11 Moreover Uzziah had a force of fighting men, that went out to war by bands, according to the number of their reckoning made by Jeiel the scribe and Maaseiah the officer, under the hand of Hananiah, one of the king’s captains. 12 The whole number of the heads of fathers’ houses, even the mighty men of valor, was two thousand six hundred. 13 And under their hand was an armed force, three hundred seven thousand five hundred, that made war with powerful force, to help the king against the enemy. 14 And Uzziah prepared for them, even for all the host, 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 battlements, wherewith to shoot arrows and great stones. And his name spread far abroad; for he was marvellously helped, till he was strong.

16 But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up, so that he did corruptly, and he trespassed against Jehovah his God; for he went into the temple of Jehovah to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17 And Azariah the priest went in one day, all the heads of fathers’ houses, and all the chief of the king’s work, and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It pertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto Jehovah, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are sanctified to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honor from Jehovah God. 18 Then Uzziah was wroth; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy brake forth in his forehead before the priests in the house of Jehovah, beside the altar of incense. 19 And Azariah the priest went in after him, and with him eightieth priests of Jehovah, that were valiant men: 20 and they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, It pertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to burn incense unto Jehovah, but to the priests the sons of Aaron, that are sanctified to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; neither shall it be for thine honor from Jehovah God. 21 Then Uzziah was wroth; and he had a censer in his hand to burn incense; and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy brake forth in his forehead before the priests in the house of Jehovah, beside the altar of incense. 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 thence; yes, himself hasted also to go out, because Jehovah had smitten him. 21 And Uzziah the king was a leper unto the day of his death, and dwelt in a separate house, being a leper: for he was cut off from the house of Jehovah: and Jotham his son was over the king’s house, judging the people of the land. 22 Now the rest of the acts of Uzziah, first and last, did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, write. 23 So Uzziah slept with his fathers; and they buried him with his fathers in the field of burial which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his son reigned in his stead.

27 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 eyes of Jehovah, according to all that his father Uzziah had done: howbeit he entered not into the temple of Jehovah. And the people did yet corruptly. 3 He built the upper gate of the house of Jehovah, and on the wall of Ophel he built much. 4 Moreover he built cities in the hill-country of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. 5 He fought also with the king of the children of Ammon, and prevailed against them. And the children of Ammon gave him the same year a hundred talents of silver, and seven thousand measures of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of Ammon render unto him, in the second year also, and in the third. 6 So Jotham became mighty, because he ordered his ways before Jehovah his God. 7 Now 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 years 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 stead.

28 Ahaz was twenty years old when he began to reign; and he reigned sixteen years in Jerusalem: and he did not that which was right in the eyes of Jehovah, like David his father; 2 but he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for the Baalim. 3 Moreover his children in the fire, according to the abominations of the nations whom Jehovah cast out before the children of Israel. 4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense in the high places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5 Wherefore Jehovah his God delivered him into the hand of the king of Syria; and they smote him, and carried away of his a great multitude of captives, and brought them to Damascus. And he was also delivered into the hand of the king of Israel, who smote him with a great slaughter. 6 For Pekah the son of Remaliah slew in Judah a hundred twenty thousand in one day, all of them valiant men; because they had forsaken Jehovah, the God of their fathers. 7 And Zichri, a mighty man of Ephraim, slew Maaseiah the king’s son, and Azrikam the ruler of the house, and Elkanah that was next to the king.

8 And the children of Israel carried away captive of their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and took also away much spoil from them, and brought

169 Or, gave the instruction in
170 Hb, the seeing of God: Sept., Aram. read the fear of God:
171 Or, table-land:
172 Or, Carmel; See 1Sa 25:2.
173 Or, corner towers,
174 Or, to his destruction,
175 Hb, rose (as the sun)
176 Or, the infirmary,
177 About 3,480 kg
178 Hb, cors [1 cor ~ 220 litre, or 6½ bushel] (both times)
So 2,200 m3 each, of wheat and barley.
179 Lit, sons of valor; That is, men schooled in military tactics;
180 Hb, second
the spoil to Samaria. 9 But a prophet of Jehovah was there, whose name was Oded: and he went out to meet the host that came to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because Jehovah, the God of your fathers, was wroth with Judah, he hath delivered them into your hand, and ye have slain them in a rage which hath reached up unto heaven. 10 And now ye purpose to keep under the children of Judah and Jerusalem for bondmen and bondwomen unto you: but are there not even with you trespasses of your own against Jehovah your God? 11 Now hear me therefore, and send back the captives, that ye have taken captive of your brethren; for the fierce wrath of Jehovah is upon you. 12 Then certain of the heads of the children of Ephraim, Azariah the son of Johanan, Berechiah the son of Meshillemoth, and Jehizkiah the son of Shallum, and Amasa the son of Hadlai, stood up against them that came from the war, 13 and said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captive princes and all the assembly. 14 So the armed men left the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. 15 And the men that have been mentioned by name rose up, and took the captives, and with the spoil clothed all that were naked among them, and arrayed them, and shod them, and gave them to eat and to drink, and anointed them, and carried all the feeble of them upon asses, and brought them to Jericho, the city of palm-trees, unto their brethren: then they returned to Samaria.

16 At that time did king Ahaz send unto the kings of Assyria to help him. 17 For again the Edomites had come and smitten Judah, and carried away captives. 18 The Philistines also had invaded the cities of the lowland, and of the South of Judah, and had taken Beth-shemesh, and Aijalon, and Gederoth, and Soco with the towns thereof, and Timnah with the towns thereof, Gimzo also and the towns thereof: and they dwelt there. 19 For Jehovah brought Judah low because of Ahaz king of Israel; for he had dealt wantonly in Judah, and trespassed sore against Jehovah. 20 And Tilgath-pileser king of Assyria came unto him, and distressed him, but strengthened him not. 21 For Ahaz took away a portion out of the house of Jehovah, and out of the house of the king, and of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: but it helped him not.

22 And in the time of his distress did he trespass yet more against Jehovah, this same king Ahaz. 23 For he sacrificed unto the gods of Damascus, that smote him; and he said, Because the gods of the kings of Syria helped them, therefore will I 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 vessels of the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the house of God, and shut up the doors of the house of Jehovah; and he made him altars in every corner of Jerusalem. 25 And in every city of Judah he made high places to burn incense unto other gods, and provoked to anger Jehovah, the God of his fathers. 26 Now the rest of his acts, and all his ways, first and 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, even in Jerusalem; for they brought him not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and Hezekiah his son reigned in his stead.

29 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 eyes of Jehovah, 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 Jehovah, and repaired them. 4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the broad place on the east, 5 and said unto them, Hear me, ye Levites; now sanctify yourselves, and sanctify the house of Jehovah, the God of your fathers, and carry forth the filthiness out of the holy place. 6 For our fathers have trespassed, and done that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah our God, and have forsaken him, and have turned away their faces from the habitation of Jehovah, and turned their backs. 7 Also they have shut up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and have not burned incense nor offered burnt-offerings in the holy place unto the God of Israel. 8 Wherefore the wrath of Jehovah was upon Judah and Jerusalem, and he hath delivered them to be tossed to and fro, to be an astonishment, and a hissing, as ye see with your eyes. 9 For, lo, 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 Jehovah, the God of Israel, that his fierce anger may turn away from us. 11 My sons, be not now negligent; for Jehovah hath chosen you to stand before him, to minister unto him, and that ye should be his ministers, and burn incense.

12 Then the Levites arose, Mahath, the son of Amasai, and Joel the son of Azariah, of the sons of the Kohathites; and of the sons of Merari, Kish the son of Abdi, and Azariah the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershonites, Joash the son of Zimmah,

Moab, ... Mititini of Ashkelon, Jehohazah of Judah, Kaush-mal-aku of Edom, ... Hanno of Gaza consisting of gold, silver, tin, iron, antimony, linen garments with multicolored trimmings, garments of their native industries being made of dark purple wool ... all kinds of costly objects be they products of the sea or of the continent, the choice products of their regions, the treasures of their kings, horses, mules trained for the yoke ...” ANE-I, p. 193.

190 Or, that he distressed him did he trespass etc.

191 Hb. Darmesek

192 So Massoretic Vg. 4Q Chr reads Aybab Aram. reads Ani Sept. varies widely from Abba (B) to Abbathyth (A).

193 Or, the Holy. Also in vs. 7.

194 Or, a terror.
and Eden the son of Noah; 13 and of the sons of Elizaphan, Shamir and Jeuel; and of the sons of Asaph, Zechariah and Mattanah; 14 and of the sons of Heman, Jehuel and Shimei; and of the sons of Jeduthun, Shemaijah and Uzzziel. 15 And they gathered their brethren, and sanctified themselves, and went in, according to the commandment of the king by the words of Jehovah, to cleanse the house of Jehovah. 16 And the priests went in unto the inner part of the house of Jehovah, to cleanse it, and brought out all the uncleanness that they found in the temple of Jehovah into the court of the house of Jehovah. And the Levites took it, to carry it out abroad to the brook Kidron. 17 Now they began on the first day of the first month to sanctify, and on the eighth day of the month came they to the porch of Jehovah; and they sanctified the house of Jehovah in eight days: and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. 18 Then they went in to Hezekiah the king within the palace, and said, We have cleansed all the house of Jehovah, and the altar of burnt-offering, with all the vessels thereof, and the table of showbread, with all the vessels thereof. 19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Ahaz in his reign did cast away when he trespassed, have we prepared and sanctified; and, behold, they are before the altar of Jehovah.

20 Then Hezekiah the king arose early, and gathered the princes of the city, and went up to the house of Jehovah. 21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven lambs, and seven he-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 Jehovah. 22 So they killed the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and sprinkled it on the altar: and they killed the rams, and sprinkled the blood upon the altar: they killed also the lambs, and sprinkled the blood upon the altar. 23 And they brought near the he-goats for the sin-offering before the king and the assembly; 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 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 Jehovah with cymbals, with psalteries, and with harps, according to the commandment of David, and of Gad the king’s seer, and Nathan the prophet; for the commandment was of Jehovah 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 Jehovah began also, and the trumpets, together with the instruments of David king of Israel. 28 And all the assembly worshipped, and the singers sang, and the trumpeters sounded; all this continued until the burnt-offering was finished.

29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him bowed themselves and worshipped. 30 Moreover Hezekiah the king and the princes commanded the Levites to sing praises unto Jehovah with the words of David, and of Asaph the seer. And they sang praises with gladness, and they bowed their heads and worshipped.

31 Then Hezekiah answered and said, Now ye have consecrated yourselves unto Jehovah; come near and bring sacrifices and thank-offerings into the house of Jehovah. And the assembly brought in sacrifices and thank-offerings; and as many as were of a willing heart brought burnt-offerings. 32 And the number of the burnt-offerings which the assembly brought was seventy bullocks, a hundred rams, and two hundred lambs: all these were for a burnt-offering to Jehovah. 33 And the sanctified things were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. 34 But the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt-offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites did help them, till the work was ended, and until the priests had sanctified themselves; for the Levites were more upright in heart to sanctify themselves than the priests. 35 And also the burnt-offerings were in abundance, with the fat of the peace-offerings, and with the drink-offerings for every burnt-offering. So the service of the house of Jehovah was set in order. 36 And Hezekiah rejoiced, and all the people, because of that which God had prepared for the people: for the thing was done suddenly.

30 And Hezekiah sent to all Israel and Judah, and wrote letters also to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of Jehovah at Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. 2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. 3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 4 And the thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly. 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto Jehovah, the God of Israel. 2 For the king had taken counsel, and his princes, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to keep the passover in the second month. 3 For they could not keep it at that time, because the priests had not sanctified themselves in sufficient number, neither had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 4 And the thing was right in the eyes of the king and of all the assembly. 5 So they established a decree to make proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba even to Dan, that they should come to keep the passover unto Jehovah, the God of Israel, at Jerusalem: for they had not kept the passover in such sort as it is written. 6 So the posts went with the letters from the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the commandment of the king, saying, Ye children of Israel, turn again unto Jehovah, the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, that he may return to the remnant that are escaped of you out of the hand of the kings of Assyria. 7 And be ye not like your fathers, and like your brethren, who trespassed against Jehovah, the God of their fathers, so that he gave them up to desolation, as ye see. 8 Now be ye not stiffnecked, as your fathers were; but yield yourselves unto Jehovah, and enter into his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever, and serve Jehovah your God, that his fierce anger may turn away from you. 9 For if ye turn again unto Jehovah, your brethren and your children shall find compassion before them that led them captive, and shall come again into this land: for Jehovah your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his face from you, if ye return unto him.

10 So the posts passed from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Manasseh, even unto Zebulun: but they laughed them to scorn, and mocked them. 11 Nevertheless certain men of Asher and Manasseh and of Zebulun humbled

195 Hb. filled your hand unto Jehovah; In modern idiom, you have your hands full
196 Or, of a long time in such sort as it is written.
197 Or, to be an astonishment,
198 Hb. give the hand yourselves unto Jehovah,
199 Or, for time unlimited, [i.e., without fixed termination]
themselves, and came to Jerusalem. 12 Also upon Judah came the hand of God to give them one heart, to do the commandment of the king and of the princes by the word of Jehovah.

13 And there assembled at Jerusalem much people to keep the feast of unleavened bread in the second month, a very great assembly. 14 And they arose and took away the altars that were in Jerusalem, and all the 200 altars for incense took they away, and cast them into the brook Kidron. 15 Then they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt-offerings into the house of Jehovah. 16 And they stood in their place after their order, according to the law of Moses the man of God: the priests sprinkled the blood which they received of the hand of the Levites. 17 For there were many in the assembly that had not sanctified themselves: therefore the Levites had the charge of killing the passovers for every one that was not clean, to sanctify them unto Jehovah. 18 For a multitude of the people, e'en many of Ephraim and Manasseh, Issachar and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, yet did they eat the passover otherwise than it is written. For Hezekiah had prayed for them, saying, The good Jehovah 202 pardon every one that setteth his heart to seek God, Jehovah, the God of his fathers, though he be not cleansed according to the purification of the Holy. 20 And Jehovah hearkened to Hezekiah, and healed the people. 21 And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem kept the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great gladness; and the Levites and the priests praised Jehovah day by day, singing with loud instruments unto Jehovah. 22 And Hezekiah spake comfortably unto all the Levites that had good understanding in the service of Jehovah, So they did eat throughout the seven days, offering sacrifices of peace-offerings, and 203 making confession to Jehovah, the God of their fathers. 23 And the whole assembly took counsel to keep other seven days; and they kept another seven days with gladness. 24 For Hezekiah king of Judah did give to the assembly for offerings a thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes gave to the assembly a thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep; and a great number of priests sanctified themselves. 25 And all the assembly of Judah, with the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly that came out of Israel, and the sojourners that came out of the land of Israel, and that dwelt in Judah, rejoiced. 26 So there was great joy in Jerusalem; for since the time of Solomon the son of David king there was not the like 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 habitation, even unto the heavens.

31 Now when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and brake in pieces the 204 pillars, and hewed down the Asherim, and brake down the high places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, in Ephraim also and Manasseh, until they had destroyed them all. Then all the children of Israel returned, every man to his possession, into their own cities.

2 And Hezekiah appointed the courses of the priests and the Levites after their courses, every man according to his service, both the priests and the Levites, for burnt-offerings and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camp of Jehovah. 3 He appointed also the king’s portion of his substance for the burnt-offerings, to wit, for the morning and the evening burnt-offerings, and the burnt-offerings for the sabbaths, and for the new moons, and for the set feasts, as it is 205 written in the law of Jehovah. 4 Moreover he commanded the people that dwelt in Jerusalem to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, that they might 206 give themselves to the law of Jehovah. 5 And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel gave in abundance the firstfruits of grain, new wine, and oil, and honey, and of all the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly. 6 And the children of Israel and Judah, that dwelt in the cities of Judah, they also brought in the tithe of oxen and sheep, and the tithe of holy things that were hallowed unto Jehovah their God, and laid them by heaps. 7 In the third month they began to lay the foundation of the heaps, and finished them in the seventh month. 8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed Jehovah, 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 oblations into the house of Jehovah, we have eaten and had enough, and have plenty left: for Jehovah hath blessed his people; and that which is left is this great store.

11 Then Hezekiah commanded to prepare chambers in the house of Jehovah; and they prepared them. 12 And they brought in the oblations and the tithes and the holy things faithfully: and over them Conaniah the Levite was ruler, and Shimei his brother was second. 13 And Jehiel, and Azariah, and Nahath, and Asahel, and Jerimoth, and Joel, and Eliezer, and Ismachiah, and Mahath, and Benahah, were overseers under the hand of Conaniah and Shimei his brother, by the appointment of Hezekiah the king, and Azariah the ruler of the house of God. 14 And Kore the son of Imnah the Levite, the porter at the east gate, was over the freewill offerings of God, to distribute the oblations of Jehovah, and the most holy things. 15 And under him were Eden, and Miniamin, and Jeshua, and Shemaiah, Amariah, and Shechaniah, in the cities of the priests, in their office of trust, to give to their brethren by courses, as well to the great as to the small: 16 besides them that were reckoned by genealogy of males, from three years old and upward, even every one that entered into the house of Jehovah, as the duty of every day required, for their service in their offices according to their courses; 17 and them that were reckoned by genealogy of the priests by their fathers’ houses, and the Levites from twenty years old and upward, in their offices by their courses; 18 besides them that were reckoned by genealogy of all their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, through all the congregations for in their office of trust they sanctified themselves in

200 Or, vessels
201 Nu 9:10-11; Ex 12:19.
202 Or, pardon him 19 that setteth his whole heart etc.
203 Or, giving thanks to Jehovah,
204 Or, obelisks
205 Nu 10:10; Lv 23.
206 Hb. be strong in themselves to the law
207 Or, for his daily portion,
208 Or, even to give to them that were reckoned
holiness. 19 Also for the sons of Aaron the priests, that were in the fields of the suburbs of their cities, in every city, there were men that were mentioned by name, to give portions to all the males among the priests, and to all that were reckoned by genealogy among the Levites.

20 And thus did Hezekiah throughout all Judah; and he wrought that which was good and right and faithfulness before Jehovah his God. 21 And in every work that he began in the service of the house of God, and in the law, and in the commandments, to seek his God, he did it with all his heart, and prospered.

32 After these things, and this faithfulness, Sennacherib king of Assyria came, and entered into Judah, and encamped against the fortified cities, and thought 210to win them for himself. 2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was come, and that 211he was purposed to fight against Jerusalem, 3 he took counsel with his princes and his mighty men to stop the waters of the fountains which were without the city; and they helped him. 4 So there was gathered much people together, and they stopped all the fountains, and the brook that flowed through the midst of the land, saying, Why should the kings of Assyria come, and find much water? 5 And he took courage, and built up all the wall that was broken down, and raised it up to the towers, and the other wall without, and strengthened Millo in the city of David, and made weapons and shields in abundance. 6 And he set captains of war over the people, and gathered them together to him in the broad place at the gate of the city, and spake comfortably to them, saying, 7 Be strong and of good courage, be not afraid nor dismayed for the king of Assyria, nor for all the multitude that is with him; for there is a greater with us than with him: 8 with him is an arm of flesh; but with us is Jehovah our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the people rested themselves upon the words of Hezekiah king of Judah.

9 After this did Sennacherib king of Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, (now he was before Lachish, and all his power with him,) unto Hezekiah king of Judah, and unto all Judah that were at Jerusalem, saying, 10 Thus saith Sennacherib king of Assyria, Whereon do ye trust, that ye abide 212the siege in Jerusalem? 11 Doth not Hezekiah persuade you, to give you over to die by famine and by thirst, saying, Jehovah our God will deliver us out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 12 Hath not the same Hezekiah taken away his high places and his altars, and commanded Judah and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall worship before one altar, and upon it shall ye burn incense? 13 Know ye not what I and my fathers have done unto all the peoples of the lands? Were the gods of the nations of the lands in any wise able to deliver their land out of my hand? 14 Who was there among all the gods of those nations which my fathers 214utterly destroyed, that could deliver his people out of my hand, that your God should be able to deliver you out of my hand? 15 Now therefore let not Hezekiah deceive you, nor persuade you after this manner, neither believe ye him; for no god of any nation or kingdom was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less shall your God deliver you out of my hand?

16 And his servants spake yet more against Jehovah God, and against his servant Hezekiah. 17 He wrote also 213letters, to rail on Jehovah, the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying, As the gods of the nations of the lands, which have not delivered their people out of my hand, so shall not the God of Hezekiah deliver his people out of my hand. 18 And they cried with a loud voice in the Jews’ language unto the people of Jerusalem that were on the wall, to affright them, and to trouble them; that they might take the city. 19 And they spake of the God of Jerusalem, as of the gods of the peoples of the earth, which are the work of men’s hands.

20 And Hezekiah the king, and Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz, prayed because of this, and cried to heaven. 21 And Jehovah sent an angel, who cut off all the mighty men of valor, and the leaders and captains, in the camp of the king of Assyria. So he returned with shame of face to his own land. And when he was come into the house of his god, they that came forth from his own bowels slew him there with the sword. 22 Thus Jehovah 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 unto Jehovah to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah king of Judah; so that he was exalted in the sight of all nations from thenceforth.

24 In those days Hezekiah was sick even unto death: and he prayed unto Jehovah; and he spake unto him, and gave him a sign. 25 But Hezekiah rendered not again according to the benefit done unto him; for his heart was lifted up: therefore there was wrath upon him, and upon Judah and Jerusalem. 26 Notwithstanding Hezekiah humbled himself for the pride of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that the wrath of Jehovah came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah.

27 And Hezekiah had exceeding much riches and honor: and he provided him treasures for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of goody vessels; 28 store-houses also for the increase of grain and new wine and oil; and stalls for all manner of beasts, and flocks in folds. 29 Moreover he provided him cities, and possessions of flocks and herds in abundance; for God had given him very much substance. 30 This same Hezekiah also stopped the upper spring of the waters of Gihon, and brought them straight down on the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. 31 Howbeit in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire of the wonder that was done in the land, God left him, to try him, that he might know all that was in his heart.
33 Manasseh was twelve years old when he began to reign; and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem.

2 And he did that which was evil in the sight of Jehovah, after the abominations of the nations whom Jehovah cast out before the children of Israel. 3 For he built again the high places which Hezekiah his father had broken down; and he reared up altars for the Baalim, and made Asheroth, and worshipped all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of Jehovah, whereof Jehovah said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. 5 And he built altars in all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of Jehovah. 6 He also made his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom; and he practised augury, and used enchantments, and practised sorcery, and dealt with them that had familiar spirits, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of Jehovah, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set the graven image of the idol, which he had made, in the house of God, of which God said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever. 8 Neither will I any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers, if only they will observe to do all that I have commanded them, even all the law and the statutes and the ordinances given by Moses. 9 And Manasseh seduced Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so that they did evil more than did the nations whom Jehovah destroyed before the children of Israel.

222 When Hezekiah was delivered from Sennacherib, Manasseh had not yet been born, per 2K1 20:6, 18.

10 And Jehovah spake to Manasseh, and to his people; but they gave no heed. 11 Wherefore Jehovah brought upon them the captains of the host of the king of Assyria, who took Manasseh in chains, and bound him with fetters, and carried him to Babylon. 12 And when he was in distress, he sought Jehovah his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. 13 And he prayed unto him; and he was entreated of him, and heard his supplication, and brought him again to Jerusalem into his kingdom. Then Manasseh knew that Jehovah he is God.

14 Now after this he built an outer wall to the city of David, on the west side of Gibon, in the valley, even to the entrance at the fish gate; and he compassed Ophel about with it, and raised it up to a very great height: and he put valiant cap-

223 Or, for time unlimited. [i.e., without fixed termination]

224 Esar-Haddon, king of Assyria, writes, I called up the kings of the country Hatti and of the region on the other side of the river Euphrates, to wit: Ba’lu king of Tyre, Manasseh, king of Judah, Qashugabri, king of Edom, Musuri, king of Moab, Si-Bel, king of Gaza, Metinti, king of Ashkelon, Ikuasu, king of Ekron, Milkishasha, king of Byblos, Matanuba’al, king of Arvad, Abiba’al, king of Samsimuryuna, Puduit, king of Beth-Ammon, Ahihilmiki, king of Ashdod — 12 kings from the sea-coast; ... 10 kings from Cyprus amidst the sea, together 22 kings of Hatti, the seashore and the islands ... James B. Pritchard, The Ancient Near East, Vol. I (ANE-I); Princeton, 1958. p. 201.

225 Or, with the hooks.

226 Or, captains of the army in all the fortified cities

227 Most Heb. Vg. read prepared the altar

228 Or, the seers.

229 Or, became more and more guilty.

230 It may be inferred Josiah controlled about half of the former ten-tribe Kingdom of Israel.

231 Or, as otherwise read, with their axes round about. The Hebrew is obscure, but seems to imply further destruction of these altars and images.
and beat the Asherim and the graven images into powder, and hewed down all the sun-images throughout all the land of Israel, and returned to Jerusalem.

8 Now 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 Joazah the 232 recorder, to repair the house of Jehovah his God. 9 And they came to Hilkiah the high priest, and delivered the money that was brought into the house of God, which the Levites, the keepers of the threshold, had gathered of the hand of Manasseh and Ephraim, and of all the remnant of Israel, and of all Judah and Benjamin, 233 and of the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 And they delivered it into the hand of the workmen that had the oversight of the house of Jehovah; and 234 the workmen that wrought in the house of Jehovah gave it to mend and repair the house; 11 even to the carpenters and to the builders gave they it, 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 235 the overseer of them were Jahath and Obadiah, the Levites, of the sons of Merari; and Zechariah and Meshulam, of the sons of the Kohathites, 236 to set it forward; and 237 others of the Levites, all that were skilful with instruments of music. 13 Also they were over the bearers of burdens, and set forward all that did the work in every manner of service: and of the Levites there were scribes, and officers, and porters.

14 And when they brought out the money that was brought into the house of Jehovah, Hilkiah the priest found the book of the law of Jehovah 238 given by Moses. 15 And Hilkiah answered and said to Shaphan the scribe, I have found the book of the law in the house of Jehovah. And Hilkiah delivered the book to Shaphan. 16 And Shaphan carried the book to the king, and moreover brought back word to the king, saying, All that was committed to thy servants, they are doing. 17 And they have 239 emptied out the money that was found in the house of Jehovah, and have delivered it into the hand of the overseers, and into the hand of the workmen. 18 And Shaphan the scribe told the king, saying, Hilkiah the priest hath delivered me a book. And Shaphan read therein before the king. 19 And it came to pass, when the king had heard the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. 20 And the king commanded Hilkiah, and Ahikam the son of Shaphan, and 240 Abdon the son of Micah, and Shaphan the scribe, and Asaiah the king’s servant, saying, 21 Go ye, inquire of Jehovah for me, and for them that are left in Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the book that is found; for great is the wrath of Jehovah that is poured out upon us, because our fathers have not kept the word of Jehovah, to do according unto all that is written in this book.

22 So Hilkiah, and they whom the king had commanded, went to Huldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of 239 Tokhath, the son of Hasrah, keeper of the wardrobe; (now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the 240 second quarter;) and they spake to her to that effect. 23 And she said unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Tell ye the man that sent you unto me, 24 Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof, even 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 unto other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands; therefore is my wrath poured out upon this place, and it shall not be quenched. 26 But unto the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of Jehovah, thus shall ye say to him, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: As touching the words which thou hast heard, 27 because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou hearest his words against this place, and against the inhabitants thereof, and hast humbled thyself before me, and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me; I also have heard thee, saith Jehovah. 28 Behold, 241 I will gather thee to thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy grave in peace, neither shall thine eyes see all the evil that I will bring upon this place, and upon the inhabitants thereof. And they brought back word to the king.

29 Then the king sent and gathered together all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 30 And the king went up to the house of Jehovah, and all the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, both great and small: and he read in their ears all the words of the book of the covenant that was found in the house of Jehovah. 31 And the king stood in his place, and made a covenant before Jehovah, to walk after Jehovah, 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 that were written in this book. 32 And he caused all that were found in Jerusalem and Benjamin to stand to it. And the inhabitants of Jerusalem did according to the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33 And Josiah took away all the abominations out of all the countries that pertained to the children of Israel, and made all that were found in Israel to serve, even to serve Jehovah their God. All his days they departed not from following Jehovah, the God of their fathers.

35 And Josiah kept a passover unto Jehovah in Jerusalem: and they killed the passover on the fourteenth day of the first month. 2 And he set the priests in their offices, and encouraged them to the service of the house of Jehovah. 3 And he said unto the Levites that taught all Israel, the holy ones unto Jehovah, Put the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David king of Israel did build; there shall no more be a burden upon your shoulders: now serve Jehovah your God, and his people Israel. 4 And prepare yourselves after your fathers’ houses by your courses, 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 fathers’ houses of your brethren the children of the people, 242 and let there be for each a portion of a fathers’ house

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232 Or, chronicler.
233 Hb m'g reads, and they returned to Jerusalem.
234 Or, they gave it to the workmen etc.
235 Or, to preside over it;
236 Hb. by the hand of Moses.
237 Or, poured out the money.
238 In 2Ki 22:12, Achbor the son of Micaiah,
239 In 2Ki 22:14, Tikvah, the son of Harhas,
240 Hb. mishneh;
241 Josiah was mortally wounded in battle but died later in Jerusalem. All four of his successors were taken captive by Egypt (Jehouhaz) or by Babylon.
of the Levites. 6 And kill the passover, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren, to do according to the word of Jehovah by Moses.

7 And Josiah 243 gave to the children of the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all of them for the passover-offerings, unto all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and three thousand bullocks: these were of the king’s substance. 8 And his princes gave 244 for a freewill-offering unto the people, to the priests, and to the Levites. Hilkiah and Zechariah and Jehiel, the rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests for the passover-offerings two thousand six hundred small cattle, and three hundred oxen. 9 Conaniah also, and Shemaiah and Nethanel, his brethren, and Hashabiah and Jeiel and Jozabad, the chiefs of the Levites, gave unto the Levites for the passover-offerings five thousand small cattle, and five hundred oxen.

10 So the service was prepared, and the priests stood in their place, and the Levites by their courses, according to the king’s commandment. 11 And they killed the passover, and the priests sprinkled the blood which they received of their hand, and the Levites flayed them. 12 And they removed the burnt-offerings, that they might give them according to the divisions of the fathers’ houses of the children of the people, to offer unto Jehovah, as it is written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the oxen. 13 And they roasted the passover with fire 244 according to the ordinance: and the holy offerings boiled they in pots, and in caldrons, and in pans, and carried them quickly to all the children of the people. 14 And afterward they prepared for themselves, and for the priests, because the priests the sons of Aaron were busied in 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 the sons of Asaph were in their place, according to the commandment of David, and Asaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king’s seer; and the porters were at every gate: they needed not to depart from their service; for their brethren the Levites prepared for them.

16 So all the service of Jehovah was prepared the same day, to keep the passover, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of Jehovah, according to the commandment of king Josiah. 17 And the children of Israel that were present kept the passover at that time, and the feast of unleavened bread seven days. 18 And there was no passover like to that kept in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; neither 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 that 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, Neco king of Egypt went up to fight against Carchemish by the Euphrates: and Josiah went out against him. 21 But he sent ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this day, but against the house wherewith I have war; and God 246 commanded me to make haste: forbear thee from meddles with God, who is with me, that he destroy thee not. 22 Nevertheless Josiah would not turn his face from him, but disguised himself, that he might fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words of Neco 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, Have me away; for I am sore wounded. 24 So his servants took him out of the chariot, and put him in the second chariot that he had, and brought him to Jerusalem; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers. And all Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 And Jeremiah lamented for Josiah: and all the singing men and singing women spake of Josiah in their lamentations unto this day; and they made them an ordinance in Israel: and, behold, they are written in the lamentations. 26 Now the rest of the acts of Josiah, and his good deeds, according to that which is written in the law of Jehovah, 27 and his acts, first and last, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah.

243 Or, gave for offerings to And so in vss. 8, 9. See ch. 30:24.

244 Or, willingly unto the people.

245 Ex 12:8-9.

246 Or, hath given command to speed me:

247 Or, palace.

248 Or, against him.

249 In 1Chr 3:16, Jeconiah In Jer 22:24, Coniah

250 So Massoretic, Sept8, Vg. In 2Ki 24:8, eighteen as also in most Sept. ms., Aram.

[In alphabetic numerics, π = 8; π = 10 + 8 = 18.]
from the mouth of Jehovah. 13 And he also rebelled against king Nebuchadnezzar, who had made him swear by God: but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart against turning unto Jehovah, the God of Israel. 14 Moreover all the chiefs of the priests, and the people, trespassed very greatly after all the abominations of the nations; and they polluted the house of Jehovah which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. 15 And Jehovah the God of their fathers, sent to them by his messengers, rising up early and sending, because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place: 16 but they mocked the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scoffed at his prophets, until the wrath of Jehovah arose against his people, till there was no remedy. 17 Therefore 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 man or virgin, old man or hoary-headed: he gave them all into his hand. 18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of Jehovah, and the treasures of the king, and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon. 19 And they burnt the house of God, and brake down the wall of Jerusalem, and burnt all the palaces thereof with fire, and destroyed all the goodly vessels thereof. 20 And them that had escaped from the sword carried he away to Babylon; and they were servants to him and his sons until the reign of the kingdom of Persia: 21 to fulfil the word of Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had enjoyed its sabbaths: for as long as it lay desolate it kept sabbath, to fulfil seventy years. 22 Now in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, that the word of Jehovah by the mouth of Jeremiah might be accomplished, Jehovah stirred up the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia, so that he made a proclamation throughout all his kingdom, and put it also in writing, saying, 23 Thus saith Cyrus king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath Jehovah, the God of heaven, given me; and he hath charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whosoever there is among you of all his people, Jehovah his God be with him, and let him go up.
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5 Then rose up the heads of fathers' houses of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, even all whose spirit God had stirred to go up to build the house of Jehovah which is in Jerusalem. 6 And all they that were round about them strengthened their hands with vessels 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 vessels of the house of Jehovah, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought forth out of Jerusalem, and had put in the house of his gods; 8 even those did Cyrus king of Persia bring forth by the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and numbered them unto Sheshbazzar, the prince of Judah. 9 And this is the number of them: thirty platters of gold, a thousand platters of silver, twenty-nine knives, 10 thirty bowls of gold, silver bowls of a second sort four hundred ten, and other vessels one thousand five hundred four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up, when they of the captivity were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

Now these are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away unto Babylon, and that returned unto Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city; 2 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Seraiah, Reelahiah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Mispar, Bigvai, Rehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel: 3 The children of Parosh, two thousand one hundred seventy-two. 4 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-two. 5 The children of Arah, seven hundred seventy-five. 6 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred twelve. 7 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty-four. 8 The children of Zattu, nine hundred forty-five. 9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred sixty. 10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty-two. 11 The children of Bebai, six hundred thirty. 12 The children of Azgad, a thousand two hundred twenty-two. 13 The children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty-six. 14 The children of Bigvai, a thousand twenty-five. 15 The children of Adin, four hundred fifty-four. 16 The children of Ater, of Hezekiah, ninety-eight. 17 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty-three. 18 The children of Johar, a hundred twelve. 19 The children of Hashum, two hundred twenty-three. 20 The children of Bebai, five hundred forty-six. 21 The children of Beth-lehem, a hundred twenty-three. 22 The men of Netophah, fifty-six.

23 The men of Anathoth, a hundred twenty-eight. 24 The children of Azmaveth, forty-two. 25 The children of Kiriatharim, Chephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty-three. 26 The children of Ramah and Beba, six hundred twenty-one. 27 men of Michmas, a hundred twenty-two. 28 The men of Beth-el and Ai, two hundred twenty-three. 29 The children of Nebo, fifty-six. 30 The children of Magbish, a hundred fifty-six. 31 The children of the other Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty-four. 32 The children of Harim, three hundred twenty. 33 The children of Lod, Hadid, and Ono, seven hundred twenty-five. 34 The children of Jericho, three hundred forty-five. 35 The children of Seneah, three thousand six hundred thirty.

36 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three. 37 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty-two. 38 The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred forty-seven. 39 The children of Harim, a thousand seventeen.

40 The Levites: the children of Jeshua and Kadmiel, of the children of Hodaviah, seventy-four. 41 The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred twenty-eight. 42 The children of the porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Haatia, the children of Shobai, in all a hundred thirty-nine.

43 The Nethinim: the children of Zia, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabboath, the children of Kerioth-apers, the children of Siaha, the children of Padon, the children of Lebanah, the children of Hagaba, the children of Akkub, the children of Hagab, the children of Shaphal, the

1 Hbr. Koresh And so elsewhere.
2 Or, he is the God who is in Jerusalem.
3 In Neh 7:7, Azariah.
4 In Neh 7:7, Raamahah.
5 In Neh 7:7, Mispereth.
6 In Neh 7:7, Nehum.
7 In Neh 7:15, Binnui.
8 In Neh 7:24, Hariph.
9 In Neh 7:25, Gibeon.
10 In Neh 7:28, Beth-azmaveth, or, house of Azmaveth.
11 In Neh 7:29, Kiriath-jearim.
12 In ch. 3:9, Judah. In Neh 7:43, Hodevah.
13 Hbr. given ones: That is, hereditary temple servants: Also in vss. 58, 70.
14 In Neh 7:47, Sia.
15 In Neh 7:48, Salmai.
And when the seventh month came, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2 Then stood up Jeshua the son of Jozadak, and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and his brethren, and builded the altar of the God of Israel, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. 3 And they set the altar upon its base; for fear was upon them because of the peoples of the countries: and they offered burnt-offerings thereon unto Jehovah, even burnt-offerings towards morning and evening. 4 And they 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; and afterward the continual burnt-offering, and the offerings of the new moons, and of all the set feasts of Jehovah that were sanctified, and of every one that willingly offered a freewill-offering unto Jehovah. 5 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto Jehovah: but the foundation of the temple of Jehovah was not yet laid. 6 They gave money also unto the 30 masons, and to the carpenters; and food, and drink, and oil, unto them of Sidon, and to them of Tyre, to bring cedar-trees from Lebanon to the sea, unto Joppa, according to the grant that they had of Cyrus king of Persia.

8 Now in the second year of their coming unto 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 brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem, and appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to have the oversight of the work of the house of Jehovah. 9 Then stood Jeshua with his sons and his brethren, Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, together, to have the oversight of the workmen in the house of God: the sons of Henedad, with their sons and their brethren the Levites. 10 And when the builders laid the foundation of the temple of Jehovah, 24 they set the priests in their apparel with trumpets, and the Levites the sons of Asaph with cymbals, to praise Jehovah, after the order of David king of Israel. 11 And they sang one to another in praising and giving thanks unto Jehovah, saying, For he is good, for his lovingkindness endureth for ever toward Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, when they praised Jehovah, because the foundation of the house of Jehovah was laid. 12 But many of the priests and Levites and heads of fathers’ houses, the old men that had seen the first house, when the foundation of this house was laid before their eyes, wept with a loud voice; and many shouted aloud for joy:

children of Hanan, 47 the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Reaiah, 48 the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, 49 the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai, 50 the children of Asnah, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephusim, the children of Bakbuk, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhar, 52 the children of Bazluth, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, 53 the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Temah, the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

55 The children of Solomon’s servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Hassiphereth, the children of Pe-rudah, 56 the children of Jaalah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 57 the children of Shephataiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the children of Ami. 58 All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon’s servants, were three hundred ninety-two.

90 And these were they that went up from Tel-melech, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addan, and Immer; but they could not show their fathers’ houses, and their seed, whether they were of Israel: 60 the children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty-two. 61 And of the children of the priests: the children of Habaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. 62 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but they were not found: therefore were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood.

63 And the governor said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and with Thummim.

64 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred sixty, besides their men-servants and their maid-servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven: and they had two hundred singing men and singing women. 66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty-six; their mules, two hundred forty-five; 67 their camels, four hundred thirty-five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred twenty.

68 And some of the heads of fathers’ houses, when they came to the house of Jehovah which is in Jerusalem, offered willingly for the house of God to set it up in its place: 69 they gave after their ability into the treasury of the work sixty-one thousand 20 darics of gold, and five thousand 20 pounds of silver, and one hundred priests’ garments.

70 So the priests, and the Levites, and some of the people, the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, dwelt in their cities, and all Israel in their cities.
13 so that the people could not discern the noise of the shout of joy from the noise of the weeping of the people; for the people shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard afar off.

4 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the captivity were building a temple unto Jehovah, the God of Israel; 2 then they drew near to Zerubbabel, and to the heads of fathers’ houses, and said unto them, Let us build with you; for we seek your God, as ye do; 3 and we sacrifice unto him since the days of Esar-haddon king of Assyria, who brought us up hither. 3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua, and the rest of the heads of fathers’ houses of Israel, said unto them, Ye have nothing to do with us in building a house unto our God; but we ourselves together will build unto Jehovah, the God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us. 4 Then the people of the land weakened the hands of the people of Judah, and troubled them in building, 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, wrote they an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem.

7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of his companions, unto Artaxerxes king of Persia; and the writing of the letter was written in the 8 Syrian character, and set forth in the Syrian tongue. 8 Then wrote Rehum the chancellor and Shimshai the scribe 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, and the Apharsachites, the Tarpelites, the Apharsites, the Archevites, the Babylonians, the Shushanchites, the Dehaites, the Elamites, and the rest of the nations whom the great and noble Os-nappar brought over, and set in the city of Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the River, and so forth.

11 This is the copy of the letter that they sent unto Artaxerxes the king: Thy servants the men beyond the River, and so forth. 12 Be it known unto the king, that the Jews that came up from thee are come to us unto Jerusalem; they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and have finished the walls, and repaired the foundations. 13 Be it known unto the king, that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, they will not pay tribute, custom, or toll, and in the end it will be hurtful unto the kings. 14 Now because we eat the salt of the palace, and it is not meet for us to see the king’s dishonor, therefore have we sent and certified the king: 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of thy fathers: so shalt thou find in the book of the records, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have moved sedition within the same of old time; for which cause was this city laid waste. 16 We certify the king that, if this city be builded, and the walls finished, by this means thou shalt have no portion beyond the River.

17 Then sent the king an answer unto Rehum the chancellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and in the rest of the country beyond the River: Peace, and so forth. 18 The letter which ye sent unto us hath been plainly read before me. 19 And I decreed, and search hath been made, and it is found that this city of old time hath made insurrection against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been made therein. 20 There have been mighty kings also over Jerusalem, who have ruled over all the country beyond the River; and tribute, custom, and toll, was paid unto them. 21 Make ye now a decree to cause these men to cease, and that this city be not builded, until the decree shall be made by me. 22 And take heed that ye be not slack herein: why should damage grow to the hurt of the kings?

23 Then when the copy of king Artaxerxes’ letter was read before Rehum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they went in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and made them to cease by force and power. 24 Then ceased the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem; and it ceased until the second year of the reign of Darius king of Persia.

5 Now the prophets, Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of Iddo, prophesied unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem; in the name of the God of Israel prophesied they unto 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 at Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God, helping them. 3 At the same time came to them Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai, and his companions, and said thus unto them, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall? 4 Then we told them after this manner, what the names of the men were that were making this building. 5 But the eye of their God was upon the elders of the Jews, and they did not make them cease, till the matter should come to Darius, and then answer should be returned by letter concerning it.

6 The copy of the letter that Tattenai, the governor beyond the River, and Shethar-bozenai, and his companions the Apharsachites, who were beyond the River, sent unto Darius the king; 7 they sent the letter unto him, wherein was written thus: Unto Darius the king, all peace. 8 Be it known unto the king, that we went into the province of Judah, to the house of the great God, which is builded with great stone, and timber is laid in the walls; and this work goeth on with diligence and prospereth in their hands. 9 Then asked we those elders, and said unto them thus, Who gave you a decree to build this house, and to finish this wall? 10 We asked them their names also, to certify thee, that we might write the names of the men that were at the head of them. 11 And thus they returned us answer, saying, We are the servants of the God of heavens and earth, and are building the house that was builded these many years ago, which a great king of Israel builded and finished. 12 But after that our fathers had provoked the God of heav-

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36 Hb reads yet we do not sacrifice since
37 Or, terrified
38 Hb. Ahashverosh, Gk. Xerxes,
39 Hb. Artaxshasth And so everywhere else.
40 Or, Aramaic (both times).
41 Ch. 4:8-6:18 is in Aramaic (Syriac).
42 That is, the River Euphrates
43 Or, unto the rest beyond the River:
44 Or, translated before me.
45 That is, BC 422 March 31 to 421 April 17, per Richard A. Parker and Waldo H. Dubberstein, Babylonian Chronology; Providence: Brown Univ. Press, 1956.
46 Or, which was upon them.
47 Or, they returned answer by letter
en unto wrath, he gave them into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, the Chaldean, who destroyed this house, and carried the people away into Babylon. 13 But in the first year of Cyrus king of Babylon, Cyrus the king made a decree to build this house of God. 14 And the gold and silver vessels also of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple that was in Jerusalem, and brought into the temple of Babylon, those did Cyrus the king take out of the temple of Babylon, and they were delivered unto one whose name was Sheshbazzar, whom he had made governor; 15 and he said unto him, Take these vessels, go, put them in the temple that is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built in its place. 16 Then came the same Sheshbazzar, and laid the foundations of the house of God which is in Jerusalem: and since that time even until now hath it been in building, and yet it is not completed. 17 Now therefore, if it seem good to the king, let there be search made in the king’s treasury-houses, which is there at Babylon, whether it be given with all diligence unto these men, that they be not hindered. 18 And the gold and silver vessels, and the king’s goods, which Nebuchadnezzar took out of the temple of Jerusalem, and brought again unto the temple that is in Jerusalem, and laid thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof sixty cubits, and the breadth thereof sixty cubits; 19 with three courses of great stones, and a course of new timber; and let the expenses be given out of the king’s house. 20 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to its place; and thou shalt put them in the house of God.

6 Then Darius the king made a decree, and search was made in the house of the 50 archives, where the treasures were laid up in Babylon. 2 And there was found at 51 Achmetha, in the palace that is in the province of Media, a roll, and therein was thus written for the record: 3 In the first year of Cyrus the king, Cyrus the king made a decree: Concerning the house of God at Jerusalem, let the house be builded, the place where they offer sacrifices, and let the foundations thereof be strongly laid; the height thereof sixty cubits, and the breadth thereof sixty cubits; 4 with three courses of great stones, and a course of new timber; and let the expenses be given out of the king’s house. 5 And also let the gold and silver vessels of the house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took forth out of the temple which is at Jerusalem, and brought unto Babylon, be restored, and brought again unto the temple which is at Jerusalem, every one to its place; and thou shalt put them in the house of God.

6 Now therefore, Tattenai, governor beyond the River, Shethar-bozenai, and your companions, 52 because that Darius the king had sent, did accordingly with all diligence. 14 And the elders of the Jews built and prospered, through the prophesying of Haggai the prophet and Zechariah the son of Iddo. And they builded and finished it, according to the commandment of the God of Israel, and according to the decree 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.

7 Now 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 Abihut, 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 ready scribe in the law of Moses, which Jehovah, the God of Israel, had given; and the king granted him all his request, according to the hand of Jehovah his God upon him. 7 And there went up some of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the Levites, and the singers, and the porters, and the Nethinim, unto 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 upon the first day of the first month he began to go up from Babylon; and on the first day of the fifth month came he to Jerusalem, according to the good hand of

48 Or, because that our fathers
49 Aram. books,
50 That is, Ecbatana, [modern Hamadan, Iran]
51 Aram. their
52 Or, because of that which Darius the king had sent,
53 That is, BC 417 March 8, per Parker & Dubberstein.
54 Hb. as one;
55 Hb. that was the foundation of the going up
his God upon him. 10 For Ezra had set his heart to seek the law of Jehovah, and to do it, and to teach in Israel statutes and ordinances.

11 Now this is the copy of the letter that the king Artaxerxes gave unto Ezra the priest, the scribe, even the scribe of the words of the commandments of Jehovah, and of his statutes to Israel: 12 Artaxerxes, king of kings, unto Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heavens, perfect and so forth. 13 I make a decree, that all they of the people of Israel, and their priests and the Levites, in my realm, that are minded of their own free will to go to Jerusalem, go with thee. 14 Forasmuch as thou sent art of the king and his seven counselors, to inquire concerning Judah and Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is in thy hand, and to carry the silver and gold, which the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem, and all the silver and gold that thou shalt 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 therefore thou shalt with all diligence buy with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their meal-offerings and their drink-offerings, and shalt offer them upon the altar of the house of your God which is in Jerusalem. 18 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee and to thy brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do ye after the will of your God. 19 And the vessels that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. 20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king’s treasure-house.

21 And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers that are beyond the River, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heavens, shall require of you, it be done with all diligence, 22 unto 58 talents of silver, and to a hundred 59 measures of wheat, and to 60 hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. 23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heavens, let it be done exactly and to be needful for the service of the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king’s treasure-house. 21 And I, even I Artaxerxes the king, do make a decree to all the treasurers that are beyond the River, that whatsoever Ezra the priest, the scribe of the law of the God of heavens, shall require of you, it be done with all diligence, 22 unto 58 talents of silver, and to a hundred 59 measures of wheat, and to 60 hundred baths of wine, and to a hundred baths of oil, and salt without prescribing how much. 23 Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heavens, let it be done exactly and to be needful for the service of the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king’s treasure-house. 24 And whatsoever shall seem good to thee and to thy brethren to do with the rest of the silver and the gold, that do ye after the will of your God. 19 And the vessels that are given thee for the service of the house of thy God, deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. 20 And whatsoever more shall be needful for the house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to bestow, bestow it out of the king’s treasure-house.

27 Blessed be Jehovah, the God of our fathers, who hath put such a thing as this in the king’s heart, to beautify the house of Jehovah which is in Jerusalem; 28 and hath extended lovingkindness unto me before the king, and his counsellors, and before all the king’s mighty princes. And I was strengthened according to the hand of Jehovah my God upon me, and I gathered together out of Israel chief men to go up with me.

8 Now these are the heads of their fathers’ houses, and this is the genealogy of them that went up with me from Babylon, in the reign of Artaxerxes the king: 2 Of the sons of Pheinehas, Gershom. Of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel. Of the sons of David, Hattush. 3 Of the sons of Shecaniah, of the sons of Parosh, Zechariah; and with him were reckoned by genealogy of the males a hundred fifty. 4 Of the sons of Pahath-moab, Eliehoenai the son of Zerahiah; and with him two hundred males. 5 Of the sons of Shecaniah, the son of Jahaziel; and with him three hundred males. 6 Of the sons of Adin, Ebed the son of Jonathan; and with him fifty males. 7 And of the sons of Elam, Jeshaijah 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 eighteen males. 10 And of the sons of Shelomith, the son of Josiphaiah; and with him a hundred sixty males. 11 And of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai; and with him twenty-eight males. 12 And of the sons of Azgad, Johanan the son of Hakkatan; and with him a hundred ten males. 13 And of the sons of Adonikam, that were the last; and these are their names: Eliphelet, Jeuel, and Shemaiah; and with them sixty males. 14 And of the sons of Bigvai, Uthai and Zabbud; and with them seventy males.

15 And I gathered them together to the river that runneth to Ahava; and there we encamped three days: and I viewed the people, and the priests, and found there none of the sons of Levi. 16 Then sent I for Eliezer, for Ariel, for Shemaiah, and for Elnathan, and for Jardib, and for Elnathan, and for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, chief men; also for Joiarib, and for Elnathan, who were teachers. 17 And I sent forth unto Iddo the chief at the place Casiphia; and I told them what they should say unto Iddo, his brethren the Nethinim, at the place Casiphia, that they should bring unto us ministers for the house of our God. 18 And according to 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 brethren, eighteen; 19 and Hashabiah, and with him Jeshaiah of the sons of Merari, his brethren and their sons, twenty; and of the Nethinim, whom David and the princes had given for the service of the Levites, two hundred twenty Nethinim: all of them were mentioned by name.

21 Then I proclaimed a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might humble ourselves before our God, to seek of him a straight way for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. 22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king a band of soldiers and horsemen to help us against the enemy in the way, because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our
God is upon all them that seek him, for good; but his power and his wrath is against all them that forsake him. 23 So we fasted and besought our God for this: and he was entreated of us.

24 Then I set apart twelve of the priests, 68 even Sherebiah, Hashabiah, and ten of their brethren with them, 25 and weighed unto them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, even the offering for the house of our God, which the king, and his counsellors, and his princes, and all Israel there present, had offered: 26 I weighed into their hand 69 six hundred fifty talents of silver, and silver vessels 70a hundred talents; of gold a hundred talents; 27 and twenty bowls of gold, of 71a thousand darics; and two vessels of fine bright copper, precious as gold. 28 And I said unto them, Ye are holy unto Jehovah, and the vessels are holy; and the silver and the gold are a freewill-offering unto Jehovah, the God of your fathers.

29 Watch ye, and keep them, until ye weigh them before the priests and the Levites, and the princes of the fathers' houses of Israel, at Jerusalem, in the chambers of the house of Jehovah. 30 So the priests and the Levites received the weight of the silver and the gold, and the vessels, to bring them to Jerusalem unto the house of our God.

31 Then we departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of the first month, to go unto Jerusalem: and the hand of our God was upon us, and he delivered us from the hand of the enemy and the lier-in-wait by the way. 32 And we came to Jerusalem, and abode there three days. 33 And on the fourth day the silver and the gold and the vessels were weighed in the house of our God 72into the hand of Meremoth the son of Urijah 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, the Levites; 34 the whole by number and by weight: and all the weight was written at that time.

35 The children of the captivity, that were come out of exile, offered burnt-offerings unto the God of Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety-six rams, seventy-seven lambs, twelve he-goats for a sin-offering: all this was a burnt-offering unto Jehovah. 36 And they delivered the king's commissions unto the king's satraps, and to the governors beyond the River: and they furthered the people and the house of God.

Now when these things were done, the princes drew near unto me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the peoples 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 mingled themselves with the peoples of the lands: yes, the hand of the princes and 73rulers hath been 74chief in this trespass. 3 And when I heard this thing, I rent my garment and my robe, and plucked off the hair of my head and of my beard, and sat down confounded.

4 Then were assembled unto me every one that trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the trespass of them of the captivity; and I sat confounded until the evening oblation.

5 And during the evening oblation I arose up from my 75 humiliation, even with my garment and my robe rent; and I fell upon my knees, and spread out my hands unto Jehovah my God; 6 and I said, O my God, I am ashamed and blush to lift up my face to thee, my God; for our iniquities are increased over our head, and our guiltiness is grown up unto the heavens. 7 Since the days of our fathers we have been exceeding guilty unto this day; and for our iniquities have we, our kings, and our priests, been delivered into the hand of the kings of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to plunder, and to confusion of face, as it is this day. 8 And now for a little moment grace hath been showed from Jehovah our God, to leave us a remnant to escape, and to give us a nail in his holy place, that our God may lighten our eyes, and give us a little reviving in our bondage. 9 For we are bondmen; yet our God hath not forsaken us in our bondage, but hath extended lovingkindness unto us in the sight of the kings of Persia, to give us a reviving, to set up the house of our God, and to repair the 75ruins thereof, and to give us a 78wall in Judah and in Jerusalem. 10 And now, O our God, what shall we say after this? for we have forsaken thy commandments, 11 which thou hast commanded thy servants the prophets, saying, The land, unto which ye go to possess it, is an unclean land through the uncleanness of the peoples of the lands, through their abominations, which have filled it from one end to another with their filthiness: 12 now therefore give not your daughters unto their sons, neither take their daughters unto your sons, nor seek their peace or their prosperity 79for ever; that ye 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 is come upon us for our evil deeds, and for our great guilt, seeing that thou our God hast punished us less than our iniquities deserve, and hast given us such a remnant, 14 shall we again break thy commandments, and join in affinity with the peoples that do these abominations? wouldest not thou be angry with us till thou hadst consumed us, so that there should be no remnant, nor any to escape? 15 O Jehovah, the God of Israel, thou art righteous; for we are left a remnant that is escaped, as it is this day: behold, we are before thee in our guiltiness; for none can stand before thee because of this.

10 Now while Ezra prayed and made confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there was gathered together unto him out of Israel a very great assembly of men and women and children; for the people wept very sore. 2 And Shecaniah the son of Jehiel, one of the sons of Elam, answered and said unto Ezra, We have trespassed against our God, and have married foreign women of the peoples of the land: yet now there is hope for Israel concerning this thing. 3 Now therefore let us make a
covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the counsel of my Jehovah, and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God; and let it be done according to the law. 4 Arise; for the matter belongeth unto thee, and we are with thee: be of good courage, and do it.

5 Then arose Ezra, and made the chiefs of the priests, the Levites, and all Israel, to swear that they would do according to this word. So they swore. 6 Then Ezra rose up from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jehohanan the son of Eliashib: and when he came thither, he did eat no bread, nor drink water; for he mourned because of the trespass of them of the captivity. 7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the captivity, that they should gather themselves together unto Jerusalem; 8 and that whosoever came not within three days, according to the counsel of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be forfeited, and himself separated from the assembly of the captivity.

9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered themselves together unto Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month: and all the people sat in the broad place before the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and for the great rain. 10 And Ezra the priest stood up, and said unto them, Ye have trespassed, and have married foreign women, to increase the trespass of them of the captivity. 11 Now therefore make confession unto Jehovah, the God of your fathers, and do his pleasure; and separate yourselves from the peoples of the land, and from the foreign women. 12 Then all the assembly answered and said with a loud voice, As thou hast said concerning us, so must we do. 13 But the people are many, and it is a time of much rain, and we are not able to stand without: neither is this a work of one day or two; for we have greatly transgressed in this matter. 14 Let now our princes be appointed for all the assembly, and let all them that are in our cities that have married foreign women come at appointed times, and with them the elders of every city, and the judges thereof, until the fierce wrath of our God be turned from us, until this matter be despatched. 15 Only Jonathan the son of Asahel and Jahzeiah the son of Tikvah stood up against this matter: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite helped them.

16 And the children of the captivity did so. And Ezra the priest, with certain heads of fathers' houses, after their fathers' houses, and all of them by their names, were set apart; and they sat down in the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. 17 And they made an end with all the men that had married foreign women by the first day of the first month.

18 And among the sons of the priests there were found that had married foreign women: namely, of the sons of Jeshua, the son of Jozadak, and his brethren, 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 guilt. 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 Uzzaiah. 22 And of the sons of Pashhur: Elieoenai, Maaseiah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and Elasah. 23 And of the Levites: Jozabad, and Shimei, and Kelaiah (the same is Keltia), Pethahiah, Judah, and Eliezer. 24 And of the singers: Elasib. And of the porters: Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. 25 And of Israel: Of the sons of Parosh: Ramiah, and Iziah, and Malchijah, and Mijamin, and Eleazar, and Malehijah, and Benaiyah. 26 And of the sons of Elam: Mattanai, Zechariah, and Jehiel, and Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Eliah. 27 And of the sons of Zattu: Elioenai, Elasib, Mattanai, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and Aziza. 28 And of the sons of Bebai: Jehohanan, Hananiah, Zabbai, Athlai. 29 And of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Maltuch, and Adaiah, and Jeshua, and Shon, and Shemaiah, and Shelemiah, and Shomer. 30 And of the sons of Helvetiah: Zanai, and Bani, and Binnui, and Manasseh. 31 And of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshijah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, and Shimni, and Benjamin, Maltuch, Shemariah. 32 Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, M lettah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. 33 Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel. 34 Of the sons of Parosh: Bani, and Bani, and Henare, and Shimei, and Hashum, Benjaiah, and Selemiah, and Amihud. 35 Of the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, and Chelal, Beniaiah, Maaseiah, Mattanai, and Binnui, and Manasseh. 36 And of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshiah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimni. 37 Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, M lettah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. 38 Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel. 39 Of the sons of Parosh: Bani, and Bani, and Henare, and Shimei, and Hashum, Benjaiah, and Selemiah, and Amihud. 40 Of the sons of Pahath-moab: Adna, and Chelal, Beniaiah, Maaseiah, Mattanai, and Binnui, and Manasseh. 41 And of the sons of Harim: Eliezer, Isshiah, Malchijah, Shemaiah, Shimni, and Benjamin, Maltuch, Shemariah. 42 Of the sons of Hashum: Mattenai, M lettah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Manasseh, Shimei. 43 Of the sons of Bani: Maadai, Amram, and Uel. 44 Of the sons of Parosh: Bani, and Bani, and Henare, and Shimei, and Hashum, Benjaiah, and Selemiah, and Amihud.

80 Hb. changed to my lord, or, my Lord.
81 Hb. devoted.
82 Hb. the rains.
83 Or, give thanks unto Jehovah.
84 Or, As thou hast said, so it behooveth us to do.
85 Hb. stand for all the assembly.
86 Or, as touching this matter.
87 Or, were appointed over this:
88 Hb. reads and Ramoth. as do Sept., Vg., but not Aram.
89 Hb. reads Cheluhu, as does Vg.
90 Hb. reads Jaasai, as does Vg.
91 Hb. reads Jaddai.
92 Or, some of the wives had borne children. as Vg., but not Aram. Sept. reads begotten sons of them. The only Dead Sea Scroll covering Ezra-Nehemiah is 4QEzra, containing portions of only 14 verses in Ezrach 8-4. Abegg, Flint and Ulrich report only four variants from Massoretic text, and none is significant.
Nehemiah
(The Book of Nehemiah)

1 Nehemiah’s sorrow over the remnant in Jerusalem

2:1 He gets permission to visit them — 7:1 The Wall Complete

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Hakaliah.

Now it came to pass in the month Kislev, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan the palace, 2 that Hanani, one of my brethren, came, he and certain men out of Judah; and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, that were left of the captivity, and concerning Jerusalem. 3 And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire.

4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days: and I fasted and prayed before the God of heaven, 5 and said, I beseech thee, O Jehovah, the God of heaven, the great and awesome God, that keepeth covenant and lovingkindness with them that love him and keep his commandments: 6 let thine ear now be attentive, and thine eyes open, that thou mayest hearken the prayer of thy servant, who delight to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant th

7 Remember, I beseech thee, the word that thou commandedst thy servant Moses, saying, If ye trespass, I will scatter you among the peoples: 8 but if ye return unto me, and keep my commandments and do them, though your outcasts were in the uttermost part of the heavens, yet will I gather them from thence, and will bring them unto the place that I have chosen, to cause my name to dwell there. 9 Now these are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand. 10 O Jehovah, I beseech thee, let now thine ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who delight to fear thy name; and prosper, I pray thee, thy servant this day, and grant him mercy in the sight of this man.

Now I was cupbearer to the king.

2 And it came to pass in the month Nisan, in the twentieth year of Artaxerxes the king, when wine was before him, that I took up the wine, and gave it unto the king. Now I had not been beforetime sad in his presence. 2 And the king said unto me, Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? This is nothing else but sorrow of heart. Then I was very sore afraid. 3 And I said unto the king, Let the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers’ sepulchres, lieth waste, and the gates thereof are consumed with fire? 4 Then the king said unto me, For what dost thou make request? So I prayed to the God of heaven. 5 And I said unto the king, If it please the king, and if thy servant have found favor in thy sight, that thou wouldest send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers’ sepulchres, that I may build it. 6 And the king said unto me (the queen also sitting by him), For how long shall thy journey be? And when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time. 7 Moreover I said unto the king, If it please the king, let letters be given me to the governors beyond the River, that they may let me pass through till I come unto Judah; 8 and a letter unto Asaph the keeper of the king’s forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the castle which appertaineth to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall enter into. And the king granted me, according to the good hand of my God upon me.

9 Then I came to the governors beyond the River, and gave them the king’s letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen. 10 And when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, heard of it, they were afraid exceedingly, for that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. 11 So I came to Jerusalem, and was there three days. 12 And I arose in the night, I and some few men with me; neither told I any man what my God put into my heart to do for Jerusalem; neither was there any beast with me, save the beast that I rode upon. 13 And I went out by night by the valley gate, even toward the jackal’s well, and to the dung gate, and viewed the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates thereof were consumed with 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 went I up in the night by the brook, and viewed the wall; and I turned back, and entered by the valley gate, and so returned. 16 And the rulers knew not whither I went, or what I did; neither had I as yet told it to the Jews, nor to the priests, nor to the nobles, nor to the rulers, nor to the rest that did the work.

17 Then said I unto them, Ye see the evil case that we are in, how Jerusalem lieth waste, and the gates thereof are burned with fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem, that we be no more a reproach. 18 And I told them of the hand of my God which was good upon me, as also of the king’s words that he had spoken unto me. And they said, Let us rise up and build. So they strengthened their hands for the good work. 19 But when Sanballat the Horonite, and Tobiah the servant, the Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, and said, What is this thing that ye do? will ye rebel against the king? 20 Then answered I them, and said unto them, The God of heaven, he will prosper us; therefore we his servants will arise and build: but ye have no portion, nor right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.
Then Eliashib the high priest rose up with his brethren the priests, and they builded the sheep gate; they sanctified it, and set up the doors of it; even unto the tower of Hammeah they sanctified it, unto the tower of Hananel. 2 And next unto him builded the men of Jericho. And next to them builded Zaccur the son of Imri.

3 And the fish gate did the sons of Hassenah build; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof. 4 And next unto them repaired Meremoth the son of Uriah, the son of Hakkoz. And next unto them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah, the son of Meshezabel. And next unto them repaired Zadok the son of Baana. 5 And next unto them the Tekoites repaired; but their nobles put not their necks to the work of their lord.

6 And Joada the son of Paseah and Meshullam the son of Besodeiah; they laid the beams thereof, and set up the doors thereof, and the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof. 7 And next unto them repaired Melatiah the Gibeonite, and Jaden the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon, and of Mizpah, that appertained to the throne of the governor beyond the River. 8 Next unto him repaired Uziel the son of Harhaiah, goldsmiths. And next unto him repaired Hananiah son of Anath, the ruler of the city of Jerusalem even unto the broad wall. 9 And next unto them repaired Rephaijah the son of Hur, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem. 10 And next unto them repaired Jediael the son of Harumaph, over against his house. And next unto him repaired Hattush the son of Hashabneiah.

11 Malchijah the son of Harim, and Hasshub the son of Paath-thoeb, repaired another portion, and the tower of the furnaces. 12 And next unto him repaired Shallum the son of Hallohesh, the ruler of half the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters.

13 The valley gate repaired Hanun, and the inhabitants of Zanoah; they built it, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof, and a thousand cubits of the wall unto the dung gate.

14 And the dung gate repaired Malchijah the son of Rechab, the ruler of the district of Beth-haccherem; he built it, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof. 15 And the fountain gate repaired Shallum the son of Colhozeh, the ruler of the district of Mizpah; he built it, and covered it, and set up the doors thereof, the bolts thereof, and the bars thereof, and the wall of the pool of Shelah by the king’s garden, even unto the stairs that go down from the city of David. 16 After him repaired Nehemiah the son of Azbuk, the ruler of half the district of Beth-zur, unto the place over against the sepulchres of David, and unto the pool that was made, and unto the house of the mighty men. 17 After him repaired the Levites, Rehum the son of Bani. Next unto him repaired Hashabiah, the ruler of half the district of Keilah, for his district. 18 After him repaired their brethren, Bavvai the son of Hanadad, the ruler of half the district of Keilah. 19 And next to him repaired Ezera the son of Shisha, the ruler of Mizpah, another portion, over against the ascent to the armory at the turning of the wall. 20 After him Baruch the son of Zabbai earnestly repaired another portion, from the turning of the wall unto the door of the house of Eliashib the high priest. 21 After him repaired Meremoth the son of Uriah the son of Hakkoz another portion, from the door of the house of Eliashib even to the end of the house of Eliashib. 22 And after him repaired the priests, the men of the Plain. 23 After them repaired Benjamin and Hasshub over against their house. After them repaired Azariah the son of Maaseiah the son of Ananiah beside his own house. 24 After him repaired Binnui the son of Henadad another portion, from the house of Azariah unto the turning of the wall, and unto the corner.

25 Palal the son of Uzai repaired over against the turning of the wall, and the tower that standeth out from the upper house of the king, which is by the court of the guard. After him Pedaijah the son of Parosh repaired. 26 (Now the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel, unto the place over against the water gate toward the east, and the tower that standeth out.) After him the Tekoites repaired another portion, over against the great tower that standeth out, and unto the wall of Ophel.

27 Above the horse gate repaired the priests, every one over against his own house. 28 After them repaired Zadok the son of Immer over against his own house. And after him repaired Shemaiah the son of Shecaniah, the keeper of the east gate. 29 After him repaired Hananiah the son of Shelemiah, and Hanun the sixth son of Zalaph, another portion. After him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechiah over against his chamber. 30 After him repaired Malchijah one of the goldsmiths unto the house of the Nethinim, and of the merchants, over against the gate of Hammiphqad, and to the ascent of the corner. 31 And between the ascent of the corner and the sheep gate repaired the goldsmiths and the merchants.

But it came to pass that, when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was wroth, and took great indignation, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spake before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? 21 will they fortify themselves? will they sacrifice? will they make an end in a day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, seeing they are burned? 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was by him, and he said, Even that which they are building, if a fox go up, he shall break down their stone wall.

4 Hear, O our God; for we are despised: and turn back their reproach upon their own head, and give them up for a spoil in a land of captivity; and cover not their iniquity, and
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let not their sin be blotted out from before thee; for they have provoked thee to anger before the builders. 6 So we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto half the height thereof: for the people had a mind to work.

7 But it came to pass that, when Sanballat, and Tobiah, and the Arabsians, and the Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that 23 the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem went forward, and that the breaches began to be stopped, then they were very wroth; 8 and they conspired all of them together to come and fight against Jerusalem, and to cause confusion therein. 9 But we made our prayer unto our God, and set a watch against them day and night, because of them. 10 And Judah said, The strength of the bearers of burdens is decayed, and there is much rubbish; so that we are not able to build the wall. 11 And our adversaries said, They shall not know, neither see, till we come unto the midst of them, and slay them, and cause the work to cease. 12 And it came to pass that, when the Jews that dwelt by them came, they said unto us ten times from all places, Ye must return unto us. 13 Therefore I set I in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in the open places, I set there the people after their families with their swords, their spears, and their bows. 14 And I looked, and rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, Be ye not afraid of them: remember Jehovah, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your wives, and your houses.

15 And it came to pass, when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, and God had brought their counsel to nought, that we returned all of us to the wall, every one unto his work. 16 And it came to pass from that day forth, that half of my servants wrought in the work, and half of them held the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the rulers were behind all the house of Judah. 17 They that builded the wall and they that bare burdens laded themselves; every one with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other held his weapon; 18 and the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and so builded. And he that sounded the trumpet was by me. 19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers and to the rest of the people, The work is great and large, and we are separated upon the wall, one far from another: 20 in what place sover ye hear the sound of the trumpet, resort ye thither unto us; our God will fight for us.

21 So we wrought in the work: and half of them held the spears from the rising of the morning till the stars appeared. 22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people, Let every one with his servant lodge within Jerusalem, that in the night they may be a guard to us, and may labor in the day. 23 So neither I, nor my brethren, nor my servants, nor the men of the guard that followed me, none of us put off our clothes, 24every one went with his weapon to the water.

5 Then there arose a great cry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. 2 For there were that said, We, our sons and our daughters, are many: let us get grain, that we may eat and live. 3 Some also there were that said, We are mortgaging our fields, and our vineyards, and our houses: let us get grain, because of the dearth. 4 There were also that said, We have borrowed money for the king's tribute upon our fields and our vineyards. 5 Yet now our flesh is as the flesh of our brethren, our children as their children: and, lo, we bring into bondage our sons and our daughters to be servants, and some of our daughters are brought into bondage already; neither is it in our power to help it; for other men have our fields and our vineyards.

6 And I was very angry when I heard their cry and these words. 7 Then I consulted with myself, and contended with the nobles and the rulers, and said unto them, Ye exact usury, every one of his brother. And I held a great assembly against them. 8 And I said unto them, We after our ability have redeemed our brethren the Jews, that were sold unto the nations; and would ye even sell your brethren, and should they be sold unto us? Then held they their peace, and found never a word. 9 Also I said, The thing that ye do is no good: ought ye not to walk in the awe of our God, because of the reproach of the nations our enemies? 10 And I likewise, my brethren and my servants, do lend them money and grain. I pray you, let us leave off this usury. 11 Restore, I pray you, to them, even this day, their fields, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the grain, the new wine, and the oil, that ye exact of them. 12 Then said they, We will restore them, and will require nothing of them; so will we do, even as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and took an oath of them, that they would do according to this promise. 13 Also I shook out my lap, and said, So God shake out every man from his house, and from his labor, that performeth not this promise; even thus be he shaken out, and emptied. And all the assembly said, Amen, and praised Jehovah. And the people did according to this promise.

14 Moreover from the day that I was appointed to be their governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year even unto the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes the king, that is, twelve years, I and my brethren have not eaten the bread of the governor. 15 But the former governors that were before me were chargeable unto the people, and took of them bread and wine, besides forty shekels of silver; yes, even their servants bare rule over the people: but so did not I, because of the awe of God. 16 Yes, also I continued in the work of this wall, neither bought we any land: and all my servants were gathered thereto the work. 17 Moreover there were at my table, of the Jews and the rulers, a hundred fifty men, besides those that came unto us from among the nations that were

23 Hb. healing went up upon the walls of Jerusalem,
24 Or, From all places whence ye shall return they will be upon us.
25 Or, deputies And in vs. 19.
26 Sopherim changed to the Lord,
27 Or, all the house of Judah that builded the wall. 17 And they that bare burdens laded themselves;
28 So RV\textit{int}, Or, but each had his washwater bucket., RV\textit{mg} says, The text is obscure.
29 Or, deputies And in vs. 17.
30 Hb. bought
31 Artaxerxes reigned until his 41st year, about the 10th month, according to various dated clay tablets.
32 Or, laid burdens upon the people,
33 Or, at the rate of forty shekels of silver; or, afterward forty shekels of silver,
34 Or, lorded over the people:
35 Hb. held fast to the work of this wall,
Now it came to pass, when the wall was built, and I had set up the doors, and the porters and the singers and the Levites were appointed, 2 that I gave my brother Hanani, and Hananiah the governor of the castle, charge over Jerusalem; for he was a faithful man, and feared God above many. 3 And I said unto them, Let not the gates of Jerusalem be opened until the sun be hot; and while they stand on guard, let them shut the doors, and bar ye them: and appoint watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one to be over against his house. 4 Now the city was wide and large; but the people were few therein, and the houses were not builded.

5 And my God put into my heart to gather together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might be reckoned by genealogy. And I found the book of the genealogy of them that came up at the first, and I found written therein:

6 These are the children of the province, that went up out of the captivity of those that had been carried away, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away, and that returned unto Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his city:

7 who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua, Nehemiah, Azariah, Raamiah, Nahamani, Mordecai, Bilshana, Bigvai, Nehum, Baanah.

The number of the men of the people of Israel: 8 The children of Parosh, two thousand one hundred seventy-two. 9 The children of Shephatiah, three hundred seventy-two. 10 The children of Arah, six hundred fifty-two. 11 The children of Pahath-moab, of the children of Jeshua and Joab, two thousand eight hundred eighteen. 12 The children of Elam, a thousand two hundred fifty-four. 13 The children of Zattu, eight hundred eighteen. 14 The children of Zarem from Zattu, six hundred fifty-two. 15 The children of Hashum, three hundred twenty-four. 16 The children of Besor, two hundred forty-eight. 17 The children of Rephaim, one hundred twenty-eight. 18 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty-eight. 19 The children of Be cham, two thousand two hundred thirty-two. 20 The children of Jeshua, four hundred seventy-eight. 21 The children of Paneth, six hundred eight. 22 The children of Gershom, one thousand two hundred seventy-two. 23 The children of Shephathiah, three hundred seventy-two. 24 The children of Zattu, eight hundred eighteen. 25 The children of Rechab, one thousand thirty-seven.

The number of the people of Judah, which returned out of captivity, was thirty-two thousand three hundred. 2 The children of Judah, two thousand seven hundred thirty-two. 3 The children of Benjamin, six hundred twenty-one. 4 The children of Ephraim, six thousand three hundred eighteen. 5 The children of Zebulun, five thousand one hundred. 6 The children of Asher, seven thousand three hundred. 7 The children of Naphtali, one thousand seven hundred. 8 The children of Manasseh, that came of Israel, one hundred twenty-two. 9 The children of Shomron, six hundred sixty-seven. 10 The children of Ail, three hundred forty-five. 11 The children of Anathoth, six hundred fifty-two. 12 The children of Zattu, eight hundred eighteen. 13 The children of Ebed, two thousand seventy. 14 The children of Zaccur, two thousand fifty. 15 The children of Hur, one thousand twenty. 16 The children of Shimei, one thousand sixty-seven. 17 The children of Ramathiel, five hundred sixty-three. 18 The children of Gibeon, ninety-five. 19 The children of Arubam, sixty-six. 20 The children of Zaccur, two thousand sixty-seven. 21 The children of Shashub, one thousand twenty-eight. 22 The children of Ahlai, one thousand sixty-eight. 23 The children of Zaccur, two thousand sixty-eight. 24 The children of Helam, one thousand sixty-five. 25 The children of Zadok, seven hundred sixty. 26 The children of Jaddua, one thousand sixty-eight. 27 The children of Sallu, one thousand four hundred ninety-six. 28 The children of Hilkiah, one thousand twenty-eight. 29 The children of Hashabneh, two thousand twenty-eight. 30 The children of Binnui, six hundred forty-eight. 31 The children of Bebai, two thousand forty-eight. 32 The children of Shiblai, five hundred forty. 33 The children of Raamah, one thousand sixty-seven. 34 The children of Ahiman, one thousand sixty-eight. 35 The children of Sheelah, six hundred ninety-three. 36 The children of Armah, six hundred twenty-two. 37 The children of Bilkhi, one thousand ninety-nine.

The children of Zaccur, one thousand forty-eight. 39 The children of Shashub, one thousand forty-eight. 40 The children of Kelaiah, two thousand forty-eight. 41 The children of Bani, six hundred eighty-eight. 42 The children of Bebai, six hundred forty-eight. 43 The children of Hashabneel, one thousand one hundred thirty-two. 44 The children of Omri, one thousand forty-eight. 45 The children of Bani, six hundred forty-eight. 46 The children of Sherebiah, five hundred thirty-two. 47 The children of Rehum, one thousand forty-eight. 48 The children of Hashabneel, two thousand twenty-eight. 49 The children of Bani, sixty-two. 50 The children of Bani, two thousand one hundred forty-eight. 51 The children of Kekura, three hundred seventy-eight. 52 The children of Zadok, one thousand sixty-seven. 53 The children of Shecaniah, seven hundred thirty-six. 54 The children of Bani, two thousand one hundred forty-eight. 55 The children of Bani, two thousand fifty-six. 56 The children of Bani, two thousand twenty-eight. 57 The children of Bani, two thousand thirty-two. 58 The children of Bani, two thousand fifty. 59 The children of Pahath-moab, one thousand two hundred twenty-five. 60 The children of Pahath-moab, one thousand two hundred sixty-seven. 61 The children of Meshullam, one thousand forty-eight. 62 The children of Hadad, three hundred forty-eight. 63 The children of Pekahiah, one thousand forty-eight. 64 The children of Pekahiah, one thousand thirty-two. 65 The children of Pekahiah, one thousand sixty-seven.
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of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred thirty.

39 The priests: the children of Jedaiah, of the house of Jeshua, nine hundred seventy-three. 40 The children of Immer, a thousand fifty-two. 41 The children of Pashhur, a thousand two hundred forty-seven. 42 The children of Harim, a thousand seventeen.

43 The Levites: the children of Jeshua, of Kadmiel, of the children of Hodevah, seventy-four. 44 The singers: the children of Asaph, a hundred forty-eight. 45 The porters: the children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of Akkub, the children of Hatita, the children of Shobai, a hundred thirty-eight.

46 The Nethinim: the children of Ziba, the children of Hasupha, the children of Tabhath, 47 the children of Keros, the children of Sia, the children of Padon, the children of Lebana, the children of Hagaba, the children of Salmai, 48 the children of Hanan, the children of Giddel, the children of Gahar, the children of Hagaba, the children of Reaiah, the children of Rezin, the children of Nekoda, the children of Gazzam, the children of Uzza, the children of Paseah, the children of Besai, the children of Meunim, the children of Nephisheshim, the children of Bakub, the children of Hakupha, the children of Harhur, the children of Bazlith, the children of Mehida, the children of Harsha, the children of Barkos, the children of Sisera, the children of Temah, the children of Neziah, the children of Hatipha.

57 The children of Solomon’s servants: the children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida, 58 the children of Jaala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, the children of Shepatiah, the children of Hattil, the children of Pochereth-hazzebaim, the children of Amon. 60 All the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon’s servants, were three hundred ninety-two.

61 And these were they that went up from Tel-melah, Tel-harsha, Cherub, Addon, and Immer; but they could not show their fathers’ houses, nor their seed, whether they were of Israel: 62 The children of Delaiah, the children of Tobiah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty-two. 63 And of the priests: the children of Hobaiah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, who took a wife of the daughters of Barzillai the Gileadite, and was called after their name. 64 These sought their register among those that were reckoned by genealogy, but it was not found: therefore were they deemed polluted and put from the priesthood. 65 And the governor said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there stood up a priest with Urim and Thummim.

66 The whole assembly together was forty-two thousand three hundred sixty, 67 besides their men-servants and their maid-servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty-seven: and they had two hundred forty-five singing men and singing women. 68 Their horses were seven hundred thirty-six; their mules, two hundred forty-five; 69 their camels, four hundred thirty-five; their asses, six thousand seven hundred twenty.

70 And some from among the heads of fathers’ houses gave unto the work. The governor gave to the treasury a thousand darics of gold, fifty basins, five hundred thirty priests’ garments. 71 And some of the heads of fathers’ houses gave into the treasury of the work twenty thousand 80 darics of gold, and two thousand two hundred 81 pounds of silver. 72 And that which the rest of the people gave was twenty thousand darics of gold, and two thousand pounds of silver, and sixty-seven priests’ garments.

73 So the priests, and the Levites, and the porters, and the singers, and some of the people, and the Nethinim, and all Israel, dwelt in their cities.

And when the seventh month was come, the children of Israel were in their cities.

8 And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the broad place that was before the water gate; and they spake unto Ezra the scribe to bring the book of the law of Moses, which Jehovah had commanded to Israel. 2 And Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, both men and women, and all that could hear with understanding, upon the first day of the seventh month. 3 And he read therein before the broad place that was before the water gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women, and of those that could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive unto the book of the law. 4 And Ezra the scribe stood upon a 82 pulpit 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, Pedaiah, and Mishael, and Malchijah, and Hashum, and Hashbadanah, 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 Jehovah, the great God. And all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with the lifting up of their hands: and they bowed their heads, and worshipped Jehovah with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua, and Bani, and Sherebiah, Jamin, Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodiah, Maaseiah, Keliya, Azariah, Johadad, Hanan, Pelaiah, and the Levites, caused the people to understand the law: and the people stood in their place. 8 And they read in the book, in the law of God, distinctly; and they gave the sense, so that they understood the reading.

9 And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest the scribe, and the Levites that taught the people, said unto all the people, This day is holy unto Jehovah your God; mourn not, nor weep. For all the people wept, when they heard the words of the law. 10 Then he said unto them, Go your way, eat the fat, and drink the sweet, and send portions unto him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is holy unto our Lord: neither be ye grieved: for the joy of Jehovah is your strength. 11 So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, Hold your peace, for the day is holy; neither be ye grieved. 12 And all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and

42 Hb read Hodeiah.
43 Hb reads Nepheshesim.
44 Hb. They were polluted from the priesthood.
45 Most Hb. mss., Aram. omit vs. 68. (likely scribal error)
46 That is, 20,000 darics = 166 kg (gold).
47 Hb. maneh = 0.58 kg (2,200 maneh = 1.28 metric tons)
48 Hb. from the light until midday,
49 Hb. tower
50 Or, with an interpretation;
51 Or, and caused them to understand the reading.
And on the second day were gathered together the heads of fathers’ houses of all the people, the priests, and the Levites, unto Ezra the scribe, even to give attention to the words of the law. And they found written in the law, how that Jehovah had commanded Moses, that the children of Israel should dwell in booths in the feast of the seventh month; and that they should publish and proclaim in all their cities, and in Jerusalem, saying, Go forth unto the mount, 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. So the people went forth, 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 broad place of the water gate, and in the broad place of the gate of Ephraim. And all the assembly of them that were come again out of the captivity made booths, and dwelt in the booths: for since the days of 53 Joshua the son of Nun unto that day had not the children of Israel done so. And there was very great gladness.

Now in the twenty-fourth day of this month the children of Israel were assembled with fasting, and with sackcloth, and earth upon them. 2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all sons of 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 law of Jehovah their God a fourth part of the day; and another fourth part they confessed, and worshipped Jehovah their God. 4 Then stood up upon the stairs of the Levites, Jeshua, and Bani, Kadmiel, Shebaniah, Banni, Sherebiah, Bani, and Kehuniah, and cried with a loud voice unto Jehovah their God.

Then the Levites, Jeshua, and Kadmiel, Bani, Hashabneiah, Sherebiah, Hodiah, Shebaniah, and Pethahiah, said, Stand up and bless Jehovah your God from everlasting to everlasting: and 56 blessed be thy glorious name, which is exalted above all blessing and praise. 6 Thou art Jehovah, even thou alone; thou hast made heaven, the heaven of heavens, with all their host, the earth and all things that are therein, the seas and all that is in them, and thou preservest them all; and the host of heaven worships thee. 7 Thou art 57 Jehovah the God, who didst choose Abram, and broughtest him forth out of Ur of the Chaldees, and gavest him the name of Abraham, and foundest his heart faithful before thee, and madest a covenant with him to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittite, the Amorite, and the Perizzite, and the Jebusite, and the Girgashite, to give it unto his seed, and hast performed thy words; for thou art righteous.

And thou sawest the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, and hearest their cry by the Red Sea, and showedst signs and wonders upon Pharaoh, and on all his servants, and on all the people of his land; for thou knowest that they dealt proudly against them, and didst get thee a name, as it is this day. And thou didst divide the sea before them, so that they went through the midst of the sea on the dry land; and their pursuers thou didst cast into the depths, as a stone into the mighty waters. Moreover in a pillar of cloud thou leddest them by day; and in a pillar of fire by night, to give them light in the way wherein they should go. Thou camest down also upon mount Sinai, and spakest with them from heaven, and gavest them right ordinances and true laws, good statutes and commandments, and madest known unto them thy holy sabbath, and commandedst them commandments, and statutes, and a law, by Moses thy servant, and gavest them bread from heaven for their hunger, and broughtest forth water for them out of the rock for their thirst, and commandedst them that they should go in to possess the land which thou hadst sworn to give them.

But they, even our fathers, dealt proudly, and hardened their neck, and hearkened not to thy commandments, and refused to obey, neither were mindful of thy wonders that thou didst among them, but hardened their neck, and in their rebellion appointed a captain to return to their bondage. But thou art 59 a God ready to pardon, gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and forsokest them not. 18 Yes, when they had made them a molten calf, and said, This is thy God that brought thee up out of Egypt, and had wrought great provocations; 19 yet thou in thy manifold mercies forsookest them not in the wilderness: the pillar of cloud departed not from over them by day, to lead them in the way; neither the pillar of fire by night, to show them light, and the way wherein they should go. 20 Thou gavest also thy good Spirit to instruct them, and withheldest not thy manna from their mouth, and gavest them water for their thirst. 21 Yes, forty years didst thou sustain them in the wilderness, and they lacked nothing: their clothes waxed not old, and their feet swelled not. 22 Moreover thou gavest them kingdoms and peoples, which thou didst allot after their portions: so they possessed the land of Sihon, even the land of the king of Heshbon, and the land of Og king of Bashan. 23 Their children also multipliedst thou as the stars of heaven, and broughtest them into the land concerning which thou didst say to their fathers, that they should go in to possess it. 24 So the children went in and possessed the land, and thou subduedst before them the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, and gavest 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 took fortified cities, and a fat land, and possessed houses full of all good things, cisterns hewn out, vineyards, and oliveyards, and fruit-trees in abundance: so they did eat, and were filled, and became fat, and delighted themselves in thy great goodness.

Nevertheless they were disobedient, and rebelled against thee, and cast thy law behind their back, and slew thy prophets that testified against them to turn them again unto thee,
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and they wrought great provocations. 27 Therefore thou deliveredst them into the hand of their adversaries, who distressed them: and in the time of their trouble, when they cried unto thee, thou hearest from heaven; and according to thy manifold mercies thou gavest them savours who saved them out of the hand of their adversaries. 28 But after they had rest, they did evil again before thee; Therefore lefiest thou them in the hand of their enemies, so that they had the dominion over them: yet when they returned, and cried unto thee, thou hearest from heaven; and many times didst thou deliver them according to thy mercies, and testifiedst against them, that thou mightest bring them again unto thy law. Yet they dealt proudly, and hearkened not unto thy commandments, but sinned against thine ordinances, (which if a man do, he shall live in them,) and withdrawn the shoulder, and hardened their neck, and would not hear. 30 Yet many years didst thou bear with them, and testifiedst against them by thy Spirit through thy prophets: yet would they not give ear: therefore gavest thou them into the hand of the peoples of the lands. 31 Nevertheless in thy manifold mercies thou didst not make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for thou art a gracious and merciful God.

32 Now therefore, our God, the great, the mighty, and the awesome God, who keepest covenant and lovingkindness, let not all the travail seem little before thee, that hath come upon us, on our kings, on our princes, and on our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, and on all thy people, since the days of the kings of Assyria unto this day. 33 Howbeit thou art just in all that is come upon us; for thou hast dealt truly, but many times didst thou not make a full end of them, nor forsake them; for thou gavest them into the hand of their enemies, so that they had dominion over them, and the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, and in the land that thou gavest unto their fathers, and which if a man do, he shall live in them, and hearkened unto thy commandments and thy testimonies wherewith thou didst testify against them. 35 For they have not served thee in their kingdom, and in thy great goodness that thou gavest them, and in the large and fat land which thou gavest before them, neither turned they from their wicked works. 36 Behold, we are servants this day, and as for the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat the fruit thereof and the good thereof, behold, we are servants in it. 37 And it yieldeth much increase unto the kings whom thou hast set over us because of our sins: also they have power over our bodies, and over our cattle, at their pleasure, and we are in great distress. 38 And yet for all this we make a sure covenant, and write it; and our princes, our Levites, and our priests, seal unto it.

10 Now those that sealed were: Nehemiah the governor, the son of Hakaliah, and Zebediah, 2 Seraiah, Azariah, Jeremiah, 3 Pashhur, Amariah, Malchijah, 4 Hattush, Shebaniah, Malluch, 5 Harim, Meremoth, Obadiah, 6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7 Meshullam, Abijah, Mijamin, 8 Maaziah, Bilgai, Shemaiah; these were the priests. 9 And the Levites: namely, Jeshua the son of Azaniah, Binnui of the sons of Henadad, Kadmiel; 10 and their brethren, Shebaniah, Hodiah, Keita, Pahia, Hanan, 11 Mica, Rehob, Hashabiah, 12 Zaccur, Sherebiah, Shebaniah, 13 Hodiah, Bani, Binnui. 14 The chiefs of the people: Parosh, Pahath-moab, Elam, Zattu, Bani, 15 Bunni, Azgad, Bebai, 16 Adonijah, Bigvai, Adin, 17 Ater, Hezekiah, Azzur, 18 Hodiah, Hashum, Bebai, 19 Hariph, Anathoth, 46 Nobai, 20 Mangani, Meshulam, Hezir, 21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua, 22 Pelatiah, Hanan, Aanai, 23 Hoshia, Hananiah, Hashub, 24 Hallohesh, Phila, Shenob, 25 Rehum, Hashabnah, Maaseiah, 26 and Ahiah, Hanan, Anan, 27 Malluch, Harim, Baanah.

28 And the rest of the people the priests, the Levites, the singers, the porters, the Nethinim, and all they that had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their daughters, every one that had knowledge and understanding; 29 they clave to their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath, to walk in God’s law, which was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of Jehovah our Lord, and his ordinances and his statutes; 30 and that we would not give our daughters unto the peoples of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; 31 and if the peoples of the land bring wares or any grain on the sabbath day to sell, that we would not buy of them on the sabbath, or on a holy day; and that we would forego the seventh year, and the exaction of every debt.

32 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; 33 for the showbread, and for the continual meal-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, for the sabbaths, for the new moons, for the set feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. 34 And we cast lots, the priests, the Levites, the people, for the wood-offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers’ houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn upon the altar of Jehovah our God, as it is written in the law; and to bring the firstfruits of our ground, and the firstfruits of all fruit of all manner of trees, year by year, unto the house of Jehovah; 36 also the firstborn of our sons, and of our cattle, as it is written in the law, and the firstlings of our herds and of our flocks, to bring to the house of our God, unto the priests that minister in the house of our God; 37 and that we should bring the firstfruits of our 64 dough, and our heave-offerings, and the fruit of all manner of trees, 65 the new wine and the oil, unto the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and the tithes of our ground unto the Levites; for they, the Levites, live from the tithes in all cities of our tillage. 38 And the priest the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites tithe: and the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure-house. 39 For the children of Israel and the children of Levi shall bring the heave-offering of the grain, of the new wine, and of the oil, unto the chambers, where are the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that minister, and the porters, and the singers: and we will not forsake the house of our God.

11 And the princes of the people dwell in Jerusalem: the rest of the people also cast lots, to bring one of ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city, and nine parts in the other

61 Lv 18:5. 62 Hb. they gave a stubborn shoulder, 63 Or, because of all this 64 Or, faithful covenant, 65 Hb. are at the sealing. 66 Hb.mg reads Nebai, 67 Or, coarse meal, 68 Or, the vintage and Similarly in vs. 39.
cities. 2 And the people blessed all the men that willingly offered themselves to dwell in Jerusalem. 3 Now these are the chiefs of the province that dwelt in Jerusalem: but in the cities of Judah dwelt every one in his possession in their cities, to wit, Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and the Nethinim, and the children of Solomon's servants. 4 And in Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah: Athaiah the son of Uzzia, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amariah, the son of Shephatiah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of Perez; and Maaseiah the son of Baruch, the son of Col-hozeh, 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 that dwelt in Jerusalem were four hundred sixty-eight valiant men. 7 And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Joel, the son of Pedahzur, the son of Koliah, the son of Maseah, the son of Ihiel, the son of Jeshaiah. 8 And after him Gabbai, Sallai, nine hundred twenty-eight. 9 And Joel the son of Zichri was their overseer; and Judah the son of H Hassenuah was second over the city. 10 Of the priests: Jededia the son of Joiarib, Jachin, 11 Seraiah the son of Hilki, the son of Meshulam, the son of Zadok, the son of Meraioth, the son of Ahitub, the ruler of the house of God, 12 and their brethren that did the work of the house, eight hundred twenty-two; and Adai the son of Jeroham, the son of Pelaliah, the son of Amzi, the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashur, the son of Malchijah, 13 and his brethren, chiefs of fathers' houses, two hundred forty-two; and Amasah the son of Azarel, the son of Ahzai, the son of the Meshillemoth, the son of Immer, 14 and their brethren, mighty men of valor, a hundred twenty-eight: and their overseer was Zabdiel, 15 the son of Haggodolim. 16 And of the Levites: Shemaia the son of Hasshub, the son of Azrikam, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Bunni; 16 and Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, who had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God; 17 and Mattaniah the son of Mica, the son of Zabdi, the son of Asaph, who was the chief to begin the thanksgiving in prayer, and Bakbukiah, the second among his brethren; 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 eighty-four. 19 Moreover the porters, Akkub, Talmon, and their brethren, that kept watch at the gates, were a hundred seventy-two. 20 And the residue of Israel, of the priests, the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance. 21 But the Nethinim dwelt in Ophel: and Zia and Gishpa were over the Nethinim. 22 The overseer also of the Levites at Jerusalem was Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Hashabiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Mica, of the sons of Asaph, the singers, over the business of the house of God. 23 For there was a commandment from the king concerning them, and a settled provision for the singers, as every day required. 24 And Pethahiah the son of Meshezabel, of the children 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 children of Judah dwelt in Kirath-arba and the towns thereof, and in Dibon and the towns thereof, and in Jekabzeel and the villages thereof, and in Jesua, and in Moladah, and Beth-pelet, and in Hazar-shual, and in Beer-sheba and the towns thereof, and in Ziklag, and in Meconah and in the towns thereof, and in En-rommim, and in Zorah, and in Jarmuth, and in Zanoah, and in all the villages of Lachish and the fields thereof, Azekah and the towns thereof. So they encamped from Beer-sheba unto the valley of Hinnom. 26 The children of Benjmin also dwelt from Geba onward, at Michmas and Aia, and at Beth-el and the towns thereof, at Anathoth, Nob, Ananiah, Hazor, Ramah, Gittaim, 27 Hadid, Zeboim, Neballat, 31 Lod, and Ono, the valley of craftsmen. 28 And of the Levites, certain courses in Judah were joined to Benjamin. 29 Now these are the priests and the Levites that went up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, and Jeshua: Seraiah, Jeremiah, Ezra, 2 Amariah, Malluch, Hattush, 3 Shecaniah, Rehum, Meremoth, 4 Idel, Ginnethoi, Abijah, 5 Mijamin, Maadiah, Bilgah, 6 Shemaia, and Joiarib, Jedediah, 7 Sallu, Amok, Hilki, Jedediah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua. 20 Moreover the Levites: Jeshua, Binni, Kadmiel, Sherebiah, Judah, and Mattaniah, who was over the thanksgiving, he and his brethren. 9 Also Bakbukiah and Unno, their brethren, were over against them according to their offices. 10 And Jeshua begat Joiaim, and Joiaim begat Eliashib, and Eliashib begat Joiada, and Joiai begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua. 12 And in the days of Joiaim were priests, heads of fathers' houses: of Seraiah, Meraiah; of Jeremiah, Hananiah; 13 of Ezra, Meshullam; of Amariah, Jehohanan; 14 of Maluch, Jonathan; of Shebaniah, Joseph; 15 of Harim, Adna; of Meraioth, Helkai; 16 of Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; 17 of Abijah, Zichri; of Michmam, of Obed; 18 of Bilgah, Shammua; of Shemaiah, Jehonathan; 19 and of Joiarib, Mattenai; of Jedediah, Uzzi; 20 of Sallai, Kallai; of Amok, Eber; 21 of Hilki, Hashabiah; of Jededia, Nethanel. 22 As for the Levites, in the days of Eliashib, Joiada, and Johanan, and Jaddua, there were recorded the heads of fathers' houses; also the priests, in the reign of Darius the Persian. 23 The sons of Levi, heads of fathers' houses, were written in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Johanan the son of Eliashib. 24 And the chief of the Levites:

69 Or, one of the great men. 70 Or, a sure ordinance concerning the singers, 71 Hb. daughters And so throughout vss. 25-31. 72 Or, Ge-harashim See 1Chr 4:14. 73 Or, the choirs, 74 Hb. read Melicu, 75 Johanan evidently later became the high priest: From a petition of Jews in Elephantine, Egypt, “In the month of Tammuz in the 14th year of King Darius ... We have also sent a letter before now ... to our lord and to the high priest Johanan and his colleagues the priests in Jerusalem and to Ostanes the brother of Anani and the nobles of the Jews. ... We have also set the whole matter forth in a letter in our name to Delaiah and Shelemiah, the sons of Sanballat the governor of Samaria. Also, Arsames knew nothing of all that was done to us. On the 20th of Marheshvan, year 17 of King Darius. [J.B. Pritchard, The Ancient Near East, I; p. 279-281]
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Hashabiah, Sherebiah, and Josha the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren over against them, to praise and give thanks, according to the commandment of David the man of God, watch next to watch. 25 Mattanah, and Bakbukiah, Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, Akkub, were porters keeping the watch at the store-houses 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 out of all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem, to keep the dedication with gladness, both with thanksgivings, and with singing, with cymbals, psalteries, and with harps. 28 And the sons of the singers gathered themselves together, both out of the plain round about Jerusalem, and from the villages of the Netophathites; 29 also from Beth-gilgal, and out of the fields of Geba and Azmaveth: for the singers had built them villages round about Jerusalem. 30 And the priests and the Levites purified themselves; and they purified the people, and the gates, and the wall.

31 Then I brought up the princes of Judah upon the wall, and appointed two great companies that gave thanks and went in procession; wherof one went on the right hand upon the wall toward the dung gate: 32 and after them went Hoshiaiah, and half of the princes of Judah, 33 and Azariah, Ezra, and Meshullam, 34 Judah, and Benjamin, and Shemaiah, and Jeremiah, and certain of the priests' sons with trumpets: Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shemaiah, the son of Mattaniah, the son of Micaiah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Asaph; 36 and his brethren, Shemaiah, and Azarel, and Milalai, Gilalai, Maai, Nethanel, and Judah, Hanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God; and Ezra the scribe was before them. 37 And by the fountain gate, and straight before them, they went up by the stairs of the city of David, at the ascent of the wall, above the house of David, even unto the water gate eastward.

38 And the other company of them that gave thanks went to meet them, and I after them, with the half of the people, upon the wall, above the tower of the furnaces, even unto the broad wall, 39 and above the gate of Ephraim, and by the old gate, and by the fish gate, and the tower of Hananel, and the tower of Hammeah, even unto the sheep gate: and they stood still in the gate of the guard. 40 So stood the two companies of them that gave thanks in the house of God, and I, and the half of the rulers with me; 41 and the priests, Eliakim, Maaseiah, Miniamin, Micah, Eliezer, Zechariah, and Hananiah, with trumpets; 42 and Maaseiah, and Shemariah, and Eleazar, and Uzzi, and Jehohanan, and Malchijah, and Elam, and Ezer. And the singers sang loud, with Jezrahiah their overseer. 43 And they offered great sacrifices that day, and rejoiced; for God had made them rejoice with great joy; and the women also and the children rejoiced: so that the joy of Jerusalem was heard even afar off.

44 And on that day were men appointed over the chambers for the treasures, for the heave-offerings, for the firstfruits, and for the tithes, to gather into them, according to the fields of the cities, the portions appointed by the law for the priests and Levites: for Judah rejoiced for the priests and for the Levites that waited. 45 And they kept the charge of their God, and the charge of the purification, and so did the singers and the porters, according to the commandment of David, and of Solomon his son. 46 For in the days of David and Asaph of old was a chief of the singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto God. 47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the singers and the porters, as every day required: and they set apart that which was for the Levites; and the Levites set apart that which was for the sons of Aaron.

13 On that day they read in the book of Moses in the audience of the people; and therein was found written,

82 that an Ammonite and a Moabite should not enter into the assembly of God for ever, 83 because they met not the children of Israel with bread and with water, but hired Balaam against them, to curse them: howbeit our God turned the curse into a blessing. 8 And it came to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated from Israel all the mixed multitude.

4 Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, being allied unto Tobiah, 5 had prepared for him a great chamber, where aforetime they laid the meal-offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of grain, the new wine, and the oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, and the singers, and the porters; and the heave-offerings for the priests.

6 But in all this time I was not at Jerusalem; for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went unto the king: and after certain days asked I leave of the king, 7 and I came to Jerusalem, and understood the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, in preparing him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8 And it grieved me sore: therefore I cast forth all the household stuff of Tobiah out of the chamber. 9 Then I commanded, and they cleansed the chambers: and thither brought I again the vessels of the house of God, with the meal-offerings and the frankincense.

10 And I perceived that the portions of the Levites had not been given them; so that the Levites and the singers, that did the work, were fled every one to his field. 11 Then I contended I 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 brought all Judah the tithe of the grain and the new wine and the oil unto the treasuries. 13 And I made treasurers over the treasuries, Shelemiah the priest, and Zadok the scribe, and of the Levites, Pedahiah: and next to them was Hanan the son of Zaccur, the son of Mattaniah; for they were counted faithful, and their business was to distribute unto their brethren. 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 the observances thereof.

15 In those days saw I in Judah some men treading winepresses on the sabbath, and bringing in sheaves, and lading

76 Or, Circuit
77 Or, The Hundred,
78 Or, deputies
79 Hb. of the law for the priests and the Levites:
80 Hb. stood.
81 Hb† reads there were chiefs of the singers,
82 Dt 23:3-5.
83 Hb. chamber
84 Or, deputies
85 Or, the heaps of grain,
asses therewith; as also wine, grapes, and figs, and all manner of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the sabbath day: and I testified against them in the day wherein they sold victuals. 16 There dwelt men of Tyre also therein, who brought in fish, and all manner of wares, and sold on the sabbath unto the children of Judah, and in Jerusalem. 17 Then I contended with the nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this that ye do, and profane the sabbath day? 18 Did not your fathers thus, and did not our God bring all this evil upon us, and upon this city? yet ye 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 doors should be shut, and commanded that they should not be opened till after the sabbath: and some of my servants set I over the gates, that there should no burden be brought in on the sabbath day. 20 So the merchants and sellers of all kind of wares lodged without Jerusalem once or twice. 21 Then I testified against them, and said unto them, Why lodge ye about the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth came they no more on the sabbath.

22 And I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves, and that they should come and keep the gates, to sanctify the sabbath day.

Remember unto me, O my God, this also, and spare me according to the greatness of thy lovingkindness.

23 In those days also saw I the Jews that had married women of Ashdod, of Ammon, and of Moab: 24 and their children spake half in the speech of Ashdod, and could not speak in the Jews' language, but according to the language of each people. 25 And I contended with them, and cursed them, and smote certain of them, and plucked off their hair, and made them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters for your sons, or for yourselves. 26 Did not Solomon king of Israel sin by these things? yet among many nations was there no king like him, and he was beloved of his God, and God made him king over all Israel: nevertheless even him did foreign women cause to sin. 27 Shall we then hearken unto you to do all this great evil, to trespass against our God in marrying foreign women?

28 And one of the sons of Joiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was son-in-law to Sanballat the Horonite: therefore I chased him 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 cleansed I them from all foreigners, and appointed charges for the priests and for the Levites, every one in his work; 31 and for the wood-offering, at times appointed, and for the firstfruits.

Remember me, O my God, for good.

86 Hb. before
87 Hb. had made to dwell with them women
88 Or, reviled them,
89 Hb. for the defilements of the priesthood,
90 Or, everything foreign,


1 Now it came to pass in the days of Ahasuerus, (this is the Ahasuerus who reigned from India even unto Ethiopia, over a hundred twenty-seven provinces,) that in those days, when the king Ahasuerus sat on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the palace, in the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants; the power of Persia and Media, the nobles and princes of the provinces, being before him; when these days were fulfilled, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both great and small, seven days. 7 And when these days were fulfilled, the king made a feast unto all the people that were present in Shushan the palace, both great and small, seven days. 8 There were hangings of white cloth, of blue, fastened with cords of fine linen and purple to silver rings and pillars of marble: the couches were of gold and silver, upon a pavement of red, and white, and yellow, and black marble. 9 And they gave them drink in vessels of gold, (the vessels being diverse one from another,) and royal wine in abundance, according to the bounty of the king. 10 And the king commanded all the princes, and to all the peoples that are in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus. 11 For this deed of the queen will come abroad unto all women, to make their husbands contemptible in their eyes, when it shall be reported, The king Ahasuerus commanded Vashti the queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. 12 And this day will the princesses of Persia and Media who have heard of the deed of the queen say the like unto all the king’s princes. So will there arise much contempt and wrath. 13 If it please the king, let there go forth a royal commandment from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that it be not altered, that Vashti come no more before king Ahasuerus; and let the king give her royal estate unto another that is better than she. 14 And when the king’s decree which he shall make shall be published throughout all his kingdom, (for it is great,) all the wives will give to their husbands honor, both to great and small. 15 And the saying pleased the king and the princes; and the king did according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, and should speak according to the language of his people.

2 After these things, when the wrath of king Ahasuerus was pacified, he remembered Vashti, and what she had done, and what was decreed against her. 2 Then said the king’s servants that ministered unto him, Let there be fair young virgins sought for the king: 3 and let the king appoint officers in all the provinces of his kingdom, that they may gather together all the fair young virgins unto Shushan the palace, to the house of the women, unto the custody of Hegai the king’s chamberlain, keeper of the women; and let their things for purification be given them; 4 and let the maiden that pleaseth the king be queen instead of Vashti. And the thing pleased the king; and he did so.

5 There was a certain Jew in Shushan the palace, whose name was Mordecai, the son of Jair, the son of Shimei, the son of Kish, a Benjamite, who had been carried away from Jerusalem with the captives that had been carried away with Jeconiah king of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried away. 6 And he brought up Hadassah, that is, Esther, his uncle’s daughter: for she had neither father nor mother, and the maiden was fair and beautiful; and when her father and mother were dead, Mordecai took her for his own daughter.
8 So it came to pass, when the king’s commandment and his decree were heard, and when many maidens were gathered together unto Shushan the palace, to the custody of Hegai, that Esther was taken into the king’s house, to the custody of Hegai, keeper of the women. 9 And the maiden pleased him, and she obtained kindness of him; and he speedily gave her things to her for purification, with her portions, and the seven maids who were meet to be given her out of the king’s house: and he removed her and her maidens to the best place of the house of the women. 10 Esther had not made known her people nor her kindred; for Mordecai had charged her that she should not make it known. 11 And Mordecai walked every day before the court of the women’s house, to know how Esther did, and what would become of her.

12 Now when the turn of every maiden was come to go in to king Ahasuerus, after that it had been done to her according to the law for the women twelve months, (for so were the days of their purifications accomplished, to wit, six months with oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors and with the things for the purifying of the women;) 13 then in this wise came the maiden unto the king: whatsoever she desired was given her to go with her out of the house of the women unto the king’s house. 14 In the evening she went, and on the morrow she returned into the second house of the women, to the custody of Shaashgaz, the king’s chamberlain, who kept the concubines: she came in unto the king no more, except the king delighted in her, and she were called by name. 15 Now when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abihail the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her for his daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king’s chamberlain, the keeper of the women appointed. And Esther obtained favor in the sight of all them that looked upon her.

16 So Esther was taken unto king Ahasuerus into his house royal in the tenth month, which is the month Tebeth, “in the seventh year of his reign. 17 And the king loved Esther above all the women, and she obtained favor and kindness 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 feast unto all his princes and his servants, even Esther’s feast; and he made a 17th release to the provinces, and gave gifts, according to the 18th bounty of the king.

19 And when the virgins were gathered together the second time, then Mordecai was sitting in the king’s gate. 20 Esther had not yet made known her kindred nor her people; as Mordecai had charged her: for Esther did the commandment of Mordecai, like as when she was brought up with him. 21 In those days, while Mordecai was sitting in the king’s gate, two of the king’s chamberlains, Bigthan and Teresh, of those that kept the threshold, were wroth, and sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus. 22 And the thing became known to Mordecai, who showed it unto Esther the queen; and Esther told the king thereof in Mordecai’s name. 23 And when inquisition was made of the matter, and it was found to be so, they were both hanged on a tree: and it was written in the book of the chronicles before the king.

3 After these things did king Ahasuerus promote Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him, and set his seat above all the princes that were with him. 2 And all the king’s servants, that were in the king’s gate, bowed down, and did reverence to Haman; for the king had so commanded concerning him. But Mordecai bowed not down, nor did him reverence. 3 Then the king’s servants, that were in the king’s gate, said unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king’s commandment? 4 Now it came to pass, when they spake daily unto him, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told Haman, to see whether Mordecai’s matters would stand: for he had told them that he was a Jew. 5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bowed not down, nor did him reverence, then was Haman full of wrath. 6 But he thought scorn to lay hands on Mordecai alone; for they had made known to him the people of Mordecai: wherefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus, even the people of Mordecai.

7 In the first month, which 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, to the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. 8 And Haman said unto king Ahasuerus, There is a certain people scattered abroad and 20 dispersed among the peoples in all the provinces of thy kingdom; and their laws are diverse from those of every people; neither keep they the king’s laws: therefore it is not for the king’s profit to suffer them. 9 If it please the king, let it be written that they be destroyed: and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those that have the charge of the king’s business, to bring it into the king’s treasures. 10 And the king took his ring from his hand, and gave it unto Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the Jews’ enemy. 11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver is given to thee; the people also, to do with them as it seemeth good to thee.

12 Then were the king’s scribes called in the first month, on the thirteenth day thereof; and there was written according to all that Haman commanded unto the king’s satraps, and to the governors that were over every province, and to the princes of every people, to every province according to the writing thereof, and to every people after their language; in the name of king Ahasuerus was it written, and it was sealed with the king’s ring. 13 And letters were sent by posts into all the king’s provinces, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, even upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and to take the spoil of them for a prey. 14 A copy of the writing, 24 that the decree should be given out in every province, was published unto all the peoples, that they should be ready against that day. 15 The posts went forth in haste by the king’s commandment, and the decree was given

16 Two years after he burned Athens; months after his disastrous defeat at Plataea. Likely BC 478 January.
17 Hb. rest
18 Hb. hand of the king.
19 Or, words
20 Or, separated
21 Or, not appropriate for the king to suffer them.
22 That is, 348 metric tons
23 An Amalakite, per Josephus, Antiq. IX, vi. 5.
24 Cf. 1Sa 15:32; Ex 17:16.
out in Shushan the palace. And the king and Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan was perplexed.

Now when Mordecai knew all that was done, Mordecai rent 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 he came even before the king’s gate: for none might enter within the king’s gate clothed with sackcloth. And in every province, whithersoever the king’s commandment and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, and fasting, and weeping, and wailing; and many lay in sackcloth and ashes.

And Esther’s maidens and her chamberlains came and told it her; and the queen was exceedingly grieved: and she sent raiment to clothe Mordecai, and to take his sackcloth from off him; but he received it not. 5 Then called Esther for Hathach, one of the king’s chamberlains, whom he had appointed to attend upon her, and charged him to go to Mordecai, to know what this was, and why it was. 6 So Hathach went forth to Mordecai unto the broad place of the city, which was before the king’s gate. 7 And Mordecai told him of all that had happened unto him, and the exact sum of the money that Haman had promised to pay to the king’s treasuries for the Jews, to destroy them. 8 Also he gave him the copy of the writing of the decree that was given out in Shushan to destroy them, to show it unto Esther, and to declare it unto her, and to charge her that she should go in unto the king, to make supplication unto him, and to make request before him, for her people.

9 And Hathach came and told Esther the words of Mordecai. 10 Then Esther spake unto Hathach, and gave him a message unto Mordecai; saying: 11 All the king’s servants, and the people of the king’s provinces, do know, that whosoever, whether man or woman, shall come unto the king into the inner court, who is not called, there is one law for him, that he be put to death, except those to whom the king shall hold out the golden sceptre, that he may live: but I have not been called to come in unto the king these thirty days. 12 And they told to Mordecai Esther’s words.

13 Then Mordecai bade them return answer unto Esther, Think not with thy soul that thou shalt escape in the king’s house, more than all the Jews. 14 For if thou altogether holdest thy peace at this time, then will relief and deliverance arise to the Jews, to destroy them. 15 And Esther said, If I have found favor in the sight of the king, and if it please the king to grant my petition, and to perform my request, let the king and Haman come this day unto the banquet that I have prepared for him.

5 Then the king said, Cause Haman to make haste, that it may be done as Esther hath said. So the king and Haman came to the banquet that Esther had prepared. 6 And the king said unto Esther at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom. 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 perform 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 hath said.

9 Then went Haman forth that day joyful and glad of heart: but when Haman saw Mordecai in the king’s gate, that he stood not up nor moved for him, he was filled with wrath against Mordecai. 10 Nevertheless Haman refrained himself, and went home; and he sent and fetched his friends and Zeresh his wife. 11 And Haman recounted unto them the glory of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all the things wherein the king had promoted him, and how he had advanced him above the princes and servants of the king. 12 Haman said moreover, Yes, Esther the queen did let no man come in with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared but myself; and tomorrow also am I invited by her together with the king. 13 Yet all this availeth me nothing, so long as I see Mordecai the Jew sitting at the king’s gate. 14 Then said Zeresh his wife and all his friends unto him, Let a gallows be made fifty cubits high, and in the morning speak thou unto the king that Mordecai may be hanged thereon: then go thou in merrily with the king unto the banquet. And the thing pleased Haman; and he caused the gallows to be made.

On that night could not the king 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 chamberlains, of those that kept the threshold, who had sought to lay hands on the king Ahasuerus. 3 And the king said, What honor and dignity hath been bestowed on Mordecai for this? Then said the king’s servants that ministered unto him, There is nothing done for him. 4 And the king said, Who is in the court? Now Haman was come into the outward court of the king’s house, to speak unto the king to hang Mordecai on the gallows that he had prepared for him. 5 And the king’s servants said unto him, Behold, Haman standeth in the court. And the king said, Let him come in. 6 So Haman came in. And the king said unto him, What shall be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor? Now Haman said in his heart, To whom would the king delight to do honor more than to myself? 7 And Haman said unto the king, For the

25 Hb. sackcloth and ashes were spread under many.
26 Or, trembled before him,
27 Hb. tree (both times) And so everywhere.
28 50 cubits = 22.2 meter = 73 feet. And in ch. 7:9.
29 Hb. the king’s sleep fled from him;
30 Or, and the crown royal which is set upon his head:
man whom the king delighteth to honor, let royal apparel be brought which the king useth to wear, and the horse that the king rideth upon, and on the head of which a crown royal is set: and let the apparel and the horse be delivered to the hand of one of the king’s most noble princes, that they may array the man therewith whom the king delighteth to honor, and cause him to ride on horseback through the street of the city, and proclaim before him, Thus shall it be done to the man whom the king delighteth to honor.

Then the king said to Haman, Make haste, and take the apparel and the horse, as thou hast said, and do even so to Mordecai the Jew, that sitteth at the king’s gate: let nothing fail of all that thou hast spoken. Then took Haman the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, and caused him to ride through the street of the city, and proclaimed before him, Thus shall it be done unto the man whom the king delighteth to honor. And Mordecai came again to the king’s gate. But Haman hasted to his house, mourning and having his head covered. And Haman recounted unto Zeresh his wife and all his friends everything that had befallen him. Then said his wise men and Zeresh his wife unto him, If Mordecai, before whom thou hast begun to fall, be of the seed of the Jews, thou shalt not prevail against him, but shalt surely fall before him. While they were yet talking with him, came the king’s chamberlains, and hasted to bring Haman unto the banquet that Esther had prepared.

So the king and Haman came to banquet with Esther the queen. And the king said again unto Esther on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is thy petition, queen Esther? and it shall be granted thee: and what is thy request? even to the half of the kingdom it shall be performed. Then Esther the queen answered and said, If I have found favor in thy sight, O king, and if it please the king, let my request be granted, and my people at my petition: 5 But if we had been sold for bondmen and bondwomen, I had held my peace, although the adversary could not have compensated for the king’s damage. Then said the king, Will he even force the queen before me in the house? As the word went out of the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face.

And Esther said, An adversary and an enemy, even this wicked Haman. Then Haman was afraid before the king and the queen. And the king arose in his wrath from the banquet of wine and went into the palace garden: and Haman stood up to make request for his soul to Esther the queen; for he saw that there was evil determined against him by the king. Then the king returned out of the palace garden into the house of the banquet of wine; and Haman was fallen upon the couch whereon Esther was. Then said the king, Will he even force the queen before me in the house? As the word went out of the king’s mouth, they covered Haman’s face. Then said Harbonah, one of the chamberlains, that were before the king, Behold also, the gallows fifty cubits high, which Haman hath made for Mordecai, who spake good for the king, standeth in the house of Haman. And the king said, Hang him thereon. So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then was the king’s wrath pacified.

On that day did the king Ahasuerus give the house of Haman the Jews’ enemy unto Esther the queen. And Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her. And the king took off his ring, which he had taken from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai. And Esther set Mordecai over the house of Haman.

And Esther spake yet again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and besought him with tears to put away the mischief of Haman the Agagite, and his device that he had devised against the Jews. Then the king held out to Esther the golden sceptre. So Esther arose, and stood before the king. And she said, If it please the king, and if I have found favor in his sight, and the thing seem right before the king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written to reverse the letters devised by Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, which he wrote to destroy the Jews that are in all the king’s provinces: for how can I endure to see the evil that shall come unto my people? or how can I endure to see the destruction of my kindred? Then the king Ahasuerus said unto 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 laid his hand upon the Jews. Write ye also to the Jews, as it pleaseth you, in the king’s name, and seal it with the king’s ring; for the writing which is written in the king’s name, and sealed with the king’s ring, may no man reverse.

Then were the king’s scribes called at that time, in the third month, which is the month Sivan, on the twenty-third day thereof; and it was written according to all that Mordecai commanded unto the Jews, and to the satraps, and the governors and princes of the provinces which are from India unto Ethiopia, a hundred twenty-seven provinces, unto every province according to the writing thereof, and unto every people after their language, and to the Jews according to their writing, and according to their language. And he wrote in the name of king Ahasuerus, and sealed it with the king’s ring, and sent letters by posts on horseback, riding on swift steeds that were used in the king’s service, bred of the studs: wherein the king granted the Jews that were in every city to gather themselves together, and to stand for their souls, to destroy, to slay, and to cause to perish, all the power of the people and province that would assault them, their little ones and women, and to take the spoil of them for a prey, upon one day in all the provinces of king Ahasuerus, namely, upon the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. A copy of the writing, that the decree should be given out in every province, was published unto all the peoples, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. So the posts that rode upon swift steeds that were used in the king’s service went out, being fastened and pressed on by the king’s commandment; and the decree was given out in Shushan the palace.

And Mordecai went forth from the presence of the king in royal apparel of blue and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a robe of fine linen and purple: and the city of Shushan shouted and was glad. The Jews had light and gladness, and joy and honor: And in every province, and in

31 Hb. to drink with Esther the queen.
32 Or, for our affliction is not to be compared with the king’s damage.
33 Hb. tree And so everywhere.
34 Or, concerning
35 Or, swift steeds, mules, and young dromedaries.
every city, whithersoever the king's commandment and his decree came, the Jews had gladness and joy, a feast and a good day. And many from among the peoples of the land became Jews; for the fear of the Jews was fallen upon them.

9 Now in the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, on the thirteenth day of the same, when the king's commandment and his decree drew near to be put in execution, on the day that the enemies of the Jews hoped to have rule over them, (whereas it was turned to the contrary, that the Jews had rule over them that 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 was fallen upon all the peoples. 3 And all the princes of the provinces, and the satraps, and the governors, and they that did the king's business, helped the Jews; because the fear of Mordecai was fallen upon them. 4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went forth throughout all the provinces: for the man Mordecai waxed greater and greater.

5 And the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and with slaughter and destruction, and did what they would unto them that hated them. 6 And in Shushan the palace the Jews slew and destroyed five hundred men. 7 And Parschandatha, and Dalphon, and Aspatha, 8 and Poratha, and Adala, and Aridatha, 9 and Parmashtha, and Arisai, and Ariai, and Vazatha. 10 the ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Jews' enemy, slew they; but on the spoil they laid not their hand.

11 On that day the number of those that were slain in Shushan the palace was brought before the king. 12 And the king said unto Esther the queen, The Jews have slain and destroyed five hundred men in Shushan the palace, and the ten sons of Haman; what then have they done in the rest of the king's provinces! Now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee: or what is thy request further? and it shall be done. 13 Then said Esther, If it please the king, let it be granted to the Jews that are in Shushan to do to morrow also according unto 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 a decree was given out in Shushan; and they hanged Haman's ten sons. 15 And the Jews that were in Shushan gathered themselves together on the fourteenth day also of the month Adar, and slew three hundred men in Shushan; but on the spoil they laid not their hand. 16 And the other Jews that were in the king's provinces gathered themselves together, and stood for their souls, and had rest from their enemies, and slew of them that hated them seventy-five thousand; but on the spoil they laid not their hand.

17 This was done 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 that were in Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof; and on the fifteenth day of the same they rested, and made it a day of feasting and gladness. 19 Therefore do the Jews of the villages that dwell in the unwalled towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar a day of gladness and feasting, and a good day, and of sending portions one to another.

20 And Mordecai wrote these things, and sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of the king Ahasuerus, both near and far, 21 to enjoin them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same, yearly, 22 as the days wherein the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was turned unto them from sorrow to gladness, and from mourning into a good day; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, 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 unto 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 the matter came before the king, he commanded by letters that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head, and that he and his sons should be hanged on the gallows.

26 Wherefore they called these days Purim, after the name of Pur. Therefore because of all the words of this letter, and of that which they had seen concerning this matter, and that which had come unto them, 27 the Jews ordained, and took upon them, and upon their seed, and upon all such as joined themselves unto them, so that it should not fail, that they would keep these two days according to the writing thereof, and according to the appointed time thereof, 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 remembrance 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 letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Ahasuerus, with words of peace and truth, 31 to confirm these days of Purim in their appointed times, according as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the queen had enjoined them, and as they had ordained for their souls and for their seed, in the matter of the fastings and their cry. 32 And the commandment of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

10 And the king Ahasuerus laid a tribute upon the land, and upon the isles of the sea. 2 And all the acts of his power and of his might, and the full account of the greatness of Mordecai, whereunto 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 unto king Ahasuerus, and great among the Jews, and accepted of the multitude of his brethren, seeking the good of his people, and speaking peace to all his seed.

[Xerxes spent his first two years suppressing an Egyptian revolt. Year three was tranquil, while carefully organizing a campaign against Grecia. In the fourth year, months 5-7 (August-October) were spent overcoming the Babylonian revolt of Bel-Shimanni and Shamash-eriba. Most of years five and six, Xerxes was away fighting in Grecia, returning home late in the sixth year.]
There was a man in the land of Uz, whose name was Job; and that man was perfect and upright, and one that feared God, and turned away from evil. 2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. 3 His substance also was seven thousand sheep, and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the children of the east. 4 And his sons went and held a feast in the house of each one upon his day; and they sent and called for their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5 And it was so, when the days of their feasting were gone about, that Job sent and sanctified them, and rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of them all: for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and dishonored God in their hearts. Thus did Job continually.

6 Now it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that Satan also came among them. 7 And Jehovah said unto Satan, Whence comest thou? Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 8 And Jehovah said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil. 9 Then Satan answered Jehovah, and said, Dost thou still hold fast thy integrity? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest against him, 10 Hast not thou made a hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 11 But put forth thy hand now, and touch all that he hath, and he will dishonor thee to thy face. 12 And Jehovah said unto Satan, Behold, all that he hath is in thy power; only upon himself put not forth thy hand. So Satan went forth from the presence of Jehovah.

13 And it fell on a day when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house, 14 that there came a messenger unto Job, and said, The oxen were plowing, and the asses feeding beside them; 15 and the Sabæans fell upon them, and took them away: yes, they have slain the servants with the edge of the sword; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 16 While he was yet speaking, there came another, and said, The fire of God is fallen from heaven, and hath burned up the sheep and the servants, and a very great household; so that this man was the greatest of all the children of the east. 17 While he was yet speaking there came also another, and said, Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in their eldest brother’s house; 18 and, behold, there came a great wind from the wilderness, and smote the four corners of the house, and it fell upon the young men, and they are dead; and I only am escaped alone to tell thee. 19 While he was yet speaking there came also another, and said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah. 20 Then Job arose and rent his robe, and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and worshipped; and he said, Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: Jehovah gave, and Jehovah hath taken away; blessed be the name of Jehovah. 21 In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly.

2 Again it came to pass on the day when the sons of God came to present themselves before Jehovah, that Satan came also among them to present himself before Jehovah. 2 And Jehovah said unto Satan, From whence comest thou? And Satan answered Jehovah, and said, From going to and fro in the earth, and from walking up and down in it. 3 And Jehovah said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job? for there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and turneth away from evil: and he still holdeth fast his integrity, although thou movest against him, 4 to destroy him without cause. 5 But put forth thy hand now, and touch this one, and dishonor thee to thy face. 6 And Jehovah said unto Satan, Behold, he is in thy hand; only spare his soul.

7 So Satan went forth from the presence of Jehovah, and smote Job with sore boils from the sole of his foot unto his crown. 8 And he took him a potsherd to scrape himself therewith; and he sat among the ashes. 9 Then said his wife unto him, Dost thou still hold fast thine integrity? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land. 10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the impious women. What shall we receive good from the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

11 Now when Job’s three friends heard of all this evil that was come upon him, they came every one from his own place: Eliphaz the Temanite, and Bildad the Shuhite, and Zophar the Naamathite; and they made an appointment together to come to bemoan him and to comfort him. 12 And when they lifted up their eyes afar off, and knew him not, they lifted up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one his robe, and sprinkled dust upon their heads toward heaven. 13 So they sat down with him upon the ground seven days and seven nights,
and none spake a word unto him: for they saw that his grief was very great.

3 After this opened Job his mouth, and cursed his day.
2 And Job answered and said:
3 Let the day perish wherein I was born, And the night which said, There is a man-child conceived.
4 Let that day be darkness;
Let not God from above seek for it, Neither let the light shine upon it.
5 Let darkness and the shadow of death claim it for their own; Let a cloud dwell upon it;
Let all that maketh black the day terrify it.

6 As for that night, let thick darkness seize upon it:
Let it not rejoice among the days of the year; Let it not come into the number of the months.
7 Lo, that night be 31barren;
Let no joyful voice come therein.
8 Let them curse it that curse the day,
Who are ready to rouse up leviathan.
9 Let the stars of the twilight thereof be dark:
Let it look for light, but have none;
Neither let it behold the eyelids of the morning:
10 Because it shut not up the doors of my mother’s womb,
Nor hid trouble from mine eyes.

11 Why did I not from the womb?
Why did I not give up the breath when my mother bare me?
12 Why did the knees receive me?
Or why the breasts, that I should suck?
13 For now should I have lain down and been quiet;
I should have slept; then had I been at rest,
14 With kings and counsellors of the earth,
Who built up waste places for themselves;
15 Or with princes that had gold,
Who filled their houses with silver:
16 Or as a hidden untimely birth I had not been,
As infants that never saw light.

17 There the wicked cease from troubling;
And there the weary are at rest.
18 There the prisoners are at ease together;
Their heart is not at the voice of the taskmaster.
19 The small and the great are there;
And the servant is free from his master.
20 Wherefore is light given to him that is in misery,
And life unto the bitter in soul;
21 Who long for death, but it cometh not,
And dig for it more than for hid treasures;
22 Who rejoice exceedingly,
And are glad, when they can find the grave?
23 Why is light given to a man whose way is hid,
And whom God hath hedged in?
24 For my sighing cometh before I eat,
And my groanings are poured out like water.
25 For the thing which I fear cometh upon me,
And that which I am afraid of cometh unto me.
26 I am not at ease, neither am I quiet,
Neither have I rest; But trouble cometh.

4 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,
2 If one assay to commune with thee, wilt thou be grieved? But who can withhold himself from speaking?
3 Behold, thou hast instructed many,
And thou hast strengthened the weak hands.
4 Thy words have upheld him that was falling,
And thou hast made firm the feeble knees.
5 But now it is come unto thee, and thou faintest;
It toucheth thee, and thou art troubled.
6 Is not thy awe of God thy confidence,
And the integrity of thy ways thy hope?
7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? Or where were the upright cut off?
8 According as I have seen, they that plow iniquity,
And sow trouble, reap the same.
9 By the breath 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 perisheth for lack of prey,
And the whelps of the lioness are scattered abroad.
12 Now a thing was secretly brought to me,
And mine ear received a whisper thereof,
13 In thoughts from the visions of the night,
When deep sleep falleth on men,
14 Fear came upon me, and trembling,
Which made all my bones to 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 the appearance thereof;
A form was before mine eyes;
21, 22There 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?

16 Or, deep darkness And so elsewhere.
17 Or, solitary
18 Or, skilful
19 Or, built solitary piles for themselves;
20 Or, raging;
21 Hb. wait for death,
22 Or, unto exultation,
23 Or, like my food,
24 Hb. roarings are poured out like water.
25 Or, the thing which I feared is come upon me,
26 Or, was not at ease, … Yet trouble came.
27 Hb. bowing.
28 Or, art grieved;
29 Or, mischief,
30 Hb. brought by stealth to me,
31 Or, a breath passed over my face;
32 Or, I heard a still voice,
33 Or, be just before God
Behold, he putteth no trust in his servants;
And his angels chargeth with folly:
How much more them that dwell in houses of clay,
Whose foundation is in the dust,
Who are crushed before the moth!
Betwixt morning and evening they are destroyed:
They perish for ever without any regarding it.
Is not their tent-cord plucked up within them?
They die, and that without wisdom.

Call now; is there any that will answer thee?
And to which of the holy ones wilt thou turn?
For vexation killeth the foolish man,
And jealousy slayeth the silly one.
I have seen the foolish taking root:
But suddenly I cursed his habitation.
His children are far from safety,
And they are crushed in their mouth.

For affliction cometh not forth from the dust,
Neither doth trouble spring out of the ground;
But as for me, I would seek unto God,
And to which of the holy ones wilt thou turn?

Then Job answered and said,
Oh that my vexation were but weighed, And all my calamity laid in the balances! For now it would be heavier than the sand of the seas:
Therefore have my words been rash.
For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, The poison whereof my spirit drinketh up: The terrors of God do set themselves in array against me.
Doth the wild ass bray when he hath grass?
Or loweth the ox over his fodder?
Can that which hath no savor be eaten without salt?
Or is there any taste in the white of an egg?
My soul refuseth to touch wholesome food.

And be it still my consolation, Yes, let me exult in pain that spareth not, That I have not denied the words of the Holy One.
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11 What is my strength, that I should wait?
And what is mine end, that I should prolong my soul?
12 Is my strength the strength of stones?
Or is my flesh of copper?
13 Is it not that I have no help in me,
And that wisdom is driven quite from me?
14 To him that is ready to faint kindness should be showed from his friend;
Even to him that forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.
15 My brethren have dealt deceitfully as a brook,
As the channel of brooks that pass away;
16 Which are black by reason of the ice,
And wherein the snow hideth itself:
17 What time they 67 wax warm, they vanish;
When it is hot, they are consumed out of their place.
18 The caravans that travel by the way of them turn aside;
They go up into the waste, and perish.
19 The caravans of Tema looked,
The companies of Sheba waited for them.
20 They were put to shame because they had hoped;
They came thither, and were confounded.
21 For now ye 68 are nothing;
Ye see a terror, and are afraid.
22 Did I say, Give unto me?
Or, Offer a present for me of your substance?
23 Or, Deliver me from the adversary’s hand?
Or, Redeem me from the hand of the oppressors?
24 Teach me, and I will hold my peace;
And cause me to understand wherein I have erred.
25 How forcible are words of uprightness!
But your reproof, what doth it reprove?
26 Do ye think to reprove words,
Seeing that the speeches of one that is desperate are 69 as wind? 27 Yes, ye would cast lots upon the fatherless,
And make merchandise of your friend.
28 Now therefore be pleased to look upon me;
Surely I shall not lie to your face.
29 Return, I pray you, let there be no injustice;
Yes, return again, 62 my cause is righteous.
30 Is there injustice on my tongue?
Cannot my taste discern mischievous things?

7 Is there not a 63 warfare to man upon earth?
And are not his days like the days of a hireling?
2 As a servant that earnestly desireth the shadow,
And as a hireling that looketh for his wages:

3 So am I made to possess months of misery,
And wearisome nights are appointed to me.
4 When I lie down, I say,
When shall I arise, and the evening be gone?
And I am full of tossing to and fro unto the dawning of the day.
5 My flesh is clothed with worms and clods of dust;
My skin 64 closeth up, and breaketh out afresh.
6 My days are 65 swifter than a weaver’s shuttle,
And are spent without hope.
7 Oh remember that my life is a 66 breath:
Mine eye shall not more see good.
8 The eye of him that seeth me shall behold me no more.
Thine eyes shall be upon me, but I shall not be.
9 As the cloud is consumed and vanisheth away,
So he that goeth down to Sheol shall not come up.
10 He shall return no more to his house,
Neither shall his place know him any more.
11 Therefore I will not refrain 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 thou settest a watch over me?
13 When I say, My bed shall comfort me,
My couch shall ease my complaint;
14 Then thou dost magnify him,
And terrifiest me through visions:
15 So that my soul chooseth strangling,
And death rather than these my bones.
16 I loathe my life; 69 I 69 would not live alway:
Let me alone; for my days are 69 vanity.
17 What is man, that thou shouldest magnify him,
And that thou shouldest set thy mind upon him,
18 And that thou shouldest visit him every morning,
And try him every moment?
19 How long wilt thou not look away from me,
Nor let me alone till I swallow down my spittle?
20 If I have sinned, 70 what do I unto thee, O thou 71 watch of men?
Why hast thou set me as a mark for thee,
So that I am a burden unto Thee?
21 And why dost thou not pardon my transgression,
And take away mine iniquity?
For now shall I lie down in the dust;
And thou wilt seek me diligently, but I shall not be.

55 Aram., Vg., Targ. read He that restraineth kindness from his friend forsaketh the fear of the Almighty.
56 Or, Else might he forsake or, But he forsaketh
57 Or, shrink,
58 Or, The paths of their way are turned aside;
59 Or, 69 reads are like thereto;
60 Or, for the wind
61 Or, And it will be evident unto you if I lie.
62 Or, my righteousness is in it.
63 Or, time of service to man upon earth
64 Or, is broken and become loathsome.
65 Lit. lighter
66 Or, wind: or, spirit: Hb. הר, נוח.
67 Or, I waste away;
68 Or, shall not live alway:
69 Or, as a breath.
70 Or, what can I do unto thee,
71 Or, preserver of man
72 Sopherim changed to, to myself
Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,
1 How long wilt thou speak these things?
And how long shall the words of thy mouth be like a mighty wind?

2 Doth God pervert justice?
Or doth the Almighty pervert righteousness?
3 If thy children have sinned against him, And he hath delivered them into the hand of their transgression; If thou wouldest seek diligently unto God, And make thy supplication to the Almighty;
4 If thou wert pure and upright: Surely now he would awake for thee, And apply thyself to that which their fathers have searched out: (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, Because our days upon earth are a shadow:)
5 Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee,
And utter words out of their heart?
6 Can the rush grow up without mire?
Can the flag grow without water?

7 Whilst it is yet in its greenness, and not cut down, It withereth before any other herb.
8 So are the paths of all that forget God;
And the hope of the godless man shall perish:
9 Whose confidence shall break in sunder, And whose trust is a spider’s web.
10 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand: He shall hold fast thereby, but it shall not endure.
11 He is green before the sun, And his shoots go forth over his garden.
And his shoots go forth over his garden.
12 And though thy beginning was small,
Yet thy latter end would greatly increase.
13 And make thy supplication to God;
And though thy beginning was small,
Yet thy latter end would greatly increase.
14 For inquire, I pray thee, of the former age;
Shall not they teach thee, and tell thee,
And while it is yet in its greenness,
15 And make thy supplication to God;
And apply thyself to that which their fathers have searched out: (For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, Because our days upon earth are a shadow:)
16 And whose trust shall break in sunder,
And whose confidence is a spider’s web.
17 He shall lean upon his house, but it shall not stand:
He shall hold fast thereby, but it shall not endure.
18 If he be destroyed from his place,
Then it shall deny him, saying, I have not seen thee.
19 Behold, this is the joy of his way;
And out of the earth shall others spring.
20 Behold, God will not cast away a perfect man,
Neither will he uphold the evil-doers.
21 He will yet fill thy mouth with laughter, And thy lips with shouting.
22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame;
And the tent of the wicked shall be no more.

8 Then Job answered and said,
1 Of a truth I know that it is so:
8 But how can man be just with God?
2 If he be pleased to contend with him,
He cannot answer him one question of a thousand.
3 He is wise in heart, and mighty in strength:
Who hath hardened himself against him, and prospered? —
4 Him that removeth mountains, and they know it not, When he overturneth them in his anger;
5 That shaketh the earth out of its place, And the pillars thereof tremble;
6 That commandeth the sun, and it riseth not, And sealeth up the stars;
7 That alone stretcheth out the heavens, And treadeth upon the waves of the sea;
8 That maketh Ursa Major, Orion, and the Pleiades, And the chambers of the south;
9 That doeth great things past finding out,
Yes, marvellous things without number.
10 Lo, he goeth by me, and I see him not:
He passeth on also, but I perceive him not.
11 Behold, he seizeth the prey, who can hinder him?
Who will say unto him, What dost thou?
12 God will not withdraw his anger;
The helpers of the do stooop under him.
13 How much less shall I answer him,
And choose out my words to reason with him?
14 Whom, though I were righteous, yet would I not answer; I would make supplication to my judge,
15 If I had called, and he had answered me,
Yet would I not believe that he hearkened unto my voice.
16 For he breaketh me with a tempest,
And multiplieth my wounds without number.
17 He will mock at the trial of the innocent.

73 Or, If thy children sinned … he delivered them etc.
74 Or, papyrus
75 Or, reed-grass
76 Or, shall be cut off,
77 Hb. house.
78 Or, beside the spring,
79 Or, dust
80 Or, Till he fill thy mouth with laughter,
81 Or, For
82 Or, before
83 Or, If one should desire … he could not answer etc.
84 Hb. high places of the sea;
85 Gesenius and Rotherham say, the Wain (Wagon); Seiss and Bullinger say, the Greater Sheepfold. The constellation now known as Ursa Major. Cf. ch. 38:31-32.
86 Or, turn him back
87 Or, arrogancy See Is 30:7.
88 Or, did
89 Hb. He who breaketh me with a tempest,
90 Or, Lo, here am I, saith he; and if of judgment, Who
91 Or, he
92 Or, Though I be perfect, I will not regard myself;
93 Or, of a thousand.
24 The earth is given into the hand of the wicked; He covereth the faces of the judges thereof: If it be not he, who then is it?
25 Now my days are 93swifter than a 95post: They flee away, they see no good. 26 They are passed away as the 96swift ships; As the eagle that swoopeth on the prey.
27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will put off my sad countenance, and 97be of good cheer; 28 I am afraid of all my sorrows, I know that thou wilt not hold me innocent.
29 I shall be condemned; Why then do I labor in vain? 30 If I wash myself 98with snow water, And 99make my hands never so clean; 31 Yet wilt thou plunge me in the ditch, And mine own clothes shall abhor me.
32 For he is not a man, as I am, that should answer him, That we should come together in judgment. 33 There 100is no umpire betwixt us, That might lay his hand upon us both.
34 Let him take his rod away from me, And let not his terror make me afraid: 35 Then would I speak, and not fear him; For I am not so in myself.

10 My soul is weary of my life; I will give free course to my complaint; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. 2 I will say unto God, Do not condemn me; Show me wherefore thou contendest with me. 3 Is it good unto thee that thou shouldest oppress, That thou shouldest despise the 101work of thy hands, And shine upon the counsel of the wicked?
4 Hast thou eyes of flesh? Or seest thou as man seeth? 5 Are thy days as the days of a mortal man, Or thy years as the days of a strong man, 6 That thou inquiredst after mine iniquity, And searchest after my sin, 7 Although thou knowest that I am not wicked, And there is none that can deliver out of thy hand?
8 Thy hands have framed me and fashioned me Together round about; yet thou dost destroy me. 9 Remember, I beseech thee, that thou hast fashioned me as clay; And wilt thou bring me into dust again?

10 Hast thou not poured me out as milk, And curdled me like cheese? 11 Thou hast clothed me with skin and flesh, And knitted me together with bones and sinews.
12 Thou hast granted me life and lovingkindness; And thy 102visitation hath preserved my spirit. 13 Yet these 103things thou didst hide in thy heart; I know that this is with thee:
14 If I sin, then thou markest me, And thou wilt not acquit me from mine iniquity.
15 If I be wicked, woe unto me; And if I be righteous, yet shall I not lift up my head; 103Being filled with ignominy, And looking upon mine affliction.
16 And if my head exalt itself, thou huntest me as a lion; And again thou showest thyself marvellous upon me.
17 Thou renewest thy witnesses against me, And increasest thine indignation upon me: 104Changes and warfare are with me.
18 Wherefore then hast thou brought me forth out of the womb? I had given up the breath, 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? 105cease then, And let me alone, that I may 106take comfort a little, 21 Before I go whence I shall not return, Even to the land of darkness and of the shadow of death; 22 The land dark as 107midnight, The land of the shadow of death, without any order, And where the light is as midnight.

11 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 thy boastings make men hold their peace? And when thou mockest, shall no man make thee ashamed?
4 For thou sayest, My doctrine is pure, And I am clean in thine eyes. 5 But oh that God would speak, And open his lips against thee, 6 And that he would show thee the secrets of wisdom! For he is manifold in understanding.

Know therefore that God 108exacteth of thee less than thine iniquity deserveth.

93 Or, calamity
94 Lit. lighter
95 Or, runner
96 Hb. ships of reed;
97 Hb. brighten up;
98 Hb<sup>m</sup> reads with snow,
99 Hb. cleanse my hands with lye;
100 Sept., Aram. read O that there were an umpire etc.
101 Hb. labor
102 Or, care
103 Or, I am filled with ignominy, but look thou upon mine affliction, 16 For it increaseth: thou huntest me as a lion;
104 Or, Host after host is against me.
105 Hb<sup>m</sup> reads let him cease, and leave me alone,
106 Hb. brighten up,
107 Hb. thick darkness (both times).
108 Or, remitteth [Hb. causeth to be forgotten] unto thee of thine iniquity.
109 Canst thou by searching find out God?
109 Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?

8 It is high as heaven; what canst thou do?
9 The measure thereof is longer than the earth,
And broader than the sea.

10 If he pass through, and shut up,
And cast into the deeps of the sea,

11 Even as thou knowest false men:
He seeth iniquity also, even though he consider it not.

12 But vain man is void of understanding.
Yes, man is born like the ass's colt.

13 If thou set thy heart aright,
And stretch out thy hands toward him;

14 If iniquity be in thy hand, put it far away,
And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents.

15 Surely then shalt thou lift up thy face without spot;
Yes, thou shalt be steadfast, and shalt not fear:

16 For thou shalt forget thy misery.
Thou shalt remember it as waters that are passed away.

17 And thy life shall be clearer than the noonday;
Though there be darkness, it shall be as the morning.

18 And thou shalt be secure, because there is hope;
Yes, thou shalt search about thee, and shalt take thy rest in safety.

19 Also thou shalt lie down, and none shall make thee afraid;
Yes, many shall make suit unto thee.

20 But the eyes of the wicked shall fail,
And they shall have no way to flee;
And their hope shall be the soul breathing its last.

12 Then Job answered and said,
2 No doubt but ye are the people,
And wisdom shall die with you.
3 But I have understanding as well as you;
I am not inferior to you:
Yes, who knoweth not such things as these?

4 I am as one that is a laughing-stock to his neighbor,
I who called upon God, and he answered:
The just, the perfect man is a laughing-stock.

5 In the thought of him that is at ease there is contempt for misfortune; It is ready for them whose foot slippeth.
6 The tents of robbers prosper,
And they that provoke God are secure;

116 Or, That bring their god in their hand.
117 Or, by all these,
118 Or, spirit or possibly, wind Hb. הנ, נַעַח.
119 Or, With aged men, ye say, is wisdom,
120 Hb. Him or, him
121 Or, land,
122 Hb. wander

110 Or, Canst thou find out the deep things of God?
111 Hb. The heights of heaven; what canst thou do?
112 Or, and him that considereth not.
113 Or, But an empty man will get understanding, When a wild ass's colt is born a man.
114 Or, arise above the noonday;
115 Hb. refuge is perished from them;

121 Or, With them that considereth not.
122 Hb. And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents.
123 But in the thought of him that is at ease there is contempt for misfortune; It is ready for them whose foot slippeth.
124 Or, arise above the noonday;
125 Hb. And let not unrighteousness dwell in thy tents.
126 Or, and them that considereth not.
127 Hb. He enlargeth the nations, and he leadeth them captive.
128 Or, or possibly, wind Hb. הנ, נַעַח.
129 Or, With aged men, ye say, is wisdom,
130 Hb. Him or, him
131 Hb. And causeth them to wander in a wilderness where there is no way.
132 Or, or possibly, wind Hb. הנ, נַעַח.
133 Or, But an empty man will get understanding, When a wild ass's colt is born a man.
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7 Will ye speak unrighteously for God, And talk deceitfully for him?
8 Will ye show partiality to him? Will ye contend for God?
9 Is it good that he should search you out? Or as one deceiveth a man, will ye deceive him?
10 He will surely reprove you, If ye do secretly show partiality.
11 Shall not his majesty make you afraid, And his dread fall upon you?
12 Your memorable sayings are proverbs of ashes, Your defences are defences of clay.
13 Hold your peace, let me alone, that I may speak; And let me know what will.
14 Wherefore should I take my flesh in my teeth, And put my soul in my hand?
15 Behold, he will slay me; I have no hope: Nevertheless I will maintain my ways before him.
16 This also shall be my salvation, That a godless man shall not come before him.
17 Hear diligently my speech, And let my declaration be in your ears.
18 Behold now, I have set my cause in order; I know that I am righteous.
19 Who is he that will contend with me? For then would I hold my peace and give up the breath.
20 Only do not two things unto me; Then will I not hide myself from thy face:
21 Withdraw thy hand far from me; And let not thy terror make me afraid.
22 Then call thou, and I will answer; Or let me speak, and answer thou me.
23 How many are mine iniquities and sins? Make me to know my transgression and my sin.
24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, And holdest me for thine enemy?
25 Wilt thou harass a driven leaf? And wilt thou pursue the dry stubble?
26 For thou writest bitter things against me, And maketh me to inherit the iniquities of my youth:
27 Thou puttest my feet also in the stocks, And markest all my paths; Thou settest a bound to the soles of my feet:
28 Though I am like a rotten thing that consumeth, Like a garment that is moth-eaten.

14 Man, that is born of a woman, Is of few days, and full of trouble.
2 He cometh forth like a flower, and is cut down: He fleeth also as a shadow, and continueth not.
3 And dost thou open thine eyes upon such a one, And bringest me into judgment with thee?
4 Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean? not one.
5 Seeing his days are determined, The number of his months is with thee, And thou hast appointed his bounds that he cannot pass;
6 Look away from him, that he may have rest, Till he shall accomplish, as a hireling, his day.
7 For there is hope of a tree, If it be cut down, that it will sprout again, And that the tender branch thereof will not cease.
8 Though the root thereof wax old in the earth, And the stock thereof die in the ground;
9 Yet through the scent of water it will bud, And put forth boughs like a plant.
10 But man dieth, and is laid low: Ye t, as man giveth up the breath, and where is he?
11 As the waters fail from the sea, And the river wasteth and drieth up;
12 So man lieth down and riseth not: Till the heavens be no more, they shall not awake, Nor be roused out of their sleep.
13 Oh that thou wouldest hide me in Sheol, That thou wouldest keep me secret, until thy wrath be past;
14 If a man die, shall he live again? All the days of my warfare would I wait, Till my release shall come.
15 Thou wouldest call, and I would answer thee: Thou wouldst have a desire to the work of thy hands.
16 But now thou numberest my steps: Dost thou not watch over my sin?
17 My transgression is sealed up in a bag, And thou fastestenest up mine iniquity.
18 But the mountain falling, cometh to nought; And the rock is removed out of its place;
19 The waters wear the stones: The overflowings thereof wash away the dust of the earth: So thou destroyest the hope of man.

123 Or, mocketh a man, will ye mock him
124 Or, At all adventures I will take my flesh etc.
125 Or, life or, being Hb. nephesh
126 So Hb. Hb. Aram., Vg., Gk. Targ. read Though he slay me, yet will I wait for him:
127 Hb. argue
128 Or, shall be justified.
129 Or, if I hold my peace, I shall give up the breath.
130 Hb. And he is like a rotten thing that consumeth,
131 Or, withereth:
132 Or, Oh that a clean thing could come out of an unclean! not one can.
133 Hb. cease,
134 Or, have pleasure in, as a hireling, his day.
135 Or, spirit, or possibly, wind, Hb. נ, nach.
136 Or, will I wait, Till my release shall come.
137 Or, change
138 Or, Thou shalt call, and I will answer thee:
139 Hb. fadeth away;
140 Or, Only for himself/his flesh hath pain, And for himself
Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,

2 Should a wise man make answer with vain knowledge, And fill himself with the east wind?

3 Should he reason with unprofitable talk, Or with speeches wherein he can do no good?

4 Yes, thou doest away with fear, And hinderest devotion before God.

5 For thine iniquity teacheth thy mouth, And thou choosest the tongue of the crafty.

6 Thine own mouth condemneth thee, and not I; Yes, thine own lips testify against thee.

7 Art thou the first man that was born? Or wast thou brought forth before the hills?

8 Hast thou heard the secret counsel of God? And dost thou limit wisdom to thyself?

9 What knowest thou, that we know not? What understandest thou, which is not in us?

10 With us are both the gray-headed and the very aged men, Much elder than thy father.

11 Are the consolations of God too small for thee, Even the word that is gentle toward thee?

12 Why doth thy heart carry thee away? And why do thine eyes flash,

13 That against God thou turnest thy spirit, And lettest words go out of thy mouth?

14 What is man, that he should be clean? And he that is born of a woman, that he should be righteous?

15 Behold, he putteth no trust in his holy ones; Yes, the heavens are not clean in his sight:

16 How much less one that is abominable and corrupt, A man that drinketh iniquity like water!

17 I will show thee, hear thou me; And that which I have seen I will declare:

18 (Which wise men have told From their fathers, and have not hid it;

19 Unto whom alone the land was given, And no stranger passed among them:)

20 The wicked man travaileth with pain all his days, Even the number of years that are laid up for the oppressor.

21 A sound of terrors is in his ears; In prosperity the destroyer shall come upon him:

22 He believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, And he is waited for of the sword:

23 He wandereth abroad for bread, saying, Where is it?

24 He knoweth that the day of darkness is ready at his hand:

25 Distress and anguish make him afraid; They prevail against him, as a king ready to the battle.

26 Because he hath stretched out his hand against God, And behaveth himself proudly against the Almighty;

27 He runneth upon him with a stiff neck, With the thick bosses of his bucklers;

28 Because he hath covered his face with his fatness, And gathered fat upon his reins;

29 And he hath dwelt in desolate cities, In houses which no man inhabited, Which were ready to become heaps;

30 He shall not depart out of darkness; The flame shall dry up his branches, And by the breath of God’s mouth shall he go away.

31 Let him not trust in vanity, deceiving himself; For vanity 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 as the vine, And shall cast off his flower as the olive-tree.

34 For the company of the godless shall be barren, And fire shall consume the tents of bribery.

35 They conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity, And their heart prepareth deceit.

Then Job answered and said,

2 I have heard many such things: Miserable comforters are ye all.

3 Shall vain words have an end?

Or what provoketh thee that thou answerest?

4 I also could speak as ye do; If your soul were in my soul’s stead, I could join words together against you, And shake my head at you.
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5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth,
And the solace of my lips would assuage your grief.
6 Though I speak, my grief is not assuaged;
And though I forbear, 18what am I esteemed?
7 But now he hath made me weary:
Thou hast made desolate all my company.
8 And thou hast 19laid fast hold on me, which is a witness against me: And my leanness riseth up against me,
It testifieth to my face.
9 He hath torn me in his wrath, and 160persecuted me;
He hath gnashed upon me with his teeth:
Mine adversary sharpeneth his eyes upon me.
10 They have gaped upon me with their mouth;
They have smitten me upon the cheek reproachfully:
They gather themselves together against me.
11 God delivereth me to the godly,
And casteth me into the hands of the wicked.
12 I was at ease, and he brake me asunder;
Yes, he hath taken me by the neck, and dashed me to pieces:
He hath also set me up for his mark.
13 His 161archers compass me round about;
He cleaveth my kidneys asunder, and doth not spare;
He poureth out my gall upon the ground.
14 He breakest me with breach upon breach;
He runneth upon me like a 162giant.
15 I have sewed sackcloth upon my skin,
And have 163laid my horn in the dust.
16 My face is red with weeping,
And on my eyelids is the shadow of death;
17 Although there is no violence in my hands,
And my prayer is pure.
18 O earth, cover not thou my blood,
And let my cry have no resting-place.
19 Even now, behold, my witness is in the heavens,
And he that voucheth for me is in high places.
20 My friends scoff at me:
But mine eye poureth out tears unto God,
21 165That he would maintain the right of a man with God,
And of a son of man with his neighbor!
22 For when a few years are come,
I shall go the way whence I shall not return.

17 My spirit is consumed, my days are extinct,
The grave is ready for me.
2 Surely there 166are mockers with me,
And mine eye dwelleth upon their provocation.

5 Or, what departeth from me
160 Or, hated me;
161 Or, arrows or, mighty ones
162 Or, mighty man.
163 Or, defiled
164 Or, have no more place.
165 Or, That one might plead for a man with God, As a son of man pleadeth for his neighbor!
166 Hb. is mockery with me,
167 Hb. portion
18 Or, For I find not a wise man among you.
168 Hb. possessions
169 Hb. occupations
170 Or, because of the darkness.
171 Or, If I hope, Sheol is my house;
I have spread my couch in the darkness;
14 Or, I have said to corruption, Thou art my father;
To the worm, Thou art my mother, and my sister;
15 And where now is my hope?
172 Or, the pit, Hb. shachath
173 Or, flame of his fire
174 Or, beside him
9 A gin shall take him by the heel, and a snare shall lay hold on him.
10 A noose is hid 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 The members of his body shall be devoured, yes, the firstborn of death shall devour his members.
14 He shall be rooted out of his tent wherein he trusteth; and be it indeed that he shall be brought to the king of terrors.

15 There shall dwell in his tent that which is none of his: Brimstone shall be scattered upon his habitation.
16 His roots shall be dried up beneath, and above shall his branch be cut off.
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 chased out of the world.
19 He shall have neither son nor son’s son among his people, nor any remaining where he sojourned.

20 They that come after shall be astonished at his day, as they that went before were affrighted.

21 Surely such are the dwellings of the unrighteous, and this is the place of him that knoweth not God.

The Job answered and said,
2 How long will ye vex my soul, and break me in pieces with words?
3 These ten times have ye reproached me: Ye are not ashamed that ye deal hardly with me.
4 And be it indeed that I have erred, Mine error remaineth with myself.
5 If ye indeed will magnify yourselves against me, And plead against me my reproach;
6 Know now that God hath subverted me in my cause, And hath compassed me with his net.

7 Behold, I cry out of wrong, but I am not heard: I cry for help, but there is no justice.
8 He hath walled up my way that I cannot pass, And hath set darkness in my paths.
9 He hath stripped me of my glory, and taken the crown from my head.

10 He hath broken me down on every side, and I am gone; And my hope hath he plucked up like a tree.
11 He hath also kindled his wrath against me, And he counteth me unto him as one of his adversaries.
12 His troops come on together, and cast up their way against me, And encamp round about my tent.

13 He hath put my brethren far from me, and those of mine acquaintance are wholly estranged from me. My kinsfolk have failed, and my familiar friends have forgotten me.
14 They that dwell in my house, and my maids, count me for a stranger: I am an alien in their sight.
15 I call unto my servant, and he giveth me no answer, Though I entreat him with my mouth.

16 My breath is strange to my wife, and my soul is exalted in mine eyes, though I be not in Excellency.
17 My children are turned against me, and my kinsfolk that dwell in my house, and my maids, count me not, but I am an alien in their sight.

18 All my familiar friends abhor me, and they whom I loved are turned against me.
19 My bone cleaveth to my skin and to my flesh, and I am escaped with the skin of my teeth.

20 Have pity upon me, have pity upon me, O ye my friends; For the hand of God hath touched me.
21 Why do ye persecute me as God, And are not satisfied with my flesh?

22 Oh that my words were now written! Oh that they were inscribed in a book!
23 That with an iron pen and lead They were graven on the rock for ever!

24 For as to me, I know that my Ransomer liveth, And at last he shall rise upon this dust:
25 And after my skin is destroyed, even this body, Yet apart from this my flesh shall I see God;
26 Whom I, even I, shall see, that maketh my soul to dwell in dust.

My heart is consumed within me.
28 If ye say, How we will persecute him! And that the root of the matter is found in me;
29 Be ye afraid of the sword: For wrath bringeth the punishments of the sword, That ye may know there is that judgment.

175 Or, for his halting.
176 Hb. bars of his skin shall be devoured, if [or, thou shalt] bring him to etc.
177 Hb. it shall [or, thou shalt] bring him to etc.
178 Or, It shall dwell in his tent, that it be no more his: or, … because it is none of his:
179 Or, wither.
180 Or, They that dwell in the west are astonished at his day, as they that dwell in the east are affrighted.
181 Or, Will ye indeed magnify … my reproach?
182 Or, overthrown me.
183 Or, cry out, Violence!
184 Or, sojourn
185 Or, I make supplication to or, I am loathsome to
186 Or, of my body,
187 Hb. the men of my council abhor me,
188 Or, vindicator Hb. goel
189 Or, at the last day he shall rise etc.
190 Hb. … the dust or, he will stand up upon the earth
191 Or, And after my skin hath been thus struck off, Yet from my flesh shall I see God; or, And after my skin is struck off, this will be, Yet …
192 Or, for myself,
193 Hb. kidneys (or, reins) are consumed
194 Or, wrathful are the punishments of the sword,
Then answered Zophar the Naamathite, and said,  
2 Therefore do my thoughts give answer to me,  

195 Even by reason of this my haste that is in me.  
196 Or, But out of my understanding, my spirit answereth me.  
197 Hb reads The poor shall oppress his children,  
198 Hb. of his exchange,  
199 Or, which he builded not.  
200 Or, in his greed, Hb. in his belly,  
201 Or, Let it be for the filling of his belly that God shall cast the fierceness of his wrath upon him,  
202 Or, as his food.  
203 Or, It shall go ill with him that is left in his tent.  
204 Or, thou shalt mock.  
205 Or, of  
206 Hb. Look unto me,  
207 Or, in peace, without fear,  
208 Hb. lift up the voice to the timbrel and harp,  
209 Or, Ye say, Lo, etc.

20 Then Job answered and said,  
2 Suffer me, and I also will speak;  

3 Or, and I also will speak; And after that I have spoken, mock on.  
4 As for me, is my complaint to mock on? And why should I not be impatient?  
5 Mark me, and be astonished,  

6 Wherefore do the wicked live,  

7 Become old, yes, wax mighty in power?  
8 Their seed is established with them in their sight, And their offspring before their eyes.  
9 Their houses are safe from fear,  

10 Or, Neither is the rod of God upon them.  

11 Their bull gendereth, and faileth not; Their cow calveth, and casteth not her calf.  
12 They send forth their little ones like a flock, And their children dance.  
13 They 208 sing to the timbrel and harp,  

14 And they say unto God, Depart from us; For we desire not the knowledge of thy ways.  
15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve him?  

16 Or, their prosperity is not in their hand: The counsel of the wicked is far from me.
17 How oft is it that the lamp of the wicked is put out?
That their calamity cometh upon them?
That God distributeth sorrows in his anger?
18 That they are as stubble before the wind,
And as chaff that the storm carrieth away?
19 Ye say, God layeth up his iniquity for his children.
Let him recompense it unto himself, that he may know it:
20 Let his own eyes see his destruction,
And let him drink of the wrath of the Almighty.
21 For what careth he for his house after him,
When the number of his months is cut off?
22 Shall anyone teach God knowledge,
Seeing he judgeth those that are high?
23 One dieth in his full strength,
Being wholly at ease and quiet:
24 His pails are full of milk,
And the marrow of his bones is moistened.
25 And another dieth in bitterness of soul,
And never tasteth of good.
26 They lie down alike in the dust,
And the worm covereth them.
27 Behold, I know your thoughts,
And the devices whereby ye would wrong me.
28 For ye say, Where is the house of the prince?
And where is the tent wherein the wicked dwell?
29 Have ye not asked wayfaring men?
And do ye not know their evidences,
30 That the evil man is reserved to the day of calamity?
That they are led forth to the day of wrath?
31 Who shall declare his way to his face?
And who shall repay him what he hath done?
32 Yet shall he be borne to the graves,
And men shall keep watch over the tomb.
33 The clods of the valley shall be sweet unto him,
And all men shall draw after him,
As there were innumerable before him.
34 How then comfort ye me in vain,
Seeing in your answers there remaineth only falsehood?

22 Then answered Eliphaz the Temanite, and said,
2 Can a man be profitable unto God?
Surely he that is wise is profitable unto himself.
3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty, that thou art righteous?
Or is it gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect?
4 Is it not the aweful thee, that he reproveth thee,
That he entereth with thee into judgment?
5 Is not thy wickedness great?
Neither is there any end to thine iniquities.
6 For thou hast taken pledges of thy brother for nought,
And stripped the naked of their clothing.
7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink,
And thou hast withholden bread from the hungry.
8 But as for the mighty man, he had the earth;
And the honorable man, he dwelt in it.
9 Thou hast sent widows away empty,
And the arms of the fatherless have been broken.
10 Therefore snares are round about thee,
And sudden fear troublid thee,
11 Or darkness, so that thou canst not see,
And abundance of waters cover thee.
12 Is not God in the height of heaven?
And behold the height of the stars, how high they are!
13 And thou sayest, What doth God know?
Can he judge through the thick darkness?
14 Thick clouds are a covering to him, so that he seeth not;
And he walketh on the vault of heaven.
15 Wilt thou keep the old way
Which wicked men have trodden?
16 Who were snatched away before their time,
Whose foundation was poured out as a stream,
17 Who said unto God, Depart from us;
And, What can the Almighty do for us?
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 innocent laugh them to scorn,
20 Saying, Surely they that did rise up against us are cut off,
And the remnant of them the fire hath consumed.
21 Acquaint now thyself with him, and be at peace: 
228 Thereby good shall come unto thee. 
22 Receive, I pray thee, 229 the law from his mouth, 
And lay up his words in thy heart. 
23 If thou return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, 
230 If thou put away unrighteousness far from thy tents. 
24 And lay thou thy 231 treasure 232 in the dust, 
And the gold of Ophir among the stones of the brooks; 
25 And the Almighty will be thy treasure, 
And 233 precious silver unto thee. 
26 For then shalt thou delight thyself in the Almighty, 
And shalt lift up thy face unto God. 
27 Thou shalt make thy prayer unto him, and he will hear thee; 
And thou shalt pay thy vows. 
28 Thou shalt also decree a thing, and it shall be established unto thee; 
And light shall shine upon thy ways. 
29 When they 234 cast thee down, thou shalt say, There is lifting up; And 235 the humble person he will save. 
30 He will deliver even him that is not innocent: 
Yes, he shall be delivered through the cleanness of thy hands.

Then Job answered and said, 
2 Even today is my complaint 236 rebellious: 
My stroke is heavier than my groaning. 
3 Oh that I knew where I might find him! 
That I might come even to his seat! 
4 I would set my cause in order 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 unto me. 
6 Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power? 
No; 237 but he would give heed unto me. 
7 There the upright might reason with him; 
So should I be delivered for ever from my judge. 
8 Behold, I go 238 forward, but he is not there; 
And backward, but I cannot perceive him; 
9 On the left hand, when he doth work, but I cannot behold him; 
He 239 hideth himself on the right hand, that I cannot see him. 
10 But he knoweth 240 the way that I take; 
When he hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold. 
11 My foot hath held fast to his steps; 
His way I have kept, and turned not aside.

I have not gone back from the commandment of his lips; 
I have treasured up the words of his mouth 241 more than my necessary food. 
But 244 he is one, and who can turn him? 
And what his soul desireth, even that he doeth. 
For he performeth that which is appointed for me: 
And many such things are with him. 
Therefore am I terrified at his presence; 
When I consider, I am afraid of him. 
For God hath made my heart faint, 
And the Almighty hath terrified me;

24 Because I was not cut off before the darkness, 
Neither did he cover the thick darkness from my face.

246 Why are times not laid up by the Almighty? 
And why do not they that know him see his days?
2 There are that remove the landmarks; 
They violently take away flocks, and feed them. 
3 They drive away the ass of the fatherless; 
They take the widow’s ox for a pledge. 
4 They turn the needy out of the way: 
The 247 poor of the earth all hide themselves. 
5 Behold, as wild asses in the desert 
They go forth to their work, seeking diligently for 248 food; 
The wilderness yieldeth them bread for their children. 
6 They cut 249 their provender in the field; 
And they glean the vintage of the wicked. 
7 They lie all night naked without clothing, 
And have no covering in the cold. 
8 They are wet with the showers of the mountains, 
And embrace the rock for want of a shelter. 
9 There are that pluck the fatherless from the breast, 
And 250 take a pledge of the poor; 
10 So that they go about naked without clothing, 
And being hungry they carry the sheaves. 
11 They make oil within the walls of these men; 
They tread their winepresses, and suffer thirst. 
12 From out of the populous city men groan, 
And the soul of the wounded crieth out: 
Yet God regardeth not the folly. 
13 These are of them that rebel against the light; 
They know not the ways thereof, 
Nor abide in the paths thereof.
The murderer riseth with the light;  
He killeth the poor and needy;  
And in the night he is as a thief.

And the eye also of the adulterer waiteth for the twilight,  
Saying, No eye shall see me:  
And he disguiseth his face.

In the dark they dig through houses:  
They shut themselves up in the daytime;  
They know not the light.

For the morning is to all of them as thick darkness;  
For they know the terrors of the thick darkness.

Drought and heat consume the snow waters:  
So doth Sheol those that have sinned.

The worm shall feed sweetly on him;  
He shall be no more remembered:  
And unrighteousness shall be broken as a tree.

He devoureth the barren that beareth not,  
And doeth not good to the widow.

Yet God preserveth the mighty by his power:  
He riseth up that hath no assurance of life.

God giveth them to be in security, and they rest thereon;  
And his eyes are upon their ways.

They are exalted; yet a little while, and they are gone;  
Yes, they are brought low, they shall be taken out of the way as all others,  
And shall be cut off as the tops of the ears of grain.

And if it be not so now, who will prove me a liar,  
And make my speech nothing worth?

Then answered Bildad the Shuhite, and said,  
2 Dominion and fear are with him;  
He maketh peace in his high places.

3 Is there any number of his armies?  
And upon whom doth not his light arise?

4 How then can man be just with God?  
Or how can he be clean that is born of a woman?

5 Behold, even the moon hath no brightness,  
And the stars are not pure in his sight:

6 How much less man, that is a worm!  
And the son of man, that is a scarlet worm!

Then Job answered and said,  
2 How hast thou helped him that is without power!  
How hast thou saved the arm that hath no strength!

3 How hast thou counselled him that hath no wisdom,  
And plentifully declared sound knowledge!

4 To whom hast thou uttered words?  
And whose breath came forth from thee?

5 They that are deceased tremble  
Beneath the waters and the inhabitants thereof.

6 Sheol is nacked before God,  
And Abaddon hath no covering.

7 He stretcheth out the north over empty space,  
And hangeth the earth upon nothing.

8 He bindeth up the waters in his thick clouds;  
And the cloud is not rent under them.

9 He incloseth the face of his throne,  
And spreadeth his cloud upon it.

10 He hath described a boundary upon the face of the waters,  
Unto the confines of light and darkness.

11 The pillars of heaven tremble  
And are astonished at his rebuke.

12 He stilleth the sea with his power,  
And by his understanding he smiteth through Rahab.

13 By his Spirit the heavens are garnished;  
His hand hath pierced the swift serpent.

14 Lo, these are but the outskirts of his ways:  
And how small a whisper do we hear of him!

But the thunder of his power who can understand?

And Job again took up his parable, and said,  
2 As God liveth, who hath taken away my right,  
And the Almighty, who hath vexed my soul;  
3 For my life is yet whole in me,  
And the breath of God is in my nostrils;)

4 Surely my lips shall not speak unrighteousness,  
Neither shall my tongue utter deceit.

5 Far be it from me that I should justify you:  
Till I die I will not put away mine 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 mine enemy be as the wicked, And let him that riseth up against me be as the unrighteous.
8 For what is the hope of the godless, though he get him gain, When God taketh away his soul?
9 Will God hear his cry, When trouble cometh upon him?
10 Will he delight himself in the Almighty, And call upon God at all times?
11 I will teach you concerning the hand of God; That which is with the Almighty will I not conceal.
12 Behold, all ye yourselves have seen it; Why then are ye become altogether vain?
13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, And the heritage of oppressors, which they receive from the Almighty:
14 If his children be multiplied, it is for the sword; And his offspring shall not be satisfied with bread.
15 Those that remain of him shall be buried in death, And his widows shall make no lamentation.
16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, And prepare raiment as the clay; He may prepare it, but the just shall put it on, And the innocent shall divide the silver.
17 He buildeth his house as the moth, And as a booth which the keeper maketh.
18 He lieth down rich, but he shall not be gathered to his fathers; He openeth his eyes, and he is not.
19 Terrors overtake him like waters; A tempest stealtheth him away in the night.
20 For God shall hurl at him, and not spare: He would fain flee out of his hand.
21 Men shall clap their hands at him, And shall hiss him out of his place.

28 Surely there is a mine for silver, And a place for gold which they refine. 
2 Iron is taken out of the earth, And copper is molten out of the stone.
3 Man setteth an end to darkness, And searcheth out, to the furthest bound, The stones of obscurity and of thick darkness.

4 He breaketh open a shaft away from where men sojourn; They are forgotten of the foot; They hang afar from men, they swing to and fro.
5 As for the earth, out of it cometh bread; And underneath it is turned up as it were by fire.
6 The stones thereof are the place of sapphires, and it hath dust of gold.
7 That path no bird of prey knoweth, Neither hath the falcon's eye seen it; The proud beasts have not trodden it, Nor hath the fierce lion passed thereby.
9 He putteth forth his hand upon the flinty rock; He overturneth the mountains by the roots. 
10 He cutteth out channels among the rocks; And his eye seeth every precious thing.
11 He bindeth the streams that they trickle not; And the thing that is hid bringeth forth to light.
12 But where shall wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding?
13 Man knoweth not the price thereof; Neither is it found in the land of the living.
14 The deep saith, It is not in me; And the sea saith, It is not with me.
15 It cannot be gotten for gold, Neither shall silver be weighed for the price thereof.
16 It cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, With the precious onyx, or the sapphire.
17 Gold and glass cannot equal it, Neither shall it be exchanged for jewels of fine gold.
18 No mention shall be made of coral or of crystal: Yes, the price of wisdom is above rubies.
19 The topaz of Cush shall not equal it, Neither shall it be valued with pure gold.
20 Whence then cometh wisdom? And where is the place of understanding?
21 Seeing it is hid from the eyes of all living, And kept close from the birds of the heavens.
22 Destruction and Death say, We have heard a rumor thereof with our ears.
23 God understandeth the way thereof, And he knoweth the place thereof.
24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth, And seeth under the whole heavens; 
25 To make a weight for the wind:

277 Or, doth not reproach me for any of my days.
278 Or, when God cutteth him off, when he taketh away 
279 Or, For
280 Or, The flood breaketh out from where men sojourn; Even the waters forgotten of the foot: They are diminished, they are gone away from man.
281 Or, flit to and fro.
282 Or, And he winneth lumps of gold.
283 Hb. sons of pride have not trodden it,
And feet
And when
And their tongue cleaved to
When
And
Behold, the awe of Jehovah, that is wisdom; And to depart from evil is understanding.

And Job again took up his parable, and said,
Oh that I were as in the months of old As in the days when God watched over me;
When his lamp shined upon my head, And by his light I walked through darkness;
As I was in the ripeness of my days, When the friendship of God was upon my tent;
When the Almighty was yet with me, And my children were about me;
When my steps were washed with butter, And the rock poured me out streams of oil!
When I went forth to the gate unto the city, When I prepared my seat in the broad place, The young men saw me and hid themselves, And the aged rose up and stood;
The princes refrained from talking, And laid their hand on their mouth;
The voice of the nobles was hushed, And their tongue cleaved to the roof of their mouth.
For when the ear heard me, then it blessed me; And when the eye saw me, it gave witness unto me: Because I delivered the poor that cried, The fatherless also, that had none to help him.
The blessing of him that was ready to perish came upon me; And I caused the widow’s heart to sing for joy.
I put on righteousness, and it clothed me: My justice was as a robe and a diadem.
I was eyes to the blind, And feet I to the lame.
I was a father to the needy: And the cause of him that I knew not I searched out.
And I brake the jaws of the unrighteous, And plucked the prey out of his teeth.
Then I said, I shall die in my nest, And I shall multiply my days as the sand:

But now they that are younger than I have me in derision, Whose fathers I disdained to set with the dogs of my flock. Yes, the strength of their hands, whereto should it profit me? Men in whom ripe age is perished.
They are gaunt with want and famine; They gnaw the dry ground, in the gloom of want and desolation. They pluck salt-wort by the bushes; And the roots of the broom are their food.
They are driven forth from the midst of men; They cry after them as after a thief; So that they dwell in frightful valleys, In holes of the earth and of the rocks.
Among the bushes they bray; Under the nettles they are gathered together.
They are children of fools, yes, children of base men; They were scourged out of the land.
And now I am become their song, Yes, I am a byword unto them.
They abhor me, they stand aloof from me, And spare not to spit in my face.
For he hath loosed his cord, and afflicted me; And they have cast off the bridle before me.
Upon my right hand rise the rabble; They thrust aside my feet, And they cast up against me their ways of destruction.

My root is spread out to the waters, And the dew lieth all night upon my branch:
My glory is fresh in me,
And my bow is renewed in my hand.
Unto men gave ear, and waited, And kept silence for my counsel.
After my words they spake not again; And my speech distilled upon them.
And they waited for me as for the rain; And they opened their mouth wide as for the latter rain.
I smiled on them, when they had no confidence; And the light of my countenance they cast not down.
I chose out their way, and sat as chief, And dwelt as a king in the army, As one that comforteth the mourners.
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13 They mar my path,
   They set forward my calamity,
   Even men that have no helper.
14 319 As through a wide breach they come:
   In the midst of the ruin they roll themselves upon me.
15 Terrors are turned upon me;
   They chase mine honor as the wind;
   And my welfare is passed away as a cloud.
16 And now my soul is poured out within me;
   Days of affliction have taken hold upon me.
17 In the night season my bones are pierced in me,
   And 321 the pains that gnaw me take no rest.
18 By God’s great force is my garment disfigured;
   It bindeth me about as the collar of my coat.
19 He hath cast me into the mire,
   And I am become like dust and ashes.
20 I cry unto thee, and thou dost not answer me:
   I stand up, and thou gazest at me.
21 Thou art turned to be cruel to me;
   With the might of thy hand thou persecutest me.
22 Thou liftest me up to the wind, thou causest me to ride
   upon it; And thou dissolvest me in the storm.
23 For I know that thou wilt bring me to death,
   And to 322 the house appointed for all living.
24 Howbeit doth not one stretch out
   the hand in his fall?
   Or in his calamity therefore cry for help?
25 Did not I weep for him that was in trouble?
   Was not my soul grieved for the needy?
26 When I looked for good, then evil came;
   And when I waited for light, there came darkness.
27 My heart is troubled, and resteth not;
   Days of affliction are come upon me.
28 I go mourning without the sun:
   I stand up in the assembly, and cry for help.
29 I am a brother to jackals,
   And a companion to ostriches.
30 My skin is black, and falleth from me,
   And my bones are burned with heat.
31 Therefore is my harp turned to mourning,
   And my pipe into the voice of them that weep.

31 I made a covenant with mine eyes;
   How then should I look upon a virgin?
2 323 For what is the portion from God above,
   And the heritage from the Almighty on high?
3 Is it not calamity to the unrighteous,
   And disaster to the workers of iniquity?
4 Doth not he see my ways,
   And number all my steps?
5 If I have walked with falsehood,
   And my foot hath hasted to deceit;
6 (Let me be weighed in an even balance,
   That God may know mine integrity;)
7 If my step hath turned out of the way,
   And my heart walked after mine eyes,
   And if any spot hath cleaved to my hands:
8 Then let me sow, and let another eat;
   Yes, let 323 the produce of my field be rooted out.
9 If my heart hath been enticed unto a woman,
   And I have laid wait at my neighbor’s door;
10 Then let my wife grind unto another,
   And let others bow down upon her.
11 For that were a heinous crime;
   Yes, it were an iniquity to be punished by the judges;
12 For it is a fire that consumeth unto 323 Destruction,
   And would root out all mine increase.
13 If I have despised the cause of my man-servant or of my
   maid-servant, When they contended with me;
14 What then shall I do when God riseth up?
   And when he visiteth, what shall I answer him?
15 Did not he that made me in the womb 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 have eaten my morsel alone,
   And the fatherless hath not eaten thereof;
18 (No, from my youth he grew up with me as with a father,
   And her have I guided from my mother’s womb;)
19 If I have seen any perish for want of clothing,
   Or that the needy had no covering;
20 If his loins have not blessed me,
   And if he hath not been warmed with the fleece of my sheep;
21 If I have lifted up my hand against the fatherless,
   Because I saw my help in the gate:
22 Then let my shoulder fall from me,
   And my arm be broken from the bone.
23 For calamity from God is a terror to me,
   And by reason of his majesty I can do nothing.
24 If I have made gold my hope,
   And have said to the fine gold, Thou art my confidence;
25 If I have rejoiced because my wealth was great,
   And because my hand had gotten much;
26 If I have beheld the sun when it shined,
   Or the moon walking in brightness,

319 Or, As a wide breaking in of waters they come:
320 Or, life
321 Hb. upon me;
322 Or, corroded and drop away from me,
323 Hb. from off me,
324 Or, my sinews take no rest.
325 Or, the house of meeting for all living.
326 Or, blackened, but not by the sun:
327 Or, For what portion should I have of God above,
   And what heritage from the Almighty on high?
3 Is there not calamity to the unrighteous,
328 Or, my offspring Hb. my produce
330 Or, aught that the poor desired,
331 Hb. the light when it shined,
332 Hb. my hand hath kissed my mouth:
32 And my heart hath been secretly enticed, 
And 337 my mouth hath kissed my hand; 
And 338 my soul rather than God.

331 If the men of my tent have not said, 
Who can find one that hath not been filled with his meat? 
(Yes, I have not suffered my 339 mouth to sin 
By asking his soul with a curse;)

33 If 339 like Adam I have covered my transgressions, 
By hiding mine iniquity in my bosom; 
34 Because I feared the great multitude, 
And the contempt of families terrified me, 
So that I kept silence, and went not out of the door —

35 Oh that I had one to hear me! 
(Lo, here is my 338 signature, let the Almighty answer me;) 
And that I had the 337 indictment which mine adversary hath written!

36 Surely I would carry it upon my shoulder; 
I would bind it unto me as a crown:

37 I would declare unto him the number of my steps; 
As a prince would I open my doors to 334 the traveller;)

38 If my land crieth out against me, 
And the furrows thereof weep together;

39 If I have eaten the 339 fruits thereof without money, 
Or have caused the owners thereof to lose their soul:

40 Let 346 distils grow instead of wheat, 
And 341 cockle instead of barley.

The words of Job are ended.

32 So these three men ceased to answer Job, because he was righteous in his own eyes. 2 Then was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barakhel the Buzite, of the family of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he justified his soul rather than God. 3 Also against his three friends was his wrath kindled, because they had found no answer, and yet had 342 condemned God. 4 Now Elihu had 343 waited to speak unto Job, because they were elder than he. 5 And when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, his wrath was kindled.

6 And Elihu the son of Barakhel the Buzite answered and said, I am young, and ye are very old; Wherefore I held back, 
and durst not show you mine opinion.

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 giveth them understanding. 
9 It is not the great that are wise, 
Nor the aged that understand justice.

10 Therefore I 344 said, Hearken to me; 
I also will show mine opinion.

11 Behold, I waited for your words, 
I listened for your reasonings, 
Whilst ye searched out what to say.

12 Yes, I attended unto you, 
And, behold, there was none that convinced Job, 
Or that answered his words, among you.

13 Beware lest ye say, We have found out wisdom; 
God may vanquish him, not man:

14 For he hath not directed his words against me; 
Neither will I answer him with your speeches.

15 They are amazed, they answer no more: They have not a word to say. 
16 And shall I wait, because they speak not, 
Because they stand still, and answer no more?

17 I also will answer my part, 
I also will show mine opinion.

18 For I am full of words; 
The spirit within me constraineth me.

19 Behold, my breast is as wine which hath no vent; 
Like new wineskins 346 it is ready to burst.

20 I will speak, that I may be refreshed; 
I will open my lips and answer.

21 Let me not, I pray you, respect any man's person; 
Neither will I give flattering titles unto any man.

22 For I know not to give flattering titles; 
Else would my Maker soon take me away.

33 Howbeit, Job, I pray thee, hear my speech, 
And hearken to all my words.

2 Behold now, I have opened my mouth; 
My tongue hath spoken in my 348 mouth.

3 My words shall utter the uprightness of my heart; 
And that which my lips know they shall speak sincerely. 
4 The Spirit of God hath made me, 
And the breath of the Almighty giveth me life.

33 Hb. palate
34 Hb. the way;
35 Or, after the manner of men I have covered
36 Hb. mark
37 Hb. book
38 Or, present it to him.
39 Hb. strength
40 Or, thorns
41 Or, noisome weeds instead of barley.

342 Sopherim changed to, condemned Job.
343 Hb. waited for Job with words,
344 Or, say,
345 Or, Lest ye should say, We have found out wisdom; God thrusteth him down, not man: 14 Now he hath not directed his words against me;
346 Or, which are ready to burst.
347 Or, find relief;
348 Hb. palate.
Job 34

5 If thou canst, answer thou me; Set thy words in order before me, stand forth.  
6 Behold, I am toward God even as thou art: I also am formed out of the clay.  
7 Behold, my terror shall not make thee afraid, Neither shall my pressure be heavy upon thee.  
8 Surely thou hast spoken in my hearing, And I have heard the voice of thy words, saying, 
9 I am clean, without transgression; I am innocent, neither is there iniquity in me:  
10 Behold, he findeth occasions against me, He counteth me for his enemy;  
11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, He marketh all my paths.  
12 Behold, I will answer thee, in this thou art not just; For God is greater than man.  
13 Why dost thou strive against him, For that he giveth not account of any of his matters?  
14 For God speaketh once, Yes twice, though man regardeth it not.  
15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, When deep sleep falleth upon men, 
In slumberings upon the bed;  
16 Then he openeth the ears of men, And sealeth their instruction,  
17 That he may withdraw man from his purpose, And hide pride from man;  
18 He keepeth 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 continual strife in his bones;  
20 So that his life abhorreth 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 Yes, his soul draweth near unto the pit, And his life to the destroyers.  
23 If there be with him an angel, An interpreter, one among a thousand, 
To show unto man what is right for him;  
24 Then God is gracious unto him, and saith, Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found an atoning payment.  
25 His flesh shall be fresher than a child’s; He returneth to the days of his youth.  
26 He prayeth unto God, and he is favorable unto him, So that he seeth his face with joy: And he restoreth unto man his righteousness.  
27 He singeth before men, and saith, I have sinned, and perverted that which was right, And it profited me not:  
28 He hath redeemed my soul from going into the pit, And my life shall behold the light.  
29 Lo, all these things doth God work, Twice, yet thrice, with a man,  
30 To bring back his soul from the pit, That he may be enlightened with the light of the living.  
31 Mark well, O Job, hearken unto me: Hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom.  
32 If thou hast anything to say, answer me: Speak, for I desire to justify thee.  
33 If not, hearken thou unto me: Hold thy peace, and I will teach thee wisdom.  
34 Moreover Elihu answered and said, 2 Hear my words, ye wise men; And give ear unto me, ye that have knowledge.  
3 For the ear trieth words, As the palate tasteth food.  
4 Let us choose for us that which is right: Let us know among ourselves what is good.  
5 For Job hath said, I am righteous, And God hath taken away my right:  
6 Notwithstanding my right I am accounted a liar; My wound is incurable, though I am without transgression.  
7 What man is like Job, Who drinketh up scoffing like water,  
8 Who goeth in company with the workers of iniquity, And walketh with wicked men?  
9 For he hath said, It profiteth a man nothing That he should delight himself with God.  
10 Therefore hearken unto me, ye men of understanding: Far be it from God, that he should do wickedness, And from the Almighty, that he should commit iniquity.  
11 For the work of a man will he render unto him, And cause every man to find according to his ways.

349 Or, I am according to thy wish in God’s stead: 
351 Or, causes of alienation,  
352 Or, in this thou art not just: I will answer thee; for  
353 Or, in one way, yes in two,  
354 Hb. uncovereth  
355 Or, That man may put away his purpose, And that he may hide pride from man;  
356 Or, That he may keep back his soul from the pit,  
357 Or, weapons.  
358 Hb. reads While all his bones are firm;  
359 Or, a messenger,  
360 Or, of the thousand,  
361 Or, his uprightness;  
362 Or, And he be gracious unto him, and say, Deliver him from going down to the pit, I have found a ransom:  
363 Or, looketh upon men,  
364 Or, it was not requited unto me: or, it was not meet for me:  
365 Or, life.  
366 Or, Should I lie against my right?  
367 Hb. Mine arrow is incurable,  
368 Or, consent with God. See Ps 50:18.
12 Yes, of a surety, God will not do wickedly, 
Neither will the Almighty pervert justice. 
13 Who gave him a charge over the earth? Or who hath disposed the whole world? 
14 If he set his heart upon himself, 
If he gather unto himself his spirit and his breath; 
15 All flesh shall perish together, 
And man shall turn again unto dust. 
16 If thou hast understanding, hear this: 
Hearken to the voice of my words. 
17 Shall even one that hateth justice govern? 
And wilt thou condemn him that is righteous and mighty? — 
18 Him that saith to a king, Thou art vile, 
Or to nobles, Ye are wicked; 
19 That respecteth not the persons of princes, 
Nor regardeth the rich more than the poor; 
For they all are the work of his hands. 
20 In a moment they die, even at midnight; 
The people are shaken and pass away, 
And the mighty are taken away without hand. 
21 For his eyes are upon the ways of a man, 
And he seeth all his goings. 
22 There is no darkness, nor thick gloom, 
Where the workers of iniquity may hide themselves. 
23 For he needeth not further to consider a man, 
That he should go before God in judgment. 
24 He breaketh in pieces mighty men 
in ways past finding out, 
And setteth others in their stead. 
25 Therefore he taketh knowledge of their works; 
And he over turneth them in the night, so that they are destroyed. 
26 He striketh them as wicked men 
in the open sight of others; 
27 Because they turned aside from following him, 
And would not have regard to any of his ways: 
28 So that they caused the cry of the poor to come unto him, 
And he heard the cry of the afflicted. 
29 When he giveth quietness, who then can condemn? 
And when he hideth his face, who then can behold him? 
Alike whether it be done unto a nation, or unto a man: 
30 That the godless man reign not, 
That there be none to ensnare the people.

31 For hath any said unto God, 
I have borne chastisement, 
will not offend any more: 
32 That which I see not teach thou me: 
If I have done iniquity, I will do it no more? 
33 Shall his recompense be as thou wilt, that thou refusest it? 
For thou must choose, and not I: 
Therefore speak what thou knowest. 
34 Men of understanding will say unto me, 
Yes, every wise man that heareth me: 
35 Job speaketh without knowledge, 
And his words are without wisdom. 
36 Would that Job were tried unto the end, 
Because of his answering like wicked men. 
37 For he addeth rebellion unto his sin; 
He clappeth his hands among us, 
And multiplieth his words against God. 

35 Moreover Elihu answered and said, 
2 Thinkest thou this to be thy right, 
Or sayest thou, My righteousness is more than God’s, 
3 That thou sayest, What advantage will it be unto thee? 
And, What profit shall I have, more than if I had sinned? 
4 I will answer thee, 
And thy companions with thee. 
5 Look unto the heavens, and see; 
And behold the skies, which are higher than thou. 
6 If thou hast sinned, what effectest thou against him? 
And if thy transgressions be multiplied, what dost thou unto him? 
7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? 
Or what receiveth he of thy hand? 
8 Thy wickedness may hurt a man as thou art; 
And thy righteousness may profit a son of man. 
9 By reason of the multitude of oppressions they cry out; 
They cry for help by reason of the arm of the mighty. 
10 But none saith, Where is God my Maker, 
Who giveth songs in the night, 
11 Who teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, 
And maketh us wiser than the birds of the heavens? 
12 There they cry, but none giveth answer, 
Because of the pride of evil men. 
13 Surely God will not hear an empty cry, 
Neither will the Almighty regard it. 
14 How much less when thou sayest thou beholdest him not, 
The cause is before him, and thou waitest for him!
But now, because he hath not visited in his anger, 
Neither doth he greatly regard arrogance; 
Therefore doth Job open his mouth in vanity; 
He multiplieth words without knowledge.

Elihu also proceeded, and said, 
Suffer me a little, and I will show thee; 
For I have yet somewhat to say on God's behalf.

I will fetch my knowledge from afar, 
And will ascribe righteousness to my Maker.

For truly my words are not false: 
One that is perfect in knowledge is with thee.

Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: 
He is mighty in strength of understanding.

He preserveth not the life of the wicked, 
But giveth to the afflicted their right.

He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous: 
But with kings upon the throne 
He setteth them ever after, and they are exalted.

And if they be bound in fetters, 
And be taken in the cords of affliction; 
Then he showeth them their work, 
And their transgressions, that they have behaved themselves proudly.

He openeth also their ear to instruction, 
And commandeth that they return from iniquity.

If they hearken and serve him, 
They shall spend their days in prosperity, 
And their years in 387 pleasures.

But if they hearken not, they shall perish by the sword, 
And they shall die without knowledge.

But they that are godless in heart lay up anger: 
They cry not for help when he bindeth them.

Their soul dieth in youth, 
And their life perisheth among the unclean.

He delivereth the afflicted by their affliction, 
And openeth their ear in oppression.

Yes, he would have allured thee 
Out of distress into a broad place, where there is no straitness; 
And that which is set on thy table would be full of fatness.

But thou art full of the judgment of the wicked: 
Judgment and justice take hold on thee.

For let not wrath stir thee up against chastisements; 
Neither let the greatness of the payment turn thee aside.

Will thy cry avail, that thou be not in distress, 
Or all the forces of thy strength?

Desire not the night, 
When peoples are cut off in their place.

Take heed, regard not iniquity: 
For this hast thou chosen rather than affliction.

Behold, God doeth loftily in his power: 
Who is a teacher like unto him?

Who hath enjoined him his way? 
Or who can say, Thou hast wrought unrighteousness?

Remember that thou magnify his work, 
Whereof men have sung. 
All men have looked thereon; 
Man beholdeth it afar off.

Behold, God is great, and we know him not; 
The number of his years is unsearchable.

For he draweth up the drops of water, 
Which distil in rain from his vapor,

Which the skies pour down 
And drop upon man abundantly.

Yes, can any understand the spreads of the clouds, 
The thunderings of his pavilion?

Behold, he spreadeth his light around him; 
And he covereth the bottom of the sea.

For these he judgeth the peoples; 
He giveth food in abundance.

He covereth his hands with the lightning, 
And giveth it a charge that it strike the mark.

The noise thereof telleth concerning him, 
The cattle also concerning the storm that cometh up.

Yes, at this my heart trembleth, 
And is moved out of its place.

Hear, oh, hear the noise of his voice, 
And the sound that goeth out of his mouth.

He sendeth it forth under the whole heaven, 
And his lightning unto the ends of the earth.

After it a voice roareth; 
He thundereth with the voice of his majesty; 
And he restrainteth not the lightnings when his voice is heard.

383 Or, thou sayest. He doth not greatly regard arrogance. 
384 Hb. Wait for me. 
385 Hb. There are yet words for God. 
386 Hb. heart. 
387 Or, the pleasantnesses. 
388 Or, weapons. 
389 Or, like. 
390 Or, sodomites. or, male prostitutes. See Dt 23:17. 
391 Or, in. 
392 Or, by adversity. 
393 Hb. out of the mouth of distress. 
394 Or, hast filled up the judgment of the wicked. 
395 Or, Because there is wrath, beware lest thou be led away by thy sufficiency; 
396 Hb. go up in their place. 
397 4QJob* Aram. read great is his work. 
398 Hb. belonging to. 
399 Or, the vapor thereof. 
400 Lit. booth. 
401 Or, thereon. 
402 Or, covereth it with the depths of the sea. 
403 Hb. light. Also in ch. 37:3, 11. 
404 Or, against the assailant. 
405 Or, it. 
406 Or, him that cometh up. 
407 Or, muttering. 
408 Hb. skirts. 
409 Hb. them.
He thundereth marvellously with his voice; Great things doeth he, which we cannot comprehend. For he saith to the snow, Fall thou on the earth; Likewise to the shower of rain, And to the showers of his mighty rain.

He sealeth up the hand of every man, That all men whom he hath made may know it. Then the beasts go into coverts, And remain in their dens.

Out of the chamber of the south cometh the storm, And cold out of the north. By the breath of God ice is given; And the breadth of the waters is straitened.

Yes, he lades the thick cloud with moisture; He spreadeth abroad the cloud of his lightning; And it is turned round about by his guidance, That they may do whatsoever he commandeth them Upon the face of the habitable world; Whether it be for correction, or for his land, Or for lovingkindness, that he cause it to come.

Hearken unto this, O Job: Stand still, and consider the wondrous works of God. Dost thou know how God layeth his charge upon them, And causeth the lightning of his cloud to shine?

Canst thou with him spread out the sky, Which is strong as a molten mirror? Teach us what we shall say unto him; For we cannot set our speech in order by reason of darkness.

Shall it be told him that I would speak? Or should a man wish that he were swallowed up? And now men see not the light which is bright in the skies; But the wind passeth, and cleareth them.

Out of the north cometh golden splendor: God hath upon him awesome majesty.

Touching the Almighty, we cannot find him out: He is excellent in power; And in justice and plentiful righteousness he will not afflict. Men do therefore fear him: He regardeth not any that are wise of heart.
Job 39

24 Or by what way is the light parted, 
Or the east wind scattered upon the earth?
25 Who hath cleft a channel for the floodwater, 
Or a way for the lightning of the thunder;
26 To cause it to rain on a land where no man is; 
On the wilderness, wherein there is no man;
27 To satisfy the waste and desolate ground, 
And to cause the crops to spring forth?
28 Hath the rain a father? 
Or who hast begotten the drops of dew?
29 Out of whose womb came the ice?
And the hoary frost of heaven, who hath 429 generated it?
30 The waters are concealed like stone, 
And the surface of the deep cohereth.
31 Canst thou bind the cluster of the Pleiades, 
Or loose the bands of Orion?
32 Canst thou lead forth the twelve signs of the Zodiac in their season? 
Or canst thou guide Ursa Major with her train?
33 Knowest thou the ordinances of the heavens? 
Canst thou establish the dominion thereof in the earth?
34 Canst thou lift up thy voice to the clouds, 
That abundance of waters may cover thee?
35 Canst thou send forth lightnings, that they may go, 
And say unto thee, Here we are?
36 Who hath put wisdom in the inward parts? 
Or who hath given understanding to the mind?
37 Who can number the clouds by wisdom? 
Or who can 438 pour out the bottles of heaven, 
38 When the dust runneth into a mass, 
And the clods cleave fast together?
39 Canst thou hunt the prey for the lions, 
Or satisfy the appetites of the young lions, 
40 When they couch in their dens, 
And abide in the booth to lie in wait?
41 Who provideth for the raven his prey, 
When his young ones cry unto God, 
And wander for lack of food?

39 Knowest thou the time when the wild goats of the rock bring forth? 
Or canst thou mark when the hind doth calve? 
2 Canst thou number the months that they fulfil? 
Or knowest thou the time when they bring forth?
3 They bow themselves, they bring forth their young, 
They cast out their pains. 
4 Their young ones become strong, they grow up in the open field; 
They go forth, and 429 return not again.
5 Who hath sent out the wild ass free? 
Or who hath loosed the bonds of the swift ass, 
6 Whose home I have made the wilderness, 
And the salt land his dwelling-place?
7 He scorneth the tumult of the city, 
Neither heareth he the shoutings of the 440 driver.
8 The range of the mountains is his pasture, 
And he searcheth after every green thing.
9 Will the wild-ox be content to serve thee? 
Or will he abide by thy crib?
10 Canst thou bind the wild-ox with his band in the furrow? 
Or will he harrow the valleys after thee?
11 Wilt thou trust him, because his strength is great? 
Or wilt thou leave to him thy labor? 
12 Wilt thou confide in him, that he will bring home thy seed, 
And gather the grain of thy threshing-floor?
13 The wings of the ostrich wave proudly; 
But are they pinions and plumage of love?
14 For she leaveth her eggs on the earth, 
And warmeth them in the dust, 
15 And forgettest that the foot may crush them, 
Or that the wild beast may trample them.
16 She dealth hardly with her young ones, as if they were not hers: Though her labor be in vain, she is without fear; 
17 Because God hath deprived her of wisdom, 
Neither hath he imparted to her understanding.
18 What time she lifteth up herself on high, 
She scorneth the horse and his rider. 
19 Hast thou given the horse his might? 
Hast thou clothed his neck with the 440 quivering mane?
20 Hast thou made him to leap as a locust? 
The glory of his snorting is terrible.
21 He paweth in the valley, and rejoiceth in his strength: 
He goeth out to meet the armed men.
22 He mocketh at fear, and is not dismayed; 
Neither turneth he back from the sword.
23 The quiver rattleth against him, 
The flashing spear and the javelin.

427 Or, Which is the way to the place where the light is parted, 
428 Or, greensward to spring forth 
429 Or, given it birth 
430 Or, hide themselves and become like stone, 
431 Or, is frozen. But compare Ge 1:6-7 and footnote. 
432 Or, chain or, sweet influences 
433 Hb. Mazzaroth in their season See note on ch. 9:9. 
434 See marginal note on ch. 9:9. 
435 Hb. sons 
436 Or, dark clouds 
437 Or, meteor 
438 Hb. cause the bottles of heaven to lie down 
439 Or, return not unto them. 
440 Or, taskmaster. 
441 Or, a stork 
442 Or, is hardened against her young ones, 
443 Hb. made her to forget wisdom, 
444 Or, rouseth herself up to flight, 
445 Hb. shaking mane 
446 Hb. They paw in the valley, 
447 Or, the weapons. 
448 Or, upon him,
24 He swalloweth the land with fierceness and rage; Neither standeth he still at the voice of the trumpet.
25 As oft as the trumpet soundeth he saith, Aha! And he smelleth the battle afar off, The thunder of the captains, and the shouting.
26 Is it by thy wisdom that the hawk soareth, And stretcheth her wings toward the south? 
27 Is it at thy command that the eagle mounteth up, And maketh her nest on high? 
28 On the cliff she dwelleth, and maketh her home, Upon the point of the cliff, and the stronghold. 
29 From thence she spiueth out the prey; Her eyes behold it afar off.
30 Her young ones also suck up blood: And where the slain are, there is she.

Moreover Jehovah answered Job, and said,
2 Shall the reprover contend with the Almighty? He that argueth with God, let him answer it.
3 Then Job answered Jehovah, and said, 
4 Behold, I am of small account; what shall I answer thee? I lay my hand upon my mouth. 
5 Once have I spoken, and I will not answer; Yes, twice, but I will proceed no further.

Then Jehovah answered Job out of the whirlwind, and said,
7 Gird up thy loins now like a man: I will ask of thee, and declare thou unto me. 
8 Wilt thou even annul my judgment? Wilt thou condemn me, that thou mayest be justified? 
9 Or hast thou an arm like God? And canst thou thunder with a voice like him? 
10 Deck thyself now with excellency and dignity; And array thyself with honor and splendor.

11 Pour forth the overflowings of thine anger; And look upon every one that is proud, and abase him. 
12 Look on everyone that is proud, and bring him low; And tread down the wicked where they stand.
13 Hide them in the dust together; Bind their faces in the hidden place. 
14 Then will I also confess of thee That thine own right hand can save thee. 
15 Behold now, behemoth, which I made as well as thee; He eateth grass as an ox. 
16 Lo now, his strength is in his loins, And his force is in the muscles of his belly.
17 He moveth his tail like a cedar: The sinews of his thighs are knit together. 
18 His bones are as tubes of copper; His limbs are like bars of iron.
19 He is the chief of the ways of God: He only that made him giveth him his sword. 
20 Surely the mountains bring him forth food, Where all the beasts of the field do play. 
21 He lieth under the lotus-trees, In the covert of the reed, and the fen.
22 The lotus-trees cover him with their shade; The willows of the brook compass him about.

23 Behold, if a river overflow, he trembleth not; He is confident, though a Jordan swell even to his mouth. 
24 Shall any take him when he is on the watch, Or pierce through his nose with a snare?

Canst thou draw out leviathan with a fishhook? Or press down his tongue with a cord?
2 Canst thou put a rope into his nose? Or pierce his jaw through with a hook?
3 Will he make many supplications unto thee? Or will he speak soft words unto thee?
4 Will he make a covenant with thee. That thou shouldst take him for a servant for ever?
5 Wilt thou play with him as with a bird? Or wilt thou bind him for thy maidens?
6 Will the bands of fishermen make traffic of him? Will they part him among the merchants?
7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed irons, Or his head with fish-spears?
8 Lay thy hand upon him; Remember the battle, and do so no more. 
9 Behold, the hope of him is in vain: Will not one be cast down even at the sight of him?
10 None is so fierce that he dare stir him up; Who then is he that can stand before me?
11 Who hath first given unto me, that I should repay him? Whatsoever is under the whole heaven is mine. 
12 I will not keep silence concerning his limbs, Nor his mighty strength, nor his goodly frame. 
13 Who can strip off his outer garment? Who shall come within his jaws?
14 Who can open the doors of his face? Round about his teeth is terror. 
15 His strong scales are his pride, Shut up together as with a close seal. 
16 One is so near to another, That no air can come between them. 
17 They are joined one to another; They stick together, so that they cannot be sundered. 
18 His sneezings flash forth light, And his eyes are like the eyelids of the morning.

449 Or, believeth he that it is the voice of the trumpet. 
450 That is, the hippopotamus 
451 Hb. with thee; 
452 Or, ribs are like bars of iron. 
453 Or, be violent, 
454 That is, the crocodile 
455 Hb. a rope of rushes into his nose 
456 Or, spike 
457 Hb. uncover the faces of his garment 
458 Or, His teeth are terrible round about. 
459 Or, courses of scales Hb. channels of shields
Then Job answered Jehovah, and said,
2 I know that thou canst do all things,
And that no purpose of thine can be restrained.
3 Who is this that hideth counsel without knowledge?

Therefore have I uttered that which I understood not,
Things too wonderful for me, which I knew not.
4 Hear, I beseech thee, and I will speak;
I will ask of thee, and declare thou unto me.
5 I had heard of thee by the hearing of the ear;
But now mine eye seeth thee:
6 Wherefore I abhor myself,
And repent in dust and ashes.

7 And it was so, that, after Jehovah had spoken these words unto Job, Jehovah said to Eliphaz the Temanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. 8 Now therefore, take unto you seven bullocks 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 him will I accept, that I deal not with you after your folly; for ye have not spoken of me the thing that is right, as my servant Job hath. 9 So Eliphaz the Temanite and Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite went, and did according as Jehovah commanded them: and Jehovah accepted Job.

10 And Jehovah turned the captivity of Job, when he prayed for his friends: and Jehovah gave Job twice as much as he had before. 11 Then came there unto him all his brethren, and all his sisters, and all they that had been of his acquaintance before, and did eat bread with him in his house: and they bemoaned him, and comforted him concerning all the evil that Jehovah had brought upon him: every man also gave him a piece of money, and every one a ring of gold. 12 So Jehovah blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: and he had fourteen thousand sheep, and six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, and a thousand she-asses. 13 He had also seven sons and three daughters.

14 And he called the name of the first, Jemimah; and the name of the second, Keziah; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch. 15 And in all the land were no women found so fair as the daughters of Job: and their father gave them inheritance among their brethren. 16 And after this Job lived a hundred forty years, and saw his sons, and his sons’ sons, even four generations. 17 So Job died, being old and full of days.

460 Or, coat of mail.
461 Hb. son of the bow cannot make him flee:
462 Lamsa (Aramaic) reads, he is at home in the deep as if he were on the dry land.
463 Or, loathe my words,
464 Hb. weighed silver, possibly ~50 gm.
Elsewhere only in Ge 33:19, Josh 24:32; so perhaps Job was contemporary with Jacob.

[A metrical version of Job in the footnotes of the Companion Bible is noteworthy.]
Psalms

(In Five Books, see Psalms 42, 73, 90, 107)

1 The Righteous and the Wicked Contrasted — 2 The Reign of Jehovah’s Anointed — 3 Morning Prayer of Trust in God

Book One

The Righteous and the Wicked contrasted

1 Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the wicked, Nor standeth in the way of sinners, Nor sitteth in the seat of scoffers:
2 But his delight is in the law of Jehovah; And on his law doth he meditate day and night.
3 And he shall be like a tree planted by the streams of water, That bringeth forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also doth not wither; And whatsoever he doeth shall prosper.
4 The wicked are not so, But are like the chaff which the wind driveth away.
5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand in the judgment, Nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.
6 For Jehovah knoweth the way of the righteous; But the way of the wicked shall perish.

The Reign of Jehovah’s Anointed

2 Why do the nations rage, And the peoples meditate a vain thing?
1 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against Jehovah, and against his anointed, saying,
3 Let us break their bonds asunder, And cast away their cords from us.
4 He that sitteth in the heavens will laugh: Jehovah will have them in derision.
5 Then will he speak unto them in his wrath, And vex them in his sore displeasure:
6 Yet I have set my king Upon my holy hill of Zion.
7 I will tell of the decree: Jehovah said unto me, Thou art my son; This day have I begotten thee.
8 Ask of me, and I will give thee the nations for thine inheritance, And the uttermost parts of the earth for thy possession.
9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; Thou shalt dash them in pieces like a potter’s vessel.
10 Now therefore be wise, O ye kings: Be instructed, ye judges of the earth.

Morning Prayer of Trust in God

A Psalm of David, when he fled from Absalom his son

3 Jehovah, how are mine adversaries increased!
Many are they that rise up against me.
2 Many there are that say of my soul, There is no help for him in God. [Selah]
3 But thou, O Jehovah; save me, O my God:
My glory, and the lifter up of my head.
4 I cry unto Jehovah with my voice, And he answereth me out of his holy hill.
5 I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for Jehovah sustaineth me.
6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of the people That have set themselves against me round about.
7 Arise, O Jehovah; save me, O my God: For thou hast smitten all mine enemies upon the cheek bone; Thou hast broken the teeth of the wicked.
8 Salvation belongeth unto Jehovah:
Thy blessing be upon thy people. [Selah]

Evening Prayer of Trust in God

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments

A Psalm of David

4 Answer me when I call, O God of my righteousness; Thou hast set me at large from mine enemies.
3 Have mercy upon me, and hear my prayer.
2 O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be turned into dishonor? How long shall ye love vanity, and seek after falsehood? [Selah]
3 But know that Jehovah hath set apart for himself him that is godly; Jehovah will hear when I call unto him.
4 Stand in awe, and sin not: Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. [Selah]
5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, And put your trust in Jehovah.
6 Many there are that say, Who will show us any good? Jehovah, lift thou up the light of thy countenance upon us.

1 Or, Happy
2 Or, in whatsoever he doeth he shall prosper.
3 Or, tumultuously assemble,
4 Sopherim changed to the Lord
5 Or, trouble
6 So Massoretic. But Sept., Aram. read shepherd them
Vg. reads rule them
7 Or, may soon be kindled.
8 Or, Happy
9 Or, to my soul, or, of my life.
10 Or, no salvation for him in God.
12 Or, The victory
13 Or, Be gracious unto me,
14 Or, one that he favoreth: Hb. ha syd the saint:
15 Or, Be ye angry, and sin not: Lit. Be ye moved, …
Psalms 5

7 Thou hast put gladness in my heart,
More than they have when their grain and their new wine
are increased.

8 In peace will I both lay me down and sleep;
For thou, Jehovah, alone maketh me dwell in safety.

Prayer for Protection from the Wicked
For the Chief Musician; with the 71Nehiloth
A Psalm of David

5 Give ear to my words, O Jehovah,
Consider my meditation.

2 Hearken unto the voice of my cry, my King, and my
God; For unto thee do I pray.

3 O Jehovah, in the morning shalt thou hear my voice;
In the morning will I order my prayer unto thee, and will
keep watch.

4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wicked-
ness: 18Evil shall not sojourn with thee.

5 19The arrogant shall not stand in thy sight:
Thou hastast all workers of iniquity.

6 Thou wilt destroy them that speak lies:
Jehovah abhorreth the blood-thirsty and deceitful man.

7 But as for me, in the abundance of thy lovingkind-
ness will I come into thy house: In thine awe will I worship
toward thy holy temple.

8 Lead me, O Jehovah, in thy righteousness because of
mine enemies; Make thy way 21straight before my face.

9 For there is no 22faithfulness in their mouth;
Their inward part is 23very wickedness;
Their throat is an open sepulchre;
They 24flatter with their tongue.

10 Hold them guilty, O God;
Let them fall 25by their own counsels;
Thrust them out in the multitude of their transgressions;
For they have rebelled against thee.

11 29But let all those that take refuge in thee rejoice,
Let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them:
Let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee.
Jehovah will receive my prayer.

Prayer for Mercy in Time of Trouble
For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments,
set to 27the Sheminith. A Psalm of David.

6 O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thine anger,
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.

2 Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah; for I am withered
away: O Jehovah, heal me; for my bones are troubled.

3 My soul also is sore troubled:
And thou, O Jehovah, how long?

4 Return, O Jehovah, deliver my soul:
Save me for thy lovingkindness' sake.

5 For in death there is no remembrance of thee:
In Sheol who shall give thee thanks?

6 I am weary with my groaning;
Every night make I my bed to swim;
I water my couch with my tears.

7 Mine eye wasteth away because of grief;
It waxeth old because of all mine adversaries.

8 Depart from me, all ye workers of iniquity;
For Jehovah hath heard the voice of my weeping.

9 Jehovah hath heard my supplication;
Jehovah will receive my prayer.

10 All mine enemies shall be put to shame and sore
troubled: They shall turn back, they shall be put to shame
suddenly.

Jehovah implored to defend
the Psalmist against the Wicked
Shiggaiion of David, which he sang unto Jehovah,
concerning the words of Cush a Benjamite

7 O Jehovah my God, in thee do I take refuge:
Save me from all them that pursue me, and deliver me,

2 Lest they tear my soul like a lion,
Rending it in pieces, while there is none to deliver.

3 O Jehovah my God, if I have done this;
If there be iniquity in my hands;

4 If I have rewarded evil unto him that was at peace with
me; (Yes, I have delivered him that without cause was mine
adversary;) 26

5 Let the enemy pursue my soul, and overtake it;
Yes, let him tread my life down to the earth,
And lay my glory in the dust. [Selah]

6 Arise, O Jehovah, in thine anger;
Lift up thyself against the rage of mine adversaries,
And awake for me; thou hast commanded judgment.

7 29And let the congregation of the peoples compass thee
about; And over them return thou on high.

8 Jehovah ministereth judgment to the peoples:
Judge me, O Jehovah, according to my righteousness, and to
mine integrity 29that is in me.

9 Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, but
establish thou the righteous:
For the righteous God trieth the minds and 30hearts.

10 My shield is with God,
Who saveth the upright in heart.

16 Or, in solitude makest me dwell in safety.
17 Or, wind instruments.
18 Or, The evil man shall not sojourn with thee.
19 Or, Fools shall not stand in thy sight:
20 Or, them that lie in wait for me;
21 Or, level
22 Or, stedfastness
23 Or, a yawning gulf;
24 Hb. make smooth their tongue.
25 Or, from their counsels;
26 Or, So shall all those that take refuge in thee rejoice,
They shall ever shout for joy, and thou shalt defend them:
They also that love thy name shall be joyful in thee.
27 Or, the eighth.
28 Or, So shall the congregation
29 Or, be it unto me.
11 God is a righteous judge, 
Yes, a God that hath indignation every day. 
12 If a man turn not, he will whet his sword; 
He hath bent his bow, and made it ready. 
13 He hath also prepared for him the instruments of death; 
He maketh his arrows fiery shafts. 
14 Behold, he travaileth with iniquity; Yes, he hath conceived mischief, and brought forth falsehood. 
15 He hath made a pit, and digged it, 
And is fallen into the ditch which he made. 
16 His mischief shall return upon his own head, 
And his violence shall come down upon his own pate. 
17 I will give thanks unto Jehovah according to his righteousness, And will sing praise to the name of Jehovah Most High.

Jehovah’s Glory and Man’s Dignity 
For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith 
A Psalm of David 

8 O Jehovah, our Lord, 
How excellent is thy name in all the earth, 
Who hast set thy glory upon the heavens! 
2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou established strength, Because of thine adversaries, That thou mightest still the enemy and the avenger. 
3 When I consider thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, 
The moon and the stars, which thou hast ordained; 
4 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? 
And the son of man, that thou visitest him? 
5 For thou hast made him but little lower than thee; 
And crownest him with glory and honor. 
6 Thou makest him to have dominion over the works of thy hands; Thou hast put all things under his feet: 
7 All sheep and oxen, 
Yes, and the beasts of the field, 
8 The birds of the heavens and the fish of the sea, 
Whatsoever passeth through the paths of the seas. 
9 O Jehovah, our Lord, 
How excellent is thy name in all the earth!

A Psalm of Thanksgiving for God’s Justice 
For the Chief Musician; set to Muhlabben 
A Psalm of David 

9 I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart; 
I will show forth all thy marvellous works. 
2 I will be glad and exult in thee; 
I will sing praise to thy name, O thou Most High.

3 When mine enemies turn back, 
They stumble and perish at thy presence. 
4 For thou hast maintained my right and my cause; 
Thou sittest in the throne judging righteously. 
5 Thou hast rebuked the nations, thou hast destroyed the wicked; Thou hast blotted out their name for ever and ever. 
6 The enemy are come to an end, they are desolate forever; And the cities which thou hast overthrown, The very remembrance of them is perish. 
7 But Jehovah sitteth as king forever: 
He hath prepared his throne for judgment; 
8 And he will judge the world in righteousness, 
He will minister judgment to the peoples in upright. 
9 Jehovah also will be a high tower for the oppressed, 
A high tower in times of trouble; 
10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee; For thou, Jehovah, hast not forsaken them that seek thee.

11 Sing praises to Jehovah, who dwelleth in Zion: Declare among the people his doings. 
12 For he that maketh inquisition for blood remembereth them; He forgettest not the cry of the poor. 
13 Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah; Behold my affliction which I suffer of them that hate me, Thou that liftest me up from the gates of death; 
14 That I may show forth all thy praise. 
In the gates of the daughter of Zion 
I will rejoice in thy salvation. 
15 The nations are sunk down in the pit that they made: In the net which they hid is their own foot taken. 
16 Jehovah hath made himself known, he hath executed judgment: The wicked is snared in the work of his own hands. (Higgai. Selah) 
17 The wicked shall be turned back unto Sheol, Even all the nations that forget God. 
18 For the needy shall not always be forgotten, Nor the expectation of the poor perish for ever. 
19 Arise, O Jehovah; let not man prevail: 
Let the nations be judged in thy sight. 
20 Put them in fear, O Jehovah: 
Let the nations know themselves to be but men.

A Prayer for the Overthrow of the Wicked 

10 Why standest thou afar off, O Jehovah? 
Why hidest thou thyself in times of trouble?
Psalms 11

2 In the pride of the wicked 47 the poor 48 is hotly pursued; let them be taken in the devices that they have conceived.
3 For the wicked boasteth of his soul’s desire, and the robber blasphemeth, yes, revileth Jehovah.
4 The wicked, in the pride of his countenance, saith, He will not require it. All his thoughts are, There is no God.
5 His ways are 54 firm at all times; Thy judgments are far above — out of his sight:
   As for all his adversaries, he puffeth at them.
6 He saith in his heart, I shall not be moved; to all generations I shall not be in adversity.
7 His mouth is full of cursing and deceit and oppression: Under his tongue is mischief and iniquity.
8 He sitteth in the lurking-places of the villages; In the secret places doth he murder the innocent; His eyes are privily set against the helpless.
9 He lurketh in secret as a lion in his covert; He lieth in wait to catch the poor;
   He doth catch the poor, when he draweth him in his net.
10 He croucheth, he boweth down, And the helpless fall by his strong ones.
11 He saith in his heart, God hath forgotten; He hideth his face; he will never see it.
12 Arise, O Jehovah; O God, lift up thy hand:
   Forget not the poor.
13 Wherefore doth the wicked revile God, And say in his heart, Thou wilt not require it?
14 Thou hast seen it; for thou beholdest mischief and spite, 57 to requite it with thy hand:
The helpless committeth himself unto thee;
Thou hast been the helper of the fatherless.
15 Break thou the arm of the wicked;
And as for the evil man, seek out his wickedness till thou find none.
16 Jehovah is King for ever and ever:
The nations are perished out of his land.
17 Jehovah, thou hast heard the desire of the meek:
Thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear;
18 To judge the fatherless and the oppressed,
That man who is of the earth may be terrible no more.

Jehovah a Refuge and Defence
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

11 In Jehovah do I take refuge:
How say ye to my soul,
Flee 60 as a bird to your mountain;
2 For, lo, the wicked bend the bow,
They make ready their arrow upon the string,
That they may shoot in darkness at the upright in heart;
3 If the foundations be destroyed,
What can the righteous do?
4 Jehovah is in his holy temple;
Jehovah, his throne is in the heavens;
His eyes behold, his eyelids try, the children of men.
5 Jehovah trieth the righteous;
But the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth.
6 Upon the wicked he will rain snares;
Fire and brimstone and burning wind shall be the portion of their cup.
7 For Jehovah is righteous; he loveth righteousness:
The upright shall behold his face.

God a Helper against the Treacherous
For the Chief Musician; set to 54 the Sheminith
A Psalm of David

12 Help, Jehovah; for the godly man ceaseth;
   For the faithful fail from among the children of men.
2 They speak falsehood every one with his neighbor:
With flattering lip, and with a double heart, do they speak.
3 Jehovah will cut off all flattering lips,
The tongue that speaketh great things;
4 Who have said, With our tongue will we prevail;
   Our lips are 66 our own: who is lord over us?
5 Because of the oppression of the poor, because of the sighing of the needy, Now will I arise, saith Jehovah;
I will set him in the safety he panteth for.
6 The words of Jehovah are pure words;
As silver tried in a furnace on the earth,
Purified seven times.
7 Thou wilt keep them, O Jehovah,
   Thou wilt preserve them from this generation for ever.
8 The wicked walk on every side,
When wileness is exalted among the sons of men.

Prayer for Help in Affliction
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

13 How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou forget me forever?
How long wilt thou hide thy face from me?
2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul,
Having sorrow in my heart all the day?
How long shall mine enemy be exalted over me?

47 Or, he doth hotly pursue the poor;
48 Hb. is set on fire;
49 Or, They are taken in the devices etc.
50 Sopherim changed to, And the covetous renounceth, yes, abhoreth Jehovah. or, And blesseth the covetous, but hath contempt for Jehovah.
51 Or, grievous
52 Or, fraud:
53 Or, hapless. Also in vs. 10.
54 Hb reads And being crushed,
55 Or, meek.
56 Or, travail and grief,
57 Or, to take it into thy hand:
58 Or, heathen
59 Or, establish
60 Or, ye birds to your mountain;
61 Or, For the foundations are destroyed;
What hath the righteous wrought?
62 Or, righteous deeds:
63 Or, His countenance doth behold the upright.
64 Or, the eighth.
65 Or, faithfulness faileth from among
66 Hb. with us:
14 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no Jehovah. They are corrupt, they have done abominable works; There is none that doeth good.

2 Jehovah looked down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there were any that did understand, That did seek after Jehovah.

3 They are all gone aside; they are together become filthy; There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have all the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And call not upon Jehovah?

5 There were they in great fear; For Jehovah is in the generation of the righteous.

6 Ye put to shame the counsel of the poor, Because Jehovah is his refuge.

7 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When Jehovah bringeth back the captivity of his people, Then shall Jacob rejoice, and Israel shall be glad.

Folly and Wickedness of Men
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

15 Jehovah, who shall sojourn in thy tent? Who shall dwell in thy holy hill?

2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness, And speaketh truth in his heart;

3 He that slandereth not with his tongue, Nor doeth evil to his friend, Nor taketh up a reproach against his neighbor;

4 In whose eyes a reprobate is despised, But who honoreth them that fear Jehovah;

5 He that putteth not out his money to interest, Nor taketh reward against his neighbor; My heart shall rejoice in thy salvation.

6 I will sing unto Jehovah, Because he hath dealt bountifully with me.

Description of a Citizen of Zion
A Psalm of David

16 Preserve me, O Jehovah; for in thee do I take refuge. O my soul, thou hast said unto Jehovah, Thou art my Jehovah:

2 I have no good beyond thee.

3 As for the saints that are in the earth,

4 Their sorrows shall be multiplied that give dowry gifts for another god: Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer, Nor take their names upon my lips.

5 Jehovah is the portion of mine inheritance and of my cup:

Thou maintainest my lot.

6 The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; Yes, I have a poorly heritage.

7 I will bless Jehovah, who hath given me counsel; Yes, my heart instructeth me in the night seasons.

8 I have set Jehovah always before me:

Because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

9 Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth:

My flesh also shall dwell in safety.

10 For thou wilt not leave my soul to Sheol;

Neither wilt thou suffer thy holy one to see corruption.

11 Thou wilt show me the path of life:

In thy presence is fulness of joy;

In thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Prayer for Protection against Oppressors
A Prayer of David

17 Hear the right, O Jehovah, attend unto my cry; Give ear unto my prayer, that goeth not out of feigned lips.

2 Let my sentence come forth from thy presence; Let thine eyes look upon equity.

3 Thou provest my heart; thou visitest me in the night;

Thou triest me, and findest nothing;

I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress.

4 As for the works of men, by the word of thy lips I have kept me from the ways of the violent.

5 My steps have held fast to thy paths, My feet have not slipped.

6 I have called upon thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God: Incline thine ear unto me, and hear my speech.

Psalms 17

Jehovah the Psalmist’s Portion
in Life and Deliverer in Death
Michtam of David

16 Or loosely, returneth to the captivity of his people,

72 Or, He slandereth not with his tongue,

73 Or, his eyes

74 Or, He that sweareth to his own hurt,

75 Or, He putteth not out his money to interest,

76 Or, Putteth not out his money to interest,

77 Or, dealt wisely,

78 Or, changed to God. Also in vs. 5

79 Or, But

80 Or, returneth to the captivity of his people,

81 Or, He slandereth not with his tongue,

82 Or, his eyes

83 Or, He that sweareth to his own hurt,

84 Or, Putteth not out his money to interest,

85 Or, Thine eyes behold with equity.

86 Or, And findest no evil purpose in me;
Psalms 18

7 Show thy marvellous lovingkindness, 
O thou that savest by thy right hand 
thee, From those that rise up against them.
8 Keep me as the apple of the eye; 
Hide me under the shadow of thy wings, 
From the wicked that oppress me, 
Mine enemies against my soul, that compass me about.
9 They are inclosed in their own fat: 
With their mouth they speak proudly. 
They have now compassed us in our steps; 
They set their eyes to cast us down to the earth.
10 He is like a lion that is greedy of his prey, 
And as it were a young lion lurking in secret places.
11 Arise, O Jehovah, 
Confront him, cast him down: 
Deliver my soul from those that hate me; 
From them that rise up against me.
12 Jehovah has rewarded me according to my righteousness, 
And for this my hand has made pay.
I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with beholding thy form.

Jehovah praised for giving Victory and Dominion
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David the servant of Jehovah, 98 who spake unto Jehovah the words of this song in the day that Jehovah delivered him from the hand of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: and he said,

13 I love thee, O Jehovah, my strength.
2 Jehovah is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; My God, my rock, in whom I will take refuge; 
My shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower.
3 I will call upon Jehovah, who is worthy to be praised: 
So shall I be saved from mine enemies.
4 The cords of death compassed me, 
And the floods of ungodliness made me afraid. 
The snare of death came upon me.
5 In my distress I called upon Jehovah, 
And cried unto my God; 
He heard my voice out of his temple, 
And my cry before him came into his ears.
6 Then the earth shook and trembled; 
The foundations also of the mountains quaked 
And were shaken, because he was wroth.

8 There went up a smoke out of his nostrils, 
And fire out of his mouth devoured: 
Coals were kindled by it.
9 He bowed the heavens also, and came down; 
And thick darkness was under his feet.
10 And he rode upon a cherub, and did fly; 
Yes, he soared upon the wings of the wind.
11 He made darkness his hiding-place, his booth round about him, Darkness of waters, thick clouds of the skies.
12 At the brightness before him his thick clouds passed, 
Hailstones and coals of fire.
13 Jehovah also thundered in the heavens, 
And the Most High uttered his voice, 
Hailstones and coals of fire.
14 And he sent out his arrows, and scattered them; 
Yes, lightnings manifold, and discomfited them.
15 Then the channels of waters appeared, 
And the foundations of the world were laid bare, 
At thy rebuke, O Jehovah, 
At the blast of the breath of thy nostrils.
16 He sent from on high, he took me; 
He drew me out of many waters.
17 He delivered me from my strong enemy, And from them that hated me; for they were too mighty for me.
18 They came upon me in the day of my calamity; 
But Jehovah was my stay.
19 He brought me forth also into a large place; 
He delivered me, because he delighted in me.
20 Jehovah hath rewarded me according to my righteousness; According to the cleanness of my hands hath he recompensed me.
21 For I have kept the ways of Jehovah, 
And have not wickedly departed from my God.
22 For all his ordinances were before me, 
And I put not away his statutes from me.
23 I was also perfect with him, 
And I kept myself from mine iniquity.
24 Therefore hath Jehovah recompensed me according to my righteousness, 
According to the cleanness of my hands in his eyesight.
25 With the merciful thou wilt show thyself merciful; 
With the perfect man thou wilt show thyself perfect;
26 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; 
And with the perverse thou wilt show thyself froward.

My mouth shall not transgress.
87 Or, them that take refuge in thee 
From those that rise up against thy right hand.
88 Lit. pupil
89 Or, my deadly enemies,
90 Or, They have shut up their heart:
91 So Massoretic. 11QPs read They have expelled me, now they have compassed me;
92 Or, Forrestall him,
93 Or, the wicked, who is thy sword;
94 Or, men who are thy hand, So Massoretic. Sept.,
95 Or, whose portion in life is of the world,
96 Or, let me be satisfied,
97 Lit. representation (whether material or spiritual) Hb. מִזְמוֹר. Elsewhere only in Ex 20:4; Nu 12:8; Dt 4:12, 15, 16, 23, 25, 5:8; Job 4:16.
99 Hb. Belial That is, worthlessness
100 Or, in his wrath,
101 Or, And he shot out lightnings,
102 Or, great waters.
19 The heavens declare the glory of God;  
And the open sky showeth his handicraft.

2 Day unto day uttereth speech,  
And night unto night showeth knowledge.

3 There is no speech nor language;  
Their voice is not heard.

4 Their line is gone out through all the earth,  
And their words to the end of the world.  
In them hath he set a tent for the sun,  
And he hath girded me with strength  
To rise: They shall fall under my feet.  
Neither will I turn again till they are consumed.

5 Which is as a bridegroom coming out of his chamber,  
And rejoiceth as a strong man to run his course.

6 His going forth is from the end of the heavens,  
And his circuit unto the ends of it;  
And there is nothing hid from the heat thereof.

7 The law of Jehovah is perfect, restoring the soul:  
The testimony of Jehovah is sure, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of Jehovah are right, rejoicing the heart:  
The commandments of Jehovah are pure, enlightening the eyes.

9 The awe of Jehovah is clean, enduring for ever:  
The ordinances of Jehovah are true, and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, yes, than much fine gold;  
Sweeter also than honey and the droppings of the honeycomb.

11 Moreover by them is thy servant warned:  
In keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can discern his errors?  
Clear thou me from hidden faults.

13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous sins;  
Let them not have dominion over me:  
Then shall I be upright,  
And I shall be clear from great transgression.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart  
Be acceptable in thy sight,  
O Jehovah, my rock, and my ransomer.

Prayer for Victory over Enemies  
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

20 Jehovah answer thee in the day of trouble;  
The name of the God of Jacob set thee up on high:

2 Send thee help from the Holy,  
And strengthen thee out of Zion;

3 Remember all thy offerings,  
And accept thy burnt-offering: [Selah]

4 Grant thee thy heart’s desire,  
And fulfil all thy counsel.
Psalms 21

5 We will triumph in thy salvation, And in the name of our God we will set up our banners: Jehovah fulfil all thy petitions.
6 Now know I that Jehovah saveth his anointed; He will answer him from his holy heaven With the saving strength of his right hand.
7 Some trust in the chariot, and some in horses; But we will make mention of the name of Jehovah our God.
8 They are bowed down and fallen; But we are risen, and stand upright.
9 Save, Jehovah: Let the King answer us when we call.

Praise for Deliverance
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

21 The king shall joy in thy strength, O Jehovah; And in thy salvation how greatly shall he rejoice!
2 Thou hast given him his heart’s desire, And hast not withholden the request of his lips. [Selah]
3 For thou meetest him with the blessings of 117goodness: Thou settest a crown of fine gold on his head.
4 He asked life of thee, thou gavest it him, Even length of days for ever and ever.
5 His glory is great in thy salvation: Honor and splendor dost thou lay upon him.
6 For thou makest him most blessed for ever: Thou makest him glad with joy in thy presence.
7 For the king trusteth in Jehovah; And through the lovingkindness of the Most High he shall not be moved.
8 Thy hand will find out all thine enemies; Thy right hand will find out those that hate thee.
9 Thou wilt make them as a fiery furnace in the time of thy anger: Jehovah will swallow them up in his wrath, And the fire shall devour them.
10 Their fruit wilt thou destroy from the earth, And their seed from among the children of men.
11 For they intended evil against thee; They conceived a device which they are not able to perform.
12 For thou wilt make them turn their back; Thou wilt make ready with thy bowstrings against their face.
13 Be thou exalted, O Jehovah, in thy strength: So will we sing and praise thy power.

A Cry of Anguish and a Song of Praise
For the Chief Musician; set to Aijeleth hash-Shahar A Psalm of David

22 My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 121Why art thou so far from helping me, and from the words of my groaning?

2 O my God, I cry in the daytime, but thou answerest not; And in the night season, 122and am not silent.
3 But thou art holy, O thou that inhabitest the praises of Israel.
4 Our fathers trusted in thee: They trusted, and thou didst deliver them.
5 They cried unto thee, and were delivered: They trusted in thee, and were not put to shame.
6 But I am a scarlet worm, and no man; A reproach of men, and despised of the people.
7 All they that see me laugh me to scorn: They shoot out the lip, they shake the head, saying,
8 123Commit thyself unto Jehovah; let him deliver him: Let him rescue him, seeing he delighteth in him.
9 But thou art he that took me out of the womb; Thou didst make me trust when I was upon my mother’s breasts.
10 I was cast upon thee from the womb; Thou art my God since my mother bare me.
11 Be not far from me; for trouble is near; For there is none to help.
12 Many bulls have compassed me; Strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round.
13 They gape upon me with their mouth, As a ravening and a roaring lion.
14 I am poured out like water, And all my bones are out of joint: My heart is like wax; It is melted within me.
15 My strength is dried up like a potsherd; And my tongue cleaveth to my jaws; And thou hast brought me into the dust of death.
16 For dogs have compassed me; A company of evil-doers have inclosed me; 125They pierced my hands and my feet.
17 I may count all my bones; They look and stare upon me.
18 They part my garments among them, And upon my vesture do they cast lots.
19 But be not thou far off, O Jehovah; O thou my succor, haste thee to help me.
20 Deliver my soul from the sword, My darling from the power of the dog.
21 Save me from the lion’s mouth; Yes, from the horns of the wild-oxen thou hast answered me.
22 I will declare thy name unto my brethren: In the midst of the assembly will I praise thee.
23 Ye that fear Jehovah, praise him; All ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; And stand in awe of him, all ye the seed of Israel.

115 Hb. accept as fat thy burnt-sacrifice; 116 Or, victory; 117 Or, good things; 118 Hb. settest him to be blessings forever  See Ge 12:2. 119 Or, thy presence: Hb. thy countenance; 120 That is, The hind of the morning. 121 Or, Far from my help are the words of my groaning. 122 Or, but find no rest. 123 Or, art enthroned upon the praises of Israel. 124 Or, He trusted on Jehovah, that he would deliver him: 125 So 5/6HevPs Sept., Aram., Vg. Most Massoretic mss., as pointed, read Like a lion are my hands 126 Hb. only one from Or, dear soul from
24 For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction of the afflicted; Neither hath he hid his face from him; But when he cried unto him, he heard.
25 Of thee cometh my praise in the great assembly: I will pay my vows before them that fear him.
26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied; They shall praise Jehovah that seek after him: Let your heart live for ever.
27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn unto Jehovah; And all the kindreds of the nations shall worship before thee.
28 For the kingdom is Jehovah's; And he is the ruler over the nations.
29 All the fat ones of the earth shall eat and worship: All they that go down to the dust shall bow before him, Even he that cannot keep his soul alive.
30 A seed shall serve him; It shall be counted unto Jehovah for his generation.
31 They shall come and shall declare his righteousness Unto a people that shall be born, that is, to him.

**Jehovah the Psalmist's Shepherd**  
*A Psalm of David*

23 Jehovah is my shepherd; I shall not be in want.
2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; He leadeth me beside still waters.
3 He restoreth my soul: He guideth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
4 Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; Thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: Thou hast anointed my head with oil; My cup runneth over.
6 Surely goodness and lovingkindness shall follow me all the days of my life; And I shall dwell in the house of Jehovah forever.

**The King of Glory entering Zion**  
*A Psalm of David*

24 The earth is Jehovah's, and the fulness thereof; The world, and they that dwell therein.
2 For he hath founded it upon the seas, And established it upon the floods.
3 Who shall ascend into the hill of Jehovah? And who shall stand in his holy place?
4 He that hath clean hands, and a pure heart; Who hath not lifted up his soul unto falsehood, And hath not sworn deceitfully.
5 He shall receive a blessing from Jehovah, And righteousness from God of his salvation;

6 This is the generation of them that seek after him, That seek thy face, even Jacob. [Selah
7 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; And be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors: And the King of glory will come in.
8 Who is this King of glory? Jehovah strong and mighty, Jehovah mighty in battle.
9 Lift up your heads, O ye gates; Yes, lift them up, ye everlasting doors: And the King of glory will come in.
10 Who is he, this King of glory? Jehovah of hosts, He is the King of glory. [Selah

**Prayer for Protection, Guidance, and Pardon**  
*A Psalm of David*

25 Unto thee, O Jehovah, do I lift up my soul.
2 O my God, in thee have I trusted, Let me not be put to shame; Let not mine enemies triumph over me.
3 Yes, none that wait for thee shall be put to shame: They shall be put to shame that deal treacherously without cause.
4 Show me thy ways, O Jehovah; Teach me thy paths.
5 Guide me in thy truth, and teach me; For thou art the God of my salvation; For thee do I wait all the day.
6 Remember, O Jehovah, thy tender mercies and thy lovingkindnesses; For they have been ever of old.
7 Remember not the sins of my youth, nor my transgressions: According to thy lovingkindness remember thou me, For thy goodness' sake, O Jehovah.
8 Good and upright is Jehovah: Therefore will he instruct sinners in the way.
9 The meek will he guide in justice; And the meek will he teach his way.
10 All the paths of Jehovah are lovingkindness and truth Unto such as keep his covenant and his testimonies.
11 For thy name's sake, O Jehovah, Pardon mine iniquity, for it is great.
12 What man is he that feareth Jehovah? Him shall he instruct in the way that he shall choose.
13 His soul shall dwell at ease; And his seed shall inherit the land.
14 The friendship of Jehovah is with them that fear him; And he will show them his covenant.
15 Mine eyes are ever toward Jehovah; For he will pluck my feet out of the net.

127 Or, told of Jehovah unto the next generation.
128 Sopherim changed to the Lord
129 Or, he hath done it. But compare Jo 19:30.
130 Hb. waters of rest.
131 Or, deep darkness, And so elsewhere.
132 That is (according to Abegg), Thou welcomest me as an honored guest;
133 Or, only
134 Hb. for length of days.
135 Or, ancient doors: And in vs. 9.
136 Or, counsel or, secret

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16 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me; For I am desolate and afflicted.
17 The troubles of my heart are enlarged; Oh bring thou me out of my distresses.
18 Consider mine affliction and my travail; And forgive all my sins.
19 Consider mine enemies, for they are many; And they hate me with cruel hatred.
20 Oh keep my soul, and deliver me: Let me not be put to shame, for I take refuge in thee.
21 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, For I wait for thee.
22 Redeem Israel, O God, Out of all his troubles.

Protestation of Integrity, and Prayer for Protection
A Psalm of David

26 Judge me, O Jehovah, for I have walked in mine integrity: I have trusted also in Jehovah without wavering.
2 Examine me, O Jehovah, and prove me; Try my heart and my mind.
3 For thy lovingkindness is before mine eyes; And I have walked in thy truth.
4 I have not sat with men of falsehood; Neither will I go in with dissemblers.
5 I hate the assembly of evildoers, And will not sit with the wicked.
6 I will wash my hands in innocency: So will I compass thine altar, O Jehovah;
7 That I may make the voice of thanksgiving to be heard, And tell of all thy wondrous works.
8 Jehovah, I love the habitation of thy house, And the place where thy glory dwelleth.
9 Gather not my soul with sinners, Nor my life with men of blood;
10 In whose hands is wickedness, And their right hand is full of bribes.
11 But as for me, I will walk in mine integrity: Redeem me, and be merciful unto me.
12 My foot standeth in an even place: In the congregations will I bless Jehovah.

A Psalm of Fearless Trust in God
A Psalm of David

27 Jehovah is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear?

Jehovah is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid?
2 When evil-doers came upon me to eat up my flesh, Even mine adversaries and my foes, they stumbled and fell.
3 Though a host should encamp against me, My heart shall not fear: Though war should rise against me, 145 Even then will I be confident.
4 One thing have I asked of Jehovah, that will I seek after; That I may dwell in the house of Jehovah all the days of my life, To behold the beauty of Jehovah, And to inquire in his temple.
5 For in the day of trouble he will keep me secretly in his pavilion: In the covert of his tent will he hide me; He will lift me up upon a rock.
6 And now shall my head be lifted up above mine enemies round about me; And I will offer in his tent sacrifices of joy; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.
7 Hear, O Jehovah, when I cry with my voice: Have mercy also upon me, and answer me.
8 When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Jehovah, will I seek.
9 Hide not thy face from me; Put not thy servant away in anger: Thou hast been my help; Cast me not off, neither forsake me, O God of my salvation.
10 When my father and my mother have forsaken me, Then Jehovah will take me up.
11 Teach me thy way, O Jehovah; And lead me in a plain path, Because of mine enemies.
12 Deliver me not over unto the soul of mine adversaries: For false witnesses are risen up against me, And such as breathe out cruelty.
13 I have believed that I shall see the goodness of Jehovah, In the land of the living.
14 Wait for Jehovah: Be strong, and let thy heart take courage; Yes, wait thou for Jehovah.

A Prayer for Help, and Praise for its Answer
A Psalm of David

28 Unto thee, O Jehovah, will I call: My rock be not thou deaf unto me; Lest, if thou be silent unto me, I become like them that go down into the pit.
2 Hear the voice of my supplications, when I cry unto thee, When I lift up my hands toward thy holy Word.

137 Or. And his covenant, to make them know it.
138 Heb. kidneys (or, reins) and my heart.
139 Or. publish with the voice of thanksgiving,
140 Or. strongholds of mine life;
141 Or. the pleasantness of Jehovah,
142 Or. consider his temple.
143 Or. strongholds of my life;
144 Or. Or. shouting: or, trumpet-sound;
145 Or. For my father and my mother have forsaken me, But Jehovah will take me up.
146 Or. them that lie in wait for me.
147 Or. or, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.
148 Or. or, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.
149 Or. or, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.
150 Or. or, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.
151 Or. or, I will sing praises unto Jehovah.
3 Draw me not away with the wicked,
And with the workers of iniquity;
That speak peace with their neighbors,
But mischief is in their hearts.

4 Give them according to their work, and according to the wickedness of their doings:
Give them after the operation of their hands;
Render to them to desert.

5 Because they regard not the works of Jehovah,
Nor the operation of his hands,
He will break them down and not build them up.

6 Blessed be Jehovah,
Because he hath heard the voice of my supplications.

7 Jehovah is my strength and my shield;
My heart hath trusted in him, and I am helped:
Therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth;
And with my song will I praise him.

8 Jehovah is their strength,
And he is a stronghold of salvation to his anointed.

9 Save thy people, and bless thine inheritance:
Be their shepherd also, and bear them up for ever.

The Voice of Jehovah in the Storm
A Psalm of David

29 Ascribe unto Jehovah, O ye 153 sons of the 154 mighty,
Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength.

2 Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name;
Worship Jehovah; 155 in holy apparel.

3 The voice of Jehovah is upon the waters:
The God of glory thundereth,
Even Jehovah upon 156 many waters.

4 The voice of Jehovah is powerful;
The voice of Jehovah is full of majesty.

5 The voice of Jehovah breaketh the cedars;
Yes, Jehovah breaketh in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.

6 He maketh them also to skip like a calf;
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild-ox.

7 The voice of Jehovah cleaveth the flames of fire.

8 The voice of Jehovah shaketh the wilderness;
Jehovah shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh.

9 The voice of Jehovah maketh the hinds to calve,
And strippeth the forests bare:
And in his temple every thing saith, Glory.

10 Jehovah sat as King at the Flood;
Yes, Jehovah sitteth as King for ever.

11 Jehovah will give strength unto his people;
Jehovah will bless his people with peace.

30 I will exalt thee, O Jehovah; for thou hast 158 raised me up, And hast not made my foes to rejoice over me.

2 O Jehovah my God,
I cried unto thee, and thou hast healed me.

3 O Jehovah, thou hast brought up my soul from Sheol;
Thou hast kept me alive, 159 that I should not go down to the pit.

4 Sing praise unto Jehovah, O ye 160 saints of his,
And give thanks to his holy memorial name.

5 For his anger is but for a moment;
161 His favor is for a lifetime:
Weeping 162 may tarry for the night,
But joy cometh in the morning.

6 As for me, I said in my prosperity,
I shall never be moved.

7 Thou, Jehovah, of thy favor hadst made my mountain to stand strong: Thou didst hide thy face; I was troubled.

8 I cried to thee, O Jehovah;
And unto 163 Jehovah I made supplication:

9 What profit is there in my blood, when I go down to the pit?
Shall dust praise thee? shall it declare thy truth?

10 Hear, O Jehovah, and have mercy upon me:
Jehovah, be thou my helper.

11 Thou hast turned me for me my mourning into dancing;
Thou hast loosed my sackcloth, and girded me with gladness;

12 To the end that my glory may sing praise to thee, and not be silent. O Jehovah my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.

A Psalm of Complaint and of Praise
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

31 In thee, O Jehovah, do I take refuge;
Let me never be put to shame:
Deliver me in thy righteousness.

2 Bow down thine ear unto me; deliver me speedily:
Be thou to me a strong rock,
A house of 165 defence to save me.

3 For thou art my rock and my fortress;
Therefore for thy name’s sake lead me and guide me.

4 Pluck me out of the net that they have laid privily for me;
For thou art my stronghold.

5 Into thy hand I commend my spirit:
Thou hast redeemed me, O Jehovah, thou God of truth.

6 I hate them that regard lying vanities;
But I trust in Jehovah.

152 Or, toward the innermost place of thy sanctuary. That is, toward the Holy of Holies. See 1Ki 6:16.
153 Or, sons of God,
154 Or, gods. See Ex 15:11.
155 Or, in the splendor of holiness.
156 Or, great waters.
157 Or, heweth out flames of fire.
158 Or, drawn me up.
159 Hb 159 reads from among them that go down to a pit.
160 Lit. merciful ones And so many places in Psalms.
161 Or, In his favor is life:
162 Hb. may come in to lodge at even,
163 So 4QPs’ some Massoretic mss., Aram. Sopherim changed to the Lord
164 So Massoretic, Aram. But 4QPs’ Sept., Vg. read Jehovah heard and was merciful to me:
165 Hb. fortresses
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7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy lovingkindness; For thou hast seen my affliction: Thou hast known 166 my soul in adversities; 
8 And thou hast not shut me up into the hand of the enemy; Thou hast set my feet in a large place. 
9 Have mercy upon me, O Jehovah, for I am in distress: Mine eye wasteth away with grief, yes, my soul and my body. 
10 For my life is spent with sorrow, And my years with sighing: My strength faileth because of mine iniquity, And my bones are wasted away. 
11 Because of all mine adversaries I become a reproach, Yes, unto my neighbors exceedingly, And a fear to mine acquaintance: They that did see me without fled from me. 
12 I am forgotten as a dead man out of mind: I am like a broken vessel. 
13 For I have heard the defaming of many, Terror on every side: Which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, 
14 But I trusted in thee, O Jehovah: I said, Thou art my God. 
15 My times are in thy hand: Deliver me from the hand of mine enemies, and from them that persecute me. 
16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: Save me in thy lovingkindness. 
17 Let me not be put to shame, O Jehovah; for I have called upon thee: Let the wicked be put to shame, let them be silent in Sheol. 
18 Let the lying lips be dumb, Which speak against the righteous insolently, With pride and contempt. 
19 Oh how great is thy goodness, Which thou hast laid up for them that fear thee, Which thou hast wrought for them that take refuge in thee, Before the sons of men! 
20 In the covert of thy presence wilt thou hide them from the plottings of man: Thou wilt keep them secretly in a booth from the strife of tongues. 
21 Blessed be Jehovah; For he hath showed me his marvellous lovingkindness in a strong city: 
22 As for me, I said in my haste, I am cut off from before thine eyes: Nevertheless thou heardest the voice of my supplications When I cried unto thee. 
23 Oh love Jehovah, all ye his saints: Jehovah preserveth the faithful, And plentifully rewardeth him that dealeth properly. 
24 Be strong, and let your heart take courage, All ye that hope in Jehovah.

32 Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, Whose sin is covered. 
2 Blessed is the man unto whom Jehovah imputeth not iniquity, And in whose spirit there is no guile. 
3 When I kept silence, my bones wasted away Through my roaring all the day long. 
4 For day and night thy hand was heavy upon me: My moisture was changed into the drought of summer. 
[Selah] 
5 I acknowledged my sin unto thee, And mine iniquity did I not hide: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto Jehovah; And thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. [Selah] 
6 For this let every one that is godly pray unto thee in a time when thou mayest be found: Surely when the great waters overflow they shall not reach unto him. 
7 Thou art my hiding-place; thou wilt preserve me from trouble; Thou wilt compass me about with songs of deliverance. [Selah] 
8 I will instruct thee and teach thee in the way which thou shalt go: I will counsel thee with mine eye upon thee. 
9 Be ye not as the horse, or as the mule, which have no understanding; Whose trappings must be bit and bridle to hold them in. Else they will not come near unto thee. 
10 Many sorrows shall be to the wicked; But he that trusteth in Jehovah, lovingkindness shall compass him about. 
11 Be glad in Jehovah, and rejoice, ye righteous; And shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

Praise to the Creator and Preserver

33 Rejoice in Jehovah, O ye righteous: Praise is comely for the upright. 
2 Give thanks unto Jehovah with the harp: Sing praises unto him with the psaltery of ten strings. 
3 Sing unto him a new song; Play skilfully with a loud noise. 
4 For the word of Jehovah is right; And all his work is done in faithfulness. 
5 He loveth righteousness and justice: The earth is full of the lovingkindness of Jehovah. 
6 By the word of Jehovah were the heavens made, And all the host of them by the breath of his mouth. 
7 He gathereth the waters of the sea together as a heap: He layeth up the deeps in store-houses. 
8 Let all the earth fear Jehovah: Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of him. 
9 For he spake, and it was done; He commanded, and it stood fast.

166 Or, the adversities of my soul;
167 Or, pavilion Hb. succah
168 Or, alarm,
169 Or, faithfulness,
170 Or, wait for Jehovah.

171 Or, Contemplative poem. And so everywhere.
172 Hb. roaring
173 Or, as with the droughts of summer.
174 Or, That they come not near unto thee.
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10 Jehovah bringeth the counsel of the nations to nought; He maketh the thoughts of the peoples to be of no effect.
11 The counsel of Jehovah standeth fast for ever, The thoughts of his heart to all generations.
12 Blessed is the nation whose God is Jehovah, The people whom he hath chosen for his own inheritance.
13 Jehovah looketh from heaven; He beholdeth all the sons of men;
14 From the place of his habitation he looketh forth Upon all the inhabitants of the earth,
15 He that fashioneth the hearts of them all, That considereth all their works.
16 There is no king saved by the multitude of a host: A mighty man is not delivered by great strength.
17 A horse is a vain thing for safety; Neither doth he deliver any by his great power.
18 Behold, the eye of Jehovah is upon them that fear him, Upon them that hope in his lovingkindness;
19 To deliver their soul from death, And to keep them alive in famine.
20 Our soul hath waited for Jehovah: 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 thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, be upon us, According as we have hoped in thee.

Jehovah a Provider and Deliverer
A Psalm of David; 4QPs² when he 180 changed his behavior before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed.

I will bless Jehovah at all times: His praise shall continually be in my mouth.
2 My soul shall make her boast in Jehovah: The meek shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3 Oh magnify Jehovah with me, And let us exalt his name together.
4 I sought Jehovah, and he answered me, And delivered me from all my fears.
5 They looked unto him, and were radiant; And their faces shall never be confounded.
6 This poor man cried, and Jehovah heard him, And saved him out of all his troubles.
7 The angel of Jehovah encampeth round about them that fear him, And delivereth them.
8 Oh taste and see that Jehovah is good: Blessed is the man that taketh refuge in him.
9 Oh fear Jehovah, ye his saints; For there is no want to them that fear him.
10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger; But they that seek Jehovah shall not be in want of any good thing.
11 Come, ye children, hearken unto me: I will teach you the awe of Jehovah.
12 What man is he that desireth life, And loveth many days, that he may see good?
13 Keep thy tongue from evil, And thy lips from speaking guile.
14 Depart from evil, and do good; Seek peace, and pursue it.
15 The eyes of Jehovah are toward the righteous, And his ears are open unto their cry.
16 The face of Jehovah is against them that do evil, To cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.
17 The righteous cried, and Jehovah heard, And delivered them out of all their troubles.
18 Jehovah is nigh unto them that are of a broken heart, And saveth such as are of a contrite spirit.
19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous; But Jehovah delivereth him out of them all.
20 He keepeth all his bones; Not one of them is broken.
21 Evil shall slay the wicked; And they that hate the righteous shall be condemned.
22 Jehovah redeemeth the souls of his servants; And none of them that take refuge in him shall be condemned.

Prayer for Rescue from Enemies
A Psalm of David

35 Strive thou, O Jehovah, with them that strive with me: Fight thou against them that fight against me.
2 Take hold of shield and buckler, And stand up for my help.
3 Draw out also the spear, and stop the way against them that pursue me: Say unto my soul, I am thy salvation.
4 Let them be put to shame and brought to dishonor that devise my hurt.
5 Let them be as chaff before the wind, And the angel of Jehovah driving them on.
6 Let their way be dark and slippery, And the angel of Jehovah pursuing them.
7 For without cause have they hid for me their net in a pit; Without cause have they digged a pit for my soul.
8 Let destruction come upon him unawares; And let his net that he hath hid catch himself: With destruction let him fall therein.
9 And my soul shall be joyful in Jehovah: It shall rejoice in his salvation.
10 All my bones shall say, Jehovah, who is like unto thee, Who deliverest the poor man from him that is too strong for him, Yes, the poor man and the needy man from him that robbeth him?

176 So Massoretic, Aram. 4QPs⁹ Sept. read world,
177 Or, a great power,
178 Or, wait for his lovingkindness;
179 See 1Sa 21:10-15.
180 Or, feigned madness before Abimelech,
181 Or, held guilty. Also in vs. 22.
182 Or, and the battle axe against them that pursue me:
183 Hb. darkness and slippery places,
184 Or, the pit of their net;
185 Or, Into that very destruction let him fall.
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11 "Unrighteous witnesses rise up; They ask me of things that I know not. 
12 They reward me evil for good, To the bereaving of my soul. 
13 But as for me, when they were sick, my clothing was sackcloth: I afflicted my soul with fasting: And my prayer returneth into mine own bosom. 
14 I behaved myself as though it had been my friend or my brother: I bowed down mourning, as one that bewaileth his mother. 
15 But in mine adversity they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together: The objects gathered themselves together against me, and I knew it not; They did tear me, and ceased not: 
16 Like the profane mockers in feasts, They gnashed upon me with their teeth. 
17 Jehovah, how long wilt thou look on? Rescue my soul from their destructions, My Darling from the lions. 
18 I will give thee thanks in the great assembly: I will praise thee among much people. 
19 Let not them that are mine enemies, wrongfully rejoice over me; Neither let them wink with the eye that hate me without cause. 
20 For they speak not peace; But they devise deceitful words against them that are quiet in the land. 
21 Yes, they opened their mouth wide against me; They said, Aha, aha, our eye hath seen it. 
22 Thou hast seen it, O Jehovah; keep not silence: Jehovah, be not far from me. 
23 Stir up thyself, and awake to the justice due unto me, Even unto my cause, my God and my Jehovah. 
24 Judge me, O Jehovah my God, according to thy righteousness; And let them not rejoice over me. 
25 Let them not say in their heart, Aha, so would we have it: Let them not say, We have swallowed him up. 
26 Let them be put to shame and confounded together that rejoice at my hurt: Let them be clothed with shame and dishonor that magnify themselves against me. 
27 Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favor my righteous cause: Yes, let them say continually, Jehovah be magnified, Who hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.

28 And my tongue shall talk of thy righteousness And of thy praise all the day long.

Wickedness of Men and Lovingkindness of God 
For the Chief Musician 
A Psalm of David the servant of Jehovah

36 The transgression of the wicked saith within my heart, There is no fear of God before his eyes. 
2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes, That his iniquity will not be found out and be hated. 
3 The words of his mouth are iniquity and deceit: He hath ceased to be wise and to do good. 
4 He deviseth iniquity upon his bed; He abhorreth not evil. 
5 Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, is in the heavens; Thy faithfulness reacheth unto the skies. 
6 Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God; Thy judgments are a great deep: O Jehovah, thou preservest man and beast. 
7 How precious is thy lovingkindness, O God! And the children of man take refuge under the shadow of thy wings. 
8 They shall be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; And thou wilt make them drink of the river of thy pleasures. 
9 For with thee is the fountain of life: In thy light shall we see light. 
10 Oh continue thy lovingkindness unto them that know thee, And thy righteousness unto the upright in heart. 
11 Let not the foot of pride come against me, And let not the hand of the wicked drive me away. 
12 There are the workers of iniquity fallen: They are thrust down, and shall not be able to rise.

Security of those who trust in Jehovah, and Insecurity of the Wicked 
A Psalm of David.

37 Fret not thyself because of the evil-doers, Neither be thou envious against them that work unrighteousness. 
2 For they shall soon be cut down like the grass, And wither as the green herb. 
3 Trust in Jehovah, and do good; Dwell in the land, and feed securely.

186 Or. Malicious See Ex 23:1. 
187 Or. shall return into mine own bosom. 
188 Hb. in my limping 
189 Or. smitters or, smitten ones 
190 Or. those whom I knew not; 
191 Or. Among 
192 Sopherim changed to Lord, 
193 Hb. only one or, dear soul 
194 Or. a mighty people. or, a great multitude. 
195 Hb. falsely 
196 Sopherim changed to Lord, And in verse 23. 
197 Hb. Aha, our soul: or, Aha, our desire: 
198 Hb. have pleasure in my righteousness: 
199 So Massoretic, Aram., Vg. 4QPs* Sept. read Ye who have pleasure etc. 
200 Or. Transgression saith to the wicked one within 
201 Or. uttereth its oracle, 
202 Or. it (or, he) flattereth him in his eyes, 
203 Or. Until his iniquity be found and be hated. Hb. Toward the finding out of his iniquity and hating it. 
204 So Massoretic. Sept. Vg. read They set themselves in every way that is not good; 4QPs* reads He conspireth in every way that is not good; 
205 Hb. watered with 
206 Or. So shalt thou dwell in the land and feed securely.
214 For Jehovah
And in because of
The sword shall enter into their own heart,
For Jehovah upholdeth
But Jehovah seeth that his day is coming.
And he will not be cut to pieces:
And gnasheth upon him with his teeth.
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For he seeth that his day is coming.
And thy justice as the noonday.
And he will give thee
And he will make thy righteousness to go forth as the light, And thy justice as the noonday.
For evil-doers shall be cut off; But those that wait for
Commit thy way unto Jehovah;
Cease from anger, and forsake wrath:
And wait patiently for him:
And so in
The wicked plotteth against the just,
For there is a
though there are

Prayer of a Suffering Penitent
A Psalm of David. 221To bring to remembrance 28 O Jehovah, rebuke me not in thy wrath;
Neither chasten me in thy hot displeasure.
For thine arrows
And thy hand
And so in vss. 11, 22, 29, 34.
A man's goings are established of Jehovah;
And he delighteth in his way.
Though he fall, he shall not be utterly cast down;
For Jehovah upheldeth him with his hand.

Or, truly thou shalt be fed.
Or, So shalt thou have thy delight in Jehovah;
Hb. petitions
Roll thy way upon Jehovah;
Be still before Jehovah, Hb. Be silent to ...
the land. And so in vss. 11, 22, 29, 34.
he
Sopherim changed to The Lord
Or, the excellency of the pastures:
Or, like the smoke
Or, upheldeth his hand.
Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was not:
Or, For there is a happy end to the man of peace.
Or, to make memorial.
lit into me, or, came down into me,
lit on me. or, came down on me.
Psalm 39

1 I was dumb with silence, I held my peace, even from good; And my sorrow was stirred.
2 For mine iniquities are gone over my head: As a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
3 My heart was hot within me; While I was musing the fire burned.
4 Then spake I with my tongue:
5 My wounds are loathsome and corrupt, Because of my foolishness.
6 I am pained and bowed down greatly; I go mourning all the day long.
7 For my loins are filled with burning; And there is no soundness in my flesh.
8 I am faint and sore bruised: I have groaned by reason of the disquietness of my heart.
9 Jehovah, all my desire is before thee; And my groaning is not hid from thee.
10 My heart is hot within me; For mine iniquities are gone over my head:
11 My lovers and my friends stand afar off.
12 They also that seek after my soul lay snares for me; And they that seek my hurt speak mischievous things, And meditate deceits all the day long.
13 But I, as a deaf man, hear not; And I am as a dumb man that openeth not his mouth.
14 Yes, I am as a man that heareth not, And in whose mouth are no reproofs.
15 For in thee, O Jehovah, do I hope: Thou wilt answer, Jehovah my God.
16 For I said, Lest they rejoice over me:
17 For I am ready to fall, And my sorrow is continually before me.
18 For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.
19 But mine enemies are lively, and are strong:
20 They also that render evil for good, Are adversaries unto me, because I follow the thing that is good.
21 Forsake me not, O Jehovah: O my God, be not far from me.
22 Make haste to help me, O Jehovah, my salvation.

The Vanity of Life
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

39 I said, I will take heed to my ways, That I sin not with my tongue:
40 I will keep my mouth with a bridle, While the wicked is before me.

Sopherim changed to Lord Also in vss. 15, 22
Or, arguments.
Or, changed to Lord
Or, as a shadow;
Or, for vanity:
Or, changed to Lord,
Hb. conflict
Or, consumest like the moth his delights:
Or, look away from me,
Hb. brighten up,
Hb. a pit of tumult (or, of destruction)
Psalms 42

Thirsting for God in Trouble and Exile
For the Chief Musician. Maskil of the sons of Korah

42 As the hart panteth after the water brooks,  
So panteth my soul after thee, O God.

2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God:  
When shall I come and appear before God?

3 My tears have been my food day and night,  
While they did continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

4 These things I remember, and pour out my soul within me,  
How I went with the throng, and was led them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise, a multitude keeping holyday.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul?  
And why art thou disquieted within me?  
Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him For the help of his countenance.

6 O my God, my soul is cast down within me:  
Therefore do I remember thee from the land of the Jordan, And the Hermons, from the hill Mizar.

7 Deep calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterfalls:  
All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.

3427 They cannot be set in order unto thee;  
If I would declare and speak of them,  
They are more than can be numbered.

6 Sacrifice and offering thou hast no delight in;  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering hast thou not required.

7 Then said I, Lo, I am come;  
In the roll of the book it is written of me:

8 I delight to do thy will, O my God;  
Yes, thy law is within my heart.

9 I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great assembly;  
Lo, I will not refrain my lips,  
O Jehovah, thou knowest.

10 I have not hid thy lovingkindness and thy truth from the great assembly.  
Yes, my own familiar friend, in whom I trusted,  
Who did eat of my bread,  
Hath lifted up his heel against me.

11 Withhold not thou thy tender mercies from me,  
O Jehovah; Let thy lovingkindness and thy truth continually preserve me.

12 For innumerable evils have compassed me about;  
Mine iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to look up;  
They are more than the hairs of my head;  
And my heart hath failed me.

13 Be pleased, O Jehovah, to deliver me:  
Make haste to help me, O Jehovah.

14 Let them be put to shame and confounded together  
That seek after my soul to destroy it:  
Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor  
That delight in my hurt.

15 Let them be 247 desolate by reason of their shame  
That say unto me, Aha, aha.

16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee:  
Let such as love thy salvation say continually, Jehovah be magnified.

17 But I am poor and needy;  
Yet Jehovah thinketh upon me:  
Thou art my help and my deliverer;  
Make no tarrying, O my God.

The Psalmist in Sickness complains of Enemies and False Friends
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

41 Blessed is he that considereth the poor:  
Jehovah will deliver him in the day of evil.

2 Jehovah will preserve him, and keep him alive,  
And he shall be blessed upon the earth;  
And deliver not thou him unto the soul of his enemies.

247 Or, fall away treacherously.

248 Or, there is none to be compared unto thee;

244 Hb. Ears hast thou digged (or, pierced) for me:

245 Or, prescribed to me:

246 Hb. forsaken

247 Or, astonished

248 Sopherim changed to the Lord

249 Or, the weak:

250 Or, in the land;

251 Hb. turnest or, changest

252 Or, Some wicked thing,

253 Or, is poured out upon him;

254 Hb. all the day say unto me, Similarly in vs. 10.

255 Hb. upon

256 Or, went in procession with them to the house
Psalms 43

8 Yet Jehovah will command his lovingkindness in the daytime; And in the night his song shall be with me, Even a prayer unto the God of my life.

9 I will say unto God my rock, Why hast thou forgotten me? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

10 As with a sword in my bones, mine adversaries reproach me, While they continually say unto me, Where is thy God?

11 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Prayer for Deliverance

43 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: Oh deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.

2 For thou art the God of my strength; why hast thou cast me off? Why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?

3 Oh send out thy light and thy truth; let them lead me: Let them bring me unto thy holy hill, And to thy tabernacles.

4 Then will I go unto the altar of God, Unto God my exceeding joy; And upon the harp will I praise thee, O God, my God.

5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul? And why art thou disquieted within me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet praise him, Who is the help of my countenance, and my God.

Former Deliverances and Present Troubles

For the Chief Musician
A Psalm of the sons of Korah. Maskil

44 We have heard with our ears, O God, Our fathers have told us, What work thou didst in their days, In the days of old.

2 Thou didst drive out the nations with thy hand; But them thou didst plant: Thou didst afflict the peoples; But them thou didst spread abroad.

3 For they got not the land in possession by their own sword, Neither did their own arm save them; But thy right hand, and thine arm, and the light of thy countenance, Because thou wast favorable unto them.

4 Thou art my King, O God: Command deliverance for Jacob.

5 Through thee will we push down our adversaries: Through thy name will we tread them under that rise up against us.

6 For I will not trust in my bow, Neither shall my sword save me.

7 But thou hast saved us from our adversaries, And hast put them to shame that hate us.

8 In God have we made our boast all the day long, And we will give thanks unto thy name for ever. Selah

9 But now thou hast cast us off, and brought us to dishonor, And goest not forth with our hosts.

10 Thou maketh us to turn back from the adversary; And they that hate us take spoil for themselves.

11 Thou hast made us like sheep appointed for food, And hast scattered us among the nations.

12 Thou sellest thy people for nought, And hast not increased thy wealth by their price.

13 Thou maketh us a reproach to our neighbors, A scoffing and a derision to them that are round about us.

14 Thou maketh us a byword among the nations, A shaking of the head among the peoples.

15 All the day long is my dishonor before me, And the shame of my face hath covered me.

16 For the voice of him that reproacheth and blasphemeth, By reason of the enemy and the avenger.

17 All this is come upon us; yet have we not forgotten thee, Neither have we dealt falsely in thy covenant.

18 Our heart is not turned back, Neither have our steps declined from thy way,

19 That thou hast sore broken us in the place of jackals, And covered us with the shadow of death.

20 If we have forgotten the name of our God, Or spread forth our hands to a strange god;

21 Will not God search this out? For he knoweth the secrets of the heart.

22 Yes, for thy sake are we killed all the day long; We are accounted as sheep for slaughter.

23 Awake, why sleepest thou, Arise, cast us not off for ever.

24 Wherefore hidest thou thy face, And forgiveth our affliction and our oppression?

25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust: Our body cleaveth unto the earth.

26 Rise up for our help, And redeem us for thy lovingkindness’ sake.

A Song Celebrating the King’s Marriage

For the Chief Musician; set to 263 Shoshannim.
A Psalm of the sons of Korah. Maskil. A Song of loves.

45 My heart overfloweth with a goodly matter; I speak the things which I have made touching the king: My tongue is the pen of a ready writer.

2 Thou art fairer than children of men; Grace is poured in thy lips: Therefore God hath blessed thee for ever.

3 Gird thy sword upon thy thigh, O mighty one, Thy glory and thy majesty.

257 Or, the little mountain.

258 Or, while the enemy oppreareth.

259 Or, while the enemy oppreareth.

260 Hb. the gladness of my joy.

261 Or, victories or, salvations.

262 Sopherim changed to O Lord.

263 That is, Lilies.

264 Or, I speak: my work is for a king.
4 And in thy majesty ride on prosperously,
269 Because of truth and meekness in righteousness:
And 269 thy right hand shall teach thee fearful things.
5 Thine arrows are sharp;
The peoples fall under thee;
They are in the heart of the king’s enemies.
6 Thy throne is the throne of God forever and ever:
A sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom.
7 Thou hast loved righteousness, and hated wickedness:
Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee
With the oil of gladness above thy fellows.
8 All thy garments smell of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia;
Out of ivory palaces stringed instruments have made thee glad.
9 Kings’ daughters are among thy honorable women:
At thy right hand doth stand the queen in gold of Ophir.
10 Hearken, O daughter, and consider, and incline thine ear;
Forget also thine own people, and thy father’s house:
11 So will the king desire thy beauty;
For he is thy lord; and reverence thou him.
12 And the daughter of Tyre shall be there with a gift;
The rich among the people shall entreat thy favor.
13 The king’s daughter within the palace is all glorious:
Her clothing is inwrought with gold.
14 She shall be led unto the king in broidered work:
The virgins her companions that follow her
Shall be brought unto thee.
15 With gladness and rejoicing shall they be led:
They shall enter into the king’s palace.
16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children,
Whom thou shalt make princes in all the earth.
17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations:
Therefore shall the peoples give thee thanks for ever and ever.

God the Refuge of his People
For the Chief Musician.
A Psalm of the sons of Korah; set to Alamoth. A Song

46 God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth do change,
And though the mountains be shaken into the heart of the seas;
3 Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains tremble with the swelling thereof.
[Selah
4 There is a river, the streams thereof make glad the city of God,
The holy place of the tabernacles of the Most High.
5 God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved:
God will help her, at the dawn of morning.

6 The nations raged, the kingdoms were moved:
He uttered his voice, the earth melted,
7 Jehovah of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge. [Selah
8 Come, behold the works of Jehovah,
What desolations he hath made in the earth.
9 He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth;
He breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in sunder;
He burneth the chariots in the fire.
10 Be still, and know that I am God:
I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.
11 Jehovah of hosts is with us;
The God of Jacob is our refuge. [Selah

God the King of the Earth
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

47 Oh clap your hands, all ye peoples;
Shout unto God with the voice of triumph.
2 For Jehovah Most High is awesome;
He is a great King over all the earth.
3 He subdueth peoples under us,
And nations under our feet.
4 He chooseth our inheritance for us,
The glory of Jacob whom he loved. [Selah
5 God is gone up with a shout,
Jehovah with the sound of a trumpet.
6 Sing praises to God, sing praises:
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.
7 For God is the King of all the earth:
Sing ye praises 277 with understanding.
8 God reigneth over the nations:
God sitteth upon his holy throne.
9 The princes of the peoples are gathered together
278 To be the people of the God of Abraham:
For the shields of the earth belong unto God;
He is greatly exalted.

The Beauty and Glory of Zion
A Song; a Psalm of the sons of Korah

48 Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised,
In the city of our God, in his holy mountain.
2 Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the whole earth,
Is mount Zion, on the sides of the north,
The city of the great King.
3 God hath made himself known in her palaces for a refuge.
4 For, lo, the kings assembled themselves,
They passed by together.

265 Or, upon
266 Or, In behalf of truth
267 Or, let thy right hand teach thee
268 Or, Thy throne, O God, is forever and ever:
269 Or, within is or, in the inner part of the palace is
270 Or, upon Lit. for
271 Or, pride thereof.
272 Or, high tower. And in vs. 11.

273 Or, Who hath made desolations in the earth.
274 Or, Let be still,
275 Or, Jehovah is most high and awesome;
276 Or, loveth.
277 Or, in a skilful psalm. Hb. Maskil.
278 Or, Unto the people
279 Or, high tower.
280 Or, passed away together.
Psalms 49

5 They saw it, then were they amazed; They were dismayed, they 281 hastened away.
6 Trembling took hold of them there, Pain, as of a woman in travail.

7 282 With the east wind Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish.
8 As we have heard, so have we seen In the city of Jehovah of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever.  [Selah
9 We have thought on thy lovingkindness, O God, In the midst of thy temple.
10 As is thy name, O God, So is thy praise unto thy name; Thy right hand is full of righteousness.

11 Let mount Zion be glad, Let the daughters of Judah rejoice, Because of thy judgments.
12 Walk about Zion, and go round about her; Number the towers thereof;
13 Mark ye well her bulwarks; That ye may tell it to the generation following.
14 For this God is our God for ever and ever: He will be our guide even unto death.

The Folly of trusting in Riches
For the Chief Musician: A Psalm of the sons of Korah

49 Hear this, all ye peoples; Give ear, all ye inhabitants of the world, Both 284 law and high, Rich and poor together.

3 My mouth shall speak wisdom; And the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding.
4 I will incline mine ear to a parable; I will open my dark saying upon the harp.
5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, When 285 iniquity at my heels compasseth me about?
6 They that trust in their wealth, And boast themselves in the multitude of their riches; None of them can by any means redeem his brother, Nor give to God an atoning payment for him;
7 (For the redemption of their soul is costly, And it faileth for ever;) That he should still live alway, That he should not see corruption.
8 For 287 he shall see it. Wise men die; The fool and the brutish alike perish, And leave their wealth to others.

11 Their inward thought is, that their houses shall continue for ever, And their dwelling-places to all generations; They call their fear after their own names.
12 But man being in honor abideth not: He is like the beasts that perish.
13 This 288 their way is 289 their folly; Yet after them men approve their sayings.  [Selah
14 They are appointed as a flock for Sheol; Death shall be their shepherd: And the upright shall have dominion over them in the morning; And their 290 form shall be for Sheol to consume, That there be no habitation for it.
15 But God will redeem my soul from the 291 power of Sheol; For he will receive me.  [Selah
16 Be not thou afraid when one is made rich, When the 292 glory of his house is increased:
17 For when he dieth he shall carry nothing away; His glory shall not descend after him.
18 Though while he lived he blessed his soul, (And men praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself,) 293 He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They shall never see the light.
20 Man that is in honor, and understandeth not, Is like the beasts that perish.

God the Judge of the Righteous and the Wicked
A Psalm of Asaph

50 The Mighty One, God, Jehovah, hath spoken, And called the earth from the rising of the sun unto the going down thereof.
2 Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God hath shined forth.
3 Our God cometh, and doth not keep silence; A fire devoureth before him, And it is very tempestuous round about him.
4 He calleth to the heavens above, And to the earth, that he may judge his people:
5 Gather my saints together unto me, Those that 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 unto thee:
I am God, even thy God.
8 I will not reprove thee for thy sacrifices; And thy burnt-offerings are continually before me.
9 I will take no bullock out of thy house, Nor he-goats out of thy folds.
Psalms 52

And in sin did my mother conceive me.
And in the day of trouble, I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me.
And cleanse me from my sin.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, which I have done.
Create a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
I will teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
And renew a right spirit within me. And restore unto me the fulness of thy grace.

I will teach transgressors thy ways; and sinners shall be converted unto thee.
And renew a right spirit in me, and restore unto me thy salvation.

I will show thy salvation.
A Contrite Sinner's Prayer for Pardon

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David; when Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in to Bath-sheba,

Then will they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Build thou the walls of Jerusalem.
A broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.
Do good in thy good pleasure unto Zion:

Then wilt thou delight in the sacrifices of righteousness, In burnt-offering and whole burnt-offering:
Then will they offer bullocks upon thine altar.

Futility of Boastful Wickedness
For the Chief Musician. Maskil of David; when Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him, David is come to the house of Ahimelech.

Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man?
The lovingkindness of God endureth continually.
Thou lovest evil more than good, and lovingkindness of God endureth continually.

Why boastest thou thyself in mischief, O mighty man?
The lovingkindness of God endureth continually.
Thou hast made not God his strength, but trusted in the abundance of his riches, and hast strengthened himself in his wickedness.

298 Or, upon the mountains where thousands are.
299 Or, in my mind. Hb. with me.
300 Or, correction.
301 Hb. thy portion was with adulterers.
302 Or, givest a thrust against thine own mother's son.
303 Or, prepareth a way That I may show him the etc.
304 Or, in me.
305 Or, stedfast spirit.
306 Or, return converted unto thee.
307 Sopherim changed to O Lord.
308 Or, that I should give it.
309 Or, And the deceitful tongue.
Psalms 53

8 But as for me, I am like a green olive-tree in the house of God: I trust in the lovingkindness of God for ever and ever.

9 I will give thee thanks for ever, because thou hast done it; And I will hope in thy name, for it is good, in the presence of thy saints.

Folly and Wickedness of Men
For the Chief Musician; set to Mahalath. Maskil of David

53 The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God. Corrupt are they, and have done abominable iniquity; There is none that doeth good.

2 God looked down from heaven upon the children of men, To see if there were any that did understand, That did seek after God.

3 Every one of them is gone back; they are together become filthy; There is none that doeth good, no, not one.

4 Have the workers of iniquity no knowledge, Who eat up my people as they eat bread, And call not upon God?

5 There were they in great fear, where no fear was; For God hath scattered the bones of him that encampeth against thee: Thou hast put them to shame, because God hath rejected them.

6 Oh that the salvation of Israel were come out of Zion! When God bringeth back them of the captivity of his people, Then shall Jacob rejoice; Israel shall be glad.

Prayer for Defence against Enemies
For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maskil of David

54 Save me, O God, by thy name, And judge me in thy might.

2 Hear my prayer, O God; Give ear to the words of my mouth.

3 For strangers are risen up against me, And violent men have sought after my soul; They have not set God before them. [Selah

4 Behold, God is my helper: Jehovah is of them that uphold my soul.

5 He will requite the evil unto mine enemies: Destroy thou them in thy truth.

6 With a freewill-offering will I sacrifice unto thee: I will give thanks unto thy name, O Jehovah, for it is good.

7 For he hath delivered me out of all trouble; And mine eye hath seen my desire upon mine enemies.

Prayer for the Destruction of the Treacherous
For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments. Maskil of David

55 Give ear to my prayer, O God; And hide not thyself from my supplication.

2 Attend unto me, and answer me: I am restless in my complaint, and moan,

3 Because of the voice of the enemy, Because of the oppression of the wicked; For they cast iniquity upon me, And in anger they persecute me.

4 My heart is sore pained within me:

5 Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, And the terrors of death are fallen upon me.

6 And I said, Oh that I had wings like a dove! Then would I fly away, and be at rest.

7 Lo, then would I wander far off, I would lodge in the wilderness. [Selah

8 I would hasten me to a shelter From the stormy wind and tempest.

9 Destroy, Jehovah, and divide their tongue; For I have seen violence and strife in the city.

10 Day and night they go about it upon the walls thereof: Iniquity also and mischief are in the midst of it.

11 Wickedness is in the midst thereof:

12 For it was not an enemy that reproached me; Then I could have borne it:

Neither was it he that hated me that did magnify himself against me; Then I would have hid myself from him:

13 But it was thou, a man mine equal, My companion, and my familiar friend.

14 We took sweet counsel together; We walked in the house of God with the throng.

15 Let death come suddenly upon them, Let them go down alive into Sheol; For wickedness is in their dwelling, in the midst of them.

16 As for me, I will call upon God; And Jehovah will save me.

17 Evening, and morning, and at noonday, will I complain, and moan; And he will hear my voice.

18 He hath redeemed my soul in peace from the battle that was against me;

For they were many that strove with me.

19 God will hear, and answer them, Even he that abideth of old, [Selah

The men who have no changes, And who fear not God.

310 Or, break thee down for ever;
311 Or, returneth to the captivity
312 Sopherim changed to The Lord
313 Or, with them
314 Hb reads The evil shall return unto
315 Or, them that lie in wait for me:
316 Or, hasten my escape From the stormy wind etc.

317 Hb. Swallow up, O Jehovah,
318 Sopherim changed to O Lord,
319 Or, Fraud
320 Hb reads Desolations be upon them!
321 Or, their inward part.
322 Or, so that none came nigh me;
323 Or, afflict them,
Prayer for Rescue from Persecutors
For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of David. Michtam; when he fled from Saul, in the cave.

57 Be merciful unto me, O God, be merciful unto me; For my soul taketh refuge in thee: Yes, in the shadow of thy wings will I take refuge, Until these calamities be overpast.
2 I will cry unto God Most High, Unto God that performeth all things for me.
3 He will send from heaven, and save me, When he that would swallow me up reproacheth; [Selah God will send forth his lovingkindness and his truth.
4 My soul is among lions; I lie among them that are set on fire,
Even the sons of men, whose teeth are spears and arrows, And their tongue a sharp sword.
5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let thy glory be above all the earth.
6 They have prepared a net for my steps; My soul is bowed down:
They have digged a pit before me; They are fallen into the midst thereof themselves. [Selah
7 My heart is fixed, O God, my heart is fixed: I will sing, yes, I will sing praises.
8 Awake up, my glory; awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake at the dawn.
9 I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah, among the peoples: I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.
10 For thy lovingkindness is great unto the heavens And thy truth unto the skies.
11 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens; Let thy glory be above all the earth.

Prayer for the Punishment of the Wicked
For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth A Psalm of David. Michtam

58 Do ye indeed in silence speak righteousness? Do ye judge uprightly, O ye sons of Adam?
2 No, in heart ye work wickedness; Ye weigh out the violence of your hands in the earth.
3 The wicked are estranged from the womb: They go astray as soon as they are born, speaking lies.
4 Their poison is like the poison of a serpent: They are like the death adder that stoppeth her ear,
5 Which hearkeneth not to the voice of charmers, Charming never so wisely.

324 Or, what he hath given thee upon Jehovah,
325 That is, The silent dove of them that are afar off. or, Hb⁴⁹⁹ reads The dove of the distant terebinths.
326 Or, They that lie in wait for me would etc.
327 Or, Inasmuch as they have waited for my soul.
328 They think to escape by iniquity.
329 Or, record
330 Or, for God is for me.

331 Or, life Lit. the lives
332 Or, wickednesses
333 Or, must lie among them
334 Sopherim changed to O Lord
335 Or, Is the righteousness ye should speak dumb
336 Hb⁴⁹⁹ reads O ye gods or, O ye mighty ones
337 Or, judge uprightly the sons of men
338 Or, enchanters,
Psalms 59

6 Break their teeth, O God, in their mouth:  
Break out the great teeth of the young lions, O Jehovah.

7 Let them melt away as water that runneth apace:  
When he ameth his arrows, let them be as though they were cut off.

8 Let them be as a snail which melteth and passeth away,  
Like the untimely birth of a woman, that hath not seen the sun.

9 Before your pots can feel a thorn,  
He will take them away with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.

10 The righteous shall rejoice when he seeth the vengeance:  
He shall wash his feet in the blood of the wicked;

11 So that men shall say, Truly there is a reward for the righteous: Truly there is a God that judgeth in the earth.

Prayer for Deliverance from Enemies

For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth. A Psalm of David.  
Michtam; when Saul sent, and they watched the house to kill him

59 Deliver me from mine enemies, O my God:  
Set me on high from them that rise up against me.

2 Deliver me from the workers of iniquity,  
And save me from the bloodthirsty men.

3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul;  
The mighty gather themselves together against me:
Not for my transgression, nor for my sin, O Jehovah.

4 They run and prepare themselves without my fault:  
Awake thou to 343 help me, and behold.

5 Even thou, O Jehovah God of hosts, the God of Israel,  
Arise to visit all the nations:
Be not merciful to any wicked transgressors.  [Selah

6 They return towards evening, they howl like a dog,  
And go round about the city.

7 Behold, they belch out with their mouth;  
Swords are in their lips:
For who, say they, doth hear?

8 But thou, O Jehovah, wilt laugh at them;  
Thou wilt have all the nations in derision.

9 Because of his strength I will give heed unto thee;  
For God is my high tower.

10 My God with his lovingkindness will meet me:  
God will let me see my desire upon mine enemies.

11 Slay them not, lest my people forget:  
Scatter them by thy power, and bring them down,  
O Jehovah our shield.

12 For the sin of their mouth, and the words of their lips,  
Let them even be taken in their pride,  
And for cursing and lying which they speak.

13 Consume them in wrath, consume them, so that they shall be no more:  
And let them know that God ruleth in Jacob,  
Unto the ends of the earth.  [Selah

14 And towards evening let them return, let them howl like a dog,  
And go round about the city.

15 They shall wander up and down for food,  
And tarry all night if they be not satisfied.

16 But I will sing of thy strength;  
Yes, I will sing aloud of thy lovingkindness in the morning:
For thou hast been my high tower,  
And a refuge in the day of my distress.

17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing praises:  
For God is my high tower, the God of my mercy.

Lament over Defeat in Battle, and Prayer for Help

For the Chief Musician; set to Shushan Eduth. Michtam of David, to teach; when he strove with Aram-naharaim and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote 12,000 of Edom in the Valley of Salt.

60 O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast broken us down;  
Thou hast been angry; oh restore us again.

2 Thou hast made the land to tremble; thou hast rent it:  
Heal the breaches thereof; for it shaketh.

3 Thou hast showed thy people hard things:  
Thou hast made us to drink the wine of staggering.

4 Thou hast given a banner to them that fear thee,  
That it may be displayed because of the truth.  [Selah

5 That thy beloved may be delivered,  
Save with thy right hand, and answer us.

6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult;  
I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Sukkoth.

7 Gilead is mine, and Manasseh is mine;  
Ephraim also is the defence of my head;  
Judah is my sceptre.

8 Moab is my washpot;  
Upon Edom will I cast my shoe:  
Philistia, shout thou because of me.

9 Who will bring me into the besieged city?  
Who hath led me unto Edom?

10 Hast not thou, O God, cast us off?  
And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.

11 Give us help against the adversary;  
For vain is the help of man.

339 Or, like them that have not seen the sun.
340 Or, Wrath shall take them away while living as with a whirlwind, the green and the burning alike.
341 Hb. fruit
342 Hb. meet me,
343 Sept., Vg. My strength will etc.
344 Or, that lie in wait for me.
345 Or, Make them wander to and fro by thy power,
346 Sopherim changed to O Lord
347 That is, The lily of testimony.
348 Hb™g reads me.
349 Or, lawgiver.
350 Or, Unto Edom
351 Or, Who will lead me unto Edom
352 Or, Wilt not thou, O God, who hast cast us off, And goest not forth, O God, with our hosts?
353 Hb. salvation of man.
354 Or, fainteth:
Psalms 64

12 Through God we shall do valiantly; For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

Confidence in God’s Protection
For the Chief Musician; on a stringed instrument
A Psalm of David

61 Hear my cry, O God; Attend unto my prayer.
2 From the end of the earth will I call unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: Lead me to the rock that is higher than I.
3 For thou hast been a refuge for me, A strong tower from the enemy.
4 I will dwell in thy tent for ever:
5 For thou, O God, hast heard my vows: Thou hast given me the heritage of those that fear thy name.
6 Thou wilt prolong the king’s life;
7 His years shall be as many generations.
8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, That I may daily perform my vows.

God alone a Refuge from Treachery and Oppression
For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun
A Psalm of David

62 My soul waiteth in silence for God only: From him cometh my salvation.
2 He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my high tower; I shall not be greatly moved.
3 How long will ye set upon a man, That ye may slay him; all of you, Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence?
4 They only consult to thrust him down from his dignity; They delight in lies; They bless with their mouth, but they curse inwardly.
5 My soul, wait thou in silence for God only; For my expectation is from him.
6 He only is my rock and my salvation: He is my high tower; I shall not be moved.
7 With God is my salvation and my glory: The rock of my strength, even my refuge, is in God.
8 Trust in him at all times, ye people; Pour out your heart before him: God is a refuge for us. [Selah]

9 Surely men of low degree are vanity, and men of high degree are a lie: In the balances they will go up; They are together lighter than vanity.
10 Trust not in oppression, And become not vain in robbery: If riches increase, set not your heart thereon.
11 God hath spoken once, Twice have I heard this; That power belongeth unto God:
12 Also unto thee, Jehovah, belongeth lovingkindness; For thou renderest to every man according to his work.

The Thirsting Soul satisfied in God
A Psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah

63 O God, thou art my God; earnestly will I seek thee: My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee, In a dry and weary land, where no water is.
2 So have I looked upon thee in the Holy, To see thy power and thy glory.
3 Because thy lovingkindness is better than life, My lips shall praise thee.
4 So will I bless thee while I live: I will lift up my hands in thy name.
5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness; And my mouth shall praise thee with joyful lips;
6 When I remember thee upon my bed, Meditate on thee in the night-watches.
7 For thou hast been my help, And in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
8 My soul followeth hard after thee: Thy right hand upholdeth me.
9 But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, Shall go into the lower parts of the earth.
10 They shall be given over to the power of the sword: They shall be a portion for foxes.
11 But the king shall rejoice in God: Every one that sweareth by him shall glory: For the mouth of them that speak lies shall be stopped.

Prayer for Deliverance from Secret Enemies
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

64 Hear my voice, O God, in my complaint: Preserve my life from fear of the enemy.
2 Hide me from the secret counsel of evil-doers, From the tumult of the workers of iniquity:
3 Who have whet their tongue like a sword, And have aimed their arrow, even bitter words,
4 That they may shoot in secret places at the perfect: Suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not.

355 Or, a rock that shall be too high for me.
356 Or, tabernacle
357 Or, given a heritage unto those that fear thy name.
358 Hb. Only unto God is my soul silent:
359 Hb reads Ye shall be slain, all of you,
360 Hb. Only unto God be thou silent, O my soul;
361 Hb. sons of Adam are a breath, and sons of a man are a lie:
362 Sopherim changed to O Lord,
363 Hb. fat
364 Or, I will meditate on thee in the watches.
365 Or, shall be destroyed; They shall go into etc.
366 Or, poured out by the power of the sword:
367 Or, jackals.
368 Or, throng
Psalms 65

5 They encourage themselves in an evil purpose; They commune of laying snares privily; They say, Who will see them?
6 They search out iniquities; We have accomplished, say they, a diligent search: And the inward thought and the heart of every one is deep.
7 But God will shoot at them; With an arrow suddenly shall they be wounded.
8 So they shall be made to stumble, their own tongue being against them: All that see them shall wag the head.

9 And all men shall fear; And they shall declare the work of God, And shall wisely consider of his doing.
10 The righteous shall be glad in Jehovah, and shall take refuge in him; And all the upright in heart shall glory.

God's Abundant Favor to Earth and Man
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm. A Song of David

65 372Praise waiteth for thee, O God, in Zion; And unto thee shall the vow be performed.
2 O thou that hearest prayer, Unto thee shall all flesh come.
3 Iniquities prevail against me: As for our transgressions, thou wilt atone for them.
4 Blessed is the man whom thou choosest, and causest to approach unto thee, That he may dwell in thy courts: We shall be satisfied with the goodness of thy house, The Holy of thy temple.
5 By awesome things thou wilt answer us in righteousness, O God of our salvation, Thou that art the refuge of the afflicted in time of trouble.
6 Who by his strength setteth fast the mountains, Being girded about with might;
7 Who stilleth the roaring of the seas, The roaring of their waves, And the tumult of the peoples.
8 They also that dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid at thy tokens: Thou maketh the outgoings of the morning and evening to rejoice.
9 Thou visitest the earth, and waterest it, Thou greatly enrichest it; The river of God is full of water: Thou providest them grain, when thou hast so prepared the earth.
10 Thou waterest its furrows abundantly; Thou settlest the ridges thereof: Thou makest it soft with showers; Thou blessest the springing thereof.
11 Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; And thy paths drop fatness.
12 They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; And the hills are girded with joy.
13 The pastures are clothed with flocks; The valleys also are covered over with grain; They shout for joy, they also sing.

Praise for God's Mighty Deeds and for his Answer to Prayer
For the Chief Musician. A Song, a Psalm

66 Make a joyful noise unto God, all the earth:
2 Sing forth the glory of his name:
Make his praise glorious.
3 Say unto God, How awesome are thy works!
Through the greatness of thy power shall thine enemies submit themselves unto thee.
4 All the earth shall worship thee, And shall sing unto thee; They shall sing to thy 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 went through the river on foot:
There did we rejoice in him.
7 He ruleth by his might for ever; His eyes observe the nations:
Let not the rebellious exalt themselves. Selah
8 Oh bless our God, ye peoples, And make the voice of his praise to be heard;
9 Who holdeth our soul in life,
And suffereth not our feet to be moved.
10 For thou, O God, hast proved us: Thou hast tried us, as silver is tried.
11 Thou broughtest us into the net; Thou layedst a sore burden upon our loins.
12 Thou didst cause men to ride over our heads; We went through fire and through water;
But thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.
13 I will come into thy house with burnt-offerings; I will pay thee my vows,
14 Which my lips uttered,
And my mouth spake, when I was in distress.
15 I will offer unto thee burnt-offerings of fatlings, With the incense of rams; I will offer a bullock with goats. Selah

369 Hb reads They have accomplished, (or, hidden.)
370 Or, So shall they, against whom their tongue was, make them to stumble:
371 Or, flee away.
372 Or, There shall be silence before thee, and praise,
373 Hb, Words (or, Matters) of iniquities prevail
374 Or, expiate them. Or, forgive them.
375 Or, of the sea, afar off:
376 Lit. signs. from הָעֵין (“aleph and tav”)
377 Or, for so preparest thou the earth.
378 Hb. it.
379 Hb. lowerest
380 Hb. the year of thy goodness;
381 Or, The pastures of the wilderness do drop;
382 Or, yield feigned obedience Hb. lie (deceitfully)
383 Or, let us rejoice in him.
384 Hb. putteth
385 Hb. abundance.
Psalms 68

67 God be merciful unto us, and bless us, 
And cause his face to shine upon us; [Selah
2 That thy way may be known upon earth, 
Thy salvation among all nations.
3 Let the peoples give thanks unto thee, O God; 
Let all the peoples give thanks unto thee.
4 Oh let the nations be glad and sing for joy; 
For thou wilt judge the peoples with equity, 
And govern the nations upon earth. [Selah
5 Let the peoples give thanks unto thee, O God; 
Let all the peoples give thanks unto thee.
6 The earth yieldeth its increase: 
God, even our own God, will bless us.
7 God will bless us; 
And all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

Jehovah the God of Sinai and of the Holy
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David, a Song

68 Let God arise, let his enemies be scattered; 
Let them also that hate him flee before him.
2 As smoke is driven away, so drive them away: 
As wax melteth before the fire, 
So let the wicked perish at the presence of God.
3 But let the righteous be glad; let them exult before God: 
Yes, let them rejoice with gladness.
4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name: 
Cast up a highway for him that rideth through the deserts; 
his name is Jehovah; and exult ye before him.
5 A father of the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, 
Is God in his holy habitation.

6 God setteth the solitary in families: 
He bringeth out the prisoners into prosperity; 
But the rebellious dwell in a parched land.
7 O God, when thou wentest forth before thy people, 
When thou didst march through the wilderness; [Selah
8 The earth trembled, 
The heavens also dropped rain at the presence of God: 
Yon Sinai trembled at the presence of God, the God of Israel.
9 Thou, O God, didst send a plentiful rain, 
Thou didst confirm thine inheritance, when it was weary.
10 Thy congregation dwelt therein: 
Thou, O God, didst prepare of thy goodness for the poor.
11 Jehovah giveth the word: 
The women that publish the tidings are a great host.
12 Kings of armies shall flee, they shall flee; 
And she that tarryeth at home divideth the spoil.
13 When ye lie among the sheepfolds, 
It is as the wings of a dove covered with silver, 
And her pinions with yellow gold.
14 When the Almighty scattered kings therein, 
Is as when it snoweth in Zalmon.
15 A mountain of God is the mountain of Bashan; 
A high mountain is the mountain of Bashan.
16 Why look ye askance, ye high mountains, 
At the mountain which God hath desired for his abode? 
Yes, Jehovah will dwell in it for ever.
17 The chariots of God are twenty thousand, even thousands upon thousands: 
Jehovah is among them, as in Sinai, in the Holy.
18 Thou hast ascended on high, thou hast led away captives; 
Thou hast received gifts among men, 
Yes, among the rebellious also, that 403 Jehovah God might dwell with them.
19 Blessed be Jehovah, who daily beareth our burden, 
Even the God who is our salvation. [Selah
20 God is unto us a God of salviations; 
And unto Jehovah the Lord belongeth escape from death.
21 But God will smite through the head of his enemies, 
The hairy scalp of such a one as goeth on still in his guiltiness.
22 Jehovah said, I will bring again from Bashan, 
I will bring them again from the depths of the sea;
23 That thou mayest crush them, dipping thy foot in blood, 
That the tongue of thy dogs may have its portion from thine enemies.

386 Hb reads high praise was under my tongue.
387 Or, had regarded
388 Sopherim changed to The Lord
389 Or, would
390 Hb. with us;
391 Or, praise thee (both times, and so in vs. 5)
392 Or, God ariseth Similarly throughout vss. 1, 2, 3.
393 Hb. Jah; (perhaps meaning, He is the Future)
394 Hb. maketh the solitary to dwell in a house:
395 Or, troop
396 Sopherim changed to The Lord And in vss. 17, 22.
397 Or, will ye lie among the sheepfolds, 
As the wings of a dove covered with silver, 
And her pinions with yellow gold?
398 Or, in Zalmon.
399 Hb. mountain of summits is the mountain of Bashan.
400 Or, Sinai is in the sanctuary.
401 Hb. Jah See vs. 4.
402 Or, dwell there.
403 Sopherim changed to The Lord, Or, Jehovah day by day: 
If one oppresseth us, God is our salvation.
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24 They have seen thy goings, O God, Even the goings of my God, my King, 404 in the Holy.

25 The singers went before, the minstrels followed after, In the midst of the damsels playing with timbrels.

26 Bless ye God in the congregations, Even 405 Jehovah, ye that are of the fountain of Israel.

27 There is little Benjamin their ruler, The princes of Judah and their 406 council, The princes of Zebulun, the princes of Naphtali.

28 Thy God hath commanded thy strength: 407 Strengthen, O God, that which thou 408 hast wrought for us.

29 Because of thy temple at Jerusalem Kings shall bring presents unto thee.

30 Rebuke the wild beast of the reeds, The multitude of the bulls, with the calves of the peoples, 409 Trampling under foot the pieces of silver: 410 He hath scattered the peoples that delight in war.

31 Princes shall come out of Egypt; 411 Ethiopia shall haste to stretch out her hands unto God.

32 Sing unto God, ye kingdoms of the earth; To him th 412 shall the multitude of his creatures turn their faces.

33 To him that rideth upon the heavens of heavens, which are of old; Lo, he uttereth his voice, a mighty voice.

34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: His excellency is over Israel, And his strength is in the skies.

35 412 O God, thou art awesome out of thy sanctuaries: The God of Israel, he giveth strength and power unto his people. Blessed be God.

A Cry of Distress, and Imprecation on Adversaries
For the Chief Musician; set to 413 Shoshannim A Psalm of David.

69 Save me, O God; For the waters are come in unto my soul.

2 I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I come into deep waters where the floods overflow me.

3 I am weary with my crying; my throat is dried: Mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.

4 They that hate me without a cause are more than the hairs of my head: They that would cut me off, being mine enemies 414 wrongly, are mighty: That which I took not away I have to restore.

5 O God, thou knowest my foolishness; And my 415 sins are not hid from thee.

6 Let not them that wait for thee be put to shame through me, O Lord Jehovah of hosts: Let not those that seek thee be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel:

7 Because for thy sake I have borne reproach; Shame hath covered my face.

8 I am become a stranger unto my brethren, And an alien unto my mother’s children.

9 For the zeal of thy house hath eaten me up; And the reproaches of them that reproach thee are fallen upon me.

10 When I wept, and chastened my soul with fasting, That was to my reproach.

11 When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword unto them.

12 They that sit in the gate talk of me; And I am the songs of the drunkards.

13 But as for me, my prayer is unto thee, O Jehovah, in an acceptable time: O God, in the abundance of thy lovingkindness, Answer me in the truth of thy salvation.

14 Deliver me out of the mire, and let me not sink: Let me be delivered from them that hate me, and out of the deep waters.

15 Let not the waterflood overwhelm me, Neither let the deep swallow me up; And let not the pit shut its mouth upon me.

16 Answer me, O Jehovah; for thy lovingkindness is good: According to the multitude of thy tender mercies turn thou unto me.

17 And hide not thy face from thy servant; For I am in distress; answer me speedily.

18 Draw nigh unto my soul, and ransom it: Redeem me because of mine enemies.

19 Thou knowest my reproach, and my shame, and my dishonor: Mine adversaries are all before thee.

20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I am 416 full of heaviness: And I looked for some to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none.

21 They gave me also gall for my food; And in my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

22 Let their table before them become a snare; And when they are in peace, let it become a trap.

23 Let their eyes be darkened, so that they cannot see; And make their loins continually to shake.

24 Pour out thine indignation upon them, And let the fierceness of thine anger overtake them.

25 Let their 417 habitation be desolate; Let none dwell in their tents.

26 For they persecute him whom thou hast smitten; And they tell of the 418 sorrow of those whom thou hast wounded.

404 Or, in the sanctuary. or, in holiness.
405 Sopherim changed to the Lord, And in vs. 32.
406 Or, company.
407 Or, Be strong, O God, thou that hast wrought for us.
408 Or, hast wrought for us out of thy temple. 29 Unto Jerusalem shall kings bring presents unto thee.
409 Or, Every one submitting himself with pieces of silver:
410 Hb409 reads Scatter thou the peoples that etc.
411 Hb. Cush or, Black Africa
412 Or, Awesome is God out of thy holy places:
413 That is, Lilies.
414 Hb. falsely, or, with falsehood,
415 Hb. guiltinesses
416 Or, sore sick:
Psalms 71

Prayer for Help against Persecutors
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David; 421 to bring to remembrance.

70 Make haste, O God, to deliver me; Make haste to help me, O Jehovah.
2 Let them be put to shame and confounded That seek after my soul: Let them be turned backward and brought to dishonor That delight in my hurt.
3 Let them be turned back 422 by reason of their shame That say, Aha, aha.
4 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee; And let such as love thy salvation say continually, Let God be magnified.
5 But I am poor and needy; Make haste unto me, O God: Thou art my help and my deliverer; O Jehovah, make no tarrying.

Prayer of an old Man for Deliverance
71 In thee, O Jehovah, do I take refuge: Let me never be put to shame.
2 Deliver me in thy righteousness, and rescue me: Bow down thine ear unto me, and save me.
3 Be thou to me a rock of habitation, whereunto I may continually resort: Thou hast given commandment to save me; For thou art my rock and my fortress.
4 Rescue me, O my God, out of the hand of the wicked, Out of the hand of the unrighteous and cruel man.

5 For thou art my hope, O Lord Jehovah: Thou art my trust from my youth.
6 By thee have I been held up from the womb; Thou 423 hast taken me out of my mother’s bowels: My praise shall be continually of thee.
7 I am as a wonder unto many; But thou art my strong refuge.
8 My mouth shall be filled with thy praise, And with thy honor all the day.
9 Cast me not off in the time of old age; Forsake me not when my strength faileth.
10 For mine enemies speak concerning me; And they that watch for my soul take counsel together,
11 Saying, God hath forsaken him: Pursue and take him; for there is none to deliver.
12 O God, be not far from me; O my God, make haste to help me.
13 Let them be put to shame and consumed that are adversaries to my soul; Let them be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my hurt.
14 But I will hope continually, And will praise thee yet more and more.
15 My mouth shall tell of thy righteousness, And of thy salvation all the day; For I know not the numbers thereof.
16 I will come 424 with the mighty acts of the Lord Jehovah: I will make mention of thy righteousness, even of thine only.
17 O God, thou hast taught me from my youth; And hitherto have I declared thy wondrous works.
18 Yes, even 425 when I am old and grayheaded, O God, forsake me not, Until I have declared 426 thy strength unto the next generation, Thy might to every one that is to come.
19 Thy righteousness also, O God, is very high; Thou who hast done great things, O God, who is like unto thee?
20 Thou, who hast showed 427 us many and sore troubles, Wilt quicken us again, And wilt bring us up again from the depths of the earth.
21 Increase thou my greatness, And turn again and comfort me.
22 I will also praise thee with the psaltery, Even thy truth, O my God: Unto thee will I sing praises with the harp, O thou Holy One of Israel.
23 My lips shall shout for joy when I sing praises unto thee; And my soul, which thou hast redeemed.
24 My tongue also shall talk of thy righteousness all the day long; For they are put to shame, for they are confounded, that seek my hurt.

417 Or, encampment be desolate;
418 Or, pain;
419 Or, the book of the living;
420 Or, in pain:
421 Or, to make memorial.
422 Or, for a reward of shame
423 Or, hast been my benefactor from etc.
424 Or, in the strength of the Lord Jehovah:
425 Hb. unto old age and gray hairs,
426 Hb. thine arm unto
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The Reign of the Righteous King
A Psalm of Solomon.

72 Give the king thy judgments, O God, And thy righteousness unto the king’s son.
2 He will judge thy people with righteousness, And thy poor with justice.
3 The mountains shall bring peace to the people, And the hills in righteousness.
4 He will judge the poor of the people, He will save the children of the needy, And will break in pieces the oppressor.
5 They shall fear thee while the sun endureth, And so long as the moon, throughout all generations.
6 He will come down like rain upon the mown grass, As showers that water the earth.
7 In his days shall the righteous flourish, And abundance of peace, till the moon be no more.
8 He shall have dominion also from sea to sea, And from the River unto the ends of the earth.
9 They that dwell in the wilderness shall bow before him; And his enemies shall lick the dust.
10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall render tribute: The kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts.
11 Yes, all kings shall fall down before him; All nations shall serve him.
12 For he will deliver the needy when he crieth, And the poor, that hath no helper.
13 He will have pity on the poor and needy, And the souls of the needy he will save.
14 He will ransom their soul from oppression and violence; And precious will their blood be in his sight:
15 And they shall live; and to him shall be given of the gold of Sheba: And men shall pray for him continually;
16 There shall be an abundance of grain in the earth upon the top of the mountains; The fruit thereof shall shake like Lebanon: And they of the city shall flourish like grass of the earth.
17 His name shall endure for ever; His name shall be continued as long as the sun: And men shall bless themselves in him; All nations shall call him happy.
18 Blessed be Jehovah God, the God of Israel, Who only doeth 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.

Book Three

The End of the Wicked contrasted with that of the Righteous
A Psalm of Asaph

73 Surely God is good to Israel, Even to such as are pure in heart.
2 But as for me, my feet were almost gone; My steps had well nigh slipped.
3 For I was envious at the arrogant, When I saw the prosperity of the wicked.
4 For there are no pang in their death; But their strength is firm.
5 They are not in trouble as other men; Neither are they plagued like other men.
6 Therefore pride is as a chain about their neck; Violence covereth them as a garment.
7 Their eyes stand out with fatness; They have more than heart could wish.
8 They scoff, and in wickedness utter oppression: They speak loftily.
9 They have set their mouth in the heavens, And their tongue walketh through the earth.
10 Therefore his people return hither: And waters of a full cup are drained by them.
11 And they say, How doth God know? And is there knowledge in the Most High?
12 Behold, these are the wicked; And, being always at ease, they increase in riches.
13 Scurvy in vain have I cleansed my heart, And washed my hands in innocency;
14 For all the day long have I been plagued, And chastened every morning.
15 If I had said, I will speak thus; Behold, I had dealt treacherously with the generation of thy children.
16 When I thought how I might know this, It seemed too painful for me;
17 Until I went into the sanctuaries of God, And considered their latter end.

427 Hb reads me (three times)
428 Or, Let him (and so throughout the Psalm.)
429 Hb, before the moon,
430 Or, and him that hath no helper.
431 Or, weak
432 Or, fraud
433 Or, he
434 Lit., He or, One
435 Or, a handful of grain
436 Or, land
437 Or, have issue
438 Hb, before the sun:
439 Reflexive tense, as in Ge 22:18, 26:4; Jr 4:2.
440 Or, Only good is God to Israel,
441 Or, fools
442 Or, The imaginations of their heart overflow.
443 Or, from on high.
444 Or, against the heavens,
445 Hb reads he will bring back his people:
446 Hb, my chastisement was every morning.
447 Hb, labor in mine eyes.
448 Or perhaps, Holies
18 Surely thou settest them in slippery places: 
Thou castest them down to 449 destruction.
19 How are they become a desolation in a moment! 
They are utterly consumed with terrors.
20 As a dream when one awaketh, 
So, 450 O Jehovah, 451 when thou awakest, thou wilt despise their image.
21 For my soul 452 was grieved, 
And I was pricked in my kidneys; 
I was as a beast 453 before thee.
22 So brutish 454 was I, and ignorant; 
I was as a beast 455 before thee.
23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: 
Thou hast holden my right hand.
24 Thou wilt guide me with thy counsel, 
And afterward receive me 456 to glory.
25 Whom have I in heaven but thee? 
And there is none upon earth that I desire 457 besides thee.
26 My flesh and my heart faileth; 
But God is the 458 strength of my heart and my portion for ever.
27 For, lo, they that are far from thee shall perish: 
Thou hast destroyed all them that play their image.
28 But it is good for me to draw near unto God: 
I have made the Lord Jehovah my refuge, 
That I may tell of all thy works.

A Complaint over the Devastation of the Land by the Enemy
Maskil of Asaph

74 O God, why hast thou cast us off for ever? 
Why doth thine anger smoke against the sheep of thy pasture?
2 Remember thy congregation, which thou hast gotten of old, Which thou hast ransomed to be the tribe of thine inheritance; And mount Zion, wherein thou hast dwelt.
3 Lift up thy feet unto the perpetual ruins, 
All the evil that the enemy hath done in the Holy.
4 Thine adversaries have roared in the midst of thine assembly; They have set up their ensigns for signs.
5 They 459 seem as men that lifted up Axes upon a thicket of trees.
6 And now all the carved work thereof 
They break down with hatchet and hammers.
7 They have set thy sanctuary on fire; 
They have profaned the dwelling-place of thy name by casting it to the ground.
8 They said in their heart, Let us make havoc of them altogether: They have burned up all the 460 synagogues of God in the earth.
9 We see not our signs: 
There is no more any prophet; 
Neither is there among us any that knoweth how long.
10 How long, O God, shall the adversary reproach? 
Shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever?
11 Why drawest thou back thy hand, even thy right hand? Pluck it out of thy bosom and consume them.
12 Yet God is my King of old, 
Working salvation in the midst of the earth.
13 Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: 
Thou brakest the heads of the sea-monsters in the waters.
14 Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces; 
Thou gavest him to be food to the people inhabiting the wilderness.
15 Thou didst cleave fountain and flood: 
Thou driedst up 462 mighty rivers.
16 The day is thine, the night also is thine: 
Thou hast prepared the 463 light and the sun.
17 Thou hast set all the borders of the earth: 
Thou hast made summer and winter.
18 Remember this, that the enemy 464 hath reproached, O Jehovah, And that a foolish people hath blasphemed thy name.
19 Oh deliver not the soul of thy turtle-dove unto the wild beast: Forget not the 465 life of thy poor for ever.
20 Have respect unto the covenant; For the dark places of the 466 earth are full of the habitations of violence.
21 Oh let not the oppressed return ashamed: 
Let the poor and needy praise thy name.
22 Arise, O God, plead thine own cause: 
Remember how the foolish man reproacheth thee all the day.
23 Forget not the voice of thine adversaries: The tumult of those that rise up against thee 468 ascendeth continually.

449 Hb. ruins.
450 Sopherim changed to O Lord,
451 Or, in the city,
452 Hb. was in a ferment,
453 Or, am I,
454 Hb. with thee.
455 Or, with glory.
456 Or, with thee.
457 Hb. rock
458 Or, The enemy hath wrought all evil in the Holy.
459 Or, make themselves known as
460 Or, places of assembly of God in the land.
461 Hb. break up the sea by thy strength:
462 Or, ever-flowing rivers.
463 Hb. luminary
464 Or, hath reproached Jehovah,
465 Or, thy turtle-dove unto the greedy multitude:
466 Or, multitude
467 Or, land
468 Or, which ascendeth continually.
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God abases the Proud, but exalts the Righteous

For the Chief Musician; set to Al-tashheth
A Psalm of Asaph, a Song

75
We give thanks unto thee, O God;
We give thanks. 469 for thy name is near:
Men tell of thy wondrous works.
2 When I shall 470 find the set time,
I will judge uprightly.
3 471 The earth and all the inhabitants thereof are dissolved:
I have 472 set up the pillars of it.  [Selah
4 I said unto the 473 arrogant, Deal not arrogantly;
And to the wicked, Lift not up the horn:
5 Lift not up your horn on high;
Nor speak 474 with a stiff neck.
6 For neither from the east, nor from the west,
Nor yet 476 from the south, cometh lifting up.
7 But God is the judge:
He putteth down one, and lifteth up another.
8 For in the hand of Jehovah there is a cup, and the wine 477 foameth; It is full of mixture, and he poureth out of the same: Surely the dregs thereof, all the wicked of the earth shall drain them, and drink them.
9 But I will declare for ever,
I will sing praises to the Righteous:
10 All the horns of the wicked also will I cut off;
But the horns of the righteous shall be lifted up.

The Victorious Power of the God of Jacob

For the Chief Musician; on stringed instruments
A Psalm of Asaph

76
In Judah is God known:
His name is great in Israel.
2 In Salem also is his 478 tabernacle,
And his 479 dwelling-place in Zion,
3 There he brake the 480 arrows of the bow;
The shield, and the sword, and the battle.  [Selah
4 Glorious art thou and excellent, 481
From the mountains of prey.
5 The stout-hearted are made a spoil,
They have slept their sleep;
And none of the men of might have found their hands.
6 At thy rebuke, O God of Jacob,
Both chariot and horse are cast into a dead sleep.
7 Thou, even thou, art to be feared;
And who may stand in thy sight when once thou art angry?
8 Thou didst cause sentence to be heard from heaven;
The earth awed, and was still,
9 When God arose to judgment,
To save all the meek of the earth.  [Selah
10 Surely the wrath of man shall praise thee:
The residue of wrath shalt thou 482 gird upon thee.
11 Vow, and pay unto Jehovah your God:
Let all that are round about him bring presents unto him that ought to be awed.
12 He will cut off the spirit of princes:
He is awesome to the kings of the earth.

Comfort in Trouble from recalling God’s Mighty Deeds

For the Chief Musician; after the manner of Jeduthun
A Psalm of Asaph

77
I will cry unto God with my voice,
Even unto God with my voice; and he will give ear unto me.
2 In the day of my trouble I sought 483 Jehovah:
My hand was stretched out in the night, and slacked not;
My soul refused to be comforted.
3 I remember God, and am disquieted:
I complain, and my spirit 484 is overwhelmed.  [Selah
4 Thou holdest mine eyes watching:
I am so troubled that I cannot speak.
5 I have considered the days of old,
The years of ancient times.
6 I call to remembrance my song in the night:
I commune with mine own heart;
And my spirit maketh diligent search.
7 Will Jehovah cast off for ever?
And will he be favorable no more?
8 Is his lovingkindness clean gone for ever?
Doth his promise fail for evermore?
9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious?
Hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?  [Selah
10 And I said, 485 This is my infirmity;
But I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.
11 I will make mention of the deeds of 486 Jehovah;
For I will remember thy wonders of old.
12 I will meditate also upon all thy work,
And muse on thy doings.
13 Thy way, O God, is in the Holy:
Who is a great god like unto God?

469 Or, for that thy name is near
Thy wondrous works have declared it.
470 Hb. take
471 Or, When the earth and ... are dissolved: I set up etc.
472 Hb. proportioned the pillars of it.
473 Or, fools,
474 Or, insolently with a haughty neck.
475 Or, from the wilderness of mountains cometh judgment.
476 Hb. wilderness,
477 Or, is red;
478 Or, covert, Hb. sōk (cf. sukkōt, booths)
479 Or, lair
480 Or, lightnings or, fiery shafts
481 Or, More than the mountains of prey.
482 Or, restrain.
483 Sopherim changed to the Lord And in vs. 7.
484 Or, fainteth.
485 Or, This is my grief,
That the right hand of the Most High doth change.
486 Hb. Jah;
14 Thou art the God that doest wonders:
Thou hast made known thy strength among the peoples.
15 Thou hast with thine arm ransomed thy people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph. [Selah
16 The waters saw thee, O God;
The waters saw thee, they 487 were afraid:
The depths also trembled.
17 The clouds poured out water;
The skies sent out a sound:
Thine arrows also went abroad.
18 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind;
The lightnings lightened the world:
The earth trembled and shook.
19 Thy way was in the sea,
And thy paths in the great waters,
And thy footsteps were not known.
20 Thou leddest thy people like a flock,
By the hand of Moses and Aaron.

God's Guidance of his People in spite of their Unfaithfulness
Maskil of Asaph

Give ear, O my people, to my 488 law:
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
2 I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old,
And our fathers have told us.
3 Which we have heard and known,
That we might set our hope in God,
And our fathers have told us.
4 We will not hide them from your children,
Telling to the generation to come the praises of Jehovah,
And his strength, and his wondrous works that he hath done.
5 For he established a testimony in Jacob,
And appointed a law 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, even the children that 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 might not be as their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation 489 that set not their heart aright,
And whose spirit was not steadfast with God.
9 The children of Ephraim, being armed and carrying bows,
Turned back in the day of battle.
10 They kept not the covenant of God,
And refused to walk in his law;
11 And they forgot his doings,
And his wondrous works that he had showed them.

12 Marvellous things did he in the sight of their fathers,
In the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.
13 He clave the sea, and caused them to pass through;
And he made the waters to stand as a heap.
14 In the day-time also he led them with the cloud,
And all the night with a light of fire.
15 He clave rocks in the wilderness,
And gave them drink abundantly as out of the depths.
16 He brought streams also out of the rock,
And caused waters to run down like rivers.
17 Yet went they on still to sin against him,
To rebel against the Most High in 490 the desert.
18 And they tempted God in their heart
By asking food 491 according to their desire.
19 Yes, they spake against God;
They said, Can God prepare a table in the wilderness?
20 Behold, he smote the rock, so that waters gushed out,
And streams overflowed; Can he give bread also?
Will he provide flesh for his people?
21 Therefore Jehovah heard, and was wroth;
And a fire was kindled against Jacob,
And anger also went up against Israel;
22 Because they believed not in God,
And trusted not in his salvation.
23 Yet he commanded the skies above,
And opened the doors of heaven;
24 And he rained down manna upon them to eat,
And gave them 492 food from heaven.
25 493 Man did eat the bread of the mighty:
He sent them food to the full
26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens;
And by his power he guided the south wind.
27 He rained flesh also upon them as the dust,
And winged birds as the sand of the seas;
28 And he let it fall in the midst of their camp,
Round about their habitations.
29 So they did eat, and were well filled;
And he gave them their own desire.
30 They were not estranged from that which they desired,
Their food was yet in their mouths,
31 When the anger of God went up against them,
And slew of the fattest of them,
And smote down the young men of Israel.
32 For all this they sinned still,
And believed not in his wondrous works.
33 Therefore their days did he consume in vanity,
And their years in terror.
34 When he slew them, then they inquired after him;
And they returned and sought God earnestly.
35 And they remembered that God was their rock,
And the Most High God their ransomer.

487 Or, were in pain:
488 Or, teaching:
489 Or, that prepared not their heart,
490 Or, a dry land.
491 Hb. for their soul.
492 Hb. grain
493 Or possibly, Every one did eat
494 Hb. led forth the east wind to blow in the heavens;
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36 But they flattered him with their mouth, And lied unto him with their tongue.
37 For their heart was not right with him, Neither were they faithful in his covenant.
38 But he, being merciful, forgave their iniquity, and destroyed them not:
Yes, many a time turned he his anger away, And did not stir up all his wrath.
39 And he remembered that they were but flesh, A wind that passeth away, and cometh not again.
40 How oft did they rebel against him in the wilderness, And grieved him in the desert!
41 And they turned again and tempted God, And provoked the Holy One of Israel.
42 They remembered not his hand, Nor the day when he redeemed them from the adversary;
43 How he set his signs in Egypt, And his wonders in the field of Zoa,
44 And turned their rivers into blood, And their streams, so that they could not drink.
45 He sent among them swarms of flies, which devoured them; And frogs, which destroyed them.
46 He gave also their increase unto the caterpillar, And their labor unto the locust.
47 He destroyed their vines with hail, And their sycomore-trees with frost.
48 In his wrath he smote among them the firstborn in Egypt, And in his anger he took them away from their midst.
49 He cast upon them the fierceness of his anger, Wrath, and indignation, and trouble,
And his fierce anger was kindled against them, And smote among them the firstborn in Egypt.
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 smote all the firstborn in Egypt, The chief of their strength in the tents of Ham.
52 But he led forth his own people like sheep, And guided them in the wilderness like a flock.
53 And he led them safely, so that they feared not; But the sea overwhelmed their enemies.
54 And he brought them to the border of his Holy Place, To his mountain, which his right hand had gotten.
55 He drove out the nations also before them, And allotted them for an inheritance by line, And made the tribes of Israel to dwell in their tents.
56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the Most High God, And kept not his testimonies; But turned back, and dealt treacherously like their fathers: They were turned aside like a deceitful bow.
57 For they provoked him to anger with their high places, And moved him to jealousy with their graven images.
58 When God heard this, he was wroth, And greatly abhorred Israel;
59 So that he forsook the tabernacle of Shiloh, The tent which he placed among men;
60 And delivered his strength into captivity, And his glory into the adversary’s hand.
61 He gave his people over also unto the sword, And was wroth with his inheritance.
62 Fire devoured their young men; And their virgins had no marriage-song.
63 Their priests fell by the sword; And their widows made no lamentation.
64 Moreover he refused the tent of Joseph, And chose not the tribe of Ephraim,
65 But chose the tribe of Judah, The mount Zion which he loved.
66 And he built his sanctuary like the heights, Like the earth which he hath established for ever.
67 He chose David also his servant, And took him from the sheepfolds:
68 From following the ewes that have their young he brought him, To be the shepherd of Jacob his people, and Israel his inheritance.
69 So he was their shepherd according to the integrity of his heart, And guided them by the skilfulness of his hands.

A Lament over the Destruction of Jerusalem, and Prayer for Help
A Psalm of Asaph

79 O God, the nations are come into thine inheritance; Thy holy temple have they defiled; They have laid Jerusalem in heaps.
2 The dead bodies of thy servants have they given to be food unto the birds of the heavens, The flesh of thy saints unto the beasts of the earth.
3 Their blood have they shed like water round about Jerusalem; And there was none to bury them.
4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors, A scoffing and derision to them that are round about us.
5 How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou be angry for ever? Shall thy jealousy burn like fire?
6 Four out thy wrath upon the nations that know thee not, And upon the kingdoms that call not upon thy name.
7 For they have devoured Jacob, And laid waste his habitation.

495 Or, stedfast
496 Or, limited
497 Hb. killed
498 Or, the great hailstones.
499 Hb. A sending of angels of evils.
500 Hb. levelled a path
501 Or, their beasts to the murain,
502 Hb. beginning See Dt 21:17.
503 Or, his holy border, or, ... border of his Holy place,
504 Or, mountain land,
505 Sophereim changed to the Lord
506 Or, Holy Hb. midash

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8 Remember not against us the iniquities of our forefathers: Let thy tender mercies speedily meet us; For we are brought very low.

9 Help us, O God of our salvation, for the glory of thy name; And deliver us, and 508 stone for our sins, for thy name’s sake.

10 Wherefore should the nations say, Where is their God? Let the avenging of the blood of thy servants which is shed Be known among the nations in our sight.

11 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee: According to the greatness of thine power preserve thou 510 those that are appointed to death;

12 And render unto our neighbors sevenfold into their bosom Their reproach, wherewith they have reproached thee, 511 O Jehovah.

13 So we thy people and sheep of thy pasture Will give thee thanks for ever: We will show forth thy praise to all generations.

God implored to rescue his People from their Calamities
For the Chief Musician; set to Shoshannim Eduth A Psalm of Asaph

Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel, Thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; 512 Thou that 513 sittest above the cherubim, shine forth.

Before the face of Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up thy might, And come to save us.

5 514 Turn us again, O God; And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

4 O Jehovah God of hosts, How long wilt thou be angry against the prayer of thy people?

5 Thou hast fed them with the bread of tears, And given them tears to drink in large measure.

6 Thou makest us a strife unto our neighbors; And our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 515 Turn us again, O God of hosts; And cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

8 Thou broughtest a vine out of Egypt: Thou didst drive out the nations, and plantest it.

9 Thou preparedst room before it, And it took deep root, and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered with the shadow of it, And 510 the boughs thereof were like 512 cedars of God.

11 It sent out its branches unto the sea, And its shoots unto the River.

12 Why hast thou broken down its walls, So that all they that pass by the way do pluck it?

13 The boar out of the wood doth ravage it. And the wild beasts of the field feed on it.

14 Turn again, we beseech thee, O God of hosts: Look down from heaven, and behold, and visit this vine, And 515 the stock which thy right hand planted, And the 518 branch that thou madest strong for thyself.

15 It is burned with fire, it is cut down: They perish at the rebuke of thy countenance.

16 Let thy hand be upon them that rise up against us: Slake not thy anger against us for ever.

17 Turn us again, O Jehovah God of hosts; Quicken thou us, and we will call upon thy name.

18 520 Turn us again, O Jehovah God of hosts; Cause thy face to shine, and we shall be saved.

God’s Goodness and Israel’s Waywardness
For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith. A Psalm of Asaph.

81 Sing aloud unto God our strength: Make a joyful noise unto the God of Jacob.

2 Raise a song, and 521 bring hither the timbrel, The pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow the trumpet at the new moon, At the full moon, on our feast-day.

4 For it is a statute for Israel, An ordinance of the God of Jacob.

5 He appointed it in Joseph for a testimony, When he went out 522 over the land of Egypt, Where I heard 523 a language that I knew not.

6 I removed his shoulder from the burden: His hands were freed from the basket.

7 Thou calledst in trouble, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret place of thunder; I proved thee at the waters of Meribah.  [Selah]

8 Hear, O my people, and I will testify unto thee: O Israel, if thou wouldest hearken unto me!

9 There shall no strange god be in thee; Neither shalt thou worship any foreign god.

10 I am Jehovah thy God, Who brought thee up out of the land of Egypt: Open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it.

11 But my people hearkened not to my voice; And Israel would have none of me.

12 So I let them go after the stubbornness of their heart, That they might walk in their own counsels.

507 Or, pasture.

508 Or, expiate or possibly, forgive

509 Hb. thine arm

510 Hb. the sons of death;

511 Sopherim changed to O Lord.

512 That is, Lilies, a testimony.

513 Or, art enthroned between

514 Or, Restore us, O God;

515 Or, Restore us, O God of hosts;

516 Or, the cedars of God with the boughs thereof.

517 Or, goodly cedars.

518 Or, protect (or, maintain) that which etc.

519 Hb. son

520 Or, Restore us, O Jehovah God of hosts;

521 Or, strike the timbrel,

522 Or, against

523 Or, the speech of one that I knew not.
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13 Oh that my people would hearken unto me,

That Israel would walk in my ways!

14 I would soon subdue their enemies,

And turn my hand against their adversaries.

15 The haters of Jehovah should submit themselves unto him:

But their time should endure for ever.

16 He would feed them also with the finest of the wheat;

And with honey out of the rock would I satisfy thee.

Unjust Judgments rebuked
A Psalm of Asaph

82 God standeth in the congregation of God;

He judgeth among the gods.

2 How long will ye judge unjustly,

And respect the persons of the wicked? Selah

3 Judge the poor and fatherless:

Do justice to the afflicted and destitute.

4 Rescue the poor and needy:

Deliver them out of the hand of the wicked.

5 They know not, neither do they understand;

They walk to and fro in darkness:

All the foundations of the earth are shaken.

6 I said, Ye are gods,

And all of you sons of the Most High.

7 Nevertheless ye shall die like men,

And fall like one of the princes.

8 Arise, O God, judge the earth;

For thou shalt inherit all the nations.

God implored to confound his Enemies
A Song, a Psalm of Asaph

83 O God, keep not thou silence:

Hold not thy peace, and be not still, O God.

2 For, lo, thine enemies make a tumult;

And they that hate thee have lifted up the head.

3 They take crafty counsel against thy people,

And consult together against thy hidden ones.

4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off from being a nation; That the name of Israel may be no more in remembrance.

5 For they have consulted together with one consent;

Against thee do they make a covenant:

6 The tents of Edom and the Ishmaelites;

Moab, and the Hagarines;

7 Gebal, and Ammon, and Amalek;

Philistia with the inhabitants of Tyre;

8 Assyria also is joined with them;

They have helped the children of Lot. Selah

9 Do thou unto them as unto Midian,

As to Sisera, as to Jabin, at the river Kishon;

10 Who perished at En-dor,

Who became as dung for the earth.

11 Make their nobles like Oreb and Zeeb;

Yes, all their princes like Zebah and Zalmunna;

12 Who said, Let us take to ourselves in possession

The habitations of God.

13 O my God, make them like the whirling dust;

As stubble before the wind.

14 As the fire that burneth the forest,

And as the flame that setteth the mountains on fire,

15 So pursue them with thy tempest,

And terrify them with thy storm.

16 Fill their faces with confusion,

That they may seek thy name, O Jehovah.

17 Let them be put to shame and dismayed for ever;

Yes, let them be confounded and perish;

18 That they may know that thou alone, whose name is Jehovah, Art the Most High over all the earth.

Longing for the Temple Worship
For the Chief Musician; set to the Gittith
A Psalm of the sons of Korah.

84 How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Jehovah of hosts!

2 My soul longeth, yes, even fainteth for the courts of Jehovah; My heart and my flesh weary to dwell in thy house.

3 Yes, the sparrow hath found her a house,

And the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, Even thine altars, O Jehovah of hosts, My King, and my God.

4 Blessed are they that dwell in thy house:

They will be still praising thee. Selah

5 Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee;

In whose heart are the highways to Zion.

6 Passing through the valley of Weeping they make it a place of springs; Yes, the early rain covereth it with blessings.

7 They go from strength to strength;

Every one of them appeareth before God in Zion.

8 O Jehovah God of hosts, hear my prayer;

Give ear, O God of Jacob. Selah

9 Behold, O God our shield,

And look upon the face of thine anointed.

10 For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand.

I had rather one day in thy house, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness.

11 For Jehovah God is a sun and a shield:

Jehovah will give grace and glory; No good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.

524 Or, yield feigned obedience Hb. lie (deceitfully)
525 Hb. fat of wheat;
526 Or, in the midst of the gods.
527 Or, weak Also in vs. 4.
528 Or, Adam,
529 Or, Hagrites; See 1Chr 5:10. Lamsa says Gadarenes;
530 Hb. been an arm to the children of Lot.
531 Or, pastures of God.
532 Or, thou, whose name alone is Jehovah, art etc.
533 Or, lovely
534 Or, sing for joy unto the living God.
535 Or, balsam trees Hb. Baca See 2Sa 5:23.
536 Or, Behold our shield, O God,
537 Or, stand at the threshold of the house of my God,
12 O Jehovah of hosts,
Blessed is the man that trusteth in thee.

Prayer for God's Mercy upon the Nation
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of the sons of Korah
85 Jehovah, thou hast been favorable unto thy land;
Thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob.
2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people;
Thou hast covered all their sin. [Selah
3 Thou hast taken away all thine wrath;
Thou hast turned thyself from the fierceness of thine anger.
4 Turn us, O God of our salvation,
And cause thine indignation toward us to cease.
5 Wilt thou be angry with us for ever?
Wilt thou draw out thine anger to all generations?
6 Wilt thou not quicken us again,
That thy people may rejoice in thee?

A Psalm of Supplication and Trust
A Prayer of David
86 Bow down thine ear, O Jehovah, and answer me;
For I am poor and needy.
2 Preserve my soul; for I am godly:
O thou my God, save thy servant that trusteth in thee.
3 Be merciful unto me, O Jehovah;
For unto thee do I cry all the day long.
4 Rejoice the soul of thy servant;
For unto thee, O Jehovah, do I lift up my soul.
5 For thou, Jehovah, art good, and ready to forgive,
And abundant in lovingkindness unto all them that call upon thee.
6 Give ear, O Jehovah, unto my prayer;
And hearken unto the voice of my supplications.
7 In the day of my trouble I will call upon thee;
For thou wilt answer me.

8 There is none like unto thee among the gods, O Jehovah;
Neither are there any works like unto thy works.
9 All nations whom thou hast made shall come and worship before thee, O Jehovah;
And they shall glorify thy name.
10 For thou art great, and dost wondrous things:
Thou art God alone.
11 Teach me thy way, O Jehovah; I will walk in thy truth:
Unite my heart to fear thy name.
12 I will praise thee, O Jehovah my God, with my whole heart;
And I will glorify thy name for evermore.
13 For great is thy lovingkindness toward me;
And thou hast delivered my soul from the lowest Sheol.
14 O God, the proud are risen up against me,
And a company of violent men have sought after my soul,
And have not set thee before them.
15 But thou, O Jehovah, art a God merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness and truth.
16 Oh turn unto me, and have mercy upon me;
Give thy strength unto thy servant,
And save the son of thy handmaid.
17 Show me a sign for good,
That they who hate me may see it, and be put to shame,
Because thou, Jehovah, hast helped me, and comforted me.

The Privileges of Citizenship in Zion
A Psalm of the sons of Korah; a Song
87 His foundation is in the holy mountains.
2 Jehovah loveth the gates of Zion
More than all the dwellings of Jacob.
3 Glorious things are spoken of thee,
O city of God. [Selah
4 I will make mention of Rahab and Babylon as
among them that know me: Behold, Philistia, and Tyre,
with Ethiopia: This one was born there.
5 Yes, of Zion it shall be said, This one and that one was
born in her; And the Most High himself will establish her.
6 Jehovah will count, when he writeth up the peoples,
This one was born there. [Selah
7 They that sing as well as they that dance shall say,
All my fountains are in thee.

A Petition to be saved from Death
A Song, a Psalm of the sons of Korah; for the Chief Musician;
set to Mahalath. Maskil of Heman the Ezrahite
88 O Jehovah, the God of my salvation,
I have cried day and night before thee.
2 Let my prayer enter into thy presence;
Incline thine ear unto my cry.
3 For my soul is full of troubles,
And my life draweth nigh unto Sheol.

538 Or, returned to the captivity of Jacob.
539 Or, Turn to us,
540 Or, set us in the way of his steps.
541 Sopherim changed to Lord Also in vss. 4, 5, 8, 9, 12, 15.
542 Or, be gracious unto me;
543 Or, His foundation in the holy mountains Jehovah loveth, Even the gates of Zion more than etc.
544 Or, Egypt
545 Hb. Cush: or, Black Africa:
546 Or, the players on instruments shall be there,
547 Or, for singing.
I am reckoned with them that go down into the pit;
I am as a man that hath no help,
Cast off among the dead,
Like the slain that lie in the grave,
Whom thou rememberest no more,
And they are cut off from thy hand.
Thou hast laid me in the lowest pit,
In dark places, in the deeps.
Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
And thou hast afflicted me with all thy waves.
I have called daily upon thee, O Jehovah;
I am as a man reproved for my speech;
I am reckoned with them that go down into the pit; I am doomed to the lowest Pit.
Mine eye wasteth away by reason of affliction:
Thou hast put mine acquaintance far from me;
Thy wrath lieth hard upon me,
Like an arm with might; Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
Thy seed will I establish for ever,
And our king to praise thee?
And the heavens shall praise thy wonders, O Jehovah; Thy faithfulness also in the assembly of the holy ones.
For who in the skies can be compared unto Jehovah? Who among the sons of the mighty is like unto Jehovah.
A God greatly feared in the council of the holy ones,
And awesome above all that are round about him?
O Jehovah God of hosts,
Who is a mighty one, like unto thee, O Jehovah?
And thou hast broken Rahab in pieces, as one that is slain;
Thou hast scattered thine enemies with the arm of thy strength.
The heavens are thine, the earth also is thine:
The world and the fulness thereof, thou hast founded them.
The north and the south, thou hast created them:
Tabor and Hermon rejoice in thy name.
Thou hast a mighty arm;
Strong is thy hand, and high is thy right hand.
Righteousness and justice are the foundation of thy throne: Lovingkindness and truth go before thy face.
Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound:
They walk, O Jehovah, in the light of thy countenance.
In thy name do they rejoice all the day;
And in thy righteousness are they exalted.
For thou art the glory of their strength;
And in thy favor our horn shall be exalted.
For our shield belongeth unto Jehovah; And our king to the Holy One of Israel.
Then thou spakest in vision to thy saints, And saidst, I have laid help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
I have found David my servant;
With my holy oil have I anointed him:
With whom my hand shall be established; Mine arm also shall strengthen him.
The enemy shall not exalt himself, Nor the son of wickedness afflict him.
And I will beat down his adversaries before him,
And smite them that hate him.
But my faithfulness and my lovingkindness shall be with him;
And in my name shall his horn be exalted.
I will set his hand also on the sea,
And his right hand on the rivers.
He shall cry unto me, Thou art my Father,
And the heavens shall declare the name of Jehovah.
And the earth shall hide my name:
Mine horn shall be exalted in the Lord;
And my shield shall be exalted in Jehovah.
In the temple of the Lord I will be exalted:
In the Lord of Hosts shall I be praised.
I will sing of the lovingkindness of Jehovah for ever:
With my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.
For I have said, Mercy shall be built up for ever;
Thy faithfulness wilt thou establish in the very heavens.
I have made a covenant with my chosen,
I have sworn unto David my servant;
Thy seed will I establish for ever,
And build up thy throne to all generations.

Jehovah's Covenant with David,
and Israel's Afflictions
Maskil of Ethan the Ezrahite

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Thy seed will I establish for ever,
And build up thy throne to all generations.

548 Or, away
549 Or, the shades arise
551 Or, mine acquaintances are darkness.
552 Or, sons of God is like unto Jehovah.
553 Or, gods
554 Hb. Jah
555 Or, Egypt
556 Hb. an arm with might;
557 Or, trumpet sound:
558 Hb. reads thou shalt exalt our horn.
559 Or, Even to the Holy One of Israel our King.
560 Hb. reads saint,
561 Or, do him violence,
562 That is, one schooled in wickedness
27 I also will make him my firstborn, The highest of the kings of the earth.
28 My lovingkindness will I keep for him for evermore; And my covenant shall stand fast with him.
29 His seed also will I make to endure for ever, And his throne as the days of heaven.
30 If his children forsake my law, And walk not in mine ordinances;
31 If they break my statutes, And keep not my commandments;
32 Then will I visit their transgression with a rod, And their iniquity with stripes.
33 But my lovingkindness will I not utterly take from him, Nor suffer my faithfulness to fail.
34 My covenant will I not break, Nor alter the thing that is gone out of my lips.
35 Once have I sworn by my holiness: I will not lie unto David:
36 His seed shall endure for ever, And his throne as the sun before me.
37 It shall be established for ever as the moon, And as the faithful witness in the sky. [Selah
38 But thou hast cast off and rejected, Thou hast been wroth with thine anointed.
39 Thou hast abhorred the covenant of thy servant: Thou hast profaned his crown by casting it to the ground.
40 Thou hast broken down all his hedges; Thou hast brought his strongholds to ruin.
41 All that pass by the way rob him: He is become a reproach to his neighbors.
42 Thou hast exalted the right hand of his adversaries; Thou hast made all his enemies to rejoice.
43 Yes, thou turnest back the edge of his sword, And hast not made him to stand in the battle.
44 Thou hast made his brightness to cease, And cast his throne down to the ground.
45 The days of his youth hast thou shortened: Thou hast covered him with shame. [Selah
46 How long, O Jehovah? wilt thou hide thyself for ever? How long shall thy wrath burn like fire?
47 Oh remember how short my time is: For what vanity hast thou created all the children of men!
48 What man is that shall live and not see death, That shall deliver his soul from the power of Sheol? [Selah
49 Jehovah, where are thy former lovingkindnesses, Which thou swearest unto David in thy faithfulness?

50 Remember, Jehovah, the reproach of thy servants; How do I bear in my bosom the reproach of all the mighty peoples,
51 Wherewith thine enemies have reproached, O Jehovah, Wherewith they have reproached the footsteps of thine anointed.
52 Blessed be Jehovah for evermore. Amen, and Amen.

God's Eternity and Man's Transitoriness
A Prayer of Moses the man of God

90 Jehovah, thou hast been our dwelling-place In all generations.
2 Before the mountains were brought forth, Or ever thou hadst formed the earth and the world, Even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God.
3 Thou turnest man to destruction, And hast said, Return, ye children of men.
4 For a thousand years in thy sight Shall be but as yesterday, when it shall pass, And as a watch in the night.
5 Thou carnest them away as with a flood; they are as a sleep: In the morning they are like grass which growth up.
6 In the morning it flourisheth, and groweth up; In the evening it is cut down and withereth.
7 For we are consumed in thine anger, And in thy wrath are we troubled.
8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, Our secret sins in the light of thy countenance.
9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: We bring our years to an end as a sigh.
10 The days of our years are seventy, Or even by reason of strength eighty years; Yet is their pride but labor and sorrow; For it is soon gone, and we have flown away.
11 Who knoweth the power of thine anger, And thy wrath according to the awe that is due unto thee?
12 So teach us to number our days, That we may get us a heart of wisdom.
13 Return, O Jehovah; how long? And let it repent thee concerning thy servants.
14 Oh satisfy us in the morning with thy lovingkindness, That we may rejoice and be glad all our days.
15 Make us glad according to the days wherein thou hast afflicted us, And the years wherein we have seen evil.
16 Let thy work appear unto thy servants, And thy splendor upon their children.

563 Or, be faithful to him.
564 Hb. profane my statutes,
565 Hb. profane,
566 Or, One thing have I sworn by my holiness:
567 Or, As the moon which is established for ever,
568 Or, And the witness in the sky is faithful.
569 Hb. hand

570 Sopherim changed to Lord, Also in vs. 50.
571 Sopherim changed to Lord,
572 Hb. didst beget the earth and the world,
573 Or, dust, Hb. crushing,
574 Or, when it passeth,
575 Or, a sound. or, a murmur.
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17 And let the beauty of Jehovah our God be upon us; And establish thou the work of our hands upon us; Yes, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Security of him who trusts in Jehovah

91 He that dwelleth in the secret place of the Most High Shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.  
2 I will say of Jehovah, He is my refuge and my fortress; My God in whom I trust.  
3 For he will deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, And from the deadly pestilence.  
4 He will cover thee with his pinions, And under his wings shalt thou take refuge: His truth is a shield and a buckler.  
5 Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night, Nor for the arrow that flèth by day;  
6 For the pestilence that walketh in darkness, Nor for the destruction that wasteth at noonday.  
7 A thousand shall fall at thy side, And ten thousand at thy right hand; But it shall not come nigh thee.  
8 Only with thine eyes shalt thou behold, And see the reward of the wicked.  
9 For thou, O Jehovah, art my refuge! Thou hast made the Most High thy habitation.  
10 There shall no evil befall thee, Neither shall any plague come nigh thy tent.  
11 For he will give his angels charge over thee, To keep thee in all thy ways.  
12 They shall bear thee up in their hands, Lest thou dash thy foot against a stone.  
13 Thou shalt tread upon the lion and the adder: The young lion and the serpent shalt thou trample under foot.  
14 Because he hath set his love upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.  
15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble: I will deliver him, and honor him.  
16 With long life will I satisfy him, And show him my salvation.

Praise for Jehovah’s Goodness

A Psalm, a Song for the sabbath day

92 It is a good thing to give thanks unto Jehovah, And to sing praises unto thy name, O Most High;  
2 To show forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, And thy faithfulness every night,  
3 With an instrument of ten strings, and with the psaltery; With a solemn sound upon the harp.  
4 For thou, Jehovah, hast made me glad through thy work: I will triumph in the works of thy hands.

5 How great are thy works, O Jehovah! Thy thoughts are very deep.  
6 A brutish man knoweth not; Neither doth a fool understand this:  
7 When the wicked spring as the grass, And when all the workers of iniquity do flourish; It is that they shall be destroyed for ever.  
8 But thou, O Jehovah, art on high for evermore.  
9 For, lo, thine enemies, O Jehovah, For, lo, thine enemies shall perish; All the workers of iniquity shall be scattered.  
10 But my horn hast thou exalted like the horn of the wild-oxen: I am anointed with fresh oil.  
11 Mine eye also hath seen my desire on mine enemies, Mine ears have heard my desire of the evil-doers that rise up against me.  
12 The righteous shall flourish like the palm-tree: He shall grow like a cedar in Lebanon.  
13 They are planted in the house of Jehovah; They shall flourish in the courts of our God.  
14 They shall still bring forth fruit in old age; They shall be full of sap and green:  
15 To show that Jehovah is upright; He is my rock, and there is no unrighteousness in him.

Majesty of Jehovah

93 Jehovah reigneth; he is clothed with majesty; Jehovah is clothed with strength; he hath girded himself therewith: The world also is established, that it cannot be moved.  
2 Thy throne is established of old: Thou art from everlasting.  
3 The floods have lifted up, O Jehovah, The floods have lifted up their voice; The floods lift up their waves.  
4 Above the voices of many waters, The mighty breakers of the sea, Jehovah on high is mighty.  
5 Thy testimonies are very sure: Holiness becometh thy house, O Jehovah, for evermore.

Jehovah Implored to Avenge his People

94 O Jehovah, thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, Thou God to whom vengeance belongeth, shine forth.  
2 Lift up thyself, thou judge of the earth: Render to the proud their desert.  
3 Jehovah, how long shall the wicked, How long shall the wicked triumph?  
4 They prate, they speak arrogantly: All the workers of iniquity boast themselves.  
5 They break in pieces thy people, O Jehovah, And afflict thy heritage.
6 They slay the widow and the sojourner, And murder the fatherless.
7 And they say, Jehovah will not see, Neither will the God of Jacob consider.
8 Consider, ye brutish among the people; And ye fools, when will ye be wise?
9 He that planted the ear, shall he not hear? He that formed the eye, shall he not see?
10 He that chastiseth the nations, shall not he correct, Even he that teacheth man knowledge?
11 Jehovah knoweth the thoughts of man, Even as the fowls of the air, And the fullness thereof;
12 Blessed is the man whom thou chastenest, O Jehovah, And teachest out of thy law;
13 That thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity, Until a pit be digged for the wicked.
14 For Jehovah will not cast off his people, Neither will he forsake his inheritance.
15 For judgment shall return unto righteousness; And all the upright in heart shall follow it.
16 Who will stand up for me against the evil-doers? Who will stand up for me against the workers of iniquity?
17 Unless Jehovah had been my help, My soul had soon dwelt in silence.
18 When I said, My foot slippeth; Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, held me up.
19 In the multitude of my thoughts within me Thy comforts delight my soul.
20 Shall the throne of wickedness have fellowship with thee, Which frameth mischief by statute?
21 They gather themselves together against the soul of the righteous, And condemn innocent blood.
22 But Jehovah hath been my high tower, And my God the rock of my refuge.
23 And he shall bring upon them their own iniquity, And will cut them off in their own wickedness; Jehovah our God will cut them off.

Praise to Jehovah, and Warning against Unbelief.

95 Oh come, let us sing unto Jehovah; Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.
2 Let us come before his face with thanksgiving; Let us make a joyful noise unto him with psalms.
3 For Jehovah 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 his also.
5 The sea is his, and he made it; And his hands formed dry land.
6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before Jehovah our Maker:
7 For he is our God, And we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. Today, oh that ye would hear his voice!
8 Harden not your heart, as at Meribah, As in the day of Massah in the wilderness;
9 When your fathers tempted me, Proved me, and saw my work.
10 Forty years long was I grieved with that generation, And said, It is a people that do err in their heart,
And they have not known my ways:
11 Wherefore I sware in my wrath, That they should not enter into my rest.

A Call to Worship Jehovah the Righteous Judge

96 Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song: Sing unto Jehovah, all the earth.
2 Sing unto Jehovah, bless his name; Show forth his salvation from day to day.
3 Declare his glory among the nations, His marvellous works among all the peoples.
4 For great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised: He is to be feared above all gods.
5 For all the gods of the peoples are idols; But Jehovah made the heavens.
6 Honor and majesty are before him: Strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.
7 Ascribe unto Jehovah, ye kindreds of the peoples, Ascribe unto Jehovah glory and strength.
8 Ascribe unto Jehovah the glory due unto his name: Bring an offering, and come into his courts.
9 Oh worship Jehovah in the splendor of holiness: Tremble before him, all the earth.
10 Say among the nations, Jehovah reigneth: The world also is established that it cannot be moved: He will judge the peoples with equity.
11 Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice; Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
12 Let the field exult, and all that is therein; Then shall all the trees of the wood sing for joy.
13 Before Jehovah; for he cometh, For he cometh to judge the earth: He will judge the world with righteousness, And the peoples with his truth.

582 Hb. Jah
583 Or, instructeth
584 Or, For
585 Hb. a breath.
586 Hb. O Jah,
587 Or, doubts
588 Or, seat
589 Or, strength
590 Or, if ye will hear his voice, Harden not etc.
591 That is, Strife. See Ex 17:1-7.
592 That is, Temptation. See Ex 17:1-7.
593 Or, things of nought;
594 Or, Holy. or, holiness.
595 Or, in holy apparel:
596 Or, in his faithfulness.
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**Jehovah's Power and Dominion**

97 Jehovah reigneth; let the earth rejoice;
   Let the multitude of isles be glad.

   2 Clouds and darkness are round about him:
   Righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

   3 A fire goeth before him,
   And burneth up his adversaries round about.

   4 His lightnings lightened the world:
   The earth saw, and trembled.

   5 The mountains melted like wax at the presence of Jehovah,
   At the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

   6 The heavens declare his righteousness,
   And all the peoples have seen his glory.

   7 Let all them be put to shame that serve graven images,
   That boast themselves of idols:
   Worship him, all ye gods.

   8 Zion heard and was glad,
   And the daughters of Judah rejoiced,
   Because of thy judgments, O Jehovah.

   9 For thou, Jehovah, art most high above all the earth:
   Thou art exalted far above all gods.

   10 O ye that love Jehovah, hate evil:
   He preserveth the souls of his saints;
   He delivereth them out of the hand of the wicked.

   11 Light is sown for the righteous,
   And gladness for the upright in heart.

   12 Be glad in Jehovah, ye righteous;
   And give thanks to his holy memorial name.

**A Call to Praise Jehovah for his Righteousness**

A Psalm

98 Oh sing unto Jehovah a new song;
   For he hath done marvellous things:
   His right hand, and his holy arm, hath wrought salvation for him.

   2 Jehovah hath made known his salvation:
   His righteousness hath he openly showed in the sight of the nations.

   3 He hath remembered his lovingkindness and his faithfulness toward the house of Israel:
   All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

   4 Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all the earth:
   Break forth and sing for joy, yes, sing praises.

   5 Sing praises unto Jehovah with the harp;
   With the harp and the voice of melody.

   6 With straight trumpets and sound of rams horn trumpet
   Make a joyful noise before the King, Jehovah.

   7 Let the sea roar, and the fulness thereof;
   The world, and they that dwell therein;

   8 Let the floods clap their hands;
   Let the hills sing for joy together

   9 Before Jehovah; for he cometh to judge the earth:
   He will judge the world with righteousness,
   And the peoples with equity.

**Praise to Jehovah for his Fidelity to Israel**

Of David. A Psalm

99 Jehovah reigneth; let the peoples tremble:
   He sitteth above the cherubim; let the earth be moved.

   2 Jehovah is great in Zion;
   And he is high above all the peoples.

   3 Let them praise thy great and awesome name:
   Holy is he.

   4 The king's strength also loveth justice;
   Thou dost establish equity;
   Thou executest justice and righteousness in Jacob.

   5 Exalt ye Jehovah our God,
   And worship at his footstool:
   Holy is he.

   6 Moses and Aaron among his priests,
   And Samuel among them that call upon his name;
   They called upon Jehovah, and he answered them.

   7 He spake unto them in the pillar of cloud:
   They kept his testimonies,
   And the statute that he gave them.

   8 Thou answeredst them, O Jehovah our God:
   Thou wast a God that forgavest them,
   Though thou tookest vengeance of their doings.

   9 Exalt ye Jehovah our God,
   And worship at his holy hill;
   For Jehovah our God is holy.

**All Men exhorted to praise God**

A Psalm 100 of thanksgiving

100 Make a joyful noise unto Jehovah, all ye lands.
   Serve Jehovah with gladness:
   Come before his presence with singing.

   3 Know ye that Jehovah, he is God:
   It is he that hath made us, and we are his;
   We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

   4 Enter into his gates with thanksgiving,
   And into his courts with praise:
   Give thanks unto him, and bless his name.

   5 For Jehovah is good; his lovingkindness endureth for ever.
   And his faithfulness unto all generations.

**The Psalmist's Profession of Uprightness**

A Psalm of David

101 I will sing of lovingkindness and justice:
   Unto thee, O Jehovah, will I sing praises.

   2 I will behave myself wisely in a perfect way:
   Oh when wilt thou come unto me?
   I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.

597 Or, for the thank-offering.
598 Hb. all the earth.
599 Hb’s reads and not we ourselves;
600 Or, a thank-offering.
601 Or, give heed unto the perfect way:
602 Or, in the integrity of my heart.

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3 I will set no base thing before mine eyes: I hate the work of them that turn aside; It shall not cleave unto me.
4 A perverse heart shall depart from me: I will know no evil thing.
5 Whoso privily slandereth his neighbor, him will I destroy: Him that hath a high look and a proud heart will I not suffer.
6 Mine eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that they may dwell with me: He that walketh in a perfect way, he shall minister unto me.
7 He that worketh deceit shall not dwell within my house: He that speaketh falsehood shall not be established before mine eyes.
8 Morning by morning will I destroy all the wicked of the land; To cut off all the workers of iniquity from the city of Jehovah. Prayer of an Afflicted One for Mercy on himself and on Zion.

A Prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out his complaint before Jehovah

102 Hear my prayer, O Jehovah, And let my cry come unto thee.
2 Hide not thy face from me in the day of my distress: Incline thine ear unto me; In the day when I call answer me speedily.
3 For my days consume away, And my bones are burned as a firebrand.
4 My heart is smitten like grass, and withered; For I forget to eat my bread.
5 By reason of the voice of my groaning My bones cleave to my flesh.
6 I am like a pelican of the wilderness; I am become as an owl of the waste places.
7 I watch, and am become like a sparrow That is alone upon the housetop.
8 Mine enemies reproach me all the day; They that are mad against me do curse by me.
9 For I have eaten ashes like bread, And mingled my drink with weeping,
10 Because of thine indignation and thy wrath: For thou hast taken me up, and cast me away.
11 My days are like a shadow that declineth; And I am withered like grass.
12 But thou, O Jehovah, wilt abide for ever; And thy memorial name unto all generations.
13 Thou wilt arise, and have mercy upon Zion; For it is time to have pity upon her, Yes, the set time is come.

14 For thy servants take pleasure in her stones, And have pity upon her dust.
15 So the nations shall fear the name of Jehovah, And all the kings of the earth thy glory:
16 For Jehovah hath built up Zion; He hath appeared in his glory;
17 He hath regarded the prayer of the destitute, And hath not despised their prayer.
18 This shall be written for the generation to come; And a people which shall be created shall praise Jehovah.
19 For he hath looked down from the height of his Holy; From heaven did Jehovah behold the earth;
20 To hear the sighing of the prisoner; To loose those that are appointed to death;
21 That men may declare the name of Jehovah in Zion, And his praise in Jerusalem;
22 When the peoples are gathered together, And the kingdoms, to serve Jehovah.
23 He afflicted my strength in the way; He shortened my days.
24 I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days: Thy years are throughout all generations.
25 Of old didst thou lay the foundation of the earth; And the heavens are the works of thy hands.
26 They shall perish, but thou shalt endure; Yes, all of them shall wax old like a garment;
27 But thou art the same, And thy years shall have no end.
28 The children of thy servants shall continue, And their seed shall be established before thee.

Praise for Jehovah’s Mercies
A Psalm of David

103 Bless Jehovah, O my soul; And all that is within me, bless his holy name.
2 Bless Jehovah, O my soul, And forget not all his benefits:
3 Who forgiveth all thine iniquities; Who healeth all thy diseases;
4 Who ransometh thy life from destruction; Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies;
5 Who satisfieth thy desire with good things, So that thy youth is renewed like the eagle.
6 Jehovah executeth righteous acts, And judgments for all that are oppressed.
7 He made known his ways unto Moses, His doings unto the children of Israel.

603 Or, the doing of unfaithfulness;
604 Or, evil person.
605 Or, fainteth,
606 Or, like smoke,
607 Or, as a hearth.
608 Or, is stretched out;
609 Or, sittest as King for ever;
610 Hb. Jah.
611 Hb. the sons of death;
612 So 4QPs Hb. Aram. Most Massoretic mss., Vg. read weakened me with his strength
613 4QPs Sept. begin vs. 24 after I said,
614 So 11QPs 4QPs Sept. Vg. Most Massoretic mss., Aram. read work (singular)
615 Or, the pit;
616 Or, thy years or, thy prime Hb. thine ornament
Psalms 104

8 Jehovah is merciful and gracious, 617
Slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness.
9 He will not always chide; 617
Neither will he keep his anger for ever.
10 He hath not dealt with us after our sins, Nor rewarded us after our iniquities.
11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, So great is his lovingkindness toward them that fear him.
12 As far as the east is from the west, So far hath he removed our transgressions from us.
13 Like as a father piteth his children, So Jehovah piteth them that fear him.
14 For he knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.
15 As for man, his days are as grass; As a flower of the field, so he flourisheth.
16 For the wind passeth over it, and it is gone; And the place thereof shall know it no more.
17 But the lovingkindness of Jehovah is from everlasting to everlasting upon them that fear him, And his righteousness unto children’s children;
18 To such as keep his covenant, And to those that remember his precepts to do them.
19 Jehovah hath established his throne in the heavens; And his kingdom ruleth over all.
20 Bless Jehovah, ye his angels, That are mighty in strength, that fulfil his word, Hearkening unto the voice of his word.
21 Bless Jehovah, all ye his hosts, Ye ministers of his, that do his pleasure.
22 Bless Jehovah, all ye his works, In all places of his dominion: Bless Jehovah, O my soul.

Jehovah’s Care over all his Works
Of David

104 Bless Jehovah, O my soul.
Thou art clothed with honor and splendor:
2 Who coverest thyself with light as with a garment; Who stretchest out the heavens like a curtain;
3 Who layeth the beams of his chambers in the waters; Who maketh the clouds his chariot; Who walketh upon the wings of the wind;
4 Who maketh his angels winds his messengers; Flames of fire his minister;
5 Who laid the foundations of the earth, That it should not be moved for ever.
6 Thou coverest it with the deep as with a vesture; The waters stood above the mountains.
7 At thy rebuke they fled; At the voice of thy thunder they hasted away
8 (The mountains rose, the valleys sank down) Unto the place which thou hadst founded for them.
9 Thou hast set a bound that they may not pass over; That they turn not again to cover the earth.
10 He sendeth forth springs into the valleys: They run among the mountains;
11 They give drink to every beast of the field; The wild asses quench their thirst.
12 By them the birds of the heavens have their habitation; They sing among the branches.
13 He watereth the mountains from his chambers: The earth is filled with the fruit of thy works.
14 He causeth the grass to grow for the cattle, And herb for the 622 service of man;
That he may bring forth 623 bread out of the earth,
15 And wine thatmaketh glad the heart of man, 624 And oil to make his face to shine, And bread that strengtheneth man’s heart.
16 The trees of Jehovah are filled with moisture; The cedars of Lebanon, which he hath planted;
17 Where the birds make their nests: As for the stork, the fir-trees are her house.
18 The high mountains are for the wild goats; The rocks are a refuge for the conies.
19 He appointed the moon for seasons: The sun knoweth his going down.
20 Thou makest darkness, and it is night, Wherein all the beasts of the forest creep forth.
21 The young lions roar after their prey, And seek their food from God.
22 The sun ariseth, then they get them away, And lay them down in their dens.
23 Man goeth forth unto his work And to his labor until the evening.
24 O Jehovah, how manifold are thy works! In wisdom hast thou made them all:
The earth is full of thy riches.
25 Yonder is the sea, great and wide, Wherein are things creeping innumerable, Both small and great beasts.
26 There go the ships; There is leviathan, whom thou hast formed to play therein.
27 These wait all for thee, That thou mayest give them their food in due season.

617 That is, remain angry. Supplied words are implied by the parallel to vs. 8.
618 Or, his angels winds;
619 Hb. He founded the earth upon her bases,
620 Or, They went up by the mountains, they went down by the valleys
621 Hb. utter their voice among the branches.
622 Or, labor
623 Hb. bread
624 Hb. To make his face to shine with oil,
625 Or, creatures.
626 Or, with him. See Job 41:5.
Psalm 105

Oh give thanks unto Jehovah, call upon his name; 
Make known among the peoples his doings.

Sing unto him, sing praises unto him; 
Talk ye of all his marvellous works.

Glory ye in his holy name: 
Let the heart of them rejoice that seek Jehovah.

Seek ye Jehovah and his strength; 
And let the wicked be no more.

Bless Jehovah, O my soul.

Let Jehovah rejoice in his works: 
And thou renewest his works.

Thou sendest forth thy Spirit, they are created; 
And thou renewest the face of the earth.

Let the glory of Jehovah endure for ever; 
And let the face of the ground.

Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth; 
He toucheth the mountains, and they smoke.

I will sing unto Jehovah as long as I live: 
Let my meditation be sweet unto him.

And sinners be consumed out of the earth, 
And let the wicked be no more.

The word of Jehovah tried him. 
Or none that stumbled among his tribes.

Meditate in all his marvellous works. 
His soul entered into iron.

His judgments and his wonders, 
And the judgments of his mouth.

Israel also came into Egypt; 
And Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham.

He hath remembered his covenant for ever, 
The word which he commanded to a thousand generations,

And they went about from nation to nation, 
And satisfied them with good.

And Jacob sojourned in lot of your inheritance,

He spake, and there came swarms of flies, 
And he brought them forth with silver and gold.

And fire to give light in their land. 
In the chambers of their kings.

Joseph was sold for a servant: 
And Aaron whom he had chosen.

And he called for a famine upon the land; 
He brake the whole staff of bread.

He suffered no man to do them wrong; 
And fire to give light in their land.

And he increased his people greatly, 
And made them stronger than their adversaries.

Who looketh on the earth, and it trembleth; 
And he spake, and there came swarms of flies, 
And did eat up every herb in their land.

Glory ye in his holy name: 
And he called for a famine upon the land; He brake the whole staff of bread.

And he suffered no man to do them wrong; 
And fire to give light in their land.

And the locust came, 
And he brought them forth with silver and gold; And there was no one feeble person among his tribes.

And the locust came, 
And he called for a famine upon the land; He brake the whole staff of bread.

And the grasshopper, and that without number, 
And they rebelled not against his words.

And did eat up every herb in their land, 
And he brought them forth with silver and gold; And there was no one feeble person among his tribes.

And did eat up the fruit of their ground. 
For the fear of them had fallen upon them.

And let the wicked be no more. 
And he spread a cloud for a covering, 
And fire to give light in the night.

And they rebelled not against his words. 
And they spread a cloud for a covering, 
And fire to give light in the night.

Jacob sojourned in the land of Canaan, 
And satisfied them with good.

And he turned their heart to hate his people, 
And they spread a cloud for a covering, 
And fire to give light in the night.

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And satisfied them with good.

And he turned their heart to hate his people, 
And they spread a cloud for a covering, 
And fire to give light in the night.

And made them stronger than their adversaries. 
And they spread a cloud for a covering, 
And fire to give light in the night.

And he turned their heart to hate his people, 
And they spread a cloud for a covering, 
And fire to give light in the night.

And he increased his people greatly, 
And made them stronger than their adversaries.

And let the wicked be no more. 
And they spread a cloud for a covering, 
And fire to give light in the night.

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And satisfied them with good.

And he turned their heart to hate his people, 
And they spread a cloud for a covering, 
And fire to give light in the night.

And Jacob sojourned in the land of Canaan, 
And satisfied them with good.
Psalms 106

41 He opened the rock, and waters gushed out;
They ran in the dry places like a river.

42 For he remembered his holy word,
And Abraham his servant.

43 And he brought forth his people with joy,
And his chosen with singing.

44 And he gave them the lands of the nations;
And they took the labor of the peoples in possession:

45 That they might keep his statutes,
And observe his laws.

637 Hb. Hallelujah.
638 Hb. Hallelujah.
639 Or, pasture land.

Israel’s Rebelliousness and Jehovah’s Deliverances

640 Or, saint of Jehovah.
641 Sopharim changed to their glory
642 Hb. lifted up his hand unto them.

106 Hb. Praise ye Jehovah.
Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good;
For his lovingkindness endureth for ever.

2 Who can utter the mighty acts of Jehovah,
Or show forth all his praise?

3 Blessed are they that keep justice,
And he that doeth righteousness at all times.

4 Remember me, O Jehovah, with the favor that thou bearest unto thy people;
Oh visit me with thy salvation,

5 That I may see the prosperity of thy chosen,
That I may rejoice in the gladness of thy nation,
That I may glory with thine inheritance.

6 We have sinned with our fathers,
We have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.

7 Our fathers understood not thy wonders in Egypt;
They remembered not the multitude of thy lovingkindnesses,
But were rebellious at the sea, even at the Red Sea.

8 Nevertheless he saved them for his name’s sake,
That he might make his mighty power to be known.

9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up:
So he led them through the depths, as through a wilderness.

10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them,
And ransomed them from the hand of the enemy.

11 And the waters covered their adversaries;
There was not one of them left.

12 Then believed they his words;
They sang his praise.

13 They soon forgot his works;
They waited not for his counsel,

14 But lusted exceedingly in the wilderness,
And tempted God in the desert.

15 And he gave them their request,
But sent leanness into their soul.

16 They envied Moses also in the camp,
And Aaron the holy one of Jehovah.

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 a molten image.

20 Thus they changed my glory
For the likeness of an ox that eateth grass.

21 They forgot God their Saviour,
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 stood before him in the breach,
To turn away his wrath, lest he should destroy them.

24 Yes, they despised the pleasant land,
They believed not his word,

25 But murmured in their tents,
And hearkened not unto the voice of Jehovah.

26 Therefore he sware unto them,
That he would overthrow them in the wilderness,

27 And that he would overthrow their seed among the nations,
And scatter them in the lands.

28 They joined themselves also unto Baal-peor,
And ate the sacrifices of the dead.

29 Thus they provoked him to anger with their doings;
And the plague brake in upon them.

30 Then stood up Phinehas, and executed judgment;
And so the plague was stayed.

31 And that was reckoned unto him for righteousness,
Unto all generations for evermore.

32 They angered him also at the waters of Meribah,
So that it went ill with Moses for their sakes;

33 Because they were rebellious against his spirit,
And he spake unadvisedly with his lips.

34 They did not destroy the peoples,
As Jehovah commanded them,

35 But mingled themselves with the nations,
And learned their works,

36 And served their idols,
Which became a snare unto them.

37 Yes, they sacrificed their sons and their daughters unto demons,

38 And shed innocent blood,
Even the blood of their sons and of their daughters,
Whom they sacrificed unto the idols of Canaan;
And the land was polluted with blood.

39 Thus were they defiled with their works,
And played the harlot in their doings.

40 Therefore was the wrath of Jehovah kindled against his people,
And he abhorred his inheritance.

41 And he gave them into the hand of the nations;
And they that hated them ruled over them.

42 Their enemies also oppressed them,
And they were brought into subjection under their hand.
43 Many times did he deliver them; 
But they were rebellious in their counsel, 
And were brought low in their iniquity. 
44 Nevertheless he regarded their distress, 
When he heard their cry: 
45 And he remembered for them his covenant, 
And repented according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. 
46 He made them also to be pitied 
Of all those that carried them captive. 
47 Save us, O Jehovah our God, 
And gather us from among the nations, 
To give thanks unto thy holy name, 
And to triumph in thy praise. 
48 Blessed be Jehovah, the God of Israel, 
From everlasting even to everlasting. 
And let all the people say, Amen. 
645 Praise ye Jehovah.

Book Five

Jehovah Delivers Men from Manifold Troubles

107 O give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; 
For his lovingkindness endureth for ever. 
2 Let the ransomed of Jehovah say so, 
Whom he hath ransomed from the hand of the adversary, 
3 And gathered out of the lands, 
From the east and from the west, 
From the north and from the Red Sea. 
4 They wandered in the wilderness in a desert way; 
They found no city of habitation. 
5 Hungry and thirsty, 
Their soul fainted in them. 
6 Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble, 
And he delivered them out of their distresses. 
7 He led them also by a straight way, 
That they might go to a city of habitation. 
8 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness, 
And for his wonderful works to the children of men! 
9 For he satisfieth the longing soul, 
And the hungry soul he filleth with good. 
10 Such as sat in darkness and in the shadow of death, 
Being bound in affliction and iron, 
11 Because they rebelled against the words of God, 
And had contempt for the counsel of the Most High: 
12 Therefore he brought down their heart with labor; 
They fell down, and there was none to help. 
13 Then they cried unto Jehovah in their trouble, 
And he saved them out of their distresses. 
14 He brought them out of darkness and the shadow of death, 
And brake their bonds in sunder. 
15 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness, 
And for his wonderful works to the children of men! 
16 For he hath broken the gates of copper, 
And cut the bars of iron in sunder.

Psalms 107

17 Fools because of their transgression, 
And because of their iniquities, are afflicted. 
18 Their soul abhorreth all manner of food; 
And they draw near unto the gates of death. 
19 Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble, 
And he saveth them out of their distresses. 
20 He sendeth his word, and healeth them, 
And delivereth them from their destructions. 
21 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness, 
And for his wonderful works to the children of men! 
22 And let them offer the sacrifices of thanksgiving, 
And declare his works with singing. 
23 They that go down to the sea in ships, 
That do business in great waters; 
24 These see the works of Jehovah, 
And his wonders in the deep. 
25 For he commandeth, and raiseth the stormy wind, 
Which lifteth up the waves thereof. 
26 They mount up to the heavens, they go down again to the depths: Their soul melteth away because of trouble. 
27 They reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken man, 
And are at their wits’ end. 
28 Then they cry unto Jehovah in their trouble, 
And he bringeth them out of their distresses. 
29 He maketh the storm a calm, 
So that the waves thereof are still. 
30 Then are they glad because they are quiet; 
So he bringeth them unto their desired haven. 
31 Oh that men would praise Jehovah for his lovingkindness, 
And for his wonderful works to the children of men! 
32 Let them exalt him also in the assembly of the people, 
And praise him in the seat of the elders. 
33 He turneth rivers into a wilderness, 
And watersprings into a thirsty ground; 
34 A fruitful land into a salt desert, 
For the wickedness of them that dwell therein. 
35 He turneth a wilderness into a pool of water, 
And a dry land into watersprings. 
36 And there he maketh the hungry to dwell, 
That they may prepare a city of habitation, 
37 And sow fields, and plant vineyards, 
And get them fruits of increase. 
38 He blesseth them also, so that they are multiplied greatly; 
And he suffereth not their cattle to decrease. 
39 Again, they are diminished and bowed down 
Through oppression, trouble, and sorrow. 
40 He poureth contempt upon princes, 
And causeth them to wander in the waste, where there is no way. 
41 Yet setteth he the needy on high from affliction, 
And maketh him families like a flock. 
42 The upright shall see it, and be glad; 
And all iniquity shall stop her mouth.

643 Hb. make them fall in Similarly in vs. 27.
644 Or, Strife,
645 Hb. Hallelujah.
646 Or, from the south. But compare ch. 106:7, 9, 22.
647 Hb. the way of their transgression,
648 Hb. pits.
Psalms 108

43 Whoso is wise will give heed to these things; And they will consider the lovingkindnesses of Jehovah.

God praised, and supplicated to give Victory
A Song, a Psalm of David

108 My heart is fixed, O God; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises, even with my glory.

2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I myself will awake right early.

3 I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah, among the peoples; And I will sing praises unto thee among the nations.

4 For thy lovingkindness is great above the heavens; And thy truth reacheth unto the skies.

5 Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens, And thy glory above all the earth.

6 That thy beloved may be delivered, Save with thy right hand, and answer me.

7 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult; I will divide Shechem, and mete out the valley of Sukkoth.

8 Gilead is mine; Manasseh is mine; Ephraim also is the defence of my head; Judah is my sceptre.

9 Moab is my washpot; 654 Upon Edom will I cast my shoe; Over Philistia will I shout.

10 Who will bring me into the fortified city? Who hath led me unto Edom?

11 Hast not thou cast us off, O God? And thou goest not forth, O God, with our hosts.

12 Give us help against the adversary; For vain is the man of help of man.

13 Through God we shall do valiantly: For he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

Vengeance invoked upon Adversaries
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

109 Hold not thy peace, O God of my praise;

2 For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit have they opened against me: They have spoken unto me with a lying tongue.

3 They have compassed me about also with words of hatred, And fought against me without a cause.

4 For my love they are my adversaries: But I give myself unto prayer.

5 And they have rewarded me evil for good, And hatred for my love.

6 Set thou a wicked man over him; And let 665 an adversary stand at his right hand.

7 When he is judged, let him come forth guilty; And let his prayer be turned into sin.

8 Let his days be few; And let another take his office.

9 Let his children be fatherless, And his wife a widow.

10 Let his children be vagabonds, and beg, And let them seek their bread 662 out of their desolate places.

11 Let the extortioner catch all that he hath; And let strangers make spoil of his labor.

12 Let there be none to extend kindness unto him; Neither let there be any to have pity on his fatherless children.

13 Let his posterity be cut off; In the generation following let their name be blotted out.

14 Let the iniquity of his fathers be remembered with Jehovah; And let not the sin of his mother be blotted out.

15 Let them be before Jehovah continually, That he may cut off the memory of them from the earth;

16 Because he remembered not to show kindness, But persecuted the poor and needy man, And the broken in heart, to slay them.

17 Yes, he loved cursing, and it came unto him; And he delighted not in blessing, and it was far from him.

18 He clothed himself also with cursing as with his garment, And it came into his inward parts like water, And like oil into his bones.

19 Let it be unto him as the raiment wherein he covereth himself, And for the girdle wherewith he is girded continually.

20 This is the reward of mine adversaries from Jehovah, And of them that speak evil against my soul.

21 But deal thou with me, O Jehovah the Lord, for thy name's sake: Because thy lovingkindness is good, deliver thou me;

22 For I am poor and needy, And my heart is wounded within me.

23 I am gone like the shadow when it declineth: I am tossed up and down as the locust.

24 My knees are weak through fasting; And my flesh faileth of fatness.

25 I am become also a reproach unto them: When they see me, they shake their head.

26 Help me, O Jehovah my God; Oh save me according to thy lovingkindness:

649 Hb. all their wisdom is swallowed up.

650 Or. will awake the dawn.

651 So HbSept. Aram., Vg. 652 Or. in his Holy:

653 Or. lawgiver.

654 Or. Unto

655 Or. will lead me unto Edom?

656 Or. Wilt thou, O God, who hast cast us off, And goest not forth, O God, with our hosts?

657 Hb. salvation of man.

658 Or. against me

659 Hb. laid upon me

660 Or. Satan or, an accuser

661 Or. become

662 Or. far from their desolate places.

663 Hb. snare

664 Or. continue

665 Or. is stretched out
Psalms 113

Jehovah gives Dominion to the King
A Psalm of David

Jehovah saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, Until I make thine enemies thy footstool.

Jehovah will send forth the rod of thy strength out of Zion: Rule thou in the midst of thine enemies.

Thy people offer themselves willingly In the day of thy power, in the splendors of holiness:

Thou hast the dew of thy youth.

Jehovah hath sworn, and will not repent: His praise endureth for ever.

Jehovah Praised for His Goodness

I will give thanks unto Jehovah with my whole heart, In the council of the upright, and in the congregation.

The works of Jehovah are great, Sought out of all them that have pleasure therein.

His work is honor and majesty; And his righteousness endureth for ever.

Hath stricken through kings in the day of his wrath.

He will judge among the nations, He will lendeth; He shall maintain his cause in judgment.

The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

His horn shall be exalted with honor.

His righteousness endureth for ever:

His seed shall be mighty upon earth:

The places of his precepts in many countries.

He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:

The desire of the wicked shall perish.

Jehovah exalts the Humble

Praise, O ye servants of Jehovah, Praise the name of Jehovah.

5 He hath given food unto them that fear him: He will ever be mindful of his covenant.

6 He hath showed his people the power of his works, In giving them the heritage of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are truth and justice; All his precepts are sure.

8 They are established for ever and ever; They are done in truth and uprightness.

9 He hath sent redemption unto his people; He hath commanded his covenant for ever:

Holy and reverend is his name.

The awe of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; A good understanding have all they that do his commandments: His praise endureth for ever.

Prosperity of Him that Fears Jehovah

687 Praise ye Jehovah.

Blessed is the man that feareth Jehovah, That delighteth greatly in his commandments.

2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth:
The generation of the upright shall be blessed.

3 Wealth and riches are in his house; And his righteousness endureth for ever.

4 Unto the upright there ariseth light in the darkness:

5 Well is it with the man that deal eth graciously and lends; He shall maintain his cause in judgment.

6 For he shall never be moved; The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance.

7 He shall not be afraid of evil tidings:

8 His heart is established, he shall not be afraid, Until he see his desire upon his adversaries.

9 He hath dispersed, he hath given to the needy; His righteousness endureth for ever:

His horn shall be exalted with honor.

10 The wicked shall see it, and be grieved;

He shall gnash with his teeth, and melt away: The desire of the wicked shall perish.


delivered as

666 Or, totter through fasting;
667 Or, Mine adversaries shall be clothed with dishonor, And they shall cover themselves with their own shame as with a robe.
668 So 11QPs³ Sept., Aram., Vg. (predetermined action). Massoretic reads he will stand at the right hand
669 Or, stretch
670 Or, sceptre
671 Hb. are freewill-offerings
672 Or, army,
673 Or, in the beauties of holiness:
674 Or, Thy youth are to thee as the dew.
675 Or, the manner of Melchizedek.

676 Sopherim changed to The Lord
677 Or. Hath stricken through kings
678 Or, The places are full of dead bodies;
679 Or, hath filled
680 Or, hath stricken through the head
681 Or, over a wide land.
682 Hb. Hallelujah.
683 Hb. prey
684 Or, made
685 Or, Good repute have all they
686 Hb. them:
687 Hb. Hallelujah.
688 Hb. Hallelujah. Also in vs. 9.
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2 Blessed be the name of Jehovah
From this time forth and for evermore.
3 From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, Jehovah’s name is to be praised.
4 Jehovah is high above all nations,
And his glory above the heavens.
5 Who is like unto Jehovah our God,
That hath his seat on high,
6 That humbleth himself to behold
The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?
7 He raiseth up the poor out of the dust,
And lifteth up the needy from the dunghill;
8 That he may set him with princes,
Even with the princes of his people.
9 He maketh the barren woman to keep house,
And to be a joyful mother of children.

Praise ye Jehovah
God’s Deliverance of Israel from Egypt
114 When Israel went forth out of Egypt,
The house of Jacob from a people of strange language;
2 Judah came to be for his Holy,
Israel his dominion.
3 The sea saw it, and fled;
The Jordan was driven back.
4 The mountains skipped like rams,
The little hills like lambs.
5 What aileth thee, O thou sea, that thou fleest?
Thou Jordan, that thou turnest back?
6 Ye mountains, that ye skip like rams;
Ye little hills, like lambs?
7 Tremble, thou 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.

Heathen Idols contrasted with Jehovah
115 Not unto us, O Jehovah, not unto us,
But unto thy name give glory,
For thy lovingkindness, and for thy truth’s sake.
2 Wherefore should the nations say,
Where is now their God?
3 But our God is in the heavens:
He hath done whatsoever he pleased.
4 Their idols are silver and gold,
The work of men’s hands.
5 They have mouths, but they speak not;
Eyes have they, but they see not;
6 They have ears, but they hear not;
Noses have they, but they smell not;
7 They have hands, but they handle not;
Feet have they, but they walk not;
Neither speak they through their throat.
8 They that make them shall be like unto them;
Yes, every one that trusteth in them.
9 O Israel, trust thou in Jehovah:
He is their help and their shield.
10 O house of Aaron, trust ye in Jehovah;
He is their help and their shield.
11 Ye that fear Jehovah, trust in Jehovah:
He is their help and their shield.
12 Jehovah hath 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 them that fear Jehovah,
Both the small and the great.
14 Jehovah increase you more and more,
You and your children.
15 Blessed are ye of Jehovah,
Who made the heavens and earth.
16 The heavens are the heavens of Jehovah;
But the earth hath he given to the children of men.
17 The dead praise not Jehovah,
Neither any that go down into silence;
18 But we will bless Jehovah
From this time forth and for evermore.

Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death
116 I love Jehovah, because he heareth
My voice and my supplications.
2 Because he hath inclined his ear unto me,
Therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3 The cords of death compassed me,
And the pains of Sheol gat hold upon me:
I found trouble and sorrow.
4 Then called I upon the name of Jehovah:
O Jehovah, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5 Gracious is Jehovah, and righteous;
Yes, our God is merciful.
6 Jehovah preserveth the simple:
I was brought low, and he saved me.
7 Return unto thy rest, O my soul;
For Jehovah hath dealt bountifully with thee.
8 For thou hast delivered my soul from death,
Mine eyes from tears,
And my feet from falling.
9 I will walk before Jehovah
In the land of the living.
10 I believe, therefore I will speak:
I was greatly afflicted:

689 Or, to regard the heavens and the earth
690 Or, sanctuary,
691 Hb. Jah,
692 Hb. Jah
693 Hb. Hallelujah.
694 Lit. in my days.
695 Or, found me;
696 Hb. lands
697 Or possibly, I believed, when I spake thus:
698 Or, alarm,
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Blessed are they that are perfect in the way, Who walk in the law of Jehovah.

2 Blessed are they that keep his testimonies, That seek him with the whole heart.
3 Yes, they do no unrighteousness; They walk in his ways.
4 Thou hast commanded us thy precepts, That we should observe them diligently.

11 They compassed me about like bees; they are quenched as the fire of thorns:
In the name of Jehovah I will cut them off.
13 Thou didst thrust sore at me that I might fall; But Jehovah helped me.
14 Jehovah is my strength and song; And he is become my salvation.
15 The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous: The right hand of Jehovah doeth valiantly.
16 The right hand of Jehovah is exalted: The right hand of Jehovah doeth valiantly.
17 I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of Jehovah.
18 Jehovah hath chastened me sore; But he hath not given me over unto death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I will enter into them, I will give thanks unto Jehovah.
20 This is the gate of Jehovah; The righteous shall enter into it.
21 I will give thanks unto thee; for thou hast answered me, And art become my salvation.
22 The stone which the builders rejected Is become the head of the corner.
23 This is Jehovah's doing; It is marvellous in our eyes.
24 This is the day which Jehovah hath made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save now, we beseech thee, O Jehovah: O Jehovah, we beseech thee, send now prosperity.
26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of Jehovah: We have blessed you out of the house of Jehovah.
27 Jehovah is God, and he hath given us light: Bind the sacrifice with cords, even unto the horns of the altar.
28 Thou art my God, and I will give thanks unto thee: Thou art my God, I will exalt thee.
29 Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; For his lovingkindness endureth for ever.

[Each octet of verses in Psalm 119 begins with the same Hebrew letter.]

Meditations and Prayers Relating to the Law of God

A Psalm of Praise

O praise Jehovah, all ye nations; Laud him, all ye peoples.
For his lovingkindness is great toward us; And trust in Jehovah.
Therefore shall I see What can man do unto me?
Is the death of his saints.
Jehovah, truly I know thy name.
Praise ye Jehovah, all ye peoples.
O praise Jehovah, all ye nations;
Praise ye Jehovah.

Thanksgiving for Jehovah’s Saving Goodness

Oh give thanks unto Jehovah; for he is good; For his lovingkindness endureth for ever.
Let Israel now say, That his lovingkindness endureth for ever.
Let the house of Aaron now say, That his lovingkindness endureth for ever.
Let them now that fear Jehovah say, That his lovingkindness endureth for ever.
Out of my distress I called upon Jehovah: Jehovah answered me and set me in a large place.
Jehovah is on my side; I will not fear: What can man do unto me?
Jehovah is on my side among them that help me: Therefore shall I see my desire upon them that hate me.
It is better to trust in Jehovah Than to put confidence in man.
It is better to take refuge in Jehovah Than to put confidence in princes.
All nations compassed me about: In the name of Jehovah I will cut them off.
They compassed me about; yes, they compassed me about: In the name of Jehovah I will cut them off.

Hb. Hallelujah. Also in ch. 117:2.
Hb. Jah (both times)
Massoretic alone reads take refuge in Jehovah.
Jah And in vss. 17-19.
Hb. from Jehovah;
Or, entereth
Other alphabetic psalms are 25 (except qoph), 34, and 145 (except nun?).
Or, upright in way,
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5 Oh that my ways were established
To observe thy statutes!
6 Then shall I not be put to shame,
When I have respect unto all thy commandments.
7 I will give thanks unto thee with upright heart,
When I learn thy righteous judgments.
8 I will observe thy statutes:
Oh forsake me not utterly.
9 Wherewith shall a young man cleanse his way?
By taking heed thereto according to thy word.
10 With my whole heart have I sought thee:
Oh let me not wander from thy commandments.
11 Thy word have I laid up in my heart,
That I might not sin against thee.
12 Blessed art thou, O Jehovah:
Teach me thy statutes.
13 With my lips have I declared
All the ordinances of thy mouth.
14 I have rejoiced in the way of thy testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
15 I will meditate on thy precepts,
And have respect unto thy ways.
16 I will delight myself in thy statutes:
I will not forget thy words.

17 Deal bountifully with thy servant, that I may live;
So will I observe thy words.
18 Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold
Wondrous things out of thy law.
19 I am a sojourner in the earth:
Hide not thy commandments from me.
20 My soul breaketh for the longing
That it hath unto thine ordinances at all times.
21 Thou hast rebuked the proud that are cursed!
That do wander from thy commandments.
22 Take away from me reproach and contempt;
For I have kept thy testimonies.
23 Princes also sat and talked against me;
But thy servant did meditate on thy statutes.
24 Thy testimonies also are my delight
And my counsellors.

25 My soul cleaveth unto the dust:
Quicken thou me according to thy word.
26 I declared my ways, and thou answerest me:
Teach me thy statutes.
27 Make me to understand the way of thy precepts:
So shall I meditate on thy wondrous works.

28 My soul melteth for heaviness:
Strengthen thou me according unto thy word.
29 Remove from me the way of falsehood;
And grant me thy law graciously.
30 I have chosen the way of faithfulness:
Thine ordinances have I set before me.
31 I cleave unto thy testimonies:
O Jehovah, put me not to shame.
32 I will run the way of thy commandments,
When thou shalt enlarge my heart.

33 Teach me, O Jehovah, the way of thy statutes;
And I shall keep it unto the end.
34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law;
Yes, I shall observe it with my whole heart.
35 Make me to go in the path of thy commandments;
For therein do I delight.
36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies,
And not to covetousness.
37 Turn away mine eyes from beholding vanity,
And quicken me in thy ways.
38 Confirm unto thy servant thy word,
Which is in order unto the awe of thee.
39 Turn away my reproach wherof I am afraid;
For thine ordinances are good.
40 Behold, I have longed after thy precepts:
Quicken me in thy righteousness.

41 Let thy lovingkindnesses also come unto me, O Jehovah, Even thy salvation, according to thy word.
42 So shall I have an answer for him that reproacheth me;
For I trust in thy word.
43 And take not the word of truth utterly out of my mouth; For I have hoped in thine ordinances.
44 So shall I observe thy law continually
For ever and ever.
45 And I shall walk at liberty;
For I have sought thy precepts.
46 I will also speak of thy testimonies before kings,
And shall not be put to shame.
47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments,
Which I have loved.
48 I will lift up my hands also unto thy commandments,
which I have loved; And I will meditate on thy statutes.

49 Remember the word unto thy servant,
Because thou hast made me to hope.
50 This is my comfort in my affliction;
For thy word hath quickened me.

So Massoretic, Sept., (Aram., Vg.). 4QPs, 11QPs, some
Massoretic mss. read Fulfil thy purpose for thy servant and I
will live;
708 Or, Cursed are they that do wander etc.
51 The proud have had me greatly in derision:
Yet have I not swerved from thy law.
52 I have remembered thine ordinances of old, O Jehovah,
And have comforted myself.
53 Hot indignation hath taken hold upon me,
Because of the wicked that forsake thy law.
54 Thy statutes have been my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
55 I have remembered thy name, O Jehovah, in the night,
And have observed thy law.
56 This I have had,
Because I have kept thy precepts.
57 Jehovah is my portion:
I have said that I would observe thy words.
58 I entreated thy favor with my whole heart:
Be merciful unto me according to thy word.
59 I thought on my ways,
And turned my feet unto thy testimonies.
60 I made haste, and delayed not,
To observe thy commandments.
61 The cords of the wicked have wrapped me round;
But I have not forgotten thy law.
62 At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee
Because of thy righteous ordinances.
63 I am a companion of all them that fear thee,
And of them that observe thy precepts.
64 The earth, O Jehovah, is full of thy lovingkindness:
Teach my thy statutes.
65 Thou hast dealt well with thy servant,
O Jehovah, according unto thy word.
66 Teach me good judgment and knowledge;
For I have believed in thy commandments.
67 Before I was afflicted I went astray;
But now I observe thy word.
68 Thou art good, and doest good;
Teach me thy statutes.
69 The proud have forged a lie against me:
With my whole heart will I keep thy precepts.
70 Their heart is as fat as grease;
But I delight in thy law.
71 It is good for me that I have been afflicted;
That I may learn thy statutes.
72 The law of thy mouth is better unto me
Than thousands of gold and silver.
73 Thy hands have made me and fashioned me:
Give me understanding, that I may learn thy commandments.
74 They that are in awe of thee shall see me and be glad,
Because I have hoped in thy word.
75 I know, O Jehovah, that thy judgments are righteous,
And that in faithfulness thou hast afflicted me.
76 Let, I pray thee, thy lovingkindness be for my comfort,
According to thy word unto thy servant.
77 Let thy tender mercies come unto me, that I may live;
For thy law is my delight.
78 Let the proud be put to shame; for they have
overthrown me wrongfully: But I will meditate on thy precepts.
79 Let those in awe of thee turn unto me;
And they shall know thy testimonies.
80 Let my heart be perfect in thy statutes,
That I be not put to shame.
81 My soul fainteth for thy salvation;
But I hope in thy word.
82 Mine eyes fail for thy word,
While I say, When wilt thou comfort me?
83 For I am become like a wine-skin in the smoke;
Yet do I not forget thy statutes.
84 How many are the days of thy servant?
When wilt thou execute judgment on them that persecute me?
85 The proud have digged pits for me,
Who are not according to thy law.
86 All thy commandments are faithful:
They persecute me wrongfully; help thou me.
87 They had almost consumed me upon earth;
But I forsook not thy precepts.
88 Quicken me after thy lovingkindness;
So shall I observe the testimony of thy mouth.
89 For ever, O Jehovah,
Thy word is settled in heaven.
90 Thy faithfulness is unto all generations:
Thou hast established the earth, and it abideth.
91 They abide this day according to thine ordinances;
For all things are thy servants.
92 Unless thy law had been my delight,
I should then have perished in mine affliction.
93 I will never forget thy precepts;
For with them thou hast quickened me.
94 I am thine, save me;
For I have sought thy precepts.
95 The wicked have waited for me, to destroy me;
But I will consider thy testimonies.
96 I have seen an end of all perfection;
But thy commandment is exceeding broad.

That I may observe thy words.

Or, That
Or, Horror
Or, That
Or, Jehovah is my portion, have I said:

Or, established me:

Also in vs. 86.

Hb mreads Even they that know thy testimonies.
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MEM

97 Oh how love I thy law!
It is my meditation all the day.

98 Thy commandments make me wiser than mine enemies; For they are ever with me.

99 I have more understanding than all my teachers; For thy testimonies are my meditation.

100 I understand more than the aged,
Because I have kept thy precepts.

101 I have refrained my feet from every evil way,
That I might observe thy word.

102 I have not turned aside from thine ordinances;
For thou hast taught me.

103 How sweet are thy words unto my taste!
Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!

104 Through thy precepts I get understanding:
Therefore I hate every false way.

NUN

105 Thy word is a lamp unto my feet,
And light unto my path.

106 I have sworn, and have confirmed it,
That I will observe thy righteous ordinances.

107 I am afflicted very much:
Quicken me, O Jehovah, according unto thy word.

108 Accept, I beseech thee, the freewill-offerings of my mouth, O Jehovah, And teach me thine ordinances.

109 My soul is continually in my hand;
Yet do I not forget thy law.

110 The wicked have laid a snare for me;
Yet have I not gone astray from thy precepts.

111 Thy testimonies have I taken as a heritage for ever;
For they are the rejoicing of my heart.

112 I have inclined my heart to perform thy statutes
For ever, even unto the end.

SAMECH

113 I hate them that are of a divided mind;
But thy law do I love.

114 Thou art my hiding-place and my shield:
I hope in thy word.

115 Depart from me, ye evil-doers,
That I may keep the commandments of my God.

116 Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live;
And let me not be ashamed of my hope.

117 Hold thou me up, and I shall be safe,
And shall have respect unto thy statutes continually.

118 Thou hast set at nought all them that err from thy statutes; For their deceit is falsehood.

119 Thou puttest away all the wicked of the earth like dross: Therefore I love thy testimonies.

AYIN

120 My flesh trembleth for fear of thee;
And I am afraid of thy judgments.

PE

121 I have done justice and righteousness:
Leave me not to mine oppressors.

122 Be surety for thy servant for good:
Let not the proud oppress me.

123 Mine eyes fail for thy law,
And for thy righteous word.

124 Deal with thy servant according unto thy loving-kindness, And teach me thy statutes.

125 I am thy servant; give me understanding,
That I may know thy testimonies.

126 It is time for Jehovah to work;
For they have made void thy law.

127 Therefore I love thy commandments
Above gold, yes, above fine gold.

128 Therefore I esteem all thy precepts concerning all things to be right, And I hate every false way.

TZADDI

129 Thy testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore doth my soul keep them.

130 The opening of thy words giveth light;
It giveth understanding unto the simple.

131 I opened wide my mouth, and panted;
For I longed for thy commandments.

132 Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me,
As thou usest to do unto those that love thy name.

133 Establish my footsteps in thy word;
And let not any iniquity have dominion over me.

134 Redeem me from the oppression of man;
So will I observe thy precepts.

135 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant;
And teach me thy statutes.

136 Streams of water run down mine eyes,
Because they observe not thy law.

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720 Or, As for thine ordinances, they abide this day;
721 Or, Thou through thy commandments maketh me
722 Hb. palate
723 Or, double Cf. similar Hb. word sides in 1Ki 18:21.
724 Or, vain.
725 Hb. causeth to cease all the wicked
726 Or, in thy judgments.
727 Hb. cut me off,
143 Trouble and anguish have 
Yet thy commandments are my delight.
144 Thy testimonies are righteous for ever:
Give me understanding, and I shall live.

I have called with my whole heart; answer me, O Jehovah: I will keep thy statutes.
146 I have called unto thee; save me,
And I shall observe thy testimonies.
147 I anticipated the dawning of the morning, and cried:
I hoped in thy words.
148 Mine eyes anticipated the night-watches,
That I might meditate on thy word.
149 Hear my voice according unto thy lovingkindness:
Quicken me, O Jehovah, according to thy lovingkindness.
150 They draw nigh that follow after wickedness;
They are far from thy law.
151 Thou art nigh, O Jehovah;
And all thy commandments are truth.
152 Of old have I known from thy testimonies,
That thou hast founded them for ever.

Consider mine affliction, and deliver me;
For I do not forget thy law.
154 Plead thou my cause, and ransom me:
Quicken me according to thy word.
155 Salvation is far from the wicked;
For they seek not thy statutes.
156 Great are thy tender mercies, O Jehovah:
Quicken me according to thine ordinances.
157 Many are my persecutors and mine adversaries;
Yet have I not swerved from thy testimonies.
158 I beheld the treacherous, and was grieved,
Because they observe not thy word.
159 Consider how I love thy precepts:
Quicken me, O Jehovah, according to thy lovingkindness.
160 The sum of thy word is truth;
And every one of thy righteous ordinances endureth for ever.

Princes have persecuted me without a cause;
But my heart standeth in awe of thy words.
162 I rejoice at thy word,
As one that findeth great spoil.
163 I hate and abhor falsehood;
But thy law do I love.
164 Seven times a day do I praise thee,
Because of thy righteous ordinances.
165 Great peace have they that love thy law;
And they have no occasion of stumbling.

I have hoped for thy salvation, O Jehovah,
And have done thy commandments.
166 My soul hath observed thy testimonies;
And I love them exceedingly.
168 I have observed thy precepts and thy testimonies;
For all my ways are before thee.

Let my cry come near before thee, O Jehovah:
Give me understanding according to thy word.
169 Let my supplication come before thee:
Deliver me according to thy word.
171 Let my lips utter praise;
For thou teachest me thy statutes.
172 Let my tongue sing of thy word;
For all thy commandments are righteousness.
173 Let thy hand be ready to help me;
For I have chosen thy precepts.
174 I have longed for thy salvation, O Jehovah;
And thy law is my delight.
175 Let my soul live, and it shall praise thee;
And let thine ordinances help me.
176 I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek thy servant;
For I do not forget thy commandments.

Prayer for Deliverance from the Treacherous
A Song of Ascents

In my distress I cried unto Jehovah,
And he answered me.
120 Deliver my soul, O Jehovah, from lying lips,
And from a deceitful tongue.
3 What shall be given unto thee, and what shall be done
more unto thee, Thou deceitful tongue?
4 Sharp arrows of the mighty,
With coals of juniper.
5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech,
That I dwell among the tents of Kedar!
6 My soul hath long had her dwelling
With him that hateth peace.
7 I am for peace:
But when I speak, they are for war.

Jehovah the Keeper of Israel
A Song of Ascents

735 I will lift up mine eyes unto the mountains:
From whence shall my help come?
2 My help cometh from Jehovah,
Who made heaven and earth.
3 He will not suffer thy foot to be moved:
He that keepeth thee will not slumber.
4 Behold, he that keepeth Israel
Will neither slumber nor sleep.

728 Or, refined;
729 Or, found me;
730 Or, as thou art wont.
731 Or, that persecute me with wickedness;
732 Or, loathed them,
733 Or, It is as the sharp arrows of the mighty man,
734 Or, broom.
735 Or, Shall I lift up mine eyes unto the mountains?
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Let him not slumber that keepeth thee.

When men rose up against us;
For we are exceedingly filled with contempt.

Then shall they prosper that love thee.

Peace be within thy walls,
For there the thrones of judgment are set.

The snare is broken, and we are escaped.

As a city that is compact together;
Within thy gates, O Jerusalem,
They shall prosper that love thee.

The house of Jehovah our God
I will seek thy good.

Our soul is exceedingly filled with contempt.

If it had not been Jehovah who was on our side,
Let Israel now say:

When their wrath was kindled against us:
The stream had gone over our soul;
Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
Blessed be Jehovah.

Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers:
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of Jehovah,
Who made heaven and earth.

Prayer for the Peace of Jerusalem
A Song of Ascents; of David

I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go unto the house of Jehovah.
Our feet are standing Within thy gates, O Jerusalem,
Jerusalem, that art built As a city that is compact together;
Whither the tribes go up, even the tribes of Jehovah,
For an ordinance for Israel, To give thanks unto the name of Jehovah.
For are set thrones for judgment, The thrones of the house of David.
Pray for the peace of Jerusalem:
They shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls, And prosperity within thy palaces.
For my brethren and companions’ sakes, I will now say, Peace be within thee.
For the sake of the house of Jehovah our God I will seek thy good.

An Expectant Prayer for Jehovah’s Help
A Song of Ascents

Unto thee do I lift up mine eyes, O thou that sittest in the heavens.
Behold, as the eyes of servants look unto the hand of their master, As the eyes of a maid unto the hand of her mistress; So our eyes look unto Jehovah our God, Until he have mercy upon us.
Have mercy upon us, O Jehovah, have mercy upon us;
For my soul is exceedingly filled with contempt.
Their wrath was kindled against us:
For there the thrones of judgment are set.
As the thrones of the house of David.

Praise for Rescue from Enemies
A Song of Ascents; of David

If it had not been Jehovah who was on our side, Let Israel now say:
If it had not been Jehovah who was on our side, When men rose up against us;

Then they had swallowed us up alive,
When their wrath was kindled against us:
Then the waters had overwhelmed us,
The stream had gone over our soul;
Then the proud waters had gone over our soul.
Blessed be Jehovah.

Who hath not given us as a prey to their teeth.

Our soul is escaped as a bird out of the snare of the fowlers:
The snare is broken, and we are escaped.

Our help is in the name of Jehovah,
Who made heaven and earth.

Jehovah Round About his People
A Song of Ascents

They that trust in Jehovah Are as mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abideth for ever.
As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, So Jehovah is round about his people From this time forth and for evermore.
For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous; That the righteous put not forth their hands unto iniquity. Do good, O Jehovah, unto those that are good, And to them that are upright in their hearts. But as for such as turn aside unto their crooked ways, Jehovah will lead them forth with the workers of iniquity. Peace be upon Israel.

Thanksgiving for Return from Captivity
A Song of Ascents

When Jehovah brought back those that returned to Zion, We were like unto them that dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter, And our tongue with singing:
Then said they among the nations, Jehovah hath done great things for them.
Jehovah hath done great things for us, Whereof we are glad.
Turn again our captivity, O Jehovah, As the streams in the South.
They that sow in tears shall reap in joy.
He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing the seed for sowing, Shall doubtless come again with joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

Prosperity comes from Jehovah
A Song of Ascents; of Solomon

Except Jehovah build the house, They labor in vain that build it.

736 Or. Let him not suffer thy foot to be moved:
Let him not slumber that keepeth thee.
737 So Massoretic, Sept., Vg. 11QPs Aram. read My
738 Or. have stood
739 Hb. Jah,
740 Hb. a testimony for Israel,
Except Jehovah keep the city,
The watchman waketh but in vain.

2 It is vain for you to rise up early,
To take rest late,
To eat the bread of toil;
For so he giveth unto his beloved sleep.

3 Lo, children are a heritage of Jehovah;
And the fruit of the womb is his reward.

4 As arrows in the hand of a mighty man,
So are the children of youth.

5 Happy is the man that hath his quiver full of them:
They shall not be put to shame,
When they speak with their enemies in the gate.

Blessedness of the Fear of Jehovah
A Song of Ascents

128 Blessed is every one that feareth Jehovah,
That walketh in his ways.

2 For thou shalt eat the labor of thy hands:
Happy shalt thou be, and it shall be well with thee.

3 Thy wife shall be as a fruitful vine,
In the innermost parts of thy house;
Thy children like olive plants,
Round about thy table.

4 Behold, thus shall the man be blessed
That feareth Jehovah.

5 Jehovah bless thee out of Zion:
And see thou thy children's children.

6 Peace be upon Israel.

Prayer for the Overthrow of Zion's Enemies
A Song of Ascents

129 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth up.
Let Israel now say,

2 Many a time have they afflicted me from my youth up:
Yet they have not prevailed against me.

3 The plowmen plowed upon my field,
They made long their furrows.

4 Jehovah is righteous:
He hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked.

5 Let them be put to shame and turned backward,
All they that hate Zion.

6 Let them be as the grass upon the housetops,
Which withereth before it growth up;

7 Wherewith the reaper filleth not his hand,
Nor he that bindeth sheaves his bosom:

8 Neither do they that go by say,
The blessing of Jehovah be upon you;
We bless you in the name of Jehovah.

Hope in the Lord's For giving Love
A Song of Ascents

130 Out of the depths have I cried unto thee,
O Jehovah.

2 Jehovah, hear my voice:
Let thine ears be attentive
To the voice of my supplications.

3 If thou, Jehovah, shouldest mark iniquities,
O Jehovah, who could stand?

4 But there is forgiveness with thee,
That thou mayest be feared.

5 I wait for Jehovah, my soul doth wait,
And in his word do I hope.

6 My soul waiteth for Jehovah
More than watchmen wait for the morning;
Yes, more than watchmen for the morning.

7 O Israel, hope in Jehovah;
For with Jehovah there is lovingkindness,
And with him is plenteous redemption.

8 And he will redeem Israel
From all his iniquities.

Childlike Trust in Jehovah
A Song of Ascents; of David

131 Jehovah, my heart is not haughty, nor mine eyes lofty;
Neither do I exercise myself in great matters,
Or in things too wonderful for me.

2 Surely I have stilled and quieted my soul;
Like a weaned child with his mother,
Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

3 O Israel, hope in Jehovah
From this time forth and for evermore.

Prayer for Jehovah's Blessing upon the Sanctuary
A Song of Ascents

132 Jehovah, remember for David
All his affliction;

2 How he sware unto Jehovah,
And vowed unto the Mighty One of Jacob:

3 Surely I will not come into the tent of my house,
Nor go up into my bed;

4 I will not give sleep to mine eyes,
Or slumber to mine eyelids;

5 Until I find out a place for Jehovah,
A tabernacle for the Mighty One of Jacob.

6 Lo, we heard of it in Ephrathah:
We found it in the field of Jair.

7 We will go into his tabernacles;
We will worship at his footstool.

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8 Arise, O Jehovah, into thy resting-place; Thou, and the ark of thy strength.
9 Let thy priests be clothed with righteousness; And let thy saints shout for joy.
10 For thy servant David's sake Turn not away the face of thine anointed.
11 Jehovah hath sworn unto David in truth; He will not turn from it: Of the fruit of thy body will I set upon thy throne.
12 If thy children will keep my covenant And my testimony that I shall teach them, Their children also shall sit upon thy throne for evermore.
13 For Jehovah hath chosen Zion; He hath desired it for his habitation.
14 This is my resting-place for ever: Here will I dwell; for I have desired it.
15 I will abundantly bless her provision: I will satisfy her poor with bread.
16 Her priests also will I clothe with salvation; And her saints shall shout aloud for joy.
17 There will I make the horn of David to bud: I have ordained a lamp for mine anointed.
18 His enemies will I clothe with shame; But upon himself shall his crown flourish.

The Excellency of Brotherly Unity
A Song of Ascents; of David

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is For brethren to dwell together in unity!
2 It is like the precious oil upon the head, That ran down upon the beard, Even Aaron's beard; That came down upon the collar of his garments;
3 Like the dew of Hermon, That cometh down upon the mountains of Zion: For there Jehovah commanded the blessing, Even life for evermore.

Greetings of Night-watchers
A Song of Ascents

Behold, bless ye Jehovah, all ye servants of Jehovah, That by night stand in the house of Jehovah.
2 Lift up your hands to the Holy, And bless ye Jehovah.
3 Jehovah bless thee out of Zion; Even he that made heaven and earth.

Praise for Jehovah's wonderful Works
Vanity of Idols

765 Praise ye Jehovah. Praise him, O ye servants of Jehovah,
137 By the rivers of Babylon,
   There we sat down, yes, we wept,
   When we remembered Zion.
   2 Upon the willows in the midst thereof
   We hanged up our harps.

3 For there they that led us captive required of us
   songs, And they that wasted us required of us mirth,
   saying, Sing us one of the songs of Zion.
   4 How shall we sing Jehovah's song
   In a foreign land?
   5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem,
   Let my right hand forget her skill.
   6 Let my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth,
   If I remember thee not;
   If I prefer not Jerusalem
   Above my chief joy.
   7 Remember, O Jehovah, against the children of Edom
   The day of Jerusalem;
   Who said, Rase it, rase it,
   Even to the foundation thereof.
   8 O daughter of Babylon, 
   that art to be destroyed,
   Happy shall he be, that rewardeth thee
   As thou hast served us.
   9 Happy shall he be, that taketh and dasheth thy little
   ones Against the rock.

Thanksgiving for Jehovah's Favor
A Psalm of David

138 I will give thee thanks, 
O Jehovah, with my whole heart:
Before the gods will I sing praises unto thee.
2 I will worship toward thy holy temple,
And give thanks unto thy name for thy lovingkindness and
for thy truth:
For thou hast magnified thy word above all thy name.
3 In the day that I called thou answerest me,
Thou didst encourage me with strength in my soul.
4 All the kings of the earth shall give thee thanks, O
Jehovah,
For they have heard the words of thine mouth.
5 Yes, they shall sing of the ways of Jehovah;
For great is the glory of Jehovah.
6 For though Jehovah is high, yet hath he respect unto the
lowly; But the haughty he knoweth from afar.
7 Though I walk in the midst of trouble, thou wilt revive
me; Thou wilt stretch forth thy hand against the wrath of
mine enemies, And thy right hand will save me.
8 Jehovah will perfect that which concerneth me:
Thy lovingkindness, O Jehovah, endureth for ever;
Forsake not the works of thine own hands.

God's Omnipresence and Omniscience
For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

139 O Jehovah, thou hast searched me, and known me.
2 Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising;
   Thou understandest my thought afar off.
3 Thou 
   searchest out my path and my lying down,
   And art acquainted with all my ways.
4 For there is not a word in my tongue,
   But, lo, O Jehovah, thou knowest it altogether.

771 Or, our tormentors required
772 Or, that art laid waste,
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5 Thou hast beset me behind and before, And laid thy hand upon me.

6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; It is high, I cannot attain unto it.

7 Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, thou art there.

9 If I take the wings of the morning, And dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, And thy right hand shall hold me.

11 If I say, Surely the darkness shall break me, The light about me shall be night;

12 Even the darkness hideth not from thee, But the night shineth as the day: The darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

13 For thou didst inward parts: Thou didst cover me in my mother's womb.

14 I will give thanks unto thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: Wonderful are thy works; And my soul knoweth that right well.

15 My frame was not hidden from thee, When I was made in secret, And curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

16 Thine eyes did see mine unformed substance; And in thy book they were all written, Even the days that were ordained for me, When as yet there was none of them.

17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! How great is the sum of them!

18 If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: When I awake, I am still with thee.

19 Surely thou wilt slay the wicked, O God: Depart from me therefore, ye bloodthirsty men.

20 For they speak against thee wickedly, And thine enemies take thy name in vain.

21 Do not I hate them, O Jehovah, that hate thee? And am not I grieved with those that rise up against thee?

22 I hate them with perfect hatred: They are become mine enemies.

23 Search me, O God, and know my heart: Try me, and know my thoughts;

24 And see if there be any wicked way in me, And lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer for Protection Against the Wicked

For the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David

140 Deliver me, O Jehovah, from the evil man; Preserve me from the violent man:

2 Who devise mischiefs in their heart; Continually do they gather themselves together for war.

3 They have sharpened their tongue like a serpent; Adders' poison is under their lips. [Selah

4 Keep me, O Jehovah, from the hands of the wicked; Preserve me from the violent man: Who have purposed to thrust aside my steps.

5 The proud have hid a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set gins for me. [Selah

6 I said unto Jehovah, Thou art my God: Give ear unto the voice of my supplications, O Jehovah.

7 O Jehovah the Lord, the strength of my salvation, Thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.

8 Grant not, O Jehovah, the desires of the wicked; Further not his evil device, lest they exalt themselves. [Selah

9 As for the head of those that compass me about, Let the mischief of their own lips cover them.

10 Let burning coals fall upon them: Let them be cast into the fire, Into deep pits, whence they shall not rise.

11 An evil speaker shall not be established in the earth: Evil shall hunt the violent man to overthrow him.

12 I know that Jehovah will maintain the cause of the afflicted, And justice for the needy.

13 Surely the righteous shall give thanks unto thy name: The upright shall dwell in thy presence.

An Evening Prayer for Sanctification and Protection

A Psalm of David

141 Jehovah, I have called upon thee; make haste unto me: Give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee.

2 Let my prayer be set forth as incense before thee; The lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

3 Set a watch, O Jehovah, before my mouth; Keep the door of my lips.

4 Incline not my heart to any evil thing, To practise deeds of wickedness With men that work iniquity: And let me not eat of their dainties.

5 Let the righteous smite me, it shall be a kindness; And let him reprove me, it shall be as oil upon the head;

775 Or, overwhelm Cf. Ge 3:15 and footnote.
776 Or, Then the night shall be light about me;
777 Lit. acquire
778 Hb. kidneys: or, reins:
779 Or, knit me together in my mother's womb.
780 Or, Oh that thou wouldst slay the wicked, O God!
781 Or, utter thy name (Hb. thee) wickedly, Hb789 reads rebel against thee wickedly,
782 Or, lift themselves up against thee for vanity.
783 Or, do not I loathe those that rise up
784 Or, way of pain in me,
785 Or, stir up wars.
786 Or, floods
787 Hb. A man of tongue shall not be established
788 Or, oblation.
789 Or, still is my prayer against their wickedness.
Let not my head refuse it:
For 790wickedness shall my prayer continue.
6 Their judges are thrown down by the sides of the rock;
And they shall hear my words; for they are sweet.
7 As when one ploweth and cleaveth the earth,
Our bones are scattered at the mouth of Sheol.
8 For mine eyes are unto thee, O Jehovah the Lord:
In thee do I take refuge; 791leave not my soul destitute.
9 Keep me from the snare which they have laid for me,
And from the gins of the workers of iniquity.
10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets,
Whilst that I withal 792escape.

Prayer for Help in Trouble
Maskil of David, when he was in the cave; a Prayer

142 I cry with my voice unto Jehovah;
With my voice unto Jehovah do I make supplication.
2 I pour out my complaint before him;
I show before him my trouble.
3 When my spirit 784was overwhelmed within me,
Thou knewest my path.
In the way wherein I walk
Have they hidden a snare for me.
4 794Look on my right hand, and see;
For there is no man that knoweth me:
Refuge hath failed me;
No man careth for my soul.
5 I cried unto thee, O Jehovah;
I said, Thou art my refuge,
My portion in the land of the living.
6 Attend unto my cry;
For I am brought very low:
Deliver me from my persecutors;
For they are stronger than I.
7 Bring my soul out of prison,
That I may give thanks unto thy name:
The righteous shall 795compass me about;
For thou wilt deal bountifully with me.

Prayer for Deliverance and Guidance
A Psalm of David

143 Hear my prayer, O Jehovah; give ear to my supplications: In thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness.
2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant;
For in thy sight no man living is righteous.
3 For the enemy hath persecuted my soul;
He hath smitten my life down to the ground:
He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long dead.

790 Or, calamities
791 Or, pour thou not out my life.
792 Hb. pass over.
793 Or, fainted
794 So Massoretic. 11QPs8 Sept., Vg. (Aram.) read I look on my right hand and I see;
795 Or, crown themselves because of me;
796 Or, my spirit fainteth within me;
797 Hb. Unto thee have I hidden.
798 Or, Let thy good Spirit lead me in the land etc.
799 Or, a plain country.
800 11QPs8, some mss., Aram. read peoples under me.
801 Hb. a breath.
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10 Thou art he that giveth salvation unto kings; Who rescueth David his servant from the hurtful sword.
11 Rescue me, and deliver me out of the hand of aliens, Whose mouth speaketh deceit, And whose right hand is a right hand of falsehood.
12 When our sons shall be as plants grown up in their youth, And our daughters as cornerstones hewn after the fashion of a palace;
13 When our garners are full, affording all manner of store, And our sheep bring forth thousands and ten thousands in our fields;
14 When our oxen are well laden; When there is no breaking in, and no going forth, And no outcry in our streets:
15 Happy is the people that is in such a case; Yes, happy is the people whose God is Jehovah.

Jehovah extolled for his Goodness
A Psalm of praise; of David

145 I will extol thee, my God, O King; And I will bless thy name for ever and ever.
2 Every day will I bless thee, And I will praise thy name for ever and ever.
3 Great is Jehovah, and greatly to be praised; And his greatness is unsearchable.
4 One generation shall laud thy works to another, And shall declare thy mighty acts.
5 Of the glorious majesty of thine honor, And of thy wondrous works, will I meditate.
6 And men shall speak of the might of thy awesome acts; And I will declare thy greatness.
7 They shall utter the memory of thy great goodness, And shall sing of thy righteousness.
8 Jehovah is gracious, and merciful; Slow to anger, and of great lovingkindness.
9 Jehovah is good to all; And his tender mercies are over all his works.
10 All thy works shall give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah; And thy saints shall bless thee.
11 They shall speak of the glory of thy kingdom, And talk of thy power;
12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, And the glory of the majesty of his kingdom.
13 Thy kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, And thy dominion endureth throughout all generations.
14 God is faithful in his words, And gracious in all his works.
15 The eyes of all wait for thee; And thou givest them their food in due season.

16 Thou openest thy hand, And satisfieth the desire of every living thing.
17 Jehovah is righteous in all his ways, And gracious in all his works.
18 Jehovah is nigh unto all them that call upon him, To all that call upon him in truth.
19 He will fulfil the desire of them that fear him; He also will hear their cry, and will save them.
20 Jehovah preserveth all them that love him; But all the wicked will he destroy.
21 My mouth shall speak the praise of Jehovah; And let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

Jehovah an abundant Helper

146 Praise ye Jehovah.
Praise Jehovah, O my soul.
2 While I live will I praise Jehovah: I will sing praises unto my God while I have any being.
3 Put not your trust in princes, Nor in a son of man, in whom there is no help.
4 His breath goeth forth, he returneth to his earth; In that very day his thoughts perish.
5 Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for his help, Whose hope is in Jehovah his God:
6 Who made heaven and earth, The sea, and all that in them is; Who keepeth truth for ever;
7 Who executeth justice for the oppressed; Who giveth food to the hungry.
8 Jehovah looseth the prisoners;
9 Jehovah openeth the eyes of the blind; Jehovah raiseth up them that are bowed down;
10 Jehovah loveth the righteous;
11 Jehovah preserveth the sojourners; He upholdeth the fatherless and widow;
12 But the way of the wicked he turneth upside down.
13 Jehovah will reign for ever, Thy God, O Zion, unto all generations.

Praise for Jerusalem’s Restoration and Prosperity

147 Praise ye Jehovah; For it is good to sing praises unto our God;
For it is pleasant, and praise is comely.
2 Jehovah doth build up Jerusalem; He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel.
3 He healeth the broken in heart, And bindeth up their wounds.
4 He counteth the number of the stars; He calleth them all by their names.

802 Or, sallying.
803 So 11QPs Sept., Aram., Vg. Most Massoretic mss. omit this sentence. In the Hebrew, this is an alphabetic psalm, which seems to require such a verse beginning with the Hb. letter 2, nun (“n’). [There are 22 letters in the Hebrew alphabet.] 11QPs alone reads God (Hb. elohim) for Jehovah
804 Or, satisfieth every living thing with favor.
805 Hb. Hallelujah.
806 Or, purposes
807 Or, maketh crooked. or, twisteth.
808 Hb. Hallelujah.
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Israel Invoked to Praise Jehovah

149 819Praise ye Jehovah.
Sing unto Jehovah a new song, 
And his praise in the assembly of the saints.
2 Let Israel rejoice in him that 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 unto him with timbrel and harp.
4 For Jehovah taketh pleasure in his people: 
He will beautify the meek with salvation.
5 Let the saints exult in glory: 
Let them sing for joy 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 punishments 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 honor have all his saints.
Praise ye Jehovah.

The Whole Creation Invoked to Praise Jehovah

148 816Praise ye Jehovah.
Praise ye Jehovah from the heavens: 
Praise him in the heights.
2 Praise ye him, all his angels: 
Praise ye him, all his host.
3 Praise ye him, sun and moon: 
Praise him, all ye stars of light.
4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens, 
And ye waters that are above the heavens.

5 Great is our Lord, and mighty in power; 
His understanding is infinite.
6 Jehovah upholdeth the meek: 
He bringeth the wicked down to the ground.
7 Sing unto Jehovah with thanksgiving: 
Sing praises upon the harp unto our God,
8 Who covereth the heavens with clouds, 
Who prepareth rain for the earth, 
Who maketh grass to grow upon the mountains.
9 He giveth to the beast his food, 
And to the young ravens which cry.
10 He delighteth not in the strength of the horse: 
He taketh no pleasure in the legs of a man.
11 Jehovah taketh pleasure in them that fear him, 
In those that hope in his lovingkindness.
12 Praise Jehovah, O Jerusalem; 
Praise thy God, O Zion.
13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; 
He hath blessed thy children within thee.
14 He maketh peace in thy borders; 
And he filleth thee with the finest of the wheat.
15 He sendeth out his commandment upon earth; 
His word runneth very swiftly.
16 He giveth snow like wool; 
He scattereth the hoarfrost like ashes.
17 He casteth forth his ice like morsels: 
Who can stand before his cold?
18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them: 
He causeth his wind to blow, and the waters flow.
19 He showeth his word unto Jacob, 
His statutes and his ordinances unto Israel.
20 He hath not dealt so with any nation: 
For he hath strengthened the legs of thy gates.
21 He maketh a decree to the treacherous, 
That he might seem righteous to thy children.
22 He maketh his word to run swiftly.
23 He maketh not his word to return unto him without effect.
24 All his words are truth, his judgment is infinite.
25 He executeth judgment with righteousness, 
And he scattereth all the supplements of the wicked.
26 He setteth his king for the膏 of his people, 
For the salvation of his anointed.
27 He hath given his people the words of Jacob, 
His ordinances and his judgments unto Israel.
28 He causeth all the ends of the earth to fear him, 
All the ends of the earth, 
The heavens of heavens, 
And the highest heavens.

809 Hb. Hallelujah; Similarly in vs. 20.
810 Or, For he is good: sing praises unto our God; For he is gracious, and praise is comely.
811 4QPs 9(Vg.) add Praise to our God is comely;
812 Hb. sorrow.
813 Hb. thy border peace;
814 Hb. fat of wheat.
815 So 11QPs Sept. Aram., Vg. Massoretic reads And as for his ordinances, they have not known them.
A Psalm of Praise

Praise ye Jehovah.

Praise God in his Holy:
Praise him in the sky of his power.

2 Praise him for his mighty acts:
Praise him according to his excellent greatness.

3 Praise him with trumpet sound:
Praise him with psaltery and harp.

4 Praise him with timbrel and dance:
Praise him with stringed instruments and pipe.

5 Praise him with loud cymbals:
Praise him with high sounding cymbals.

6 Let every thing that hath breath praise Jehovah.
Praise ye Jehovah.

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823 Hb. Hallelujah. And so at the end of vs. 6.
824 Or, sanctuary: or, holiness: Hb. qodesh
825 Lit. expanse of his power.
826 Hb. Jah. (both times).
Proverbs
(The Book of Proverbs)

1 Use of the Proverbs — 7 Caution against being enticed by sinners
20 Wisdom’s Warning to those who despise her

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel:
2 To know wisdom and instruction;
   To discern the words of understanding;
3 To receive instruction in wise dealing,
   In righteousness and justice and equity;
4 To give prudence to the simple,
   To the young man knowledge and discretion:
5 That the wise man may hear, and increase in learning;
   And that the man of understanding may attain unto sound counsels:
6 To understand a proverb, and a figure,
   The words of the wise, and their dark sayings.
7 The awe of Jehovah is the beginning of knowledge;
   But the foolish despise wisdom and instruction.
8 My son, hear the instruction of thy father,
   And forsake not the law of thy mother:
9 For they shall be a chaplet of grace unto thy head,
   And chains about thy neck.
10 My son, if sinners entice thee,
   Consent thou not.
11 If they say, Come with us,
   Let us lay in wait for blood;
   Let us lurk privily for their spoil;
12 Let us swallow them up alive as Sheol,
   Whole, as those that go down into the pit;
13 We shall find all precious substance;
   We shall fill our houses with spoil;
14 Thou shalt cast thy lot among us;
   We will all have one purse:
15 My son, walk not thou in the way of sinners;
   Refrain thy foot from their path;
16 For their feet run to evil,
   And they make haste to shed blood.
17 For in vain is the net spread
   In the sight of any bird:
18 And these lay wait for their own blood;
   They lurk privily for their own souls.
19 So are the ways of every one that is greedy of gain;
   It taketh away the soul of the owners thereof.
20 Wisdom crieth aloud in the street;
   She uttereth her voice in the broad places;
21 She crieth in the chief place of concourse;
   At the entrance of the gates,
   In the city, she uttereth her words:
22 How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity?
   And scoffers delight them in scoffing,
   And fools hate knowledge?
23 Turn you at my reproof:
   Behold, I will pour out my spirit upon you;
   I will make known my words unto you.
24 Because I have called, and ye have refused;
   I have stretched out my hand, and no man hath regarded;
25 But ye have set at nought all my counsel,
   And would none of my reproof:
26 I also will laugh in the day of your calamity;
   I will mock when your fear cometh;
27 When your fear cometh as a storm,
   And your calamity cometh on as a whirlwind;
   When distress and anguish come upon you.
28 Then will they call upon me, but I will not answer;
   They will seek me diligently but they shall not find me:
29 For that they hated knowledge,
   And did not choose the awe of Jehovah:
30 They would have none of my counsel;
   They despised all my reproof.
31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way,
   And be filled with their own devices.
32 For the backsliding of the simple shall slay them,
   And the careless ease of fools shall destroy them.
33 But whoso hearkeneth unto me shall dwell securely,
   And shall be quiet without fear of evil.

2 My son, if thou wilt receive my words,
   And lay up my commandments with thee;
2 So as to incline thine ear unto wisdom,
   And apply thy heart to understanding;
3 Yes, if thou cry after discernment,
   And lift up thy voice for understanding;
4 If thou seek her as silver,
   And search for her as for hid treasures:
5 Then shalt thou understand the awe of Jehovah,
   And find the knowledge of God.
6 For Jehovah giveth wisdom:
   Out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding:
7 He layeth up sound wisdom for the upright;
8 He is a shield to them that walk in integrity;
9 And preserve the way of his saints.
10 Then shalt thou understand righteousness and justice,
   And equity, yes, every good path.

1 Or, an interpretation, or, a parable,
2 Or, riddles.
3 Or, the chief part of knowledge;
4 Or, teaching
5 Or, Even the perfect,
6 Or, Cast in thy lot among us;
7 Hb. at the head of the noisy streets;
8 Or, desolation,
9 Or, early
10 Or, And a shield for them that walk in integrity;
Proverbs 3

10 For wisdom shall enter into thy heart,
And knowledge shall be pleasant unto thy soul;
Discretion shall watch over thee;
Understanding shall keep thee:
To deliver thee from the way of evil,
From the men that speak perverse things;
Who forsake the paths of uprightness,
To walk in the ways of darkness;
Who rejoice to do evil,
And delight in the perverseness of evil;
Who are crooked in their ways,
And wayward in their paths:
To deliver thee from the strange woman,
Even from the foreigner that flattereth with her words;
That forsaketh the friend of her youth,
And forgetteth the covenant of her God:
For her house inclineth unto death,
And her paths unto the dead;
None that go unto her return again,
Neither do they attain unto the paths of life:
That thou mayest walk in the way of good men,
And keep the paths of the righteous.
For the upright shall dwell in the land,
And the perfect shall remain in it.
But the wicked shall be cut off from the land,
And the treacherous shall be rootet out of it.
My son, forget not my law;
But let thy heart keep my commandments:
For length of days, and years of life,
And peace, will they add to thee.
Let not kindness and truth forsake thee:
Bind them about thy neck;
Write them upon the tablet of thy heart:
Or, that they may keep the paths of justice,
And thy vats shall overflow with new wine.
Neither be weary of his reprovel:
For whom Jehovah loveth he reprovel;
Even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.
Happy is the man that findeth wisdom,
And the man that getteth understanding.
For the gaining of it is better than the gaining of silver,
And the profit thereof than fine gold.
She is more precious than rubies:
And none of the things thou canst desire are to be compared unto her.
Length of days is in her right hand;
In her left hand are riches and honor.
Her ways are ways of pleasantness,
And all her paths are peace.
She is a tree of life to them that lay hold upon her:
And happy is every one that retaineth her.
Jehovah by wisdom founded the earth;
By understanding he established the heavens.
By his knowledge the depths were broken up,
And the skies drop down the dew.
My son, let them not depart from thine eyes;
Keep sound wisdom and discretion:
So shall they be life unto thy soul,
And grace to thy neck.
Then shalt thou walk in thy way securely,
And thy foot shall not stumble.
When thou liest down, thou shalt not be afraid:
Yes, thou shalt lie down, and thy sleep shall be sweet.
Be not afraid of sudden fear,
Neither of the desolation of the wicked, when it cometh:
For Jehovah will be thy confidence,
And will keep thy foot from being taken.
Withhold not good from them to whom it is due,
When it is in the power of thy hand to do it.
Say not unto thy neighbor, Go, and come again,
And tomorrow I will give;
When thou hast it by thee.
Devise not evil against thy neighbor,
Seeing he dwelleth securely by thee.
Strive not with a man without cause,
If he have done thee no harm.
Envy thou not the man of violence,
And choose none of his ways.
4 Hear, my sons, the instruction of a father,
And attend to know understanding:
2 For I give you good doctrine;
Forsake ye not my law.
3 For I was a son unto my father,
Tender and beloved in the sight of my mother.
4 And he taught me, and said unto me:
Let thy heart retain my words;
Keep my commandments, and live;
5 Get wisdom, get understanding;
Forget not, neither decline from the words of my mouth;
6 Forsake her not, and she will preserve thee;
Love her, and she will keep thee.
7 Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom;
Yes, with all thy getting get understanding.
8 Exalt her, and she will promote thee;
She will bring thee to honor, when thou dost embrace her.
9 She will give to thy head a chaplet of grace;
A crown of beauty will she deliver to thee.
10 Hear, O my son, and receive my sayings;
And the years of thy life shall be many.
11 I have taught thee in the way of wisdom;
I have led thee in paths of uprightness.
12 When thou goest, thy steps shall not be straitened;
And if thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble.
13 Take fast hold of instruction; let her not go:
Keep her; for she is thy life.
14 Enter not into the path of the wicked,
And walk not in the way of evil men.
15 Avoid it, pass not by it;
Turn from it, and pass on.
16 For they sleep not, except they do evil;
And their sleep is taken away, unless they cause some to fall.
17 For they eat the bread of wickedness,
And drink the wine of violence.
18 But the path of the righteous is as the dawning light,
That shineth more and more unto the perfect day.
19 The way of the wicked is as the darkness:
They know not at what they stumble.

20 My son, attend to my words;
Incline thine ear unto my sayings.
21 Let them not depart from thine eyes;
Keep them in the midst of thy heart.
22 For they are life unto those that find them,
And health to all their flesh.
23 Keep thy heart with all diligence;
For out of it are the issues of life.
24 Put away from thee a wayward mouth,
And perverse lips put far from thee.
25 Let thine eyes look right on,
And let thine eyelids look straight before thee.
26 Make level the path of thy feet,
And let all thy ways be established.
27 Turn not to the right hand nor to the left:
Remove thy foot from evil.

5 My son, attend unto my wisdom;
Incline thine ear to my understanding:
2 That thou mayest preserve discretion,
And that thy lips may keep knowledge.
3 For the lips of a strange woman drop honey,
And her mouth is smoother than oil:
4 But in the end she is bitter as wormwood,
Sharp as a two-edged sword.
5 Her feet go down to death;
Her steps take hold on Sheol.
6 So that she findeth not the level path of life;
Her ways are unstable, and she knoweth it not.
7 Now therefore, my son, hearken unto me,
And depart not from the words of my mouth.
8 Remove thy way far from her,
And come not nigh the door of her house;
9 Lest thou give thine honor unto others,
And thy years unto the cruel.
10 Lest strangers be filled with thy strength,
And thy labors be in the house of an alien,
11 And thou mourn at thy latter end,
When thy flesh and thy body are consumed,
12 And say, How have I hated instruction,
And my heart despised reproof;
13 Neither have I obeyed the voice of my teachers,
Nor inclined mine ear to them that instructed me!
14 I was well-nigh in all evil
In the midst of the assembly and congregation.
15 Drink waters out of thine own cistern,
And running waters out of thine own well.

29 Or, Though
30 Or, Yet
31 Or, But fools carry away shame.
32 Or, teaching.
33 Hb. an only one in the sight of my mother.
34 Or, The beginning of wisdom is, Get wisdom;
35 Or, thou hast got understanding.
36 Or, glory
37 Or, above all that thou guardest;
38 Or, Weigh carefully the path of thy feet,
39 Or, ordered aright.
40 Or, Lest thou find the level path of life: or, Lest thou weigh carefully the path of life:
41 Or, thou canst not know them.
42 Or, wealth,
43 Or, groan
Proverbs 6

16 Should thy springs be dispersed abroad,
And streams of water in the streets?
17 Let them be for thyself alone,
And not for strangers with thee.
18 Let thy fountain be blessed;
And rejoice in the wife of thy youth.
19 As a loving hind and a pleasant doe,
Let her breasts satisfy thee at all times;
And embrace 
wife of a foreigner?
20 For why shouldst thou, my son, be ravished with a strange woman,
And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?
21 For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah;
And he maketh level all his paths.
22 His own iniquities shall take the wicked,
And he shall be hidden with the cords of his sin.
23 He shall die for lack of instruction;
And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?
24 For the ways of man are before the eyes of Jehovah;
And he maketh level all his paths.
25 He shall die for lack of instruction;
And embrace the bosom of a foreigner?
26 For on account of a harlot a man is brought to a piece of bread;
And he that hath stricken 48 his hand to sleep:
8 if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold;
28 Or can one walk upon hot coals,
And hands that shed innocent blood;
29 So he that goeth in to his neighbor's wife;
Whosoever toucheth her shall not be unpunished.
30 Men do not despise a thief, if he steal
To satisfy himself when he is hungry:
31 But if he be found, he shall restore sevenfold;
He shall give all the substance of his house.
32 He that committeth adultery with a woman is void of understanding:
He doeth it 45 he would destroy his own soul.

44 Or, Let
45 Hb. go astray always with her love.
46 Or, weigheth carefully all his paths.
47 Or, thy hand with a stranger;
48 Or, bestir
49 Or, gazelle
50 Or, judge,
51 Hb. lie down,
52 Or, rover,
53 Hb. a man with a shield.
54 Or, shufflith
33 Wounds 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 atonement; 
Neither will he rest content, though thou givest many gifts.

7 My son, keep my words, 
And lay up my commandments with thee.
2 Keep my commandments and live; 
And my law as the apple of thine eye.
3 Bind them upon thy fingers; 
Write them upon the tablet of thy heart.
4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; 
And call understanding thy kinswoman:
5 That they may keep thee from the strange woman, 
From the foreigner that flattereth with her words.
6 For at the window of my house 
I looked forth through my lattice;
7 And I 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 way to her house,
9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day, 
In the middle of the night and in the darkness.
10 And, behold, there met him a woman 
With the attire of a harlot, and wily of heart.
11 She is clamorous and wilful; 
Her feet abide not in her house:
12 Now she is in the streets, now in the broad places, 
And lieth in wait at every corner.
13 So she caught him, and kissed him, 
And with an impudent face she said unto him:
14 Sacrifices of peace-offerings are with me; 
This day have I paid my vows.
15 Therefore came I forth to meet thee, 
Diligently to seek thy face, and I have found thee.
16 I have spread my couch with carpets of tapestry, 
With striped cloths of the yarn of Egypt.
17 I have perfumed my bed 
With myrrh, aloes, and cinnamon.
18 Come, let us take our fill of love until the morning; 
Let us solace ourselves with loves.
19 For the man is not at home; 
He is gone on a long journey:
20 He hath taken a bag of money with him; 
He will come home at the full moon.

21 With her much fair speech she causeth him to yield; 
With the flattering of her lips she forceth him along.
22 He goeth after her straightway 
As an ox goeth to the slaughter,
Or as one fetters to the correction of the fool;
23 Till an arrow strike through his liver; 
As a bird hasteth to the snare,
And knoweth not that it is for his soul.
24 Now therefore, my sons, hearken unto me, 
And attend to the words of my mouth.
25 Let not thy heart decline to her ways; 
Go not astray in her paths.
26 For she hath cast down many wounded: 
Yes, all her slain are a mighty host.
27 Her house is the way to Sheol, 
Going down to the chambers of death.

8 Doth not wisdom cry, 
And understanding put forth her voice?
2 On the top of high places by the way, 
Where the paths meet, she standeth;
3 Beside the gates, at the entry of the city, 
At the coming in at the doors, she crieth aloud:
4 Unto you, O men, I call; 
And my voice is to the sons of men.
5 O ye simple, understand prudence; 
And, ye fools, be of an understanding heart.
6 Hear, for I will speak excellent things; 
And the opening of my lips shall be right things.
7 For my mouth shall utter 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 that understandeth, 
And right to them that 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 unto it.
12 I wisdom have made prudence my dwelling, 
And find out knowledge and discretion.
13 The awe of Jehovah is to hate evil: 
Pride, and arrogancy, and the evil way, 
And the perverse mouth, do I hate.
14 Counsel is mine, and sound knowledge: 
I am understanding; I have might.
15 By me kings reign, 
And princes decree justice.

66 Hb. heart:
67 Or, familiar friend:
68 Hb. maketh her words smooth.
69 Hb. pupil (of the eye)
70 Or, close guarded
71 Or, turbulent
72 Hb. She hardened her face, and said unto him:
73 Or, were due from me;
74 Or, cushions
75 Or, sprinkled
76 Hb. suddenly
77 RV comments, The Hebrew is obscure.
78 Or, righteousness;
79 Or, knowledge of witty inventions.
Proverbs 9

16 By me \(^{81}\) princes rule, And nobles, \(^{82}\) all the \(^{83}\) judges of the earth.  
17 I love them that love me; And those that seek me \(^{84}\) diligently shall find me.  
18 Riches and honor \(^{85}\) are with me; Yes, \(^{86}\) my \(^{87}\) wealth and righteousness.  
19 My fruit is better than gold, yes, than fine gold; And my \(^{88}\) revenue \(^{89}\) than choice silver.  
20 I walk in the way of righteousness, In the midst of the paths of justice;  
21 That I may cause those that love me to inherit substance, And that I may fill their treasuries.  
22 Jehovah \(^{90}\) prepared me \(^{91}\) as the beginning of his way, The first of his works of old.  
23 I was set up from everlasting, from the beginning, Before the earth was.  
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 fields, Nor the \(^{92}\) beginning of the dust of the world.  
27 When he \(^{93}\) established the heavens, I was there: When he set a circle upon the face of the deep,  
28 When he made firm the skies above, When the fountains of the deep became strong,  
29 When he gave to the sea \(^{94}\) its bound, That the waters should not transgress his commandment, When he \(^{95}\) marked out the foundations of the earth;  
30 Then I was by him, as a master workman; And I \(^{96}\) was daily his delight.  
31 Rejoicing always before him, And my delight \(^{97}\) was with the sons of men.  
32 Now therefore, \(^{98}\) my sons, hearken unto me; For blessed are they \(^{99}\) that keep my ways.  
33 Hear instruction, and be wise, And refuse it not.  
34 Blessed is \(^{100}\) the man that heareth me, Watching daily at my gates, Waiting at the posts of my doors.  
35 For whoso findeth me findeth life, And shall \(^{101}\) obtain favor of Jehovah.  
36 But \(^{102}\) he that sinneth against me wrongeth his own soul: All they that hate me love death.  

9 Wisdom hath builded her house; She hath hewn out her seven pillars:  
2 She hath killed her beasts; she hath mingled her wine; She hath also furnished her table:  
3 She hath sent forth her maidens; She crieth upon the highest places of the city:  
4 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither: As for him that is void of understanding, she saith to him,  
5 Come, eat ye of my bread, And drink of the wine \(^{103}\) which I have mingled.  
6 \(^{104}\) Leave off, ye simple ones, and live; And walk in the way of understanding.  
7 He that correcteth a scoffer getteth to himself reviling; And he that reproveth a wicked man getteth himself a blot.  
8 Reprove not a scoffer, lest he hate thee: Reprove a wise man, and he will love thee.  
9 Give instruction \(^{105}\) to a wise \(^{106}\) man, and he will be yet wiser: Teach a righteous \(^{107}\) man, and he will increase in learning.  
10 The awe of Jehovah is the beginning of wisdom; And the knowledge of the Holy Ones is understanding.  
11 For by me thy days shall be multiplied, And the years of thy life shall be increased.  
12 If thou art wise, thou art wise for thyself; And if thou scoffest, thou alone shalt bear it.  
13 The foolish woman is \(^{108}\) clamorous; She \(^{109}\) is \(^{110}\) simple, and knoweth nothing.  
14 And she sitteth at the door of her house, On a seat in the high places of the city,  
15 To call to them that pass by, Who go right on their ways:  
16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither; And as for him that is void of understanding, she saith to him,  
17 Stolen waters are sweet, And bread eaten in secret is pleasant.  
18 But he knoweth not that \(^{111}\) the dead are there; That her guests are in the depths of Sheol.  

10 The proverbs of Solomon.  
A wise son maketh a glad father; But a foolish son \(^{112}\) is the heaviness of his mother.  
2 Treasures of wickedness profit nothing; But righteousness delivereth from death.  
3 Jehovah will not suffer the soul of the righteous to famish; But he thrusteth away the desire of the wicked.

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80 Or, effectual working:  
81 Or, rulers:  
82 Some mss., Aram., Vg. read righteous judges.  
83 Or, early:  
84 Or, ancient:  
85 Or, increase:  
86 Or, possessed me in the beginning of his way, Before his works of old. or, bought me etc. Sept., Aram., Targ. read created me etc.  
87 Or, sum:  
88 Or, prepared the heavens:  
89 Or, his decree:  
90 Or, appointed the foundations of the earth:  
91 Or, had delight continually:  
92 Or, Sporting. Also in vs. 31.  
93 Hb. draw forth favor:  
94 Or, he that misseth me wrongeth his own soul:  
95 Or, Forsake the simple, and live;  
96 Or, Folly is clamorous:  
97 Hb. simplicity:  
98 Or, the shades. Hb. Rephaim.
4 He cometh poor that worketh with a slack hand; But the hand of the diligent maketh rich.
5 He that gathereth in summer is a wise son; 
But he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that causeth shame.
6 Blessings are upon the head of the righteous; 
But violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
7 The memory of the righteous is blessed; 
But the name of the wicked shall rot.
8 The wise in heart will receive commandments; 
But a prating fool shall fall.
9 He that walketh uprightly walketh surely; 
But he that perverteth his ways shall be known.
10 He that winketh with the eye causeth sorrow; 
But a prating fool shall fall.
11 The mouth of the righteous is a fountain of life; 
But violence covereth the mouth of the wicked.
12 Hatred stirreth up strifes; 
But love covereth all transgressions.
13 In the lips of him that hath discernment wisdom is found; 
But a rod is for the back of him that is void of understanding.
14 Wise men lay up knowledge; 
But the mouth of the fool is a present destruction.
15 The rich man's wealth is his strong city; 
The destruction of the poor is their poverty.
16 The labor of the righteous tendeth to life; 
The increase of the wicked to sin.
17 He is in the way of life that heedeth correction; 
But he that forsaketh reproof errreth.
18 He that hideth hatred is of lying lips; 
And he that uttereth a slander is a fool.
19 In the multitude of words there wanteth not transgression; 
But he that refraineth his lips doeth wisely.
20 The tongue of the righteous is as choice silver; 
The heart of the wicked is little worth.
21 The lips of the righteous feed many; 
But the fool die for lack of understanding.
22 The blessing of Jehovah, it maketh rich; 
And he addeth no sorrow therewith.
23 It is as sport to a fool to do wickedness; 
And so is wisdom to a man of understanding.
24 The fear of the wicked, it shall come upon him; 
And the desire of the righteous shall be granted.
25 When the whirlwind passeth, the wicked is 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 them that send him.
27 The awe of Jehovah prolongeth 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 Jehovah is a stronghold to the upright; 
But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.
30 The righteous shall never be removed; 
But the wicked shall not dwell in the land.
31 The mouth of the righteous bringeth forth wisdom; 
But the perverse tongue shall be cut off.
32 The lips of the righteous know what is acceptable; 
But the mouth of the wicked speaketh perverseness.

11 A false balance is an abomination to Jehovah; 
But a just weight is his delight.
2 When pride cometh, then cometh shame; 
But with the lowly is wisdom.
3 The integrity of the upright shall guide them; 
But the perverseness of the treacherous shall destroy them.
4 Riches profit not in the day of wrath; 
But righteousness delivereth from death.
5 The righteousness of the perfect shall direct his way; 
But the wicked fall by his own wickedness.
6 The righteousness of the upright shall deliver them; 
But the treacherous shall be taken in their own iniquity.
7 When a wicked man dieth, his expectation shall perish; 
And the hope of iniquity perisheth.
8 The righteous is delivered out of trouble, 
And the wicked cometh in his stead.
9 With his mouth the godless man destroyeth his neighbor; 
But through knowledge shall he be delivered.
10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the city rejoiceth; 
And when the wicked perish, there is shouting.
11 By the blessing of the upright the city is exalted; 
But it is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked.
12 He that despiseth his neighbor is void of wisdom; 
But a man of understanding holdeth his peace.

99 Or, a son that doeth wisely;
100 Or, that doeth shamefully.
101 Or, the mouth of the wicked covereth violence.
102 Hb. the foolish of lips Also in vs. 10.
103 Or, shall be overthrown. or, shall be laid low.
104 Or, shall be overthrown. or, shall be laid low.
105 Or, the mouth of the wicked covereth violence.
106 Hb. heart.
107 Or, is a way of life
108 Or, instruction;
109 Or, causeth to err.
110 Or, is wise.
111 Hb. heart.
112 Or, toil addeth nothing thereto.
113 Or, But a man of understanding hath wisdom.
114 Or, As the whirlwind passeth, so is the wicked no more;
115 Hb. addeth days;
116 Or, destruction shall be to the workers of iniquity.
117 Or, earth.
118 Or, buddeth with wisdom;
119 Or, is
120 Or, make straight his way; or, make plain his way;
121 Or, strong men
122 Hb. heart;
Proverbs 12

13 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets; But he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth a matter.
14 Where no wise guidance is, the people falleth; But in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.
15 He that is surety for a stranger shall smart for it; But he that hateth suretyship is secure.
16 A gracious woman obtaineth honor; And violent men obtain riches.
17 The merciful man doeth good to his own soul; But he that is cruel troubleth his own flesh.
18 The wicked earneth deceitful wages; But he that soweth righteousness hath a sure reward.
19 He that is stedfast in righteousness shall attain unto life; And he that pursueth evil doeth it to his own death.
20 They that are perverse in heart are an abomination to Jehovah; But such as are perfect in their way are his delight.
21 Though hand join to hand, the evil man shall not be unpunished; But the seed of the righteous shall be delivered.
22 As a ring of gold in a swine’s snout, So is a fair woman that is without discretion.
23 The desire of the righteous is only good; But the expectation of the wicked is wrath.
24 There is that scattereth, and increaseth yet more; And there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth only to want.
25 The liberal soul shall be made fat; And he that watereth shall be watered also himself.
26 He that withholdeth grain, the people shall curse him; But blessing shall be upon the head of him that selleth it.
27 He that diligently seeketh good seeketh favor; But he that searcheth after evil, it shall come unto him.
28 He that trusteth in his riches shall fall; But the righteous shall flourish as the green leaf.
29 He that troubleth his own house shall inherit the wind; And the foolish shall be servant to the wise of heart.
30 The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; And he that is wise wintheth souls.
31 Behold, the righteous shall be recompensed in the earth: How much more the wicked and the sinner!

12 Whoso loveth correction loveth knowledge; But he that hateth reproof is brutish.

2 A good man shall obtain favor of Jehovah; 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 worthy woman is the crown of her husband; But she that maketh ashamed is as rottenness in his bones.
5 The thoughts of the righteous are just; But the counsels of the wicked are deceit.
6 The words of the wicked are of lying in wait for blood; But the mouth of the upright shall deliver them.
7 The wicked are overthrown, and are not; But the house of the righteous shall stand.
8 A man shall be commended according to his wisdom; But he that is of a perverse heart shall be despised.
9 Better is he that is lightly esteemed, and hath a servant, Than he that honoreth himself, and lacketh bread.
10 A righteous man regardeth the soul of his beast; But the tender mercies of the wicked are cruel.
11 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread; But he that followeth after vain persons is void of understanding.
12 The wicked desireth the net of evil men; But the root of the righteous yieldeth fruit.
13 In the transgression of the lips is a snare to the evil man; But the righteous shall come out of trouble.
14 A man shall be satisfied with good by the fruit of his mouth; And the doings of a man’s hands shall be rendered unto him.
15 The way of a fool is right in his own eyes; But he that is wise hearkeneth unto counsel.
16 A fool’s vexation is presently known; But a prudent man concealeth shame.
17 He that uttereth truth showeth forth righteousness; But a false witness, deceit.
18 There is he that speaketh rashly like the piercings 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 them that devise evil; But to the counsellors of peace is joy.
21 There shall no mischief happen to the righteous; But the wicked shall be filled with evil.
22 Lying lips are an abomination to Jehovah; But they that deal truly are his delight.
23 A prudent man concealeth knowledge; But the heart of fools proclaimeth foolishness.
24 The hand of the diligent shall bear rule; But the slothful shall be put under taskwork.

123 Hb. shall be sore broken;
124 Hb. those that strike hands is secure.
125 Sept., Aram. read But a woman that hateth righteousness is a seat of disgrace. Slothful men do lack substance, But they that are diligent obtain riches.
126 Or. So righteousness tendeth to life, And he etc.
127 Or. My hand upon it! Hb. Hand to hand,
128 Hb. turneth aside from discretion.
129 Or. arrogance.
130 Or. what is justly due,
131 Or. are a lying in wait for blood;
132 Or. Overthrow the wicked, and they are not;
133 Sept., Aram., Vg. read laboreth for himself,
134 Or. vain things
135 Or. the prey of evil men;
136 Or. an evil snare.
137 Or. openly Hb. in the day
138 Hb. breatheth out truth
139 Hb. slothfulness And so in vs. 27.
140 Or. Care
25 Heaviness in the heart of a man maketh it stoop; But a good word maketh it glad.
26 The righteous is a guide to his neighbor; But the way of the wicked causeth them to err.
27 The slothful man roasteth not that which he took in hunting; But the precious substance of men is to the diligent.
28 In the way of righteousness is life; And in the pathway thereof there is no death.

13 A wise son heareth his father’s instruction; But a scoffer heareth not rebuke.
2 A man shall eat good by the fruit of his mouth; But the soul of the treacherous shall eat violence.
3 He that guardeth his mouth keepeth his soul; But he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction.
4 The soul of the sluggard desireth, and hath nothing; But the soul of the diligent shall be made fat.
5 A righteous man hateth lying; But a wicked man hateth uprightness.
6 Righteousness guardeth the man of uprightness; But wickedness overthroweth the sinner.
7 There is that maketh himself rich, yet hath nothing; There is that maketh himself poor, yet hath great wealth.
8 The payment of a man’s soul is his riches; But the poor heareth no threatening.
9 The light of the righteous rejoiceth; But the lamp of the wicked shall be put out.
10 By pride cometh only contention; But with the well-advised is wisdom.
11 Wealth gotten by vanity shall be diminished; But he that gathereth by labor shall have increase.
12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick; But when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life.
13 Whoso despiseth the word bringeth destruction on himself; But he that feareth the commandment shall be rewarded.
14 The law of the wise is a fountain of life, That one may depart from the snares of death.
15 Good understanding giveth favor; But the way of the transgressor is hard.
16 Every prudent man worketh with knowledge; But a fool flaueth his folly.

17 A wicked messenger falleth into evil; But a faithful ambassador is health.
18 Poverty and shame shall be to him that refuseth correction; But he that regardeth reproof shall be honored.
19 The desire accomplished is sweet to the soul; But it is an abomination to fools to depart from evil.
20 Walk with wise men, and thou shalt be wise; But the companion of fools shall be for it.
21 Evil pursueth sinners; But the righteous shall be recompensed with good.
22 A good man leaveth an inheritance to his children’s children; And the wealth of the sinner is laid up for the righteous.
23 Much food is in the tillage of the poor; But there is that is destroyed by reason of injustice.
24 He that spareth his rod hateth his son; But he that loveth him chasteneth him betimes.
25 The righteous eateth to the satisfying of his soul; But the belly of the wicked shall want.

14 Every wise woman buildeth her house; But the foolish plucketh it down with her own hands.
2 He that walketh in his uprightness feareth Jehovah; But he that is perverse in his ways despiseth him.
3 In the mouth of the foolish is a rod for his pride; But the lips of the wise shall preserve them.
4 Where no oxen are, the crib is clean; But much increase is by the strength of the ox.
5 A faithful witness will not lie; But a false witness uttereth lies.
6 A scoffer seeketh wisdom, and findeth it not; But knowledge is easy unto him that hath understanding.
7 Go into the presence of a foolish man, And thou shalt not perceive in him the lips of knowledge.
8 The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way; But the foly of fools is deceit.
9 A trespass-offering mocketh fools; But among the upright there is good will.
10 The heart knoweth the bitterness of its soul; And a stranger doth not intermeddle with its joy.
11 The house of the wicked shall be overthrown; But the tent of the upright shall flourish.
Proverbs 15

12 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man; But the end thereof are the ways of death.
13 Even in laughter the heart is sorrowful; And the end of mirth is heaviness.
14 The backslider in heart shall be filled with his own ways; And a good man shall be satisfied from himself.
15 The simple believeth every word; But the prudent man looketh well to his going.
16 A wise man feareth, and departeth from evil; But the fool beareth himself insolently, and is confident.
17 He that is soon angry will deal 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 down before the good; And the wicked, at the gates of the righteous.
20 The poor is hated even of his own neighbor; But the rich hath many friends.
21 He that despiseth his neighbor sinneth; But he that hath pity on the poor, happy is he.
22 Do they not err that devise evil? But mercy and truth shall be to them that devise good.
23 In all labor there is profit; But the talk of the lips tendeth only to penury.
24 The crown of the wise is their riches; But the folly of fools is only folly.
25 A true witness delivereth souls; But he that uttereth lies causeth deceit.
26 In the awe of Jehovah is strong confidence; And his children shall have a place of refuge.
27 The awe of Jehovah is a fountain of life, That one may depart from the snares of death.
28 In the multitude of people is the king's glory; But in the want of people is the destruction of the prince.
29 He that is slow to anger is of great understanding; But he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly.
30 A tranquil heart is the life of the flesh; But envy is the rottenness of the bones.
31 He that oppresseth the poor reproacheth his Maker; But he that hath mercy on the needy honoreth him.
32 The wicked is thrust down in his evil-doing; But the righteous hath a refuge in his death.
33 Wisdom resteth in the heart of him that hath understanding;
34 Righteousness exalteth a nation; But sin is a reproach to any people.
35 The king's favor is toward a servant that dealeth wisely; But his wrath will be against him that causeth shame.

15 A soft answer turneth away wrath; But a grievous word stirreth up anger.
2 The tongue of the wise uttereth knowledge aright; But the mouth of fools poureth out folly.
3 The eyes of Jehovah are in every place, Keeping watch upon the evil and the good.
4 A gentle tongue is a tree of life; But perverseness therein is a breaking of the spirit.
5 A fool despiseth his father's correction; But he that regardeth reproofgetteth prudence.
6 In the house of the righteous is much treasure; But in the revenues of the wicked is trouble.
7 The lips of the wise disperse knowledge; But the heart of the foolish doeth not so.
8 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah; But the prayer of the upright is his delight.
9 The way of the wicked is an abomination to Jehovah; But he loveth him that followeth after righteousness.
10 There is grievous correction for him that forsaketh the way; And he that hateth reproof shall die.
11 Sheol and destruction are before Jehovah: How much more then the hearts of the children of men!
12 A scoffer loveth not to be reproved; He will not go unto the wise.
13 A glad heart maketh a cheerful countenance; But by sorrow of heart the spirit is broken.
14 The heart of him that hath understanding seeketh knowledge; But the mouth of fools feedeth on folly.
15 All the days of the afflicted are evil; But he that is of a cheerful heart hath a continual feast.
16 Better is a little, with the awe of Jehovah, Than great treasure and trouble therewith.
17 Better is a dinner of herbs, where love is, Than a stalled ox and hatred therewith.
18 A wrathful man stirreth up contention; But he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife.
19 The way of the sluggard is as a hedge of thorns; But the path of the upright is made a highway.
20 A wise son maketh a glad father; But a foolish man despiseth his mother.
21 Folly is joy to him that is void of wisdom; But a man of understanding maketh straight his going.

165 Or, is straight before a man;
166 Or, Their riches is a crown unto the wise;
167 Hb. breatheth out lies
168 Or, the children of him that hath it shall have etc.
169 Or, carrieth away folly.
170 Or, jealousy
171 Or, calamity;
172 So Masoretic, 4QProv Vg. (Aram.) read in their piety (or, integrity).
173 Or, And in the midst of fools it maketh itself known.
174 Lit. is a thing needing mercy to peoples. 4QProv Sept., Vg. (Aram.) read diminishes peoples.
175 Or, doeth shamefully.
176 Hb. The healing of the tongue is a tree of life;
177 Or, instruction;
178 Or, dealeth prudently.
179 Or, is not stedfast. or, is not right.
180 Or, Destruction
22 Where there is no counsel, purposes are disappointed; But in the multitude of counsellors they are established.
23 A man hath joy in the answer of his mouth; And a word in due season, how good is it!
24 To the wise the way of life goeth upward, That he may depart from Sheol beneath.
25 Jehovah will root up the house of the proud; But he will establish the border of the widow.
26 Evil devices are an abomination to Jehovah; But pleasant words are pure.
27 He that is greedy of gain troubleth his own house; But he that hateth bribes shall live.
28 The heart of the righteous studieth to answer; But the mouth of the wicked poureth out evil things.
29 Jehovah is far from the wicked; But he heareth the prayer of the righteous.
30 The light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart; And good tidings make the bones fat.
31 The ear that hearkeneth to the reproof of life Shall abide among the wise.
32 He that refuseth correction despiseth his own soul; But he that hearkeneth to reproof getteth understanding.
33 The awe of Jehovah is the instruction of wisdom; And before honor goeth humility.

16 The plans of the heart belong to man; But the answer of the tongue is from Jehovah.
2 All the ways of a man are clean in his own eyes; But Jehovah weigheth the spirits.
3 Commit thy works unto Jehovah, And thy purposes shall be established.
4 Jehovah hath made every thing for its own end; Yes, even the wicked for the day of evil.
5 Every one that is proud in heart is an abomination to Jehovah; Though hand join to hand, he shall not be unpunished.
6 By mercy and truth iniquity is atoned for; And by the awe of Jehovah men depart from evil.
7 When a man’s ways please Jehovah, He maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.
8 Better is a little, with righteousness, Than great revenues with injustice.
9 A man’s heart deviseth his way; But Jehovah directeth his steps.
10 A divine sentence is in the lips of the king; His mouth shall not transgress in judgment.

11 A just balance and scales are Jehovah’s;
All the weights of 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 that speaketh right.
14 The wrath of a king is as 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 as a cloud of the latter rain.
16 How much better is it to get wisdom than gold! Yes, to get understanding is rather to be chosen than silver.
17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil; He that keepeth his way preserveth his soul.
18 Pride goeth before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall.
19 Better it is to be of a lowly spirit with the poor, Than to divide the spoil with the proud.
20 He that giveth heed unto the word shall find good; And whoso trusteth in Jehovah, happy is he.
21 The wise in heart shall be called prudent; And the sweetness of the lips increaseth learning.
22 Understanding is a well-spring of life unto him that hath it; But the correction of fools is folly.
23 The heart of the wise instructeth his mouth, And addeth learning to his lips.
24 Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, Sweet to the soul, and health to the bones.
25 There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, But the end thereof are the ways of death.
26 The appetite of the laboring man laboreth for him; For his mouth urgeth him thereto.
27 A man of worthlessness deviseth mischief; And in his lips there is as a scorching fire.
28 A perverse man scattereth abroad strife; And a whisperer separateth chief friends.
29 A man of violence enticeth his neighbor, And leadeth him in a way that is not good.
30 He that shuttest his eyes, it is to devise perverse things; He that compriseth his lips bringeth evil to pass.
31 The hoary head is a crown of glory; If it be found in the way of righteousness.
32 He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; And he that ruleth his spirit, than he that taketh a city.
33 The lot is cast into the lap; But the whole disposing thereof is of Jehovah.

181 Or, portion
182 Or, the pure speak pleasant words.
183 Or, instruction
184 Or, the final decree is from Jehovah. per Rotherham
185 Hb. Roll
186 Or, his own purpose;
187 Hb. hand to hand See note on ch. 11:21.
188 Hb. Divination is in the lips of the king;
189 Or, meek,
190 Or, handleth a matter wisely shall find good;
191 Or, is straight before a man,
192 Or, alienateth his friend.
193 Or, He that shutteth his eyes to devise perverse things, That compriseth his lips, bringeth evil etc.
194 Or, beauty;
195 Or, It shall be found in the way of righteousness.
Proverbs 17

17 Better is a dry morsel, and quietness therewith, Than a house full of feasting with strife.
2 A servant that dealeth wisely shall have rule over a son that causeth shame, And shall have part in the inheritance among the brethren.
3 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; But Jehovah trieth the hearts.
4 An evil-doer giveth heed to wicked lips; And a lier giveth a deceitful tongue.
5 Whoso mocketh the poor reproacheth his Maker; And he that is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.
6 Children's children are the crown of old men; And the glory of children are their fathers.
7 Excellent speech becometh not a fool; Much less do lying lips a prince.
8 The bribe is as a precious stone in the eyes of him that hath it; Whithersoever it turneth, it causeth shame.
9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; And he that is glad at calamity shall not be unpunished.
10 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: Therefore leave off contention, before there is quarrelling.
11 An evil man seeketh only rebellion; Therefore a cruel messenger shall be sent against him.
12 Let a bear robbed of her whelps meet a man, Rather than a fool in his folly.
13 Whoso rewardeth evil for good, Evil shall not depart from his house.
14 The beginning of strife is as when one letteth out water: Therefore leave off contention, before there is quarrelling.
15 He that justifieth the wicked, and he that condemneth the righteous, Both of them alike are an abomination to Jehovah.
16 Wherefore is there a price in the hand of a fool to buy wisdom, Seeing he hath no understanding?
17 A friend loveth at all times; And a brother is born for adversity.
18 A man void of understanding striveth hands, And becometh surety in the presence of his neighbor.
19 He loveth transgression that loveth strife: He that raiseth his gate seeketh destruction.
20 He that hath a wayward heart findeth no good; And he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief.
21 He that begetteth a fool doeth it to his sorrow; And the father of a fool hath no joy.

196 Hb. the sacrifices of strife.
197 Or, doeth shamefully,
198 Hb. falsehood giveth ear
199 Or, Arrogant
200 Or, gift (especially to escape punishment)
201 Or, he
202 Or, dealeth wisely.
203 Or, A rebellious man (Hb. Rebellion) seeketh only evil;
204 Hb. heart
205 Or, is born as a brother for adversity.
206 Or, He that loveth transgression loveth strife:

22 A cheerful heart is a good medicine; But a broken spirit dieth up the bones.
23 A wicked man receiveth a bribe out of the bosom, To pervert the ways of justice.
24 Wisdom is before the face of him that hath 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 that bare him.
26 Also to punish the righteous is not good, Nor to smite the noble for their uprightness.
27 He that spareth his words hath knowledge; And he that is of a cool spirit is a man of understanding.
28 Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise; When he shutteth his lips, he is esteemed as prudent.

18 He that separate himself seeketh his own desire, And rageth against all sound wisdom.
2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, But only that his heart may reveal itself.
3 When the wicked cometh, there cometh also contempt, And with ignominy cometh reproach.
4 The words of a man's mouth are as deep waters; The wellspring of wisdom is as a flowing brook.
5 To respect the person of the wicked is not good, Nor to turn aside the righteous in judgment.
6 A fool's lips enter into contention, And his mouth calleth for stripes.
7 A fool's mouth is his destruction, And his lips are the snare of his soul.
8 The words of a whisper are as dainty morsels, And they go down into the innermost parts.
9 He also that is slack in his work Is brother to him that is a destroyer.
10 The name of Jehovah is a strong tower; The righteous runneth into it, and is safe.
11 The rich man's wealth is his strong city, And as a high wall in his own imagination.
12 Before destruction the heart of man is haughty; And before honor goeth humility.
13 He that giveth answer before he heareth, It is folly and shame unto him.
14 The spirit of a man will sustain his infirmity; But a broken spirit who can bear?
The heart of the prudent getteth knowledge;
And the ear of the wise seeketh knowledge.
A man’s gift maketh room for him, And bringeth him before great men.
He that pleadeth his cause first seemeth just;
But his neighbor cometh and searcheth him out.
The lot causeth contentions to cease, And parteth between the mighty.
A brother offended is harder to be won than a strong city; And such contentions are like the bars of a castle.
A man’s belly shall be filled with the fruit of his mouth; With the increase of his lips shall he be satisfied.
Death and life are in the power of the tongue; And they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof.
Whoso findeth a wife findeth a good thing, And obtaineth favor of Jehovah.
The poor useth entreaties; But the rich answereth roughly.
He that maketh many friends doeth it to his own destruction; But there is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.

Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity Than he that is perverse in his lips and is a fool.
Also, that the soul be without knowledge is not good; And he that hasteth with his feet is sinned.
The foolishness of man subverteth his way; And his heart fretteth against Jehovah.
Wealth addeth many friends; But the poor is separated from his friend.
A false witness shall not be unpunished; And he that uttereth lies shall not escape.
Many will entreat the favor of the liberal man; And every man is a friend to him that giveth gifts.
All the brethren of the poor do hate him: How much more do his friends go far from him!
He pursueth them with words, but they are gone.
He that getteth wisdom loveth his own soul: He that keepeth understanding shall find good.
A false witness shall not be unpunished; And he that uttereth lies shall perish.
Delicate living is not seemly for a fool; Much less for a servant to have rule over princes.
The discretion of a man maketh him slow to anger; And it is his glory to pass over a transgression.
The king’s wrath is as the roaring of a lion; But his favor is as dew upon the grass.

Wine is a mocker, strong drink a brawler; And whosoever erreth thereby is not wise.
The terror of a king is as the roaring of a lion: He that provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul.
It is an honor for a man to keep aloof from strife; But every fool will be quarrelling.
The sluggard will not plow by reason of the winter; Therefore he shall beg in harvest, and have nothing.

Or, injured
Hb. A man of friends
Hb. lover
Or, desire without knowledge is not good;
Or, misseth his way.
Or, the friend of the poor separateth himself from him
Hb. breatheth out lies Also in vs. 9.
Or, a prince;
Or, He pursueth after words, which are nought.

Hb. heart.
Hb. despiseth his ways
Hb. causing him to die.
Or, correction,
Or, reeleth
Or, angereth himself against him sinneth etc.
Or, life. or, being.
Or, cease from strife;
Or, Therefore when he seeketh in harvest, there shall be nothing.
Proverbs 21

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 kindness;
But a faithful man who can find?

7 A righteous man that walketh in his integrity,
Blessed are his children after him.

8 A king that sitteth on the throne of judgment
Scattereth away all evil with his eyes.

9 Who can say, I have made my heart clean,
I am pure from my sin?

10 Diverse weights, and diverse measures,
Both of them alike are an abomination to Jehovah.

11 Even a child maketh himself known by his doings,
Whether his work be pure, and whether it be right.

12 The hearing ear, and the seeing eye,
Jehovah hath made even both of them.

13 Love not sleep, lest thou come to poverty;
Open thine eyes, and thou shalt be satisfied with bread.

14 It is bad, it is bad, saith the buyer;
But when he is gone his way, then he boasteth.

15 There is gold, and abundance of rubies;
But the lips of knowledge are a precious jewel.

16 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger;
And 239 hold him in pledge that is surety for 239 foreigners.

17 Bread of falsehood is sweet to a man;
But afterwards his mouth shall be filled with gravel.

18 Every purpose is established by counsel;
And by wise guidance make thou war.

19 He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets;
Therefore company not with him that openeth wide his lips.

20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother,
His lamp shall be put out in blackness of darkness.

21 And after vows to make inquiry.
How then can man understand his way?

22 Say not thou, I will recompense evil:
Wait for Jehovah, and he will save thee.

23 Diverse weights are an abomination to Jehovah;
And a false balance is not good.

24 A man’s goings are of Jehovah;
How then can man understand his way?

25 It is a snare to a man rashly to say, It is holy,
And after vows to make inquiry.

26 A wise king winnoweth the wicked,
And bringeth the threshing-wheel over them.

27 The spirit of man is the lamp of Jehovah,
Searching all his innermost parts.

28 Kindness and truth preserve the king;
And 243 his throne is upholden by kindness.

29 The glory of young men is their strength;
And the beauty of old men is the hoary head.

30 stripes that wound cleanse away evil;
And strokes reach the innermost parts.

21 The king’s heart is in the hand of Jehovah as the watercourses: He turneth it whithersoever he will.

2 Every way of a man is right in his own eyes;
But Jehovah weigheth the hearts.

3 To do righteousness and justice
Is more acceptable to Jehovah than sacrifice.

4 A high look, and a proud heart,
Even the lamp of the wicked, is sin.

5 The thoughts of the diligent tend only to plenteousness;
But every one that is hasty hasteth only to want.

6 The getting of treasures by a lying tongue
Is a vapor driven to and fro by them that seek death.

7 The violence of the wicked shall sweep them away,
Because they refuse to do justice.

8 The way of him that is laden with guilt is exceeding crooked;
But as for the pure, his work is right.

9 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop,
Than with a contentious woman in 246 a wide house.

10 The soul of the wicked desireth evil:
His neighbor findeth no favor in his eyes.

11 When the scoffer is punished, the simple is made wise;
And 247 when the wise is instructed, he receiveth knowledge.

12 248 The righteous man considereth the house of the wicked,
How the wicked are overthrown to their ruin.

13 Whoso stoppeth his ears at the cry of the poor,
He also shall cry, but shall not be heard.

14 A gift in secret 249 pacifieth anger;
And a present in the bosom, strong wrath.

15 It is joy to the righteous to do justice;
But it is a destruction to the workers of iniquity.

16 The man that wandereth out of the way of understanding,
Shall rest in the assembly of 251 the dead.

17 He that loveth pleasure shall be a poor man:
He that loveth wine and oil shall not be rich.

18 The wicked is a payment for the righteous;
And the treacherous cometh in the stead of the upright.

19 It is better to dwell in a desert land,
Than with a contentious and fretful woman.

20 There is precious treasure and oil in the dwelling of the wise;
But a foolish man swalloweth it up.

235 Or, Many a man will meet one that is kind to him;
236 Or, Winnoweth all evil with his eyes.
237 Hb. A stone and a stone, an ephah and an ephah,
238 Or, take a pledge of him that is surety
239 Hb mg reads a foreign woman.
240 Hb. A stone and a stone are an abomination etc.
241 Hb. a balance of deceit is not good. or … no good.
242 Or, rashly to utter holy words, or, to devour that which is holy.
243 Or, he upholdeth his throne by kindness.
244 Or, and the tillage of the wicked is sin.
245 Or, straight.
246 Or, a house in common. Hb. a house of society.
247 Or, when one considereth the wise,
248 Or, One that is righteous considereth … the wicked, He overthroweth the wicked to their ruin.
249 Hb. bendeth
250 Or, But destruction shall be to etc.
21 He that followeth after righteousness and kindness findeth life, righteousness, and honor.
22 A wise man scalpeth the city of the mighty, and bringeth down the strength of the confidence thereof.
23 Whoso keepeth his mouth and his tongue keepeth his soul from troubles.
24 The proud and haughty man, scoffeth his name; he worketh in the arrogance of pride.
25 The desire of the sluggard killeth him; for his hands refuse to labor.
26 There is that coveteth greedily all the day long; but the righteous giveth and withholdeth not.
27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it with a wicked mind!
28 A false witness shall perish; but the man that heareth shall speak so as to endure.
29 A wicked man hardeneth his face; but as for the upright, he establisheth his ways.
30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor counsel against Jehovah.
31 The horse is prepared against the day of battle; but the victory is of Jehovah.

22 A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favor rather than silver and gold.
2 The rich and the poor meet together; Jehovah is the maker of them all.
3 A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and suffer for it.
4 The reward of humility and the awe of Jehovah is riches, and honor, and life.
5 Thorns and snares are in the way of the perverse: he that keepeth his soul shall be far from them.
6 Train up a child in the way of the perverse: and even when he is old he will not depart from it.
7 The rich ruleth over the poor; and the borrower is servant to the lender.
8 He that soweth iniquity shall reap calamity; and the rod of his wrath shall fail.
9 He that hath a bountiful eye shall be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor.
10 Cast out the scoffer, and contention will go out; yes, strife and indignity will cease.
11 He that loveth purity of heart, for the grace of his lips the king will be his friend.

12 The eyes of Jehovah preserve him that hath knowledge; but he overthroweth the words of the treacherous man.
13 The sluggard saith, There is a lion without; I shall be lain in the streets.
14 The mouth of strange women is a deep pit; he that is abhorred of Jehovah shall fall therein.
15 Foolishness is bound up in the heart of a child; but the rod of correction shall drive it far from him.
16 He that oppresseth the poor to increase his gain, and he that giveth to the rich, shall come only to want.
17 Incline thine ear, and hear the words of the wise, and apply thy heart unto my knowledge.
18 For it is a pleasant thing if thou keep them within thee, if they be established together upon thy lips.
19 That thy trust may be in Jehovah, I have made them known to thee this day, even to thee.
20 Have not I written unto thee excellent things of counsels and knowledge.
21 To make thee know, the certainty of the words of truth, that thou mayest carry back words of truth to them that send thee?
22 Rob not the poor, because he is poor; neither oppress the afflicted in the gate:
23 For Jehovah will plead their cause, and despise of life those that despoil them.
24 Make no friendship with a man that is given to anger; and with a wrathful man thou shalt not go:
25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul.
26 Be thou not one of them that strike hands, or of them that are sureties for debts.
27 If thou hast not wherewith to pay, why should he take away thy bed from under thee?
28 Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.
29 Seest thou a man diligent in his business? he shall stand before kings; he shall not stand before mean men.

23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee;
27 And put a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man given to thy soul.
3 Be not desirous of his dainties; seeing they are deceitful food.

251 Or, the shades. Hb, Rephaim.
252 Or, a contentious woman and vexation.
253 Or, to atone for wickedness!
254 Hb reads he considereth his way.
255 Or, favor is better than silver and gold.
256 Hb. are mulcted.
257 Hb, according to his way.
258 Or, vanity;
259 Hb reads the pure of heart,
260 Or, Hath grace in his lips; or, That hath grace in his lips,
261 Or, against whom Jehovah hath indignation.
262 The word is doubtful. Hb reads heretofore
263 Or, In
264 Or, of a certainty the words of truth,
265 Or, for
266 Or, crush
267 That is, is in a legal court case:
268 That is, property marker, Similarly in vs. 10.
269 Or, skilful
270 Hb. obscure men.
271 Or, what is before thee;
272 Or, For thou wilt put a knife to thy throat,
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4 Weary not thyself to be rich; Cease from thine own wisdom.

5 Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings, Like an eagle that flieth toward heaven.

6 Eat thou not the bread of him that hath an evil eye, Neither desire thou his dainties:

7 As he thinketh within his soul, so is he: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; But his heart is not with thee.

8 The morsel which thou hast eaten shalt thou vomit up, And lose thy sweet words.

9 Speak not in the hearing of a fool; For he will despise the wisdom of thy words.

10 Remove not the ancient landmark; And enter not into the fields of the fatherless:

11 For their Ransomer is strong; He will plead their cause against thee.

12 Apply thy heart unto instruction, And thine ears to the words of knowledge.

13 Withhold not correction from the child; For if thou beat him with the rod, he will not die.

14 Thou shalt beat him with the rod, And shalt deliver his soul from Sheol.

15 My son, if thy heart be wise, My heart will be glad, even mine:

16 Yes, my heart will rejoice, When thy lips speak right things.

17 Let not thy heart envy sinners; But be thou in awe of Jehovah all the day long:

18 For surely there is a reward; And thy hope shall not be cut off.

19 Hear thou, my son, and be wise, And guide thy heart in the way.

20 Be not among winebibbers, Among glutinous eaters of flesh:

21 For the drunkard and the glutton shall come to poverty; And drowsiness will clothe a man with rags.

22 Hearken unto thy father that begat thee, And despise not thy mother when she is old.

23 Buy the truth, and sell it not; Yes, wisdom, and instruction, and understanding.

24 The father of the righteous will greatly rejoice; And he that begetteth a wise child will have joy of him.

25 Let thy father and thy mother be glad, And let her that bare thee rejoice.

26 My son, give me thy heart; And let thine eyes delight in my ways.

27 For a harlot is a deep ditch; And a foreign woman is a narrow pit.

28 Yes, she lieth in wait as a robber, And increaseth the treacherous among men.


30 They that tarry long at the wine; They that go to seek out mixed wine.

31 Look not thou upon wine when it is red, When it sparkleth in the cup, When it goeth down smoothly:

32 At the last it biteth like a serpent, And stingeth like an adder.

33 Thine eyes shall behold strange things, And thy heart shall utter perverse things.

34 Yes, thou shalt be as he that lieth down in the midst of the sea, Or as he that lieth upon the top of a mast.

35 They have stricken me, say I was not hurt; They have beaten me, and I felt it not: When shall I awake? I will seek it yet again.

24 Be not thou envious against evil men; Neither desire to be with them:

2 For their heart studieth oppression, And their lips talk of mischief.

3 Through wisdom is a house builded; And by understanding it is established;

4 And by knowledge are the chambers filled With all precious and pleasant riches.

5 A wise man is strong; Yes, a man of knowledge increaseth might.

6 For by wise guidance thou shalt make thy war; And in a multitude of counsellors there is safety.

7 Wisdom is too high for a fool: He openeth not his mouth in the gate.

8 He that deviseth to do evil, Men shall call him a mischief-maker.

9 The thought of foolishness is sin; And the scoffer is an abomination to men.

273 Or, by reason of thine own understanding.

274 Or, Wilt thou set thine eyes upon it? it is gone: Hb. Shall thine eyes fly upon it and it is not?

275 Or, as one that reckoneth within himself, Or, reconsiders.

276 Or, correction.

277 Or, though.

278 Hb. kidneys or reins.

279 Or, sequel; or, future; Hb. latter end;

280 Hb reads observe.

281 Or, as for a prey,
10 If thou faint in the day of adversity,  
Thy strength is small.  
11 Deliver them that are carried away unto death,  
And those that are ready to be slain, see that thou hold them back.  
12 If thou sayest, Behold, we knew not;  
Doth not he that weighth the hearts consider it?  
And he that keepeth thy soul, doth not he know it?  
And shall not he render to every man according to his work?  
13 My son, eat thou honey, for it is good;  
And the drippings of the honeycomb, which are sweet to thy taste:  
14 So shalt thou know wisdom to be unto thy soul;  
If thou hast found it, then shall there be a reward,  
And thy hope shall not be cut off.  
15 Lay not wait, O wicked man, against the habitation of the righteous;  
Destroy not his resting-place:  
16 For a righteous man falseth seven times, and riseth up again;  
But the wicked are overthrown by calamity.  
17 Rejoice not when thine enemy falleth,  
And let not thy heart be glad when he is overthrown;  
18 Lest Jehovah see it, and it displeaseth him,  
And he turn away his wrath from him.  
19 Fret not thyself because of evil-doers;  
Neither be thou envious at the wicked:  
20 For there shall be no reward to the evil man;  
The lamp of the wicked shall be put out.  
21 My son, fear thou Jehovah and his king;  
And company not with them that are given to change:  
22 For their calamity shall rise suddenly;  
And the destruction from them both, who knoweth it?  
23 These also are sayings of the wise.  
To have respect of persons in judgment is not good.  
24 He that saith unto the wicked, Thou art righteous;  
Peoples shall curse him, nations shall abhor him:  
25 But to them rebuke him shall be delight,  
And a good blessing shall come upon them.  
26 He kisseth the lips  
Who giveth a straight answer.  
27 Prepare thy work without,  
And make it ready for thee in the field;  
And afterwards build thy house.  
28 Be not a witness against thy neighbor without cause;  
And deceive not with thy lips.  
29 Say not, I will do so to him as he hath done to me;  
I will render to the man according to his work.  

297 Or, of their years,  
298 Or, shall kiss with the lips  
299 Hb. And wouldest thou deceive with thy lips?

300 Or, wild vetches,  
301 Hb. Glorify not thyself in the presence of the king,  
302 Or, Lest it be said in the end thereof, What wilt thou do? when thy neighbor etc.  
303 Or, But  
304 Or, in due season  
305 Or, a nose-ring  
306 Hb. in a gift of falsehood.  
307 Or, judge

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17 Let thy foot be seldom in thy neighbor's house, Lest he be weary of thee, and hate thee.
18 A man that beareth false witness against his neighbor Is 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 that taketh off a garment in cold weather, and as vinegar upon soda, So is he that singeth songs to a heavy heart.
21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he be thirsty, give him water to drink.
22 For thou wilt heap coals of fire upon his head, And Jehovah will reward thee.
23 The north wind bringeth forth rain: So doth a backbiting tongue an angry countenance.
24 It is better to dwell in the corner of the housetop, Than with a contentious woman in a wide house.
25 As cold waters to a thirsty soul, So is good news from a far country.
26 As a troubled fountain, and a corrupted spring, So is a righteous man that giveth way before the wicked.
27 It is not good to eat much honey: So for men to search out their own glory is grievous.
28 He whose spirit is without restraint Is like a city that is broken down and without walls.

As snow in summer, and as rain in harvest, So honor is not seemly for a fool.

2 As the sparrow in her wandering, as the swallow in her flying, So the curse that is causeless alighteth not.
3 A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, And a rod for the back of fools.
4 Answer not a fool according to his folly, Lest thou also be like unto him.
5 Answer a fool according to his folly, Lest he be wise in his own conceit.
6 He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool Cutteth off his feet, and drinketh in damage.
7 The legs of the lame hang loose: So is a parable in the mouth of fools.
8 As one that bindeth a stone in a sling, So is he that giveth honor to a fool.
9 As a thorn that goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, So is a parable in the mouth of fools.

Hb. full of thee.  Also in vs. 16.
Hb. If he that hateth thee be hungry.
Hb. weary soul.
Hb. a trampled fountain.
Or, moved before the wicked.
Or, But for men to search out their own glory is glory. ARV says The Hebrew text is obscure. Franz Delitzsch uses different pointing, But to search out hard things is an honor.
Or, He that hath no rule over his spirit Is like a city
Hb. cometh not.
For riches are not for ever;  
And doth the crown endure unto all generations?

25 The hay is carried, and the tender grass showeth itself, And the herbs of the mountains are gathered in.

26 The lambs are for thy clothing,  
And the goats are the price of the field;  
27 And there will be goats' milk enough for thy food, for the food of thy household,  
And maintenance for thy maidens.

28 The wicked flee when no man pursueth;  
But the righteous are bold as a lion.

2 For the transgression of a land many are the princes thereof; But by men of understanding and knowledge the state thereof shall be prolonged.

3 A needy man that oppresseth the poor  
Is like a sweeping rain, which leaveth no food.

4 They that forsake the law praise the wicked;  
But such as keep the law contend with them.

5 Evil men understand not justice;  
Or possibly, Hell and Destruction are never full;  
6 Or, that which he praiseth.  or, that whereof he boasteth.

7 Whoso keepeth the law is a wise son;  
But he that is a companion of gluttons shameth his father.

8 He that augmenteth his substance by interest and loan  
Is a man of understanding, but his own eyes;  
9 His own conceit;  
for a foreign woman.

10 He that is a companion of gluttons shameth his father.

11 My son, be wise, and make my heart glad,  
That I may answer him that reproacheth me.

12 Better is a prudent man seeth the evil, and hideth himself;  
But the simple pass on, and suffer for it.

13 Take his garment that is surety for a stranger;  
And hold him in pledge that is surety for a foreign woman.

14 He that blesseth 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 contentious woman are alike:  
And his right hand encountereth oil.

16 Iron sharpeneth iron;  
So a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend.

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19 As in water face answereth to face, So the heart of man to man.

20 Sheol and Abaddon are never satisfied;  
And the eyes of man are never satisfied.

21 The refining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold;  
And a man is tried by his praise.

22 Though thou shouldest bray a fool in a mortar with a pestle along with bruised grain,  
Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks,  
And look well to thy herds:

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Yet will not his foolishness depart from him.

23 Be thou diligent to know the state of thy flocks,  
And look well to thy herds:
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17 A man that is laden with the blood of any soul Shall flee unto the pit; let no man stay him.
18 Whoso walketh uprightly shall be delivered; But 338 he that is perverse in his ways shall fall at once.
19 He that tilleth his land shall have plenty of bread; But he that followeth after vain persons shall have poverty enough.
20 A faithful man shall abound with blessings; But he that maketh haste to be rich shall not be unpunished.
21 To have respect of persons is not good; 339 Neither that a man should transgress for a piece of bread.
22 He that hath an evil eye hasteth after riches, And knoweth not that want shall come upon him.
23 He that rebuketh a man shall afterward find more favor, Than he that flattereth with the tongue.
24 Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, It is no transgression. The same is the companion of a destroyer.
25 He that is of a greedy soul stirreth up strife; But he that putteth his trust in Jehovah shall be made fat.
26 He that giveth unto the poor shall not lack; But he that hideth his eyes shall have many a curse.
28 When the wicked rise, men hide themselves; But when they perish, the righteous increase.

29 He that being often reproved hardeneth his neck Shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy.
2 When the righteous 340 are increased, the people rejoice; But when a wicked man beareth rule, the people sigh.
3 Whoso loveth wisdom rejoiceth his father; But he that keepeth company with harlots wasteth his substance.
4 The king by justice establisheth the land; But 341 he that exacteth gifts overthoweth it.
5 A man that flattereth his neighbor Spreadeth a net for his steps.
6 In the transgression of an evil man there is a snare; But the righteous doth sing and rejoice.
7 The righteous taketh knowledge of the cause of the poor; The wicked 342 hath not understanding to know it.
8 Scoffers set a city in a flame; But wise men turn away wrath.
9 If a wise man hath a controversy with a foolish man, 343 Whether he be angry or laugh, there will be no rest.
10 The bloodthirsty hate him that is perfect; 344 And as for the upright, they seek his soul.

11 A fool uttereth all his 345 anger; But a wise man keepeth it back and stilleth it.
12 If a ruler hearkeneth to falsehood, All his servants are wicked.
13 The poor man and the oppressor meet together; Jehovah lightenneth the eyes of them both.
14 The king that faithfully judgeth the poor, His throne shall be established for ever.
15 The rod and reproof give wisdom; But a child left to himself causeth shame to his mother.
16 When the wicked are increased, transgression increaseth; But the righteous shall look upon their fall.
17 Correct thy son, and he will give thee rest; Yes, he will give delight unto thy soul.
18 Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; But he that keepeth the law, happy is he.
19 A servant will not be corrected by words; For though he understand, he will not 346 give heed.
20 Seest thou a man that is hasty in his words? There is more hope of a fool than of him.
21 He that delicately bringeth up his servant from a child Shall have him 348 aspire to be a son at the last.
22 An angry man stirreth up strife, And a wrathful man aboundeth in transgression.
23 A man’s pride shall bring him low; But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor.
24 Whoso is partner with a thief hateth his own soul; He heareth the adjuration and uttereth nothing.
25 The fear of man bringeth a snare; But whoso puttheth his trust in Jehovah shall be safe.
26 Many seek the ruler’s favor; But a man’s judgment cometh from Jehovah.
27 An unjust man is an abomination to the righteous; And he that is upright in the way is an abomination to the wicked.

30 The words of Agur the son of 350 Jakeh; the burden. The man 351 saith unto Ithiel, unto Ithiel and Ucal:
2 Surely I am more brutish than any man, And have not the understanding of a man;
3 And I have not learned wisdom, 353 Neither have I the knowledge of the Holy Ones.
4 Who hath ascended up into heaven, and descended? Who hath gathered the wind in his fists? Who hath bound the waters in his garment? Who hath established all the ends of the earth?

338 Or, he that walketh perversely in two ways shall
339 Or, For, for a piece of bread a man will transgress.
340 Or, are in authority,
341 Or, he that imposeth tribute overthoweth it. Hb. a man of offerings overthoweth it.
342 Or, understandeth not knowledge.
343 Or, He rageth and laugheth, and there is no rest.
344 Or, But the upright care for his life.
345 Hb. spirit;
What is his name, and what is his son’s name, if thou knowest?

5 Every word of God is purified:
   He is a shield unto them that take refuge in him.

6 Add thou not unto his words,
   Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

7 Two things have I asked of thee;
   Deny me them not before I die:

8 Remove far from me falsehood and lies;
   Give me neither poverty nor riches;
   Lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar.

9 Lest I be full, and deny thee, and say, Who is Jehovah?
   Or lest I be poor, and steal,
   And use profanely the name of my God.

10 Slander not a servant unto his master,
   Lest he curse thee, and thou be held guilty.

11 There is a generation that curseth their father,
   And blesseth not their mother.

12 There is a generation that is pure in its own eyes,
   And yet is not washed from its filthiness.

13 There is a generation, oh how lofty are their eyes!
   And their eyelids are lifted up.

14 There is a generation whose teeth are as swords,
   And their jaw teeth as knives,
   To devour the poor from off the earth, and the needy from among men.

15 The horseleach hath two daughters, crying, Give, give.
   There are three things that are never satisfied, Yes, four that say not, Enough:

16 Sheol; and the barren womb;
   The earth that is not satisfied with water;
   And the fire that saith not, Enough.

17 The eye that mocketh at his father,
   And despiseth to obey his mother,
   The ravens of the valley shall pick it out,
   And the young eagles shall eat it.

18 There are three things which are too wonderful for me,
   Yes, four which I know not:

19 The way of an eagle in the air;
   The way of a serpent upon a rock;
   The way of a ship in the midst of the sea;
   And the way of a man with a maiden.

20 So is the way of an adulterous woman;
   She eateth and wipeth her mouth,
   And saith, I have done no wickedness.

21 For three things the earth doth tremble,
   And for four, which it cannot bear:

22 For a servant when he is king;
   And a fool when he is filled with food;

23 For an odious woman when she is married;
   And a handmaid that is heir to her mistress.

24 There are four things which are little upon the earth,
   But they are exceeding wise:
   The ants are a people not strong,
   Yet they provide their food in the summer;

26 The conies are but a feeble folk,
   Yet make they their houses in the rocks;

27 The locusts have no king,
   Yet go they forth all of them by bands;

28 The lizard taketh hold with her hands,
   Yet is she in kings’ palaces.

29 There are three things which are stately in their march,
   Yes, four which are stately in going:

30 The lion, which is mightiest among beasts,
   And turneth not away for any;

31 The greyhound; the he-goat also;
   And the king against whom there is no rising up.

32 If thou hast done foolishly in lifting up thyself,
   Or if thou hast thought evil,
   Lay thy hand upon thy mouth.

33 For the churning of milk bringeth forth butter,
   And the wringing of the nose bringeth forth blood;
   So the forcing of wrath bringeth forth strife.

31 The words of king Lemuel; the burden which his mother taught him.

2 What, my son? and what, O son of my womb?
   And what, O son of my vows?

3 Give not thy strength unto women,
   Nor thy ways to, which destroyeth 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 they drink, and forget the law,
   And pervert the justice due to any that is afflicted.

6 Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish,
   And wine unto the bitter of soul:

7 Let him drink, and forget his poverty,
   And remember his misery no more.

8 Open thy mouth for the dumb,
   In the cause of all such as are left desolate.

353 Or, That I should have the knowledge of etc.

354 Hb. purified:

355 Hb. the bread of my portion:

356 Hb. handle the name of my God.

357 Or, disdain or, ill-treat Also in vs. 11.

358 Or, vampire

359 Or, called

360 Or, the brook

361 Or, vultures shall eat it.

362 Hb. Under

363 Or, thou canst seize with thy hands,

364 Or, war-horse; Hb. well girt (or, well knit) in the loins;

365 Or, when his army is with him.

366 Hb. pressing

367 Hb. pressing

368 Hb. pressing

369 Or, The words of Lemuel king of Massa, which etc.
   See ch. 30:1 footnotes.

370 Or perhaps, oracle

371 Hb reads them that destroy kings.

372 Hb reads to desire strong drink.

373 Hb. that which is decreed,

374 Hb. all the sons of affliction.

375 Or, ready to pass away. Hb. the sons of passing away.
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9 Open thy mouth, judge righteously, And minister justice to the poor and needy.
10 A worthy woman who can find? For her price is far above rubies.
11 The heart of her husband trusteth in her, And he shall have no lack of gain.
12 She doeth him good and not evil All the days of her life.
13 She seeketh wool and flax, And worketh willingly with her hands.
14 She is like the merchant-ships; She bringeth her bread from afar.
15 She riseth also while it is yet night, And giveth food to her household, And their task to her maidens.
16 She considereth a field, and buyeth it; With the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard.
17 She girdeth her loins with strength, And maketh strong her arms.
18 She perceiveth that her merchandise is profitable: Her lamp goeth not out in the night.
19 She layeth her hands to the distaff, And her hands hold the spindle.
20 She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; Yes, she reacheth 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 maketh for herself carpets of tapestry; Her clothing is fine linen and purple.
23 Her husband is known in the gates, When he sitteth among the elders of the land.
24 She maketh linen garments and selleth them, And delivereth girdles unto the merchant.
25 Strength and splendor are her clothing; And she laugheth at the time to come.
26 She openeth her mouth with wisdom; And the law of kindness is on her tongue.
27 She looketh well to the ways of her household, And eateth not the bread of idleness.
28 Her children rise up, and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praiseth her, saying:
29 Many daughters have done worthily, But thou excellest them all.
30 Grace is deceitful, and beauty is vain; But a woman that feareth Jehovah, she shall be praised.
31 Give her of the fruit of her hands; And let her works praise her in the gates.

376 Hb. spoil.
377 Or, at the business of her hands.
378 Or, portion
379 Hb. palms
380 Hb. palm
381 Or, cushions
382 Hb. Canaanite.
383 Or, teaching
Ecclesiastes
(The Book of Ecclesiastes, or, The Preacher)

2 All things on earth declared vain — 12 Solomon’s experiences

3:1 A time for everything

1 The words of \( ^{1} \text{the Preacher, the} \) son of David, king in Jerusalem.

2 Vanity of vanities, saith \( ^{1} \text{the Preacher;} \) vanity of vanities, all is vanity. 3 What profit hath man of all his labor wherein he laboreth under the sun? 4 One generation goeth, and another generation cometh; but the earth abideth for ever. 5 The sun also ariseth, and the sun goeth down, and hasteth to its place where it ariseth. 6 The wind goeth toward \( ^{1} \text{the} \) south, and turneth about continually in its course, and the wind returneth again to its circuits. 7 All the rivers run into the sea, yet the sea increaseth not; and the sea increaseth not, but goeth toward his place. 8 And all the children of men, walking every one in the name of his own god, they set forth their sepulchers above their altars. 9 Likewise I saw the old sepulchers, which were before them, and said, There is not any man there; for all have been long ago. 10 Likewise I saw that \( ^{1} \text{there is} \) no remembrance of the former generations; neither shall there be any remembrance of the latter generations that are to come, among those that shall come after.

12 \( ^{1} \text{I the Preacher was} \) king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under heaven: it is a sore travail that I had labored to do; and, behold, all that I had labored to do, was vanity and a striving after wind. Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to despair concerning all the labor wherein I had labored to do; and, behold, all that I had labored to do, was vanity and a striving after wind, and \( ^{1} \text{there was} \) no profit under the sun.

18 And I hated all my labor wherein I labored under the sun, seeing that I must leave it unto the man that shall be after me. And who knoweth whether he will be a wise man or a fool? yet will he have rule over all my labor wherein I have labored, and wherein I have showed myself wise under the sun. This also is vanity. 20 Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to despair concerning all the labor wherein I had labored under the sun. For there is a man whose labor is with wisdom, and with knowledge, and with skilfulness; yet
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to a man that hath not labored therein shall he leave it for his portion. This also is vanity and a great evil. 22 For what hath a man of all his labor, and of the striving of his heart, wherein he laboreth under the sun? 23 For all his days are but sorrows, and his travail is grief; yes, even in the night his heart taketh no rest. This also is vanity.

24 There is nothing better for a man than that he should eat and drink, and make his soul enjoy good in his labor. This also I saw, that it is from the hand of God. 25 For who can eat, or who can have enjoyment, more than he? 26 For to the man that pleaseth God giveth wisdom, and knowledge, and joy; but to the sinner he giveth travail, to gather and to heap up, that he may give to him that pleaseth God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

3 For every thing there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven: 2 a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up that which is planted; 3 a time to kill, and a time to heal; a time to break down, and a time to build up; 4 a time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance; 5 a time to cast away stones, and a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing; 6 a time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep, and a time to cast away; 7 a time to rend, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; 8 a time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war, and a time for peace. 9 What profit hath he that worketh in that wherein he laboureth? 10 I have seen the travail which God hath given to the sons of men to be exercised therewith. 11 He hath made every thing beautiful in its time: also he hath set eternity in their heart, yet so that man cannot find out the work that God hath done from the beginning even to the end. 12 I know that there is nothing better for them, than to rejoin, and to do good so long as they live. 13 And also that every man should eat and drink, and enjoy good in all his labor, is the gift of God. 14 I know that, whatsoever God doeth, it shall be for ever: nothing can be put to it, nor any thing taken from it; and God hath done it, that men should fear before him. 15 That which is hath been long ago; and that which is to be hath long ago been: and God seeketh again that which is past away.

16 And moreover I saw under the sun in the place of justice, that wickedness was there; and in the place of righteousness, that wickedness was there. 17 I said in my heart, God will judge the righteous and the wicked; for there is a time there for every 26 purpose and for every work. 18 I said in my heart, It is because of the sons of men that God may prove them, and that they may see that they themselves are but as beasts. 19 For that which befalleth the sons of men befalleth beasts; even one thing befalleth them: as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yes, they all have one 28 breath; and man hath no preeminence above the beasts: for all is vanity. 20 All go unto one place; all are of the dust, and all turn to dust again. 21 Who knoweth the spirit of man, whether it goeth upward, and the spirit of the beast, whether it goeth downward to the earth? 22 Wherefore I saw that there is nothing better, than that man should rejoice in his works; for that is his portion: for whom shall bring him back to see what shall be after him?

4 Then I returned and saw 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. 5 Wherefore I praised the dead that have been long dead more than the living that are yet alive; 6 for I conceived in my heart that I should rush in the midst of the flock, and feed myself on the grease of the strong; 7 and sever off my bread from mine enemies, and my portion from the sons of theulty. 8 Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun. 9 There is one that is alone, and he hath not a second; yes, he hath neither son nor brother; yet is there no end of all his labor, neither are his eyes satisfied with riches. For whom then, saith he, do I labor, and deprive my soul of good? This also is vanity, and a striving after wind. 10 The fool foldeth his hands together, and eateth his own flesh. 11 Better is a handful, with quietness, than two handfuls with labor and striving after wind.

7 Then I returned and saw vanity under the sun. 8 There is one that is alone, and he hath not a second; yes, he hath neither son nor brother; yet is there no end of all his labor, neither are his eyes satisfied with riches. For whom then, saith he, do I labor, and deprive my soul of good? This also is vanity, and a striving after wind. 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 falleth, and hath not another to lift him up. 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have warmth; but how can one be warm alone? 12 And if a man prevail against him that is alone, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

13 Better is a poor and wise youth than an old and foolish king, who knoweth not how to receive admonition any more. 14 For out of prison he came forth to be king; yes, even in his kingdom he was born poor. 15 I saw all the living that walk under the sun, that they were with the youth, the second, that stood up in his stead. 16 There was no end of all the people, even of all them over whom he was; yet they that come after shall not rejoice in him. Surely this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

5 Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God; for to draw nigh to hear is better than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they know not that they do evil. 2 Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thy heart be hasty to utter any
thing before God; for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh with a multitude of business, and a fool’s voice with a multitude of words. 4 When thou vowest a vow unto God, defer not to pay it; for he hath no pleasure in fools: pay that which thou vowest. 5 Better is it that thou shouldest not vow, than that thou shouldest vow and not pay. 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy flesh to sin; neither say thou before the angel, that it was an error: wherefore should God be angry at thy voice, and destroy the work of thy hands? 7 For in the multitude of dreams are vanities, and in many words: but fear thou God.

8 If thou seest the oppression of the poor, and the violent taking away of justice and righteousness in a province, marvel not at the matter: for one higher than the high regardeh; and there are higher than they. 9 Moreover the profit of the earth is for all: the king himself is served by the field.

10 He that loveth silver shall not be satisfied with silver; nor he that loveth abundance, with increase: this also is vanity. 11 When goods increase, they are increased that eat them; and what advantage is there to the owner thereof, save the beholding of them with his eyes? 12 The sleep of a laboring man is sweet, whether he eat little or much; but the fulness of the rich will not suffer him to sleep.

13 There is a grievous evil which I have seen under the sun, namely, riches kept by the owner thereof to his hurt: and those riches perish by evil adventure; and if he hath begotten a son, there is nothing in his hand. 15 As he came forth from his mother’s womb, naked shall he go again as he came, and shall take nothing for his labor, which he may carry away in his mother’s womb, naked shall he go again as he came, and nothing in his hand. 16 And this also is a grievous evil, that in all points is the house of mirth. 17 All his days also he eateth in darkness, and he is sore vexed, and hath sickness and wrath.

18 Behold, that which I have seen to be good and to be comely is for one to eat and to drink, and to enjoy good in all his labor, wherein he laboreth under the sun. 22 All the days of his life which God hath given him: for this is his portion. 19 Every man also to whom God hath given riches and wealth, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his labor; this is the gift of God. 20 For he shall not much remember the days of his life; because God answereth him in the joy of his heart.

6 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is heavy upon men: 2 a man to whom God giveth riches, wealth, and honor, so that he lacketh nothing for his soul of all that he desireth, yet God giveth him not power to eat thereof, but an alien eateth it; this is vanity, and it is an evil disease. 3 If a man beget a hundred children, and live many years, so that the days of his years are many, but his soul be not filled with good, and moreover he have no burial; I say, that an untimely birth is better than he: 4 for it cometh in vanity, and departeth in darkness, and the name thereof is covered with darkness; 5 moreover it hath not seen the sun nor known it; 6 this rest rather than the other: 7 yes, though he live a thousand years twice told, and yet enjoy no good, do not all go to one place?

7 All the labor of man is for his mouth, and yet the soul is not filled. 8 For what advantage hath the wise more than the fool? 9 or what hath the poor man, that knoweth how to walk before the living? 9 Better is the sight of the eyes than the wandering of the soul: this also is vanity and a striving after wind.

10 Whatever hath been, that, the name thereof was given long ago; and it is known that man is; neither can he contend with him that is mightier than he. 11 Seeing there are many things that increase vanity, what is man the better? 12 For who knoweth what is good for man in his life, 9 all the days of his vain life which he spendeth as a shadow? for who can tell a man what shall be after him under the sun?

A good name is better than precious oil; 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 the sadness of the countenance the heart is made glad. 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 extortion maketh a wise man foolish; and a bribe destroyeth the understanding.

8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof; and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. 9 Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in the bosom of fools. 10 Say not thou, What is the cause that the former days were better than these? for thou dost not inquire wisely concerning this.

11 Wisdom is as good as an inheritance; yes, more excellent is it for them that see the sun. 12 For wisdom is a defence, even as money is a defence; but the excellency of knowledge

36 Or, a word before God; 37 Or, travail 38 Or, messenger of God. See Mal 2:7. 39 Or, the state. 40 Or, But the profit of a land every way is a king that maketh himself servant to the field (or, is a king over the cultivated field). 41 Or, that which I have seen: it is good and comely for one to eat and to drink, 42 Hb. the number of the days of his life etc. 43 Or, neither had any knowledge; 44 Or, it is better with this than with the other: 45 Or, appetite or, desire And in vs. 9.

46 Or, or the poor man that hath understanding, in walking before the living 47 Or, Whatsoever he be, his name was given him long ago, and it is known that he is man; 48 Hb. Adam See Ge 2:7. 49 Or, words 50 Hb. the number of the days of etc. 51 Or, better. 52 Or, For 53 Or, vexed; for vexation etc. 54 Hb. out of wisdom concerning this. 55 Or, is good together with an inheritance, and profitable unto them that see the sun.
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is, that wisdom preserveth the life of him that hath it. 13 Consider the work of God: for who can make that straight, which he hath made crooked? 14 In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider; yes, God hath made the one side by side with the other, to the end that man should not find out any thing that shall be after him.

15 All this have I seen in my days of vanity: there is a righteous man that perisheth in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man that prolongeth his life in his evil-doing. 16 Be not righteous overmuch; neither make thyself overwise: why shouldst thou destroy thyself? 17 Be not thou foolish: why shouldst thou die before thy time? 18 It is good that thou shouldest take hold of this; yea, also from that withdraw not thy hand: for he that feareth God shall come forth from them all.

19 Wisdom is a 57 strength to the wise man more than ten rulers that are in a city. 20 Surely there is not a righteous man upon earth, that doeth good, and sinneth not. 21 Also 58 take not heed unto all words that are spoken, lest thou hear thy servant curse thee; 22 for oftentimes also thine own heart knoweth that thou sayest likewise hast cursed others.

23 All this have I 59 proved in wisdom: I said, I will be wise; but it was far from me. 24 That which 60 is, is far off and exceeding deep; who can find it out? 25 I turned about, and my heart was set to know and to search out, and to seek wisdom and the reason of things, and to know 61 that wickedness is folly, and that foolishness is madness: 26 and I find more bitter than death the woman 62 whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are bands: whose pleaseth God shall escape from her; but the sinner shall be taken by her. 27 Behold, this have I found, saith the Preacher, 63 saying one thing to another, to find out the account; 28 which my soul still seeketh, but I have not found: one man among a thousand have I found; but a woman among all those have I not found. 29 Behold, this only have I found: that God made man upright; but they have sought out many inventions.

8 Who is as the wise man? and who knoweth the interpretation of a thing? A man’s wisdom maketh his face to shine, and the 46 hardness of his face is changed. 2 I counsel thee, Keep the king’s command, and that in regard of the oath of God. 3 Be not hasty to go out of his presence; persist not in an evil thing: for he doeth whatsoever pleaseth him. 4 For the king’s word hath power; and who may say unto him, What doest thou? 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment shall know no evil thing; and a wise man’s heart discerneth time and judgment: 6 for to every 68 purpose there is a time and judgment; because the 68 misery of man is great upon him: 7 for he knoweth not that which shall be: 67 for who can tell him how it shall be? 8 There is no man that hath power over the 68 breath to retain his breath; neither hath he power over the day of death; and there is no discharge 69 in war: neither shall wickedness deliver him that is given to it.

9 All this have I seen, and applied my heart unto every work that is done under the sun: 70 there is a time wherein one man hath power over another 71 to his hurt. 10 So I saw the wicked buried, 72 and they came to the grave; and they that had done right went away from the holy place, and were forgotten in the city: this also is vanity. 11 Because sentence against an evil work is not executed speedily, therefore the heart of the sons of men is 73 fully set in them to do evil. 12 Though a sinner do evil a hundred times, and prolong his days yet surely I know that it shall be well with them that fear God, that fear before him: 13 but it shall not be well with the wicked, neither shall he prolong his days, which are as a shadow; because he feareth not before God.

14 There is a vanity which is done upon the earth, that there are righteous men unto whom it happeneth according to the work of the wicked; again, there are wicked men to whom it happeneth according to the work of the righteous: I said that this also is vanity. 15 Then I commended mirth, because a man hath no better thing under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, and to be joyful: 64 for that shall abide with him in his labor all the days of his life which God hath given him under the sun.

16 When I applied my heart to know wisdom, and to see the 73 business that is done upon the earth, (46 for also there is that neither day nor night seeth sleep with his eyes,) 17 then I beheld all the work of God, that man cannot find out the work that is done under the sun: because however much a man labor to seek it out, yet he shall not find it; yes moreover, though a wise man think to know it, yet shall he not be able to find it.

9 For all this I laid to my heart, 77 even to explore all this: that the righteous, and the wise, and their works, are in the hand of God; whether it be love or hatred, man knoweth it not; all is before them.

2 All things come alike to all: there is one event to the righteous and to the wicked; to the good and to 78 the clean and to
the unclean; to him that sacrificeth and to him that sacrificeth not; as is the good, so is the sinner; and he taking an oath, as he that feareth an oath. 3 This is an evil in all that is done under the sun, that there is one event unto all: 4 {79}For to him that is joined with all the living there is hope; for a living dog is better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they shall die: but the dead know not any thing, neither have they any more a reward; for the memory of them is forgotten. 6 As well their love, as their hatred and their envy, is perished long ago; neither have they they any more a portion for ever in any thing that is done under the sun.

7 Go thy way, eat thy bread with joy, and drink thy wine with a merry heart; for God hath already accepted thy works. 8 Let thy garments be always white; and let not thy head lack oil. 9 Live joyfully with the wife whom thou loveth all the days of thy life of vanity, which he hath given thee under the sun, all thy days of vanity: for that is thy portion in life, and in thy labor wherein thou laborest under the sun. 10 {80}Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might; for there is no work, nor device, nor knowledge, nor wisdom, in Sheol, whither thou goest.

11 I returned, and saw under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all. 12 For man also knoweth not his time: as the fishes that are caught in a net, and as the birds that are snared in an evil net, and as the birds that are caught in the snare, even so will the sons of men be snared in an evil time, when it falleth suddenly upon them.

13 I have also seen wisdom under the sun on this wise, and I have also seen wisdom under the sun as it is, and have found it. 14 There was a little city, and few men within it; and there came a great king against it, and besieged it, and built great bulwarks against it: 15 now there was found in it a poor wise man, and he by his wisdom delivered the city; yet no man remembered that same poor man. 16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than strength: nevertheless the poor man’s wisdom is despised, and his words are not heard.

17 The words of the wise heard in quiet are better than the cry of him that ruleth among fools. 18 Wisdom is better than weapons of war; but one sinner destroyeth much good.

19 Dead flies cause the oil of the perfumer 82 to send forth an evil odor; so doth a little folly 83 outweigh wisdom and honor. 2 A wise man’s heart is at his right hand; but a fool’s heart is at his left. 3 Yes also, when the fool walketh by the way, his 84 understanding faileth him, and he saith 85 to every one that he is a fool. 4 If the spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy place; for 86 gentleness allayeth great offences.

5 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, as it were an error which proceedeth from the ruler: 6 folly is set in great dignity, and the rich sit in a low place. 7 I have seen servants upon horses, and princes walking like servants upon the earth.

8 He that diggeth a pit shall fall into it; and whoso breaketh through a wall a serpent shall bite him. 9 Whoso 88 Heweth out stones shall be hurt therewith; and he that cleaveth wood is endangered thereby. 10 If the iron be blunt, and one do not whet the edge, then must he use more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct. 11 If the serpent bite before it is charmed, then is there no advantage in the 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 14 the end of his talk is mischievous madness. 14 A fool also multiplyeth words: yet man knoweth not what shall be; and that which shall be after him, who can tell him? 15 The labor of fools weareth every one of them; for he knoweth not how to go to the city.

16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is a 93 child, and thy princes eat in the morning! 17 Happy art thou, O land, when thy king is 92 the son of nobles, and thy princes eat in due season, for strength, and not for drunkenness! 18 By slothfulness the 93 roof sinketh in; and through idleness of the hands the house leaketh. 19 A feast is made for laughter, and wine maketh glad the life; 94 and money answereth all things. 19 Revile not the king, no, not in thy thought; and revile not the rich in thy bedchamber: for a bird of the heavens shall carry the voice, and that which hath wings shall tell the matter.

19 86 Cast thy bread 87 upon the waters; for thou shalt find it after many days. 2 89 Give a portion to seven, yes, even unto eight; for thou knowest not what evil shall be upon the earth. 3 If the clouds be full of rain, they empty themselves upon the earth; and if a tree fall toward the south, or toward the north, in the place where the tree falleth, there shall it be. 4 He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap. 5 As thou knowest not what is the way of the wind, nor how the bones do grow in the womb of her that is with child; even so thou knowest not the work of God who doeth all. 6 In the morning sow...
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thy seed, and towards the evening withhold not thy hand; for thou knowest not which shall prosper, whether this or that, or whether they both shall be alike good. 7 Truly the light is sweet, and a pleasant thing it is for the eyes to behold the sun. 8 101Yes, if a man live many years, let him rejoice in them all; 102but let him remember the days of darkness, for they shall be many. All that cometh is vanity.

9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth, and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thy heart, and in the sight of thine eyes; but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment. 10 Therefore remove sorrow from thy heart, and put away evil from thy flesh; for youth and the dawn of life are vanity.

12 Remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youth, before the evil days come, and the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them all; 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 shall tremble, and the strong men shall bow themselves, and the grinders cease because they are few, and those that look out of the windows shall be darkened, 4 and the double gates shall be shut in the street; when the sound of the grinding is low, and one shall rise up at the voice of a bird, and all the daughters of music shall be brought low; 5 yes, they shall be afraid of that which is high, and terrors shall be in the way; and the almond-tree shall blossom, and the grasshopper shall be a burden, and desire shall fail; because man goeth to his lasting home, and the mourners go about the streets: 6 before the silver cord is loosed, 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 returneth to the earth as it was, and the breath returneth unto God who gave it. 8 Vanity of vanities, saith the Preacher; all is vanity.

9 And further, because the Preacher was wise, he still taught the people knowledge; yes, he pondered, and sought out, and set in order many proverbs. 10 The Preacher sought to find out acceptable words, and that which was written uprightly, even words of truth.

11 The words of the wise are as goads; and as nails well fastened are the word of the masters of assemblies, which are given from one shepherd. 12 And furthermore, my son, be admonished: of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh.

13 This is the end of the matter; all hath been heard: fear God, and keep his commandments; for this is the whole duty of man. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, with every hidden thing, whether it be good, or whether it be evil.

101 Or, For
102 Or, and remember the days of darkness,
103 Or, vexation or, provocation
104 Or, grinding women or, teeth
105 Or, of danger from on high,
106 Or, shall drag itself along,
107 Or, the caperberry
108 Or, burst;
109 Or, everlasting
110 Or, snapped asunder,
111 Or, spirit or, wind Hb. ruach
112 Or, gave ear,
113 Hb. words of delight,
114 Or, collectors of sentences,
115 Or, And as for more than these, my son, be warned:
116 Or, Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter:
117 Or, this is the duty of all men.
118 Or, concerning
The Song of Solomon

(Canticles)

2:10 Conversation of Bride and Bridegroom — 5:1 The sleepy one

1 The Song of songs, which is by Solomon.
2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth;
For thy love is better than wine.
3 Thine oils have a goodly fragrance;
Thy name is as oil poured forth;
Therefore do thy virgins love thee.
4 Draw me; we will run after thee: 
The king hath brought me into his chambers;
We will be glad and rejoice in thee;
We will make mention of thy love more than of wine:
5 Rightly do they love thee.
6 Look not upon me, because I am swarthy,
Because the sun hath scorched me.
My mother's sons were incensed against me;
They made me keeper of the vineyards;
As the tents of Kedar,
As the curtains of Solomon.
7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth,
Where thou feedest thy kids beside the shepherds' tents.
They are as calves of the wood,
As the cluster of a vineyard.
8 If thou know not, O thou the fairest among women,
Go thy way forth by the noon: For why should I be as one that is veiled
Where thou feedest them?
9 For I am black, but comely,
O ye daughters of Jerusalem,
As the tents of Kedar,
As the curtains of Solomon.
10 Thy cheeks are comely with plaits of hair,
Thy neck with strings of jewels.
11 We will make thee plaits of gold
With studs of silver.
12 While the king sat at his table,
My spikenard sent forth its fragrance.
13 My beloved is unto me as a bundle of myrrh,
That lieth betwixt my breasts.
14 My beloved is unto me as a cluster of henna-flowers
In the vineyards of En-gedi.
15 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair;
Thine eyes are as doves.
16 Behold, thou art fair, my beloved, yes, pleasant:
Also our couch is green.
17 The beams of our house are cedars,
And our rafters are firs.
18 I am a rose of Sharon,
A lily of the valleys.
19 As a lily among thorns,
So is my love among the daughters.
20 As the apple-tree among trees of the wood,
So is my beloved among the sons.

1 Or, maidens.
2 Or, In uprightness do they love thee. or, The upright love thee.
3 Or, looked upon me.
4 Or, my friend (and so throughout).
5 Or, To the steeds or, To my steed.
6 Or, bag.
7 Hb. kopher.
8 Or, Thou hast doves' eyes.
9 Or, houses.
10 Or, of cedar, And our rafters are of fir.

11 Or, cypresses.
12 Hb. chabatz tzeleth, the autumn crocus.
13 Or, the plain.
14 Hb. delighted and sat down under his shadow,
15 Hb. house of wine.
16 Hb. the cakes of raisins.
17 Or, Let his left hand be under my head.
18 Or, gazelles.
19 Lit. she or he or, it be pleasing.
20 Or, pruning of vines is come.
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13 The fig-tree ripeneth her green figs,  
And the vines are in blossom;  
They give forth their fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

14 O my dove, that art in the clefts of the rock, in the  
covert of the steep place,  
Let me see thy countenance, let me hear thy voice;  
For sweet is thy voice, and thy countenance is comely.

15 Take 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 feedeth his flock among the lilies.

17 Until the day be cool, and the shadows flee away,  
Turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart  
Upon the mountains of Bether.

3 By night on my bed I sought him whom my soul loveth:  
I sought him, but I found him not.

2 I said, I will rise now, and go about the city;  
In the streets and in the broad ways  
I will seek him whom my soul loveth:  
I sought him, but I found him not.

3 The watchmen that go about the city found me:  
To whom I said, Saw ye him whom my soul loveth?

4 It was but a little that I passed from them,  
When I found him whom my soul loveth:  
I held him, and would not let him go,  
Until the day be cool, and the shadows flee away,  
Turn, my beloved, and be thou like a roe or a young hart  
Upon the mountains of Bether.

10 He made the pillars thereof of silver,  
The bottom thereof of gold, the seat of it of purple,  
The midst thereof being paved with love,  
From the daughters of Jerusalem.

11 Go forth, O ye daughters of Zion, and behold king Solomon,  
With the crown wherewith his mother hath crowned him in the day of his espousals,  
And in the day of the gladness of his heart.

4 Behold, thou art fair, my love; behold, thou art fair;  
Thine eyes are as doves behind thy veil.  
Thy hair is as a flock of goats,  
That are twins of a roe,

3 Thy lips are like a thread of scarlet,  
And thy mouth is comely.  
Thy temples are like a piece of pomegranate  
Behind thy veil.

5 Thy neck is like the tower of David builded  
for an armory, Whereon there hang a thousand bucklers,  
All the shields of the mighty men.

6 Thy two breasts are like two fawns  
That are twins of a roe,  
Which feed among the lilies.  

7 Thou art all fair, my love;  
And there is no spot in thee.

8 Come with me from Lebanon, my bride,  
With me from Lebanon:  
38 Look from the top of Amana,  
From the top of Senir and Hermon,  
From the lions’ dens,  
From the mountains of the leopards.

9 Thou hast ravished my heart, my sister, my bride;  
Thou hast ravished my heart with one of thine eyes,  
With one chain of thy neck.

10 How fair is thy love, my sister, my bride!  
How much better is thy love than wine!  
And the fragrance of thine oils than all manner of spices!

11 Thy lips, O my bride,  
drop as the honeycomb:  
Honey and milk are under thy tongue;  
And the smell of thy garments is like the smell of Lebanon.

21 So Massoretic, Aram. But some Massoretic mss. 4Q Cantb  
Sept. (Vg.) omit the little foxes
22 Or, While the day is cool,  
And in ch. 4:6.
23 Or, break, Hb. breathe
24 Or, mountains of separation.
25 Perhaps the spice malabathron.
26 Or, she or he or, until it please him.
27 Or, car of state  
Sept., Vg. read litter
28 Or, inlaid
29 Or, Thou hast doves’ eyes behind thy veil.
30 Or, locks.
31 Or, appear on mount Gilead.
32 Or, Which are all of them in pairs,
33 Or, speech
34 Or, with turrets,
35 Or, gazelle,
36 Or, Go
37 Or, given me courage, (both places)
38 Or, one look from thine eyes,
39 Or, drop honey:
12 A garden fenced up is my sister, my bride; 
A spring shut up, a fountain sealed.

13 Thy shoots are an orchard of pomegranates, with precious fruits; Henna with spikenard plants,
14 Spikenard and saffron,
Calamus and cinnamon, with all trees of frankincense;
Myrrh and aloes, with all the chief spices.
15 Thou art a fountain of gardens,
A well of living waters,
And flowing streams from Lebanon.
16 Awake, O north wind; and come, thou south; 
Blow upon my garden, that the spices thereof may flow out. 
Let my beloved come into his garden, 
And eat his precious fruits.

I am come into my garden, my sister, my love, my 
5 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, yes, drink abundantly, O beloved.

2 I was asleep, but my heart waked: 
It is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, 
Open to me, my sister, my love, my 
3 I have put off my garment; how shall I put it on? 
I have washed my feet; how shall I defile them? 
My beloved put in his hand by the hole of the door, 
And my heart was moved for him.

5 I rose up to open to my beloved; 
And my hands dripped with myrrh, 
And my fingers with liquid myrrh, 
Upon the handles of the bolt.

6 I opened to my beloved; 
But my beloved had withdrawn himself, and was gone. 
My soul had failed me when he spake: I sought him, but I could not find him; 
I called him, but he gave me no answer.

7 The watchmen that go about the city found me, 
They smote me, they wounded me; 
The keepers of the walls took away my mantle from me.

I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, 
8 That ye tell him, that I am sick from love.

9 What is thy beloved more than another beloved, O thou fairest among women? 
What is thy beloved more than another beloved, That thou dost so adjure us?

10 My beloved is white and ruddy, 
51 The chiefest among ten thousand.
11 His head is as the most fine gold; 
His locks are bushy, and black as a raven.
12 His eyes are like doves beside the water brooks, 
Washed with milk, and set hily set.
13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as banks of sweet herbs: His lips are as lilies, dripping liquid myrrh.
14 His hands are as rings of gold set with beryl; 
His body is as ivory work overlaid with sapphires.
15 His legs are as pillars of marble, set upon sockets of fine gold: His aspect is like Lebanon, excellent as the cedars.
16 His mouth is most sweet; yes, he is altogether lovely. 
This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.

Whither is thy beloved gone, 
O thou fairest among women? Whither hath thy beloved turned him, That we may seek him with thee?

2 My beloved is gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, To feed in the gardens, and to gather lilies.
3 I am my beloved's, and my beloved is mine: He feedeth his flock among the lilies.
4 Thou art fair, O my love, as Tirzah, Comely as Jerusalem, 
Formidable as an army with banners.
5 Turn away thine eyes from me, For they have overcome me.
Thy hair is as a flock of goats, That lie along the side of Gilead.
6 Thy teeth are like a flock of ewes, Which are come up from the washing; Whereof every one hath twins, And none is bereaved among them.

52 Or, curling. 
53 Or, a paradise 
54 Or, balsam; 
55 Or, of love. 
56 Or, sleep, but my heart waketh: 
57 Or, perfect; 
58 Or, curled. 
59 Or, turned away, 
60 Or, went forth when he spake: 
61 Or, speech Hb. palate 
62 Hb. of love. 
63 Or, make me afraid.
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7 Thy temples are like a piece of a pomegranate
Behind thy veil.

8 There are sixty queens, and eighty concubines,
And 64virgins without number.

9 My dove, my 65undesired, is but one;
She is the only one of her mother;
She is the 66choice one of her that bare her.
The daughters saw her, and called her blessed;
Yes, the queens and the concubines, and they praised her.

10 Who is she that looketh forth as the morning,
Fair as the moon, 67Choice as the sun,
Formidable as an army with banners?

11 I went down into the garden of nuts,
To see the green plants of the valley,
To see whether the vine budded,
And the pomegranates were in flower.

12 Before I was aware, my 68soul 69set me
Among the chariots of my 70noble people.

13 Return, return, O Shulammite;
Return, return, that we may look upon thee.
Why will ye look upon the Shulammite,
As upon the dance 71of Mahanaim?

7 How beautiful are thy 72feet in sandals, O prince’s daughter! Thy rounded thighs are like jewels,
The work of the hands of a skilful workman.

2 Thy body is like a round goblet,
Wherein no mingled wine is wanting:
Thy waist is like a heap of wheat
Set about with lilies.

3 Thy two breasts are like two fawns
That are twins of a roe.

4 Thy neck is like the tower of ivory;
Thine eyes as the pools in Heshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim;
Thy nose is like the tower of Lebanon
Which looketh toward Damascus.

5 Thy head upon thee is like Carmel,
And the hair of thy head like purple;
The king is held captive in the tresses thereof.

6 How fair and how pleasant art thou,
O love, for delights!

7 This thy stature is like to a palm-tree,
And thy breasts to its clusters.

8 I said, I will climb up into the palm-tree,
I will take hold of the branches thereof:
Let thy breasts be as clusters of the vine,
And the smell of thy 73breath like apples,

9 And thy 74mouth like the best wine,
That goeth down 75smoothly for my beloved,
76Causing the lips of those that are asleep 77to speak.

10 I am my beloved’s;
And his desire is toward me.

11 Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the field;
Let us lodge in the villages.

12 Let us get up early to the vineyards;
Let us see whether the vine hath budded, and its blossom is open, And the pomegranates are in flower:
There will I give thee my love.

13 The mandrakes give forth fragrance;
And at our doors are all manner of precious fruits, new and old, Which I have laid up for thee, O my beloved.

8 Oh that thou wert as my brother,
That sucked the breasts of my mother!
When I should find thee without, I would kiss thee;
Yes, and none would despise me.

2 I would lead thee, and bring thee into my mother’s house, 80Who would instruct me;
I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine,
Of the 81juice 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,
82That ye stir not up, nor awake my love,
Until 83it please.

5 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness,
Leaning upon her beloved?
Under the apple-tree I awakened thee:
There thy mother was in travail with thee,
There was she in travail 84that brought thee forth.

6 Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thine arm:
For love is strong as death;
Jealousy is 85cruel as Sheol;
The flashes thereof are flashes of fire,
86A very flame of 87Jehovah.
7 Many waters cannot quench love, 
Neither can floods drown it: 
If a man would give all the substance of his house for love, 
He would utterly be despised.

8 We have a little sister, 
And she hath no breasts: 
What shall we do for our sister 
In the day when she shall be spoken for?

9 If she be a wall, 
We will build upon her a turret of silver: 
And if she be a door, 
We will enclose her with boards of cedar.

10 I am a wall, and my breasts like the towers thereof: 
Then was I in his eyes as one that found peace.

11 Solomon had a vineyard at Baal-hamon; 
He let out the vineyard unto keepers; 
Every one for the fruit thereof was to bring a thousand pieces of silver, 

12 My vineyard, which is mine, is before me: 
Thou, O Solomon, shalt have the thousand, 
And those that keep the fruit thereof two hundred.

13 Thou that dwellest in the gardens, 
The companions hearken for thy voice: 
Cause me to hear it.

14 Make haste, my beloved, 
And be thou like to a roe or to a young hart 
Upon the mountains of spices.

88 Or, It 
89 Or, battlements of silver: 
90 Or, was 
91 Or, to 
92 Hb. Flee, 
93 Or, gazelle
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 Jehovah hath spoken: I have nourished and brought up children, and they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master’s crib; but Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. 4 Ah sinful nation, a people laden with iniquity, a seed of evil-doers, children that deal corruptly! they have forsaken Jehovah, they have despised the Holy One of Israel, they are estranged and gone backward. 5 Why will ye be still stricken, that ye revolt more and more? 6 the whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint. 6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and fresh stripes: they have not been closed, neither bound up; neither have they mollified with oil. 7 Your country is desolate; your cities are burned with fire; your land, strangers devour it in your presence, and it is desolate, as overthrown by strangers. 8 And the daughter of Zion is left as a booth and an encumbrance in a vineyard, and as a lodge in a garden of cucumbers, as a besieged city. 9 Except Jehovah of hosts had left unto us a very small remnant, we should have been as Sodom, we should have been like unto Gomorrah.

10 Hear the word of Jehovah, ye rulers of Sodom; give ear unto the law of our God, ye people of Gomorrah. 11 What unto me is the multitude of your sacrifices? saith Jehovah: I have had enough of the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fed beasts; and I delight not in the blood of bullocks, or of lambs, or of he-goats. 12 When ye come to appear before me, who hath required this at your hand, to trample my courts? 13 Bring no more vain oblations; incense is an abomination unto me; new moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies — I cannot bear iniquity and the solemn meeting. 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth; they are an ordinance of man, even of the sons of the foreigner. 15 A trouble unto me; I am weary of bearing them. 15 And when ye spread forth your hands, I will hide mine eyes from you; yes, when ye make many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash you, make you clean; put away the evil of your doings from before mine eyes; cease to do evil; 17 learn to do well; seek justice, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, and let us reason together, saith Jehovah: 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 ye be willing and obedient, ye shall eat the good of the land: 20 but if ye refuse and rebel, ye shall be devoured with the sword; for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it.

21 How is the faithful city become a harlot! she that was full of justice! righteousness lodged in her, but now murderers. 22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine mixed with water. 23 Thy princes are rebellious, and companions of thieves; every one loveth bribes, and followeth after rewards: they judge not the fatherless, neither doth the cause of the widow come unto them.

24 Therefore saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, the Mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will ease me of mine adversaries, and avenge me of mine enemies; 25 and I will turn my hand upon thee, and 26thoroughly purge away thy dross, and will take away all thy 27in; 26 and I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning: afterward thou shalt be called The city of righteousness, a faithful town. 27 Zion shall be redeemed with justice, and 28her converts with righteousness. 28 But the destruction of transgressors and sinners shall be together, and they that forsake Jehovah shall be consumed. 29 For they shall be ashamed of the oaks which ye have desired, and ye shall be confounded for the gardens that ye have chosen. 30 For ye shall be as an oak whose leaf fadeth, and as a garden that hath no water. 31 And the strong shall be as tow, and his work as a spark; and they shall both burn together, and none shall quench them.

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

2 And it shall come to pass in the latter days, that the mountain of Jehovah’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it. 3 And many peoples shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem. 4 And he will judge between the nations, and will decide
concerning many peoples; and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more.

5 O house of Jacob, come ye, and let us walk in the light of Jehovah. 6 For thou hast forsaken thy people the house of Jacob, because they are filled with customs from the east, and are soothing-selves like the Philistines, and they strike hands with the children of foreigners. 7 And their land is full of silver and gold, neither is there any end of their treasures; their land also is full of horses, neither is there any end of their chariots. 8 Their land also is full of idols; they worship the work of their own hands, that which their own fingers have made. 9 And man 

is bowed down and the great man 

is brought low: therefore 

thou wilt forgive them not. 10 Enter into the rock, and hide thee in the dust, from before the terror of Jehovah, and from the glory of his majesty. 11 The lofty looks of man shall be brought low, and the haughtiness of men shall be bowed down, and Jehovah alone shall be exalted in that day.

12 For 

there shall be a day of Jehovah of hosts upon all that is proud and haughty, and upon all that is lifted up; and it 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 hills that are lifted up, and upon every lofty tower, and upon every fortified wall, 16 and upon all the ships of Tarshish, and upon all pleasant 

imagery. 17 And the loftiness of man shall be bowed down, and the haughtiness of men shall be brought low; and Jehovah alone shall be exalted in that day. 18 And the idols shall utterly pass away. 19 And men shall go into the caves of the rocks, and into the holes of the 

earth, from before the terror of Jehovah, and from the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake mightily the earth. 20 In that day men shall cast away their idols of silver, and their idols of gold, which have been made for them to worship, to the moles and to the bats; 21 to go into the caverns of the rocks, and into the clefts of the ragged rocks, from before the terror of Jehovah, and from the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to shake mightily the earth. 22 Cease ye from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; for wherein is he to be accounted of?

3 For, behold, The Lord, Jehovah of hosts, doth take away from Jerusalem and from Judah star and 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 expert 

artificer, and the skilful enchanter. 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 proudly against the old man, and the base against the honorable. 6 When a man shall take hold of his brother in the house of his father, saying, Thou hast clothing, be thou our 

ruler, and let this ruin be under thy hand; 7 in that day shall he lift up his voice, saying, I will not be a 

healer; for in my house is neither bread nor clothing: ye shall not make me ruler of the people. 8 For Jerusalem is ruined, and Judah is fallen; because their tongue and their doings are against Jehovah, to provoke the eyes of his glory. 9 

The show of their countenance doth witness against them; and they declare their sin as Sodom, they hide it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have done evil unto themselves. 10 Say ye 

of the righteous, that it shall be well with him; for they shall eat the fruit of their doings. 11 Woe unto the wicked! it shall be ill with him; for what his hands have done shall be done unto him. 12 As for my people, children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they that lead thee cause thee to err, and 

destroy the way of thy paths.

13 Jehovah standeth up to contend, and standeth to judge 

the peoples. 14 Jehovah will enter into judgment with the elders of his people, and the princes thereof: It is ye that have eaten up the vineyard; the spoil of the poor is in your houses: 15 what mean ye that ye crush my people, and grind the face of the poor? saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts. 16 Moreover Jehovah said, Because the daughters of Zion are haughty, and walk with outstretched necks and wanton eyes, walking and mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their feet; 17 therefore 

Jehovah will smite with a scab the crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and Jehovah will lay bare their secret parts. 18 In that day Jehovah will take away the beauty of their anklets, and the 

cauls, and the crescents; 19 and the pendants, and the 

bracelets, and the mufflers; 20 the headresses, and the ankle chains, and the sashes, and the 

perfume boxes, and the amulets; 21 and the rings, and the nose jewels; 22 the festival robes, and the mantles, and the shawls, and the satchels; 23 the hand-mirrors, and the fine linen, and the turbans, and the veils. 24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet spices there shall be rottenness; and instead of a girdle, a rope; and instead of well set hair, baldness; and instead of a robe, a girding of sackcloth: branding instead of beauty. 25 Thy men shall fall by the sword, and thy 

mighty in the war. 26 And her gates shall lament and mourn; and she shall be 

desolate and sit upon the ground.

4 And seven women shall take hold of one man in that day, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name; take thou away our reproach.
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2 In that day shall the branch of Jehovah be beautiful and glorious, and the fruit of the land shall be excellent and comely for them that are escaped of Israel. And it shall come to pass, that he that is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, even every one that is written among the living in Jerusalem; 4 when Jehovah shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have purged the blood of Jerusalem from the midst thereof, by the spirit of justice, and by the spirit of burning. 5 And Jehovah will create over the whole habitation of mount Zion, and over her assemblies, a cloud and smoke by day, and a shining of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory shall be spread a covering. 6 And there shall be a booth for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a refuge and for a covert from storm and from rain.

5 501 Let me sing for my well-beloved a song of my beloved touching his vineyard. My well-beloved had a vineyard in a very fruitful hill: 2 and he digged it, and gathered out the stones thereof, and planted it with the choicest vine, and built a tower in the midst of it, and also hewed out a winepress therein: and he looked that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth wild grapes.

3 And now, O inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, judge, I pray you, betwixt me and my vineyard. And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away the hedge thereof, and it shall be trodden down: 6 and I will lay it waste; it shall not be pruned nor hoed; but there shall come up briers and thorns: I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of Jehovah of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah his pleasant plant: and he looked for justice, but, behold, oppression; for righteousness, but, behold, a cry.

8 Woe unto them that inhabit the midst of the land! 9 In mine ears saith Jehovah of hosts, Of a truth many houses shall be desolate, even great and fair, without inhabitant. 10 For ten acres of vineyard shall yield one bath, and a homer of seed shall yield but an ephah. 11 Woe unto them that rise up early in the morning, that they may follow strong drink; that tarry late into the night, till wine inflame them! 12 And the harp and the lute, the tabret and the pipe, and wine, are in their feasts; but they regard not the work of Jehovah, neither have they considered the operation of his hands.

13 Therefore my people are gone into captivity for lack of knowledge; and their honorable men are ashamed, and their multitude are parched with thirst. 14 Therefore Sheol hath enlarged its soul, and opened its mouth without measure; and their glory, and their multitude, and their pomp, and he that rejoiceth among them, descend into it. 15 And man is bowed down, and the great man is humbled, and the eyes of the lofty are humbled: 16 but Jehovah of hosts is exalted in justice, and God the Holy One is sanctified in righteousness. 17 Then shall the lambs feed as in their pastures, and the waste places of the fat ones shall wanderers eat.

18 Woe unto them that draw iniquity with cords of falsehood, and sin as it were with a cart rope; 19 that say, Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it; and let the counsel of the Holy One of Israel draw nigh and come, that we may know it! 20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto them that are wise in their own eyes, and prudent in their own sight! 22 Woe unto them that are mighty to drink wine, and men of strength to mingle strong drink; 23 that justify the wicked for a bribe, and take away the righteousness of the righteous from him!

24 Therefore as the tongue of fire devoureth the stubble, and as the dry grass sinketh down in the flame, so their root shall be as rottenness, and their blossom shall go up as dust; because they have rejected the law of Jehovah of hosts, and despised the word of the Holy One of Israel. 25 Therefore is the anger of Jehovah kindled against his people, and he hath stretched forth his hand against them, and hath smitten them; and the mountains tremble, and their dead bodies are as refuse in the midst of the streets. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

26 And he will lift up an ensign to the nations from far, and will hiss for them from the end of the earth; and, behold, 44 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 latchet of their shoes be broken: 28 whose arrows are sharp, and all their bows bent; their horses’ hoofs shall be accounted as flint, and their wheels as a whirlwind: 29 their roaring shall be like a lioness, they shall roar like young lions; yes, they shall roar, and
lay hold of the prey, and carry it away safe, and there shall be none to deliver. 30 And they shall roar against them in that day like the roaring of the sea: and if one look unto the land, behold, darkness and distress; and the light is darkened in the clouds thereof.

6 In the year that king Uzziah died I saw 67 Jehovah sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up; and his 68 train filled the temple. 2 And above him stood fiery beings: each one had six wings; with twain he covered his face, and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly. 3 And one cried unto another, and said, Holy, holy, holy, is Jehovah of hosts: 69 the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the foundations of the thresholds shook at the voice of him that 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 mine eyes have seen the King, Jehovah of hosts.

6 Then flew one of the fiery ones unto me, having a 70 live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar: 7 and he touched my mouth with it, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thine heart shall be healed.

7 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 Syria, and Pekah the son of Remaliah, king of Israel, went up to Jerusalem to war against it; but could not prevail against it. 2 And it was told the house of David, saying, Syria 60 is confederate with Ephraim. And his heart trembled, and the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest tremble with the wind.

3 Then said Jehovah unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Ahaz, thou, and 81 Shear-jashub thy son, at the end of the conduit of the upper pool, in the highway of the fuller's field; 4 And say unto him, Take heed, and be quiet; fear not, neither let thy heart be faint, because of these two tongs of smoking firebrands, for the fierce anger of Rezin and Syria, and of the son of Remaliah. 5 Because Syria, Ephraim, and the son of Remaliah, have purposed evil against thee, saying, 6 Let us go up against Judah, and vex it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set up a king in the midst of it, even the son of Tabeel; 7 thus saith the Lord Jehovah, It shall not stand, neither shall it come to pass. 8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin; and within sixty-five years shall Ephraim be broken in pieces, so that it shall not be a people; 9 and the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remaliah's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not be established.

10 And Jehovah spake again unto Ahaz, saying, 11 Ask thee a sign of Jehovah thy God; ask it either in the depth, or in the height above. 12 But Ahaz said, I will not ask, neither will I tempt Jehovah. 13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David; Is it a small thing for you weary men, that ye will weary my God also? 14 Therefore 82 Jehovah himself will give thee a sign: behold, the young 85 virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name 84 Emmanuel. 15 83 Butter and honey shall he eat, when he knoweth to refuse the evil, and choose the good. 16 For before the child shall know to refuse the evil, and choose the good, the land whose two kings thou abhorrest shall be forsaken. 17 Jehovah will bring upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon thy father's house, days that have not come, from the day that Ephraim departed from Judah — even the king of Assyria.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Jehovah will hiss for 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 86 desolate valleys, and in the clefts of the rocks, and upon all thorn-hedges, and upon all 88 pastures.

20 In that day will 89 Jehovah shave with a razor that is hired, in the parts beyond the River, even with the king of Assyria, the head and the hair of the feet; and it shall also consume the beard.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a man shall keep alive a young cow, and two sheep; 22 and it shall come to pass, because of the abundance of milk which they shall
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give he shall eat butter: for butter and honey shall every one eat that is left in the midst of the land.
23 And it shall come to pass in that day, that every place, where there were a thousand vines at a thousand silverings, shall be for briers and thorns. 24 With arrows and with bow shall one come thither, because all the land shall be briers and thorns. 25 And all the hills that were digged with the mattock, thou shalt not come thither for fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth of oxen, and for the treading of sheep.

8 And Jehovah said unto me, Take thee a great tablet, and write upon it 9 in common characters, For 92Maher-shalal-hash-baz; 2 and I will take unto me faithful witnesses to record, Uriah the priest, and Zechariah the son of Jeberechi-ah. 3 And I went unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bare a son. Then said Jehovah unto me, Call his name Maher-shalal-hash-baz. 4 For before the child shall know how to cry, My father, and, My mother, the riches of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be carried away before the king of Assyria.

5 And Jehovah spake unto me yet again, saying, 6 Forasmuch as this people have refused the waters of Shiloa that go softly, 93and rejoice 94 in Rezin and Remaliah’s son; 7 now therefore, behold, 95Jehovah bringeth up upon them the waters of the River, strong and many, even the king of Assyria and all his glory: and it shall come up over all its channels, and go over all its banks; 8 and it shall sweep onward into Judah; it shall overflow and pass through; it shall reach even to the neck; and the stretching out of its wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O Immanuel.

9 Make an uproar, O ye peoples, and be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of far countries: gird yourselves, and be broken in pieces; gird yourselves, and be broken in pieces. 10 Take counsel together, and it shall be brought to nought; speak a word, and it shall not stand: for 97God is with us.

11 For Jehovah spake thus to me 98 with a strong hand, and instructed me not to walk in the way of this people, saying, 12 Say ye not, A conspiracy, concerning all whereof this people shall say, A conspiracy; neither fear ye their fear, nor be in dread thereof. 13 Jehovah of hosts, him shall ye sanctify; 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 snare to the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 15 And 99 many shall stumble thereon, and fall, and be broken, and be snared, and be taken.

16 Bind thou up the testimony, seal the 100 law among my disciples. 17 And I will wait for Jehovah, that hideth his face from the house of Jacob, and I will look for him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom Jehovah hath given me are for signs and for wonders in Israel from Jehovah of hosts, who dwelleth in mount Zion.

19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits and unto the wizards, that chirp and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their 101 God? on behalf of the living should they seek unto the dead? 20 To the law and to the testimony! 102 if they speak not according to this word, surely there is no morning for them. 21 And they shall pass through it, sore distressed and hungry; and it shall come to pass that, when they shall be hungry, they shall fret themselves, and 103 curse by their king and by their God, and turn their faces upward: 22 and they shall look unto the earth, and behold, distress and darkness, the gloom of anguish; 104 and 105 into thick darkness they shall be driven away.

9 106 But there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphthali; but in the latter time hath he made it glorious, by the way 107 of the sea beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. 2 The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of 108 the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined. 3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, 110 Thou hast increased their joy: they joy before thee according to the joy in harvest, as men rejoice when they divide the spoil. 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff of his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, thou hast broken as in the day of Midian. 5 For 111 all the armor of the armed man in the tumult, and the garments rolled in blood, shall be for burning, for fuel of fire. 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to establish it, and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from henceforth even for ever.

9 Or, where never came the fear of briers and thorns, shall be for the sending forth etc. or, there shall come not thither the fear of briers and thorns; but it shall be for the sending forth etc.

91 Or, with the pen of a man,
92 Meaning The spoil speedeth, the prey hasteth; Also in vs. 3.
93 Or, even they that rejoice
94 Or, with
95 Sopherim changed to the Lord
96 Or, Break, O ye peoples,
97 Hb. immanu El.
98 Or, with strength of hand,
99 Or, many among them shall stumble, and fall, etc.
100 Or, teaching Also in vs. 20.
101 Or, gods Hb. Elohim And in vs. 21.
102 Or, surely according to this word shall they speak for whom there is no morning.
103 Or, curse their king and their God,
104 Or, and thick darkness shall be driven away: for there shall be no gloom to her that was in anguish.
105 Or, in
106 Or, For
107 That is, of the Sea of Galilee outlet northward.
108 Or, the district of the nations.
109 Or, deep darkness,
110 Most Hb. vg read thou didst not increase the joy:
111 Or, every boot of the booted warrior in the tumult,
112 Or, Wonderful, Counsellor,
113 Hb. Father of Eternity,
114 Massoretic implies the kingdom, 1Qlsa* implies the throne
The zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.

8 115Jehovah sent a word into Jacob, and it hath lighted upon Israel. 9 And all the people shall know, even Ephraim and the inhabitant of Samaria, that say in pride and in stoutness of heart, 10 The bricks are fallen, but we will build with hewn stone; the sycomores are cut down, but we will put cedars in their place. 11 Therefore Jehovah 116will set up on high against him the adversaries of Rezin, and 117will stir up his enemies. 12 the Syrians 118before, and the Philistines 120behind; and they 122shall devour Israel with open mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

13 Yet the people have not turned unto him that smote them, neither have they sought Jehovah of hosts. 14 Therefore Jehovah 122will cut off from Israel head and tail, palm-branch and rush, in one day. 15 The elder and the honorable man, he is the head; and the prophet that teacheth lies, he is the tail. 16 For they that lead this people cause them to err; and they that are led of them are 122Destroyed. 17 Therefore 124Jehovah will not rejoice over their young men, neither will he have compassion on their fatherless and widows; for every one is profane and an evil-doer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand is stretched out still.

18 For wickedness burneth as the fire; it devoureth the briers and thorns; yes, it kindleth in the thickets of the forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body. 19 Through the wrath of Jehovah of hosts is the land 128burnt up; and the people are as the fuel of fire: no man spareth his brother.

20 And one 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: 21 Manasseh, Ephraim; and Ephraim, Manasseh; and they together shall be as one gathereth eggs that are forsaken, have I gathered all the earth; and there was none that moved the wing, or that opened the mouth, or chirped.

15 Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? shall the saw magnify itself against him that wieldeth it? as if a rod should wield them that lift it up, or as if a staff should lift up unto him that is not wood. 16 Therefore will the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, send among his fat ones leanness; and 123under his glory there shall be kindled a burning like the burning of fire. 17 And the light of Israel shall be for a flame; and it will burn and devour his thorns and his briers in one day. 18 And he will consume the glory of his forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body: and it shall be 134as when a standard-bearer faileth. 19 And the remnant of the trees of his forest shall be few, so that a child may write them.

20 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the remnant of Israel, and they that are escaped of the house of Jacob, shall no more again lean upon him that smote them, but shall lean upon Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, in truth. 21 135A remnant shall return, even the remnant of Jacob, unto the mighty God. 22 For though thy people, Israel, be as the sand of the sea, only a remnant 138of them shall return: a destruction is determined, overflowing with righteousness. 23 For a full end, and that determined, will the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, make in the midst of all the 131earth.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, O my people that dwellest in Zion, be not afraid of the 138Assyrian,
though he smite thee with the rod, and lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. 25 For yet a very little while, and the indignation against thee shall be accomplished, and mine anger shall be directed to his destruction. 26 And Jehovah of hosts will stir up against him a scourge, as in the slaughter of Midian at the rock of Oreb: and 149 his rod will be over the sea, and he will lift it up after the manner of Egypt. 27 And it shall come to pass in that day, that his burden shall depart from off thy shoulder, and his yoke from off thy neck, and the yoke shall be destroyed by reason of 149fainess.

28 He is come on Aiath, he is passed through Migron; at Michmash he layeth up his baggage; 29 they are gone over the pass; 146 they have taken up their lodging at Geba; Ramah trembleth; Gibeah of Saul is felled. 30 Cry aloud with thy voice, O daughter of Gallim! hearken, O Laishah! O thou poor Anathoth! 31 Madmenah is a fugitive; the inhabitants of Gebim flee for safety. 32 This very day shall he halt at Nob: he shaketh his hand at the mount of the daughter of Zion, the hill of Jerusalem.

33 Behold, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, will lop the boughs with terror: and the high of stature shall be hewn down, and the lofty through the thickets of the forest with iron, and Lebanon shall fall by a beard of the Lord. 34 And the lofty shall be brought low.

35 Behold, the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, will stir up against him a scourge, as in 149the day of the vengeance of his anger, when vengeance is taken against him. 36 And Jehovah authorizes the spoil: they are gone over the sea, so shall he wave his hand over the River, and will smite it into seven parts, and will make men to pass over, though he smite thee with the rod, and lift up his staff against thee, after the manner of Egypt. 37 And Jehovah will set his hand again a second time to the remnant of his people, that shall remain, from Assyria, and from Egypt, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from Elam, and from Shinar, and from Hamath, and from the 152coastlands of the sea. 38 And he will set up an ensign for the nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel, and gather together the dispersed of Judah from the four corners of the earth. 39 The envy also of Ephraim shall depart, and they that vex Judah shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and Judah shall not vex Ephraim. 40 And they shall fly down upon the shoulder of the Philistines on the west; together shall they oppress the children of the east: they shall put forth their hand upon Edom and Moab; and the children of Ammon shall obey them. 41 And Jehovah will 156utterly destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and with his scorching wind will he wave his hand over the River, and will smite it into seven streams, and cause men to march over dryshod. 42 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, that shall remain, from Assyria; like as there was for Israel in the day that he came up out of the land of Egypt.

43 And in that day thou shalt say, I will give thanks unto thee, O Jehovah; for though thou wast angry with me, 155thine anger is turned away, and thou comfortest me. 44 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid: for 156Jehovah, even Jehovah, is my strength and song; and he is become my salvation. 45 Therefore with joy shall ye draw water out of the wells of salvation. 46 And in that day shall ye say, Give thanks unto Jehovah, 157call upon his name, declare his doings among the peoples, make mention that his name is exalted. 47 Sing unto Jehovah; for he hath done excellent things: 158let this be known in all the earth. 48 Cry aloud and shout, thou inhabitress of Zion; for great is the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.

49 The burden of Babylon, which Isaiah the son of Amoz did see.

50 Set yea up an ensign upon the bare mountain, lift up the voice unto them, wave the hand, that they may go into the

137 Or, land.
138 Hb. Assur.
139 Or, as his rod was over the sea, so shall he etc.
140 Hb. oil.
141 Or, Geba is our lodging, they cry;
142 Or, make their households flee for safety.
143 Hb. alone reads house of Zion, [similar words]
144 Or, he shall be of quick understanding in etc.
145 Hb. scent
146 Or, land; (both times)
147 Massoretic reads shall feed; together their young
148 Hb. glory.
149 Sopherim changed to the Lord
150 Or, will again the second time recover with his hand the remnant of his people,
151 Or, purchase See Ex 15:16.
152 Or, islands Likely Mediterranean and westward.
153 Or, in Judah
154 Hb. devote the tongue of the Egyptian sea;
155 Or, let thine anger turn away, and comfort thou me.
156 Hb. Jah Jehovah,
157 Or, proclaim his name,
158 Or, gloriously;
159 Or, this is made known in all the earth.
160 Hb. inhabitress
161 Or, oracle concerning Babylon,
gates of the nobles. 3 I have commanded my consecrated ones, yes, I have called my mighty men for mine anger, even my proudly exulting ones. 4 The noise of a multitude in the mountains, as of a great people! the noise of a tumult of the kingdoms of the nations gathered together! Jehovah of hosts is mustering the host for the battle. 5 They come from a far country, from the uttermost part of heaven, even Jehovah, and the weapons of his indignation, to destroy the whole land.

6 Wail ye; for the day of Jehovah is at hand; as destruction from the Almighty shall it come. 7 Therefore shall all hands be feeble, and every heart of man shall melt: 8 and they shall be dismayed; 164pangs and sorrows shall take hold of them; they shall be in pain as a woman in travail: they shall look in amazement one at another; their faces shall be faces of flame.

9 Behold, the day of Jehovah cometh, cruel, with wrath and fierce anger; to make the land a desolation, and to destroy the sinners thereof out of it. 10 For the stars of heaven and the constellations thereof shall not give their light; the sun shall be darkened in its going forth, and the moon shall not cause its light to shine. 11 And I will punish the world for their evil, and the wicked for their iniquity; and I will cause the arrogancy of the proud to cease, and will lay low the haughtiness of the terrible. 12 I will make a man more precious than fine gold, even a man than the pure gold of Ophir. 13 Therefore I will make the heavens to tremble, and the earth shall be shaken out of its place, in the wrath of Jehovah of hosts, and in the day of his fierce anger. 14 And it shall come to pass, that as the chased 166roe, and as sheep that no man gathereth, they shall turn every man to his own people, and shall flee every man to his own land. 15 Every one that is found shall be thrust through; and every one that is taken shall fall by the sword. 16 Their infants also shall be dashed in pieces before their eyes; their houses shall be rifled, and their wives ravished.

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 And their bows shall dash the young men in 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: and all the nations shall pass through it.

21 But wild beasts of the desert shall lie there; and their houses shall be full of doleful creatures; and ostriches shall dwell there, and wild goats shall dance there. 22 And 166wolves shall 166cry in their castles, and jackals in the pleasant palaces: her time is near to come, and her days shall not be prolonged.

14 For Jehovah will have compassion on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the sojourner shall join himself with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob. 2 And the peoples shall take them, and bring them to their place; and the house of Israel shall possess them in the land of Jehovah for servants and for handmaids: 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 Jehovah shall give thee rest from thy sorrow, and from thy trouble, and from the hard service wherein thou wast made to serve, 4 that thou shalt take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath the oppressor ceased! the golden city ceased!

5 Jehovah hath broken the staff of the wicked, the sceptre of the rulers; 6 that smote the peoples in wrath with a continual stroke, that ruled the nations in anger, with a persecution that none restrained. 7 The whole earth is at rest, and is quiet: they break forth into singing. 8 Yes, the fir-trees rejoice at thee, and the cedars of Lebanon, saying, Since thou art laid low, no hewer is come up against us. 9 Sheol from beneath is moved for thee to meet thee at thy coming; it stirreth up 152the dead for thee, even all 171chief ones of the earth; it hath raised up from their thrones all the kings of the nations. 10 All they shall answer and say unto thee, Art thou also become weak as we? art thou become like unto us? 11 Thy pomp is brought down to Sheol, and the noise of thy viols: the worm is spread under thee, and scarlet worms cover thee.

12 How art thou fallen from heaven, O day-star, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, that didst lay low the nations! 13 And thou saidst in thy heart, I will ascend into the heavens, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit in the mount of meeting in the uttermost parts of the north; 14 I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High. 15 Yet thou shalt be brought down to Sheol, to the uttermost parts of the pit. 16 They that see thee shall gaze at thee, they shall consider thee, saying, Is this the man that made the earth to tremble, that did shake kingdoms; 17 that made the world as a wilderness, and overthrew the cities thereof; that let not loose his prisoners to their home? 18 All the kings of the nations, all of them, sleep in glory, every one in his own house. 19 But thou art cast forth away from thy sepulchre like an abominable branch, 176clothed with the slain, that are thrust through with the sword, that go down to the stones of the pit; as a dead body trodden under foot. 20 Thou shalt not be joined with them in burial, because thou hast destroyed thy land, thou hast slain thy people; the seed of evil-doers shall not be named for ever.

21 Prepare ye 178slaughter for his children for the iniquity of their fathers, that they rise not up, and possess the earth, and fill the face of the world with cities. 22 And I will rise up against them, saith Jehovah of hosts, and cut off from Babylon name and remnant, and son and son’s son, saith Jehovah. 23 I will also make it a possession for the porcupine, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction,

162 Or, them that exult in my majesty.

163 Hb. Shaddai See Ge 17:1.

164 Or, they shall take hold of pangs and sorrows;

165 Or possibly, scarce But cf. 2Ki 1:13-14, Ps 72:14.

166 Or, gazelle,

167 Or, joined thereunto shall fall by the sword.

168 Hb. howling creatures shall cry

169 Or, answer

170 Or, exactress ceased! 1Q Isa reads assault ceased!

171 Or, he that smote the peoples … the nations in anger, is persecuted, and none hindereth.

172 Or, the shades Hb. Rephaim

173 Hb. he-goats Cf. Da 8:21

174 Or, as the raiment of those that are slain,

175 Or, a place of slaughter

176 That is, a broom, esp. with stiff bristles or twigs.
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saith Jehovah of hosts.

24 Jehovah of hosts hath 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 tread him under foot: then shall his yoke depart from off them, and his burden depart from off their shoulder. 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 Jehovah of hosts hath 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 Rejoice, O Philistia, all of thee, because the rod that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent’s root shall come forth an adder, and his fruit shall be a fiery flying serpent. 30 And the firstborn of the poor shall feed, and the needy shall lie down in safety; and I will kill thy root with famine, and thy remnant shall be slain. 31 Howl, O gate; cry, O city; thou art melted away, O Philistia, all of thee; for there cometh a smoke out of the north, and there is no straggler in his ranks.

32 What then shall one answer the messengers of the nation? That Jehovah hath founded Zion, and in her shall the afflicted of his people take refuge.

15 The burden of Moab.

For in a night Ar of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nought; for in a night Kir of Moab is laid waste, and brought to nought. 2 They are gone up to Bayith, and to Dibon, to the high places, to weep: Moab waileth over Nebo, and over Medeba; on all their heads is baldness, every beard is cut off. 3 In their streets they gird themselves with sackcloth; on their howsetops, and in their broad places, every one waileth, weeping abundantly. 4 And Heshbon crieth out, and Elealeh; their voice is heard even unto Jahaz: therefore the armed men of Moab cry aloud; his soul trembleth within him. 5 My heart crieth out for Moab; her nobles flee unto Zoar, and Etham-shelishiyah: for by the ascent of Luhith with weeping they go up; for in the way of Horonaim they raise up a cry of destruction. 6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate; for the grass is withered away, the tender grass faileth, there is no green thing. 7 Therefore the abundance they have gotten, and that which they have laid up, shall they carry away over the brook of the willows. 8 For the cry is gone round about the borders of Moab; the wailing thereof unto Elealeh, and the wailing thereof unto Beer-elim. 9 For the waters of Dimon are full of blood; for I will bring yet more upon Dimon, a lion upon them of Moab that escape, and upon the remnant of the land.

16 Send ye the lambs for the ruler of the land from Sela to the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. 2 For it shall be that, as wandering birds, as a scattered nest, so shall the daughters of Moab be at the fords of the Arnon. 3 Give counsel, execute justice; make thy shade as the night in the midst of the noonday; hide the outcasts; betray not the fugitive. 4 Let mine outcasts dwell with thee; as for Moab, be thou a covert to him from the face of the destroyer.

6 We have heard of the pride of Moab, that he is very proud; even of his arrogancy, and his pride, and his wrath; his boasts are nought. 7 Therefore shall Moab wail for Moab, every one shall wail: for the raisin-cakes of Kirhareseth shall ye mourn utterly stricken. 8 For the fields of Heshbon languish, and the vine of Sibmah; the lords of nations have broken down the choice branches thereof, which reached even unto Jazer, which wandered into the wilderness; its shoots were spread abroad, they passed over the sea. 9 Therefore I will weep with the weeping of Jazer for the vine of Sibmah; I will water thee with my tears, O Heshbon, and Elealeh: for upon thy summer fruits and upon thy harvest the battle shout is fallen. 10 And gladness is taken away, and joy out of the fruitful field; and in the vineyards there shall be no singing, neither joyful noise: no treader shall tread out wine in the presses; I have made the vintage shout to cease. 11 Wherefore my heart soundeth like a harp for Moab, and mine inward parts for Kir-heres. 12 And it shall come to pass, when Moab presenteth himself, when he wearyeth himself upon the high place, and shall come to his sanctuary to pray, that he shall not prevail.

13 This is the word that Jehovah spake concerning Moab in time past. 14 But now Jehovah hath spoken, saying, Within three years, as the years of a hireling, the glory of Moab shall be brought into contempt, with all his great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and of no account.

17 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 And the fortress shall cease from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria; they shall be as the glory of the children of Israel, saith Jehovah of hosts.

177 Or, oracle.

178 Or, none standeth aloof at his appointed times.

179 Or, oracle concerning Moab.

180 Or, in the night (both times)

181 Or, Bayith and Dibon are gone up to the high places to weep:

182 Or, the temple

183 Or, upon Nebo, and upon Medeba;

184 Or with different points (vowels), fugitives

185 Or, as a heifer three years old: Cf. ch. 16:14.

186 Meaning two caverns.

187 Hb. desolations;

188 IQIsa reads Dibon (both times)

189 Or, Petra Lamsa says, the rock city

190 Or, extortion is brought to nought,

191 Hb. the treading down are consumed

192 Or, foundations

193 Or, its choice plants did break down the lords of nations,

194 Or, oracle concerning Damascus.

195 Or, from Damascus; and the remnant of Syria shall
4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the glory of Jacob shall be as the wheat hill, and the fatness of his flesh shall wax lean; 5 and it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the standing grain, and his arm reapeth the ears; yes, it shall be as when one gleaneth ears in the valley of Rephaim. 6 Yet there shall be left therein gleanings, as the shaking of an olive-tree, two or three berries in the top of the uppermost bough, four or five in the outmost branches of a fruitful tree, saith Jehovah, the God of Israel. 7 In that day shall men look unto their Maker, and their eyes shall have respect to the Holy One of Israel. 8 And they shall not look to the altars, the work of their hands; neither shall they have respect to that which their fingers have made, either the Asherim, or the sun-images. 9 In that day shall their strong cities be as the forsaken places in the wood and on the mountain top, which were forsaken from before the children of Israel; and it shall be a desolation. 10 For thou hast forgotten the God of thy salvation, and hast not been mindful of the rock of thy strength; therefore thou plantest pleasant plants, and settest it with the day of thy planting thou hedgest it in, and in the morning thou makest thy seed to blossom; but the harvest fleeth away in the day of grief and of desperate sorrow.

12 Ah, the uproar of many peoples, that roar like the roaring of the seas; and the rushing of nations, that rush like the rushing of mighty waters! 13 The nations shall rush like the rushing of many waters: but he shall rebuke them, and they shall flee far off, and shall be chased as the chaff of the mountains before the wind, and like the whirlimg dust before the storm. 14 Towards eventide behold, terror; and before the morning they are not. This is the portion of them that despoil us, and the lot of them that rob us.

18 Ah, the land of the rustling of wings, which is beyond the rivers of Ethiopia; 2 that sendeth ambassadors by the sea, even in vessels of papyrus upon the waters, saying, Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation tall and smooth, to a people terrible from their beginning onward, a nation that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers divide! 3 All ye inhabitants of the world, and ye dwellers on the earth, when an ensign is lifted up on the mountains, see ye; and when the trumpet is blown, hear ye.

4 For thus hath Jehovah said unto me, I will be still, and I will behold in my dwelling-place, like clear heat in sunshine, like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. 5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is over, and the flower become a ripening grape, he will cut off the sprigs with pruning-hooks, and the spreading branches will he take away and cut down. 6 They shall be left together unto the ravenous birds of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth; and the ravenous birds shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. 7 In that time shall a present be brought unto Jehovah of hosts from a people tall and smooth, even from a people terrible from their beginning onward, a nation that meteth out and treadeth down, whose land the rivers divide, to the place of the name of Jehovah of hosts, the mount Zion.

19 The burden of Egypt.

Behold, Jehovah rideth upon a swift cloud, and cometh unto Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall tremble at his presence; and the heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. 2 And I will stir up 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 fall in the midst of it; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek unto the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards. 4 And I will give over the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord; and a fierce king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.

5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and become dry. 6 And the rivers shall become foul; the streams of Egypt shall be diminished and dried up; the reeds and flags shall wither away. 7 The meadows by the Nile, by the brink of the Nile, and all the sown fields of the Nile, shall become dry, be driven away, and be no more. 8 And the fishers shall lament, and all they that cast angle shall lament, and all they that spread nets upon the waters shall languish. 9 Moreover they that work in combed flax, and they that weave, white cloth, shall be confounded. 10 And the pillars of Egypt shall be broken in pieces; all they that work for hire shall be grievied of soul.

11 The princes of Zoan are utterly foolish; the counsel of the wisest counsellors of Pharaoh is become brutish; how say ye unto Pharaoh, I am the son of the wise, the son of ancient kings? 12 Where then are thy wise men? and let them tell thee now; and let them know what Jehovah of hosts hath purposed concerning Egypt. 13 The princes of Zoan are become fools, the princes of Memphis are deceived; they have caused Egypt to go astray, that are the corner-stone of her tribes. 14 Jehovah hath mingled a spirit of perverseness in the midst of her; and they have caused Egypt to go astray in every work thereof,
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as a drunken man staggereth in his vomit. 15 Neither shall there be for Egypt any work, which head or tail, palm-branch or rush, may do. 16 In that day shall Egyptians be like unto women; and they shall tremble and fear because of the shaking of the hand of Jehovah of hosts, which he shaketh over them. 17 And the land of Judah shall become a terror unto Egypt; 222every one to whom mention is made thereof shall be afraid, because of the purpose of Jehovah of hosts, which he purposeth against it. 18 In that day shall there be five cities in the land of Egypt that speak the language of Canaan, and swear to Jehovah of hosts; one shall be called The city of sun. 19 In that day shall there be an altar to Jehovah in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at the border thereof to Jehovah. 20 And it shall be for a sign and for a witness unto Jehovah of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they shall cry unto Jehovah because of oppressors, and he will send them a saviour, and 222 a defender, and he will deliver them. 21 And Jehovah shall 226 be known to Egypt, and the Egyptians shall know Jehovah in that day; yes, they shall worship with sacrifice and oblation, and shall vow a vow unto Jehovah, and shall perform it. 22 And Jehovah will smite Egypt, smiting and healing; and they shall return unto Jehovah, and he will be entreated of the Lord of hosts; one shall be called The city of sun. 23 And Jehovah will smite Egypt, smiting and healing; and they shall return unto Jehovah, and he will be entreated of the Lord of hosts; one shall be called The city of sun.

21 The burden of the wilderness of the sea.

As whirlwinds in the South sweep through, it cometh from the wilderness, from a terrifying land. 2 A grievous vision is declared unto me; the treacherous man dealeth treacherously, and the destroyer destroyeth. Go up, O Elam; besiege, O Media; all the sighing thereof 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 travail: I am pained so that I cannot hear; I am dismayed so that I cannot see. 4 My heart fluttereth, horror hath afrighted me; the twilight that I desired hath been turned into trembling unto me. 5 They prepare the table, they set the watch, they eat, they drink: rise up, ye princes, anoint the shield. 6 For thus hath Jehovah said unto me, Go, set a watchman; and let him declare what he seeth: 7 227 and when he seeth 228 a troop, horsemen in pairs, a troop of asses, a troop of camels, he shall hearken diligently with much heed. 8 And he cried as a lion: O Jehovah, I stand continually upon the watchtower in the daytime, and am set in my ward whole nights; 9 and, behold, here 242 cometh a troop of men, horsemen in pairs. And he answered and said, Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the graven images of her gods are broken unto the ground. 10 O thou my threshing, and the 243 grain of my floor! that which I have heard from Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, have I declared unto you.

11 The burden of Dumah.

One calleth unto me out of Seir, Watchman, 246 what of the night? Watchman, what of the night? 12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, and also the night: if ye will inquire, inquire ye: 246 turn ye, come.
13 The burden upon Arabia.

In the 249forest in Arabia shall ye lodge, O ye caravans of Dedanites. 14 Unto him that 250was thirsty they brought water; 251the inhabitants of the land of Tema did meet the fugitive with his bread. 15 For they fled away from the swords, from the drawn sword, and from the bent bow, and from the grievousness of war. 16 For thus hath 252Jehovah said unto me, Within a year, according to the years of a hireling, all the glory of Kedar shall fail; and the residue of the number of the archers, the mighty men of the children of Kedar, shall be few; for Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath spoken it.

22 The 253burden of the valley of vision.

What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly 254gone up to the house tops? 2 O thou that art full of shoutings, a tumultuous city, a joyous town; thy slain are not slain with the sword, neither are they dead in battle. 3 All thy rulers fled away together, they were bound 255by the archers; all that were found of thee were bound together; 256they fled afar off. 4 Therefore said I, Look away from me, I will weep bitterly; 257labor not to comfort me for the destruction of the daughter of my people.

5 For it is a day of discomfiture, and of treading down, and of perplexity, from the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, in the valley of vision; a breaking down of the walls, and a crying to the 258mountains. 6 And Elam bare the quiver, with 259men and chariotes, and Kir uncovered the shield. 7 And it came to pass, that thy choicest valleys were full of chariots, and the horsemen set themselves in array at the gate. 8 And he took away the covering of Judah; and thou didst look in that day to the armor in the house of the forest. 9 And ye saw the breaches of the city of David, that they were many; and ye gathered together the waters of the lower pool. 10 And ye numbered the houses of Jerusalem, and ye brake down the houses to fortify the wall. 11 Ye made also a reservoir between the two walls for the water of the old pool: but ye looked not unto 260him that had done this, neither had ye respect unto him that purposed it long ago.

12 And in that day did 261the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, call to weeping, and to mourning, and to baldness, and to girding with sackcloth; and behold, joy and gladness, slaying oxen, and killing sheep, eating flesh and drinking wine: let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we shall die. 14 And Jehovah of hosts revealed himself in mine ears, Surely this iniquity shall not be 262forgiven you till ye die, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts.

15 Thus saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, Go, get thee unto this 263treasurer, even unto Shebna, who is over the house, and say, 16 What doest thou here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewed thee out here a sepulchre? hewing him out a sepulchre on high, graving a habitation for himself in the rock! 17 Behold, Jehovah, 263like a strong man, will hurl thee away violently; yes, he will 264lay fast hold on thee. 18 He will surely wind thee round and round, and toss thee like a ball into a large country; there shalt thou die, and there shall be the chariots of thy glory, thou shame of thy lord’s house. 19 And I will thrust thee from thine office; and from thy station shalt thou be pulled 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 thy robe, and strengthen him with thy girdle, and I will commit thy government into 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; and he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. 23 And I will fasten him as a nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a throne of glory 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, every small vessel, from the cups even to all the flagons. 25 In that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, shall the nail that was fastened in a sure place give way; and it shall be hewn down, and fall; and the burden that was upon it shall be cut off; for Jehovah hath spoken it.

23 The 265burden of Tyre.

Howl, ye 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, ye inhabitants of the coast, 266ye merchants of Sidon, whose messengers passed over the sea. 3 And on great waters the seed of the Shihor, the harvest of the Nile, was her revenue; and she was the mart of nations. 4 Be thou ashamed, O Sidon; for the sea hath spoken, the stronghold of the sea, saying, I have not travailed, nor brought forth, neither have I nourished young men, nor brought up virgins. 5 267When the report cometh to Egypt, they shall be sorely pained at the report of Tyre. 6 Pass ye over to Tarshish; wail, ye inhabitants of the coast. 7 Is this thy joyous city, whose antiquity is 268of ancient days, whose feet carried her afar off to sojourn?

8 Who hath purposed this against Tyre, the bestower of crowns, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth? 9 Jehovah of hosts hath purposed it, to 269stain the pride of all glory, to bring into contempt all the honorable of the earth. 10 Pass through thy land as the Nile, O daughter of Tarshish; there is no 270restraint any
more. 11 He hath stretched out his hand over the sea, he hath shaked the kingdoms; Jehovah hath given commandment concerning Canaan, to destroy the strongholds thereof. 12 And he said, Thou shalt no more rejoice, O thou oppressed virgin daughter of Sidon: arise, pass over to Kittim; even there shalt thou have no rest.

13 Behold, the land of the Chaldeans: 272 his people 274 is not; the Assyrian founded it for them that dwell in the wilderness; they set up 270 their towers; they 270 overthrew the palaces thereof; they made it a ruin. 14 Howl, ye ships of Tarshish; for stronghold is laid waste. 15 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Tyr shall be forgotten seventy years, according to the days of one king: after 277 the end of seventy years 277 it shall be unto Tyre as in the song of the harlot. 16 Take a harp, go about the city, thou harlot that hast been forgotten; make sweet melody, sing many songs, that thou mayest be remembered.

17 And it shall come to pass after the end of seventy years, that Jehovah will visit Tyre, and she shall return 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 278 holiness to Jehovah: it shall not be treasured nor laid up; for her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before Jehovah, to eat sufficiently, and for 279 durable clothing.

24 Behold, Jehovah maketh the earth empty, and maketh it waste, and turneth it upside down, and scattereth abroad the inhabitants thereof. 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 creditor, so with the debtor; as with the taker of interest, so with the giver of interest to him. 3 The earth shall be utterly emptied, and utterly laid waste; for Jehovah hath spoken this word. 4 The earth mourneth and fadeth away, the world languisheth and fadeth away, 281 the lofty people of the earth do languish. 5 The earth also is polluted under the inhabitants thereof; because they have transgressed the laws, violated the statutes, broken the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath the curse devoured the earth, and they that dwell therein are found guilty; therefore the inhabitants of the earth are burned, and few men left. 7 The new wine mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merryminded do sigh. 8 The mirth of 282 the tabrets ceaseth, the noise of them that rejoice endeth, the joy of the harp ceaseth. 9 They shall not drink wine with a song; strong drink shall be bitter to them that drink it. 10 The waste city is broken down; every house is shut up, that no man may come in. 11 There is a crying in the streets because of the wine; all joy is darkened, the mirth of the land is 283 gone. 12 In the city is left desolation, and the gate is smitten with destruction. 13 For thus shall it be in the midst of the earth among the peoples, as the 284 shaking of an olive-tree, as the gleanings when the vintage is done.

14 These shall lift up their voice, they shall shout; for the majesty of Jehovah they cry aloud from the sea. 15 Wherefore glorify ye Jehovah in the east, even the name of Jehovah, the God of Israel, in the coastlands of the sea. 16 From the uttermost part of the earth have we heard songs: Glory to the righteous.

But I said, it will pine away, I pine away, woe is me! 287 the treacherous have dealt treacherously; yes, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously. 17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of the earth. 18 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the noise of the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the midst of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for the windows on high are opened, and the foundations of the earth tremble. 19 The earth is utterly broken, the earth is rent asunder, the earth is shaken violently. 20 The earth shall stagger like a drunken man, and shall sway to and fro like a hammock; and the transgression thereof shall be heavy upon it, and it shall fall, and not rise again.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, that 288 288 the host of the 288 high ones 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 291 visited. 23 Then the moon shall be confounded, and the sun ashamed; for Jehovah of hosts will reign in mount Zion, and in Jerusalem; and before his elders shall be glory.

25 O Jehovah, thou art my God; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, even counsels of old, in faithfulness and truth. 2 For thou hast made of a city a heap, of a fortified city a ruin, a palace of strangers to be no city; it shall never be built. 3 Therefore shall a strong people glorify thee; a city of terrifying nations shall fear thee. 4 For thou hast been a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy in his distress, as refuge from the storm, a shade from the heat, when the blast of the terrifying ones is as a storm against the wall. 5 As the heat in a dry place wilt thou bring down the noise of strangers; as the heat by the shade of a cloud, the song of the terrifying ones shall be brought low.

6 And in this mountain will Jehovah of hosts make unto all peoples 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 292 destroy in this mountain the face of the coverings.
ing that covereth all peoples, and the veil that is spread over all nations. 8 He hath swallowed up death for ever; and the Lord Jehovah will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the reproach of his people will he take away from off all the earth: for Jehovah hath spoken it.

9 And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, and he will save us: this is Jehovah; we have waited for him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation. 10 For in this mountain will the hand of Jehovah rest; and Moab shall be trodden down in his place, even as straw is trodden down. 11 And he shall spread forth his hands in the midst thereof, as he that spreadeth forth his hands to swim; but Jehovah will lay low his pride together with the craft of his hands. 12 And the high fortress of thy walls shall he bring down, laid low, and brought to the ground, even to the dust.

26 In that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: We have a strong city; salvation will he appoint for walls and bulwarks. 2 Open ye the gates, that the righteous nation which keepeth faith may enter in. 3 Jb298 Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on thee; because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye Jehovah for ever; for in Jehovah, even Jehovah, is an everlasting rock. 5 For he hath brought down them that dwell on high, the lofty city: he layeth it low, he layeth it low even to the ground; he bringeth it even to the dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down; even the feet of the poor, and the steps of the needy. 7 The way of the just is uprightness: thou that art upright dost direct the path of the just.

8 Yes, in the way of thy judgments, O Jehovah, have we waited for thee; to thy name, even to thy memorial name, is the desire of our soul. 9 With my soul have I desired thee in the night; yes, with my spirit within me will I seek thee earnestly: for when thy judgments are in the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. 10 Let favor be showed to the wicked, yet will he not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal wrongfully, and will not behold the majesty of Jehovah.

11 Jehovah, thy hand is lifted up, yet they see not: but they shall see 306 thy zeal for the people, and be put to shame; yes, the fire of thine adversaries shall devour them. 12 Jehovah, thou wilt ordain peace for us; for thou hast also wrought all our works for us. 13 O Jehovah our God, other lords besides thee have had dominion over us; but by thee only will we make mention of thy name. 14 Jb308 They are dead, they shall not live; they are deceased, they shall not arise: therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made all remembrance of them to perish. 15 Thou hast increased the nation, O Jehovah, thou hast increased the nation; thou art glorified; 310 thou hast enlarged all the borders of the land.

16 Jehovah, in trouble have they visited thee; they poured out a prayer when thy chastening was upon them. 17 Like as a woman with child, that draweth near the time of her delivery, is in pain and crieth out in her pangs; so have we been before thee, O Jehovah. 18 We have been with child, we have been in pain, we have as it were brought forth wind; we have not wrought any deliverance in the earth; neither have the inhabitants of the world fallen. 19 Thy dead shall live; my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and sing, ye that dwell in the dust; for thy dew is as the dew of 315 herbs, and the earth shall cast forth the dead.

20 Come, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy doors about thee: hide thy self for a little moment, until the indignation be overpast. 21 For, behold, Jehovah cometh forth out of 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.

27 In that day Jehovah with his hard and great and strong sword will punish leviathan the 315 swift serpent, even Leviathan the 315 crooked serpent; and he will slay the monster that is in the sea.

2 In that day: A vineyard of wine, sing ye 320 unto it. 3 I Jehovah am its keeper; I will water it every moment: lest any hurt it, I will keep it night and day. 4 Wrath is not in me: would that the briers and thorns were against me in battle! I would march upon them, I would burn them together. 5 Or else let him take hold of my strength, that he may make peace with me; yes, let him make peace with me. 6 In days to come shall Jacob take root; Israel shall blossom and bud; and they shall fill the face of the world with fruit.

7 Hath he smitten them as he smote those that smote them? or are they slain according to the slaughter of 322 of them that
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were slain by them? 8 323In measure, 324when thou sendest them away, thou dost contend with them; he hath removed them with his rough blast in the day of the east wind. 9 Therefore by this shall the iniquity of Jacob be 325atoned, and this is all the fruit 326of taking away his sin: that he maketh all the stones of the altar as chalk-stones that are beaten in sunder, so that the Asherim and the sun-images shall rise no more. 10 For the fortified city is solitary, a habitation deserted and forsaken, like the wilderness: there shall the calf feed, and there shall he lie down, and consume the branches thereof. 11 When the boughs thereof 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 that made them will not have compassion upon them, and he that formed them will show them no favor.

12 And it shall come to pass in that day, that Jehovah will 327beat off his fruit from the flood of the River unto the brook of Egypt; and ye shall be 328gathered 329one by one, O ye children of Israel.

13 And it shall come to pass in that day, that a great trumpet shall be blown; and they shall come that were 330ready to perish in the land of Assyria, and they that were outcasts in the land of Egypt; and they shall worship Jehovah in the holy mountain in Jerusalem.

28 Woe to the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat of them that are 331overcome with wine! 2 Behold, 332Jehovah hath a mighty and strong one; as a tempest of hail, a destroying storm, as a tempest of mighty waters overflowing, will he cast down to the earth 333with the hand. 3 The crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim shall be trodden under foot; 4 and the fading flower of his glorious beauty, which is on the head of the fat of the valley, shall be as the first-ripe fig before the summer; which when he that looketh upon it seeth, while it is yet in his hand he eateth it up. 5 In that day will Jehovah of hosts become a crown of glory and a diadem of beauty, unto the residue of his people; 6 and a spirit of justice to him that sitteth in judgment, and strength to them that turn back the battle 334at the gate. 7 And even these reel with wine, and stagger with strong drink; priest and prophet reel with strong drink, they are swallowed up of wine, they stagger with 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 335Whom will he teach knowledge? and whom will he make to understand the 336message? them that are weaned from the milk, and drawn from the breasts? 10 For it is precept upon precept, precept upon precept; 337line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little.

11 338No, but by men of strange lips and with another tongue will he speak to this people; 12 to whom he said, This is the rest, give ye rest to him that is weary; and this is the refreshing: yet they would not hear. 13 Therefore shall the word of Jehovah be unto them precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line upon line, line upon line; here a little, there a little; that they may go, and fall backward, and be broken, and snared, and taken.

14 Wherefore hear the word of Jehovah, ye scoffers, that rule this people that is in Jerusalem: 15 Because ye 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 unto us; for we have made a lie our refuge, and under falsehood have we hid ourselves: 16 therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I lay in Zion for a foundation a stone, a tried stone, a precious corner-stone of sure foundation: he that believeth shall not be in haste. 17 And I will make justice the line, and righteousness the 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 ye shall be trodden down by it. 19 As often as it passeth through, it shall take you; for morning by morning shall it pass through, and by day and by night: and it shall be but terror all the days thereof.

20 For the bed is shorter than that a man can stretch himself on it; and the covering narrower than that he can wrap himself in it. 21 For Jehovah will rise up as in mount Perazim, he will be wroth as in the valley of Gibeon; that he may do his work, his strange work, and bring to pass his act, his strange act. 22 Now therefore be ye not scoffers, lest your bonds be made strong; for 339a decree of destruction have I heard from the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, upon the whole earth.

23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; hearken, and hear my speech. 24 Doth he that ploweth to sow plow continually? doth he continually open and harrow his ground? 25 When he hath leveled the face thereof, doth he not cast abroad the 341fitches, and scatter the cummin, and put in the wheat in rows, and the barley in the appointed place, and the spelt in the borders thereof? 26 342For his God doth instruct him aright, and doth teach him. 27 For the fitches are not threshed with a sharp threshing instrument, neither is a cart wheel turned about upon the cummin; but the fitches are beaten out with a staff,
29 Ho Ariel, Ariel, the city where David encamped!

31 Stupefy yourselves and be stupid; blind yourselves and be blind: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

5 Butler the multitude of thy foes shall be like small dust, and the multitude of the terrible ones as chaff that passeth away: yes, it shall be in an instant suddenly.

9 Stupefy yourselves and be stupid; blind yourselves and be blind: they are drunken, but not with wine; they stagger, but not with strong drink.

30 Woe to the rebellious children, saith Jehovah, that take counsel, but not of me; and that 365 make a league, but not of my Spirit, that they may add sin to sin; 2 that set out to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to take refuge in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh be your shame, and the refuge in the shadow of Egypt your confusion. 4 For their princes are at Zoan, and their ambassadors are come to Hanes. 5 They shall all be ashamed because of a people that cannot profit them, that are not a help nor profit, but a shame and also a reproach.

6 The burden of the beasts of the South.

Through the land of trouble and anguish, from whence come the lioness and the lion, the viper and fiery flying serpent,

and the cummin with a rod. 28 Or, is bread grain crushed? No, he will not ever be threshing it, and driving his cart wheels and his horses over it; he doth not crush it.

44 Or, effectual working.

45 Or, Woe to

46 That is, Lion of God, or, Heard of God, (twice) And so in vss. 2 (twice), 7.

47 Or, yet

48 Or, chirp

30 Or, learned by rote;

38 Or, again do Hb. add to do

39 Or, O your perversity!

40 Or, a book (or, writing)

4 Or, make men to offend by their words,

32 Or, for a word, or, in word,

35 Or, But when his children see

36 Or, to take refuge in

37 Or, etc

38 Or, knoweth writing, or, knoweth letters,

39 Sopherim changed to the Lord

36 Or, in

365 Hb. knoweth writing, or, knoweth letters,
they carry their riches upon the shoulders of young asses, and their treasures upon the humps of camels, to a people that shall not profit them. 7 For Egypt helpeth in vain, and to no purpose: therefore have I called her Rahab that sitteth still.

8 Now go, write before them on a tablet, and inscribe it in a book, that it may be for the time to come. 9 For it is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of Jehovah; 10 that say to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits. 11 Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us. 12 Wherefore thus saith the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and rely thereon; 13 therefore this iniquity shall be to you as a breach ready to fall, swelling out in a high wall, whose breaking cometh suddenly in an instant.

14 And he shall break it as a potter’s vessel is broken, breaking it in pieces without sparing; so that there shall not be found among the pieces thereof a sherd wherewith to take fire from the hearth, or to dip up water out of the cistern.

15 For thus said the Lord Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, In returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength: and ye would not.

16 But ye said, No, for we will flee upon horses; therefore shall ye flee: and, We will ride upon the swift; therefore shall they that pursue you be swift. 17 One thousand shall fall at the threat of one; at the threat of five shall ye flee: till ye be left as a beacon upon the top of a mountain, and as an ensign on a hill.

18 And therefore will Jehovah wait, that he may be gracious unto you; and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy upon you: for Jehovah is a God of justice; blessed are all they that wait for him. 19 For the people shall dwell in Zion at Jerusalem; thou shalt weep no more; he will surely be gracious unto thee at Zion at Jerusalem; thou shalt weep no more; he will surely be gracious unto thee at Zion at Jerusalem.

20 And though Jehovah give you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction, yet shall not thy teachers be hidden any more, but thine eyes shall see thy teachers; 21 and thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it; when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left. 22 And ye shall defile the overlaying of thy graven images of silver, and the plating of thy molten images of gold: thou shalt cast them away as an unclean thing; thou shalt say unto it, Get thee hence.

23 And he will give the rain for thy seed, wherewith thou shalt sow the ground; and bread of the increase of the ground, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures. 24 The oxen likewise and the young assesthat till the ground shall eat salvation provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fork. 25 And there shall be upon every lofty mountain, and upon every high hill, streams and flash floods, in a day of 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, in the day that Jehovah bindeth up the hurt of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.

27 Behold, the name of Jehovah cometh from far, burning with his anger, and in thick rising 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 reacheth even unto the neck, to sift the nations with the sieve of destruction: and a bridle that causeth to err shall be in the jaws of the peoples.

29 Ye shall have a song as in the night when a holy feast is kept; and gladness of heart, as when one goeth with a pipe to come unto the mountain of Jehovah, to the Rock of Israel. 30 And Jehovah will cause his glorious voice to be heard, and will show the lighting down of his arm, with the indignation of his anger, and the flame of a devouring fire, with a blast, and tempest, and hailstones. 31 For through the voice of Jehovah shall the Assyrian be dismayed; with his rod will he smite him. 32 And every stroke of the appointed staff, which Jehovah shall lay upon him, shall be with the sound of tabret and harps; and in battles with the brandishing of his arm will he fight with them. 33 For a Topheth is prepared of old; yes, for the king it is made ready; he hath made it deep and large; the pile thereof is fire and much wood; the breath of Jehovah, like a stream of brimstone, doth kindle it.

31 Woe to them that go down to Egypt for help, and rely on horses, and trust in chariots because they are strong, and in horsemen because they are very strong, but they look not unto the Holy One of Israel, neither seek Jehovah! 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 evil-doers, and against the help of them that work iniquity. 3 Now the Egyptians are men, and not God; and their horses flesh, and not spirit: and when Jehovah shall stretch out his hand, both he that helpeth shall stumble, and he that is helped shall fall, and they all shall be consumed together.

4 For thus saith Jehovah unto me, As the lion and the young lion growling over his prey, if a multitude of shepherds be called forth against him, will not be dismayed at their voice, nor abuse himself for the noise of them: so will Jehovah of hosts come down to fight upon mount Zion, and upon the hill thereof. 5 As birds hovering, so will Jehovah of hosts protect Jerusalem; he will protect and deliver it, he will pass over and preserve it. 6 Turn ye unto him from whom ye have deeply revolted, O children of Israel. 7 For in that day they
shall cast away every man his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your own hands have made unto you for a sin.
8 And the Assyrian shall fall by the sword, not of man; and the sword, not of men, shall devour him; and he shall flee from the sword, and his young men shall become subject to taskwork.
9 And his rock shall pass away by reason of terror, and his princes shall be dismayed at the ensign, saith Jehovah, whose fire is in Zion, and his furnace in Jerusalem.

32 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in justice. 2 And a man shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest, as streams of water in a dry place, as the shade of a great rock in a weary land. 3 And the eyes of them that see shall not be 386dim, and the ears of them that hear shall hearken. 4 And the heart of the 387rash 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 388churl said to be bountiful.
6 For the fool will speak folly, and his heart will work iniquity, to practise profaneness, and to utter error against Jehovah, to make empty the soul of the hungry, and to cause the drink of the thirsty to fail. 7 And the instruments of the churl are evil: he deviseth wicked devices to destroy the 389meek with lying words, even when the needy speaketh right. 8 But the noble deviseth noble things; and 390in noble things shall he continue.
9 Rise up, ye women that are at ease, and hear my voice; ye 391careless daughters, give ear unto my speech. 10 392For days beyond a year shall ye be troubled, ye careless women; for the vintage shall fail, the ingathering shall not come. 11 Tremble, ye women that are at ease; be troubled, ye careless ones; strip you, and make you bare, and 393gird sackcloth upon your loins. 12 They shall smite upon the breasts for the pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. 13 Upon the land of my people shall come thorns and briers; yes, upon all the houses of joy in the joyous city: 14 for the palace shall be forsaken; the populous city shall be deserted; 394the hill and the watchtower shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of joy to the ass.
16 Then justice shall dwell in the wilderness; and righteousness shall abide in the fruitful field. 17 And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, peace shall abide in the fruitful field.
19 It shall be for dens for ever, a joy of wild asses, a pasture of joy to the ass.
20 The righteous shall flourish as the palm tree, they shall grow up like cedar in Lebanon; 21 roots shall they have in the plain, and their fruit shall be like the olive tree; their branches shall be over against the east, and their shoots shall reach to the west; 22 their looks shall be toward all the trees of the field. 23 They shall not build again, neither shall they be inhabited for ever.

33 Woe to thee that destroyest, and thou wast not destroyed; and dealest treacherously, and they dealt not treacherously with thee! When thou hast ceased to destroy, thou shalt be destroyed; and when thou hast made an end of dealing treacherously, they shall deal treacherously with thee. 2 O Jehovah, be gracious unto us; we have waited for thee: be thou 396our arm every morning, our salvation also in the time of trouble. 3 At the noise of the tumult the peoples are fled; at the lifting up of thyself the nations are scattered. 4 And your spoil shall be gathered as the caterpillar gathereth: as locusts leap shall men leap upon it. 5 Jehovah is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with justice and righteousness.
6 397And there shall be stability in thy times, abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge: the awe of Jehovah is 398thy treasure.
7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without; the ambassadors of peace weep bitterly.
8 The highways be waste, the wayfaring man ceaseth: 399the enemy hath broken the covenant, he hath despised the cities, he regardeth not man.
9 The land mourneth and languiseth; Lebanon is confounded and withereth away; Sharon is like 400a desert; and Bashan and Carmel shake off their leaves. 10 Now will I arise, saith Jehovah; now will I lift up myself; now will I be exalted. 11 Ye shall conceive chaff, ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath is a fire that shall devour you. 12 And the peoples shall be as the burnings of lime, as thorns cut down, that are burned in the fire.
13 Hear, ye that are far off, what I have done: and, ye that are near, acknowledge my might. 14 The sinners in Zion are afraid; trembling hath seized the godless ones: Who among us can dwell with the devouring fire: who among us can dwell with everlasting burnings?
15 He that walketh righteously, and speaketh uprightly; he that despiseth the gain of 401oppressions, that shaketh his hands from taking a bribe, that stoppeth his ears from hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes from looking upon evil: 16 he shall dwell on high; his place of defence shall be the munitions of rocks; his bread shall be given him; his waters shall be sure.
17 Thine eyes shall see the king in his beauty: they shall behold 402a land that reacheth afar. 18 Thy heart shall muse on the terror: Where is 403he that counted, where is he that weighed the tribute? where is he that counted the towers?
19 Thou shalt not see the fierce people, a people of a deep speech that thou canst not comprehend, of a 404strange tongue that thou canst not understand. 20 Look upon Zion, the city of our 405solemnities: thine eyes shall see Jerusalem a quiet habitation, a tent that shall not be removed, the stakes whereof

386 Or. closed,
387 Hb. hasty
388 Or. crafty
389 Or. poor
390 Or. by liberal things shall he stand.
391 Hb. confident
392 Or. After a year and days  Hb. Days above a year
393 Or. put a girdle upon your loins.
394 Or. Ophel
395 Isa 1QIsa almost alone reads wood
396 Hb. their
397 Or. And abundance of salvation, wisdom, and knowledge shall be the stability of thy times:
398 Hb. his treasure.
399 Hb. he
400 Or. the Arabah;
401 Or. fraud,
402 Or. a land that is very far off. Hb. a land of far distances.
403 Or. the scribe,
404 Or. stammering [perhaps one rich in participial phrases, such as Greek]
405 Or. set feasts:
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shall never be plucked up, neither shall any of the cords thereof be broken. 21 But there Jehovah will be with us in majesty, a place of broad rivers and streams, wherein shall go no galley with oars, neither shall gallant ship pass thereby. 22 For Jehovah is our judge, Jehovah is our war lgver, Jehovah is our king; he will save us. 23 Thy tanklings are loosed; they could not strengthen the foot of their mast, they could not spread the sail: then was the prey of a great spoil divided; the lame took the prey. 24 And the inhabitant shall not say, I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be forgiven their iniquity.

34 Come near, ye nations, to hear; and hearken, ye peoples: let the earth hear, and the fulness thereof; the world, and all things that come forth from it. 2 For Jehovah hath indignation against all the nations, and wrath against all their host: he hath utterly destroyed them, and he hath delivered them to the slaughter. 3 Their slain also shall be cast out, and the stench of their dead bodies shall come up; and the mountains shall be melted with their blood. 4 And all the host of heaven shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled together as a scroll; and all their host shall fade away, as the leaf fadeth from off the vine, and as a fading leaf from the fig-tree. 5 For my sword hath drunk its fill in heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and upon the people of my curse, to judgment. 6 The sword of Jehovah 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 Jehovah hath a sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land of Edom. 7 And the wild-oxen shall come down with them, and the bullocks with the bulls; and their blood shall be drunken with blood, and their dust made fat with fatness. 8 For Jehovah hath a day of vengeance, a year of recompense of God; he will save us.

406 Or, but in the place of broad rivers and streams there shall go no galley with oars,

407 Hb. devoted them,

408 Or, moulder away, or, rot away,

409 Hb. devoting, or, ban,

410 Hb. thereof shall be turned into pitch,

411 In modern terminology, sulfur [Its fumes are toxic.]

412 Or, bittern

413 Hb. stones Abegg says, plumb lines of emptiness are its nobles. They will call it No Kingdom There;

414 Or, As for her nobles, none shall be there to proclaim the kingdom;

415 Hb. howling creatures,

416 Hb. Lilith shall settle there,

417 Or, autumn crocus. See Song of Solomon 2:1.

418 Or, tottering knees.

419 Hb. hasty heart,

420 Or, behold, your God! vengeance will come, even the recompense of God;

421 Or, mirage shall become a pool,

422 Or, a court for reeds and rushes. See ch. 34:13.

423 Or possibly, the redeemed:

424 Hb. Sanherib See footnotes on 2Ki 18:13, 17. In his 4th year, and 3rd military campaign.

425 The title of an Assyrian officer.
4 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus saith the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence is this wherein thou trustest? 5 I say, thy counsel and strength for the war are but vain words: now on whom dost thou trust, that thou hast rebelled against me? 6 Behold, thou trustest upon the staff of this bruised reed, even upon Egypt, whereon if a man lean, it will go into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh king of Egypt to all that trust on him. 7 But if thou say unto me, We trust in Jehovah our God: is not that he, whose high places and whose altars Hezekiah hath taken away, and hath said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Ye shall worship before this altar? 8 Now therefore, I pray thee, 427 give pledges to my master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. 9 How then canst thou turn away the face of one captain of the least of my master’s servants, and put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 10 And am I now come up without Jehovah against this land to destroy it? Jehovah said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it.

11 Then said Eliakim and Shebna and Joah unto Rabshakeh, Speak, I pray thee, to thy servants in the Jews’ language, and said, Hear ye the words of the king of Assyria, 12 Who is thy God among all gods, that thou trustest on him for thy confidence, and hast made him thy staff, and sittest in his shadow? 13 And as for me, Jehovah is the God whom I serve: he hath spoken to me the words of truth, and I know that Jehovah is God. 14 Where are the gods of Hamath and Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvaim? and have they delivered Samaria out of my hand? 15 And Hezekiah received the letter from the hand of the messengers, and read it; and Hezekiah went up unto the house of Jehovah, and spread it before Jehovah. 16 And Hezekiah prayed unto Jehovah, saying, 17 O Jehovah, the God of Israel, that sittest above the cherubim, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth; thou hast made heaven and earth. 18 Incline thine ear, O Jehovah, and hear; open thine eyes, O Jehovah, and see; and hear all the words of Sennacherib, who hath sent to defy the living God.

19 Of a truth, Jehovah, the kings of Assyria have laid waste all the countries, and their land, and have cast 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 Jehovah our God, save us from his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art Jehovah, even thou only.

21 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast him to defy the living God,
prayed to me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, 22 this is the word which Jehovah hath spoken concerning him: The virgin daughter of Zion hath despised thee and laughed thee to scorn; the daughter of Jerusalem hath shaken her head 440 at thee. 23 Whom hast thou defied and blasphemed? and against whom hast thou exalted thy voice and lifted up thine eyes on high? even against the Holy One of Israel. 24 By thy servants hast thou defied Jehovah, and hast said, With the multitude of thy chariots am I come up to the height of the mountains, to the innermost parts of Lebanon; and I will cut down the tall cedars thereof, and the choice fir-trees thereof; and I will enter into its farthest height, the forest of its fruitful field. 25 I have digged and drunk water, and with the sole of my feet will I dry up all the rivers of Egypt.

26 Hast thou not heard how I have done it long ago, and formed it of ancient times? now have I brought it to pass, that it should be thine to lay waste 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, 446 and as a field of grain before it is grown up. 28 But I know thy sitting down, and thy going out, and thy coming in, and thy raging against me. 29 Because of thy raging against me, and because 447 thine arrogancy is come up into mine ears, therefore will I put my hook in thy nose, and my bridle in thy lips, and I will turn thee back by the way by which thou camest.

30 And this shall be the sign unto thee: ye shall eat this year that which groweth of itself, and in the second year that which sprangth of the same; and in the third year sow ye, and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat the fruit thereof. 31 And 448 the remnant that is 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 out of mount Zion they that shall escape: the zeal of Jehovah of hosts will perform this.

33 Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning the king of Assyria, He shall not come unto this city, nor shoot an arrow there, neither shall he come before it with shield, nor cast up a mound against it. 34 By the way that he came, by the same shall he return, and he shall not come unto this city, saith Jehovah. 35 For I will defend this city to save it, for mine own sake, and for my servant David’s sake.

36 And the angel of Jehovah went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred eighty-five thousand; and when men arose early in the morning, behold, these were all dead bodies. 37 So Sennacherib king of Assyria departed, and went and returned, and dwelt at Ninevah. 38 And it came to pass, as he was worshipping in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Esar-haddon his son reigned in his stead.

38 In those days was Hezekiah sick unto death. And Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz came to him, and said unto him, Thus saith Jehovah, Set thy house in order; for thou shalt die, and not live. 2 Then Hezekiah turned his face to the wall, and prayed unto Jehovah, 3 and said, Remember now, O Jehovah, I beseech thee, how I have walked before thee in truth and with a perfect heart, and have done that which is good in thy sight. And Hezekiah wept sore. 4 Then came the word of Jehovah to Isaiah, saying, 5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, I will add unto thy days fifteen years. 6 And I will deliver thee and this city out of the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city. 7 And this shall be the sign unto thee from Jehovah, that Jehovah will do this thing that he hath spoken: 8 behold, I will cause the shadow on the steps, which is gone down on the 449 dial of Ahaz, 450 with the sun, to return backward ten steps. So the sun returned ten steps on the dial whereon it was gone down.

9 The writing of Hezekiah king of Judah, when he had been sick, and was recovered of his sickness.

10 I said, 446 In the 447 noon tide of my days I shall go into the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the residue of my years.

11 I said, I shall not see 448 Jehovah, even Jehovah in the land of the living; I shall behold man no more 449 with the inhabitants of the world.

12 My dwelling is removed, and is carried away from me as a shepherd’s tent: I have rolled up, like a weaver, my life; he will cut me off from the 450 loom: From day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

13 451 I quieted myself until morning; as a lion, so he breaketh all my bones: From day even to night wilt thou make an end of me.

14 Like a swallow or a crane, so did I chatter; I did moan as a dove; mine eyes fail with looking upward: O 452 Jehovah, I am oppressed, be thou my surety.

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436 Hb. after thee.
437 Sopherim changed to the Lord.
438 Or, cypress-trees
439 Or, defence. Hb. Mazor. (that is, the Nile Delta)
440 In 2Ki 19:26, and as grain blasted before etc. 1Qlsa* (Vg.) read blasted (or, scorched) by the east wind.
441 Or, thy careless ease is come up into mine ears, See note under 2Ki 19:35.
442 Hb. the escaped of the house of Judah that remain
443 Hb. steps
444 Or, by
445 Or, by which steps it was gone down.
446 Hezekiah was then 39 years old. vs. 5; 2Chr 29:1.
447 Or, tranquility
448 Hb. Jah (both times)
449 Or, when I am among them that have ceased to be.
450 Hb. thrum;
451 Or, I thought until morning, As a lion, so will he break all my bones:
452 Sopherim changed to Lord, Also in vs. 16.
453 Or, as in solemn procession all etc. See Ps 42:4.
454 Or, So wilt thou recover me,
455 Hb. thou hast loved my soul from the pit of
456 1Qlsa* reads confinement; Lam sa says, corruption;
457 Or, spicery,
458 Or, jewels,
459 Hb. to the heart of Jerusalem;
460 Or, time of service is fulfilled,
15 What shall I say? he hath both spoken unto me, and himself hath done it: I shall go softly all my years because of the bitterness of my soul.

16 O Jehovah, by these things men live; And wholly therein is the life of my spirit:

17 Behold, it was for my peace that I had great bitterness: But thou hast in love to my soul delivered it from the pit of nothingness; For thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

18 For Sheol cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: They that go down into thee, the pit cannot hope for truth.

19 The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: The father to the children shall make known thy truth.

20 Jehovah is ready to save me: Therefore we will sing my songs with stringed instruments All the days of our life in the house of Jehovah.

21 Now 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 Jehovah?

39 At that time Merodach-baladan the son of Baladan, king of Babylon, sent letters and a present to Hezekiah; for he heard that he had been sick, and was recovered. 2 And Hezekiah was glad of them, and showed them the house of his treasures that I have not showed them. 3 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What said these men? and from whence came they unto thee? And Hezekiah said, They are come from a far country unto me, even from Babylon. 4 Then said he, What have they seen in thy house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in my house have they seen: there is nothing among my treasures that I have not showed them. 5 Then said Isaiah to Hezekiah, Hear the word of Jehovah of hosts. 6 Behold, the days are coming, when all that is in thy house, and that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith Jehovah. 7 And of thy sons that shall issue from thee, whom thou shalt beget, shall they take away; and they shall be eunuchs in the palace of the king of Babylon. 8 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is the word of Jehovah which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, For there shall be peace and truth in my days.

40 Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. 2 Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem; and cry unto her, that her warfare is accomplished, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she hath received of Jehovah’s hand a double for all her sins.

3 The voice of one crieth, Prepare ye in the wilderness the way of Jehovah; make level 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 uneven shall be made level, and the rough places a plain: 5 and the glory of Jehovah shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken it.

6 The voice of one saying, Cry. And one said, What shall I cry? All flesh is grass, and all the goodliness thereof is as the flower of the field: 7 the grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God shall stand forever.

9 O thou that tellest good tidings to Zion, get thee up on a high mountain; O thou that tellest good tidings to Jerusalem, lift up thy voice with strength; lift it up, be not afraid; say unto the cities of Judah, Behold, your God! 10 Behold, the Lord Jehovah will come as a mighty one, and his arm will rule for him: behold, his reward is with him, and his recompense before him. 11 He will feed his flock like a shepherd, he will gather the lambs in his arm, and carry them in his bosom, and will gently lead those that have their young.

12 Who hath measured the waters in the hollow of his hand, and meted out heaven with the span, and comprehended the dust of the earth in a measure, and weighed the mountains in scales, and the hills in a balance? 13 Who hath directed the Spirit of Jehovah, or being his counsellor hath taught him? 14 With whom took he counsel, and who instructed him, and taught him in the path of justice, and taught him knowledge, and showed to him the way of understanding? 15 Behold, the nations are as a drop from a bucket, and are accounted as the small dust of the balance: behold, he taketh up the isles as a very little thing. 16 And Lebanon is not sufficient to burn, nor the beasts thereof sufficient for a burnt-offering. 17 All the nations are as nothing before him; they are accounted by him as less than nothing, and vanity.

18 To whom then will ye liken God? or what likeness will ye compare unto him? 19 The image, a workman hath cast it, and the goldsmith overlaid it with gold, and casteth for it silver chains. 20 He that is too impoverished for such an oblation chooseth a tree from the crowd of trees, and they are accounted for wood: 21 Have ye not known? have ye not heard? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth? 22 It is he that sitteth above the circle of the earth, and the inhabitants thereof are as grasshoppers; that stretcheth out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in; 23 that bringeth princes to nothing; that maketh the judges of the earth as van-
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24 Or, “Yes, they have not been planted; yes, they have not been sown; yes, their stock hath not taken root in the earth: moreover he bloweth upon them, and they wither, and the whirlwind taketh them away as stubble.”

25 To whom then will ye liken me, that I should be equal to him? saith the Holy One.

26 Lift up your eyes on high, 476 and see who hath created these, that bringeth out their host by number; he calleth them all by name; by the greatness of his might, and for that he is strong in power, none is lacking.

27 Why sayest thou, O Jacob, and speakest, O Israel, My way is hid from Jehovah, and the justice due to me is passed away from my God? 28 Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard? 477 The everlasting God, Jehovah, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary; and there is no searching of his understanding.

29 He giveth power to the faint; and to him that hath no might he increaseth strength.

30 Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: 31 but they that wait for Jehovah shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles.

41 Keep silence before me, O islands; and let the peoples tremble; let them come near together; let them bring together to judgment.

32 Who hath raised up one from the east, 478 whom he calleth in righteousness to his foot? he giveth nations before him, and maketh him rule over kings; 479 he giveth them as the dust to his sword, as the driven stubble to his bow. 3 He pursueth them, and passeth on safely, even by a way that he had not gone with his feet.

4 Who hath wrought and done it, calling the generations from the beginning? I Jehovah, the first, and with the last, I am he. 5 The isles have seen, and fear; the ends of the earth tremble; they draw near, and come. 6 They help every one his neighbor; and every one saith to his brother, Be of good courage.

7 So the carpenter encourageth the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smiteth the anvil, saying of the soldering, It is good; and he fasteneth it with nails, that it should not be moved.

8 But thou, Israel, my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend, 9 thou whom I have taken hold of from the ends of the earth, and called from the corners thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant, I have chosen thee and not cast thee away; 10 fear thou not, for I am with thee; 480 be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I will strengthen thee; yes, I will help thee; yes, I will uphold thee with my right hand of my righteousness.

11 Behold, all they that are incensed against thee shall be put to shame and confounded: they that strive with thee shall be as nothing, and shall perish.

12 Thou shalt seek them, and shalt not find them, even them that contend with thee: they that war against thee shall be as nothing, and as a thing of nought. 13 For I Jehovah thy God will hold thy right hand, saying unto thee, Fear not; I will help thee. 14 Fear not, thou scarlet worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith Jehovah, and thy Ransomer is the Holy One of Israel.

15 Behold, I have made thee to be a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth; thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff.

16 Thou shalt winnow them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them; and thou shalt rejoice in Jehovah, thou shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel.

17 The poor and needy seek water, and there is none, and their tongue faileth for thirst; Jehovah will answer them, I the God of Israel will not forsake them. 18 I will open rivers on the bare heights, 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 put in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, and the myrtle, and the 482 oil-tree; I will set in the desert the 483 fir-tree, the 484 pine, and the box-tree together: 20 that they may see, and know, and consider, and understand together, that the hand of Jehovah hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it.

21 Produce your cause, saith Jehovah; bring forth your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. 22 Let them bring them forth, and declare unto us what shall happen: declare ye the former things, what they are, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; or show us things to come.

23 Declare the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yes, do good, or do evil, that we may discern between the two.

24 Behold, ye are of nothing, and your work is of nought; an abomination is he that choiseth you.

25 I have raised up one from the north, and he is come; from the rising of the sun one that calleth upon my name: 486 and he shall come upon 487 rulers as upon mortar, and as a potter treadeth clay. 26 Who hath declareth it from the beginning, that we may know? and beforetime, that we may say, He is right? yes, there is none that declareth, yes, there is none that sheweth, yes, there is none that heareth your words. 27 I am the first that saith unto Zion, Behold, behold them; and I will give to Jerusalem one that bringereth good tidings. 28 And when I look, there is no man; even among them there is no counsellor, that, when I ask of them, can answer a word.

29 488 Behold, all of them, their works are vanity and nought; their molten images are wind and confusion.

42 Behold, my servant, whom I uphold; my chosen, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my Spirit upon
him; he will bring forth justice to the ^489^ Gentiles. 2 He will not cry, nor lift up his voice, nor cause it to be heard in the street. 3 A bruised reed will he not break, and a dimly burning wick will he not quench: he will bring forth justice in truth. 4 He will not dim down nor be discouraged, till he have set justice upon the earth; and the isles shall wait for his law.

5 Thus saith God Jehovah, he that created the heavens, and stretched them forth; he that spread abroad the earth and that which cometh out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people upon it, and spirit to them that walk therein: 6 I Jehovah have called thee in righteousness, and will hold thy hand, and will keep thee, and give thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the Gentiles; 7 to open the blind eyes, to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon, and them that sit in darkness out of the prison-house. 8 I am Jehovah, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to another, neither my praise unto graven images. 9 Behold, the former things are come to pass, and new things do I declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them.

10 Sing unto Jehovah a new song, and his praise from the end of the earth; ye that go down to the sea, and all that is therein, the isles, and the inhabitants thereof. 11 Let the wilderness and the cities thereof lift up their voice, the villages that Kedar doth inhabit; let the inhabitants of Sela sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory unto Jehovah, and declare his praise in the islands. 13 Jehovah will go forth as a mighty man; he will stir up his zeal like a man of war: he will cry, yes, he will shout aloud; he will do mightily against his enemies.

14 I have long time holden my peace; I have been still, and refrained myself: now will I cry out like a travailing woman; I will 494 494 494 494gasp and pant together. 15 I will lay waste mountains and hills, and dry up all their herds; and I will make the rivers islands, and will dry up the pools. 16 And I will bring the blind by a way that they know not; in paths that they know not will I lead them; I will make darkness light before them, and crooked places straight. These things will I do, and I will not forsake them. 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be utterly put to shame, that trust in graven images, that say unto molten images, Ye are our gods.

18 Hear, ye deaf; and look, ye blind, that ye may see. 19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger that I send? who is blind as he that is at peace with me, and blind as Jehovah’s servant? 20 Thou seest many things, but thou observest not; his ears are open, but he heareth not. 21 It pleased Jehovah, for his righteousness’ sake, to magnify the law, and make it honorable. 22 But this is a people robb'd and plunder'd; they are all of them snared in holes, and they are hid in prison-houses: they are for a prey, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, Restore.

23 Who is there among you that will give ear to this? that will hearken and hear for the time to come? 24 Who gave Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to the robbers? did not Jehovah? he against whom we have sinned, and in whose ways they would not walk, neither were they obedient unto his law.

25 Therefore he poured upon him the fierceness of his anger, and the strength of battle; and it set him on fire round about, yet he knew not; and it burned him, yet he laid it not to heart.

43 But now thus saith Jehovah that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel: Fear not, for I have ransomed thee; I have called thee by thy name, thou art mine.

2 When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee: when thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be burned, neither shall the flame kindle upon thee. 3 For I am Jehovah thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour; I have given Egypt to enemies as thy payment, Cush and Seba in thy stead. 4 Since thou hast been precious in my sight, and honorable, and I have loved thee; therefore will I give men in thy stead, and peoples instead of thy soul. 5 Fear not; for I am with thee: I will bring thy seed from the east, and gather thee 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 end of the earth; 7 every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory, whom I have formed, yes, whom I have made.

8 Bring forth the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. 9 500 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the peoples be assembled: who among them can declare this, and show us former things? let them bring their witnesses, that they may be justified; 500 500 500 500 or let them hear, and say, It is truth. 10 Ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, and my servant whom I have chosen; that ye 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, even I, am Jehovah; and besides me there is no saviour. 12 I have declared, and I have Saved, and I have shewed; and there was no strange god among you: therefore ye are my witnesses, saith Jehovah, and I am God. 13 Yes, 502 502 since the day was I am he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: I will work, and who can hinder it?

14 Thus saith Jehovah, your Ransomer, the Holy One of Israel: For your sake I have sent to Babylon, and I will bring down all of them as fugitives, even the Chaldeans, in the ships of their rejoicing. 15 I am Jehovah, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King. 16 Thus saith Jehovah, who maketh a way in the sea, and a path in the mighty waters; 17 504 who bringeth forth the chariot and horse, the army and the mighty man (they lie down together, they shall not arise;
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they are extinct, they are quenched as a wick); 18 Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old. 19 Behold, I will do a new thing; now shall it spring forth; shall ye not know it? I will even make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. 20 The beasts of the field shall honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; because I give waters in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my chosen, 21 the people which I formed for myself, that they might set forth my praise.

22 Yet thou hast not called upon me, O Jacob; but thou hast been weary of me, O Israel. 23 Thou hast not brought me a sheep for thy burnt-offerings; neither hast thou honored me with thy sacrifices. I have not burdened thee with frankincense, nor wearied thee with thine iniquities. 24 Thou hast bought me no sweet cane with money, neither hast thou filled me with the fat of thy sacrifices; but thou hast burdened me with thy sins, thou hast wearied me with thine iniquities.

25 I, even I, am he that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake; and I will not remember thy sins. 26 Put me in remembrance; let us plead together: set thou forth thy cause, that thou mayest be justified. 27 Thy first father sinned, and thy surname is a lie. Is there a God besides me? yes, there is one among my blessing upon thine offspring: for I will pour water upon Jacob my servant; and thou, Jeshurun, whom I have chosen:

For I will make an highway in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert. 29 To bring forth that which crieth not; and the nations that have no voice. 30 I will make them that go by the way to build; and they shall plant vineyards; and they shall drink wine, and sing there. 31 I will also make them a road, that they may go and come; and they shall find rest, and be glad, and sea: I will make them into a way. 32 I will turn again my captivity, I will bring them again to the land of Israel; and they shall possess this land which their fathers possessed. 33 And I will make them one nation in the land upon which they shall dwell; and they shall cast out the heathen before them; and the heathen shall serve them.

34 When the dead body is cast out, they shall say, This is the king of Babylon, that was fenced with cedars, and covered with silver, and gold, that was in the midst of the seas. 35 They shall say, This is he that came unto Egypt, where nations knew not Jehovah. 36 And thou shalt cut off thine inheritance, as thy fathers; and shalt not increase nor multiply; for I will bring the Philistines again to possess it, and they shall possess thy tent inhabitants. 37 And thou shalt know that I am Jehovah, for they shall say, These are the goods Jehovah hath given us; and they shall possess it, and dwell therein, and shall be astonished for the abundance thereof. 38 For I Jehovah have spoken, and I will not repent; and I will do whatsoever thing I have spoken, and will perform it. 39 For I Jehovah am thy God from the holy place, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

40 Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou havest been my witnesses. 41 Behold, I am Jehovah, the God of all flesh: is there a God besides me? therefore I will bless them, and I will curse them; for the nation of which I am not named shall be blessed with the blessing of Israel. 42 Fear them not, neither be afraid of them; neither be thou dismayed at their faces, for thou shalt not die of fear. 43 For I Jehovah am thy God from the Holy Land, and thy Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel, the God of all flesh: is there a God besides me? or is there any God next to me, that I should be profaned? and my name should be profaned? 44 Remember these things, O Jacob, and Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou hast been my witnesses. 45 Behold, I am Jehovah, the God of all the earth: is there any that can help thee in the wilderness, and in the dry land? who can eat the snow of the desert? and who can give the dew of heaven? and who can satisfy thee with the wind? and who can fill the mouths of thy widows? and who can satisfy thee with the bread of thine emptiness? 46 For thus saith Jehovah that made thee, and Jehovah thy Maker: Fear ye not, O Jacob my servant; neither be thou afraid, O Israel; for thou art my servant: I have formed thee; thou art my servant: I have chosen thee: I have formed thee; thou art my servant.

505 Or, they shall set forth my praise.
506 Or, a meal-offering.
507 Or, calamus.
508 Or, satiated.
509 Hb. interpreters.
510 Or, have profaned.
511 Or, holy princes.
512 Or, have made.
513 Or, devoted thing.
514 Or, the thirsty land.
515 Or, proclaim the name of Jacob.
516 Or, write on his hand, Unto Jehovah.
517 Or, give for a title the name of Israel.
518 Or, And who, as I, can proclaim? let him declare it.
519 Or, confusion.
520 Or, all that join themselves thereto shall be etc.
521 Or, sharpeneth a tool.
522 Or, red ochre.
523 Or, an ash.
524 Or, the half (both times).
525 Hb. daubed.
the earth 527 (who is with me?); 25 that frustrateth the signs of the 528 liars, and maketh diviners mad; that turneth wise men backward, and maketh their knowledge 529 foolish; 26 that confirmeth the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel of his messengers; that saith of Jerusalem, She shall be inhabited; and of the cities of Judah, They shall be built, and I will raise up the waste places thereof; 27 that saith to the deep, Be dry, and I will dry up thy rivers; 28 that saith of 530 Cyrus, He is my shepherd, and shall perform all my pleasure, even saying of Jerusalem, She shall be built; 531 and of the temple, Thy foundation shall be laid.

45 Thus saith Jehovah to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have holden, to subdue nations before him, and I will loose the loins of kings; to open the double gates before him, and the gateways shall not be shut: 2 I will go before thee, and make the rough places smooth; I will break in pieces the gates of copper, and cut in sunder the bars of iron; 3 and I will give thee the treasures of darkness, and hidden riches of secret places, that thou mayest know that it is I, Jehovah, who call thee by thy name, even the God of Israel. 4 For Jacob my servant’s sake, and Israel my chosen, I have called thee by thy name: I have surnamed thee, though thou hast not known me. 5 I am Jehovah, and there is none else; besides me there is no God. I will gird thee, though thou hast not known me.

8 Distil, ye heavens, from above, and let the skies pour down righteousness: let the earth open, that 535 it may 536 bring forth salvation, and let it cause righteousness to spring up together; 1 I Jehovah have created it.

9 Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! a potsherd among the potsherds of the earth! Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What maketh thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? 10 Woe unto him that saith unto a father, What begettest thou? or to a woman, With what travailest thou?

11 Thus saith Jehovah, the Holy One of Israel, and his Maker: Ask me of the things that are to come; concerning my sons, and concerning the work of my hands, command ye me. 12 I have made the earth, and created man upon it: I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens; and all their host have I commanded. 13 I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will make straight all his ways: he shall build my city, and the foundations thereof shall he build all by himself; and he shall let my exiles go free, not for price nor reward, saith Jehovah of hosts.

14 Thus saith Jehovah, The labor of Egypt, and the merchandize of 530 Cush, and the Sabaeans, men of stature, shall come unto thee, and they shall be thine: they shall go after thee; in chains they shall come over; and they shall fall down unto thee, they shall make supplication unto thee, saying, Surely God is in thee; and there is none else, there is no God. 15 Truly thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour. 16 They shall be put to shame, yes, confounded, all of them; they shall go into confusion together that are makers of idols. 17 But Israel shall be saved by Jehovah with an everlasting salvation: ye shall not be put to shame nor confounded to the 538 ages of eternity.

18 For thus saith Jehovah that created the heavens, the God that formed the earth and made it, that established it and created it not 539 in vain, that formed it to be inhabited: I am Jehovah; and there is none else. 19 I have not spoken in secret, in a place of the land of darkness; I said not unto the seed of Jacob, Seek ye me 538 in vain: I, Jehovah speak righteousness, I declare things that are right.

20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye that are escaped of the nations: they have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. 21 Declare ye, and bring it forth; yes, let them take counsel together: who hath showed this from ancient time? who hath declared it of old? have not I, Jehovah? and there is no God else beside me, a just God and a Saviour; there is none beside me. 22 Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is none else. 23 By myself have I sworn, 538 the word is gone forth from my mouth in righteousness, and shall not return, that unto me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear. 24 Only in Jehovah, it is said of me, is righteousness and strength; even to him shall men come; and all they that were incensed against him shall be put to shame. 25 In Jehovah shall all the seed of Israel be justified, and shall glory.

46 Bel boweth down, Nebo stoopeth; their idols are upon the beasts, and upon the cattle: the things that ye carried about are made a load, 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 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, that have been borne by me from their birth, that have been carried from the womb; 4 even to old age I am he, and even to hoar hairs will I carry you: I have made, and I will carry; yes, I will carry, and will deliver. 5 To whom will ye liken me, or make me equal, or compare me, that we may be like? 6 Such as lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance, they hire a goldsmith, and he maketh it a god; they fall down, yes, they worship. 7 They bear it upon the shoulder, they carry it, and set it in its place, and it standeth; from its place shall it not remove: yes, one may cry unto it, yet can it not answer, nor save him out of his trouble.

526 So Massoretic 4QIsa². 1QIsa² Aram. read There is a lie in my right hand.
527 Hb⁶⁹ reads by myself;
528 Or,boasters.
529 So 1QIsa²,4QIsa² Sept., Aram., Vg. Massoretic alone reads wise;
530 Hb. Kōresh, meaning, Sun
531 Or, and the foundation of the temple shall be laid.
532 1QIsa²,² Aram. read the mountains smooth (or, level);
533 Hb. they
534 Or, be fruitful in salvation,
535 Or, Ethiopia,
536 Hb. ʿowlam (time periods without fixed endings)
537 Or, a waste,
538 Or, as in a waste:
539 Or, righteousness is gone forth from my mouth, a word which shall not return, or, the word is gone forth from a mouth of righteousness, and shall not return,
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8 Remember this, and 540 show yourselves men; bring it again to mind, O ye transgressors. 9 Remember the former things of old: for I am God, and there is none else; I am God, and there is none like me; 10 declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done; saying, My counsel shall stand, and I will do all my pleasure: 11 calling a ravenous bird from the east, the man of 544 his counsel from a far country; yes, I have spoken, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed, I will also do it.

12 Hearken unto me, ye stout-hearted, that are far from righteousness: 13 I bring near my righteousness, it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry; and I will 542 place salvation in Zion for Israel my glory.

47 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground without a throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called tender and delicate. 2 Take the millstones, and grind meal; remove thy veil, strip off the train, uncover the leg, pass through the rivers. 3 Thy nakedness shall be uncovered, yes, thy shame shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and will not accept man.

8 Now therefore hear this, thou that art given to pleasures, that sittest securely, that sayest in thy heart, I am, and there is none else besides me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: 9 but these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood; in their full measure shall they come upon thee, in the multitude of thy sorceries, and the great abundance of thine enchantments. 10 For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness; thou hast said, None seeth me; thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thy heart, I am, and there is none else besides me. 11 Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know 544 the dawning thereof: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it away: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou knowest not.

12 Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast labored from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail. 13 Thou art weary in the multitude of thy counsels: let now the 544 astrologers, the star-gazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from the things that shall come upon thee. 14 Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver their soul from the power of the flame: it shall not be a coal to warm at, nor a fire to sit before. 15 Thus shall the things be unto thee wherein thou hast labored: they that have trafficked with thee from thy youth shall wander every one to his quarter; there shall be none to save thee.

48 Hear ye this, O house of Jacob, who are called by the name of Israel, and are come forth out of the waters of Judah; who swear by the name of Jehovah, 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; Jehovah of hosts is his name. 3 I have declared the former things from of old; yes, they went forth out of my mouth, and I showed them: suddenly I did them, and they came to pass. 4 Because I knew that thou art obstinate, and thy neck is an iron sinew, and thy brow copper; 5 therefore have I declared it to thee from of old: before it came to pass I showed it thee; lest thou shouldest say, Mine idol hath done them, and my graven image, and my molten image, hath commanded them. 6 Thou hast heard it; behold all this; and ye, will ye not declare it? 548 I have showed thee new things from this time, even hidden things, which thou hast not known. 7 They are created new, and not from of old; and before this day thou heardest them not; lest thou shouldest say, Behold, I knew them. 8 Yes, thou heardest not; yes, thou knewest not; yes, from of old thine ear was not opened: for I knew that thou didst deal very treacherously, and wast called a transgressor from the womb. 9 For my name's sake will I defer mine anger, and for my praise will I refrain for thee, that I cut thee not off. 10 Behold, I have refined thee, but not as silver; I have 549 tried thee in the furnace of affliction. 11 For mine own sake, for mine own sake, will I do it; for how should my name be profaned? and my glory will I not give to another.

12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob, and Israel my called: I am he; I am the first, I also am the last. 13 Yes, my hand hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spread out the heavens: when I call unto them, then they stand up together. 14 Assemble yourselves, all ye, and hear; who among them hath declared these things? 550 He whom Jehovah loveth shall perform his pleasure on Babylon, and his arm shall be on the Chaldeans. 15 I, even I, have spoken; yes, I have called him; I have brought him, and he shall make his way prosperous. 16 Come ye near unto me, hear ye this; from the beginning I have not spoken in secret; from the time that it was, there am I: and now the Lord Jehovah hath sent me, and his Spirit.

17 Thus saith Jehovah, thy Ransomer, the Holy One of Israel: I am Jehovah thy God, who teacheth thee to profit, who leadeth thee by the way that thou shouldest go. 18 551 Or, Oh that thou hadst hearkened to my commandments! then would thy peace been as the sea, thy health like the waves of the sea: 19 thy seed also had been as the sand, and thy name would not be cut off nor destroyed from before me.
Go ye forth from Babylon, flee ye from the Chaldeans; with a voice of singing declare ye, tell this, utter it even to the end of the earth: say ye, Jehovah hath ransomed his servant Jacob. And they thirsted not when he led them through the deserts; he caused the waters to flow out of the rock for them; he clave the rock also, and the waters gushed out. There is no peace, saith Jehovah, to the wicked.

Listen, O isles, unto me; and hearken, ye peoples, from far: Jehovah hath called me from the womb; from the bowels of my mother hath he made mention of my name: and he hath made me a polished shaft; in his quiver hath he kept me close: and his quiver hath he kept me close: and he said unto me, Thou art my servant; Israel, in whom I will be glorified. But I said, I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing, and it profiteth me not. Yet saith Jehovah, From the ends of the earth will I call thee, and I will testify unto Zion, and I will bear witness, and I will save thy children.

And now saith Jehovah that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, and his Holy One, and his elect, from far: Jehovah hath called me from the ends of the earth. Thus saith Jehovah, In an acceptable time have I an acceptable price; at the first hearing have I given thee my love; and yea, I have put my cause before thee, and the time, and my counsel, and the light of the nations: kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall worship me.

And no man? when I called, who was there? when I called, and it was not? but I said, Here am I; and there was no one: and I said, Here am I; but who hath heard me? when I called my people, and stretched out my hand, but none was moved; when I said, Gather to me, but there was no one; I gave my words in a law, and I made all my decrees known: but the are no transgressors among my people, and they that are taught understand my words. Go forth, go forth, go out to the wilderness, O inhabitants of the island, ye that hath caused. And I said, I am honoreable, for I have borne and am barren, and am single, an exile, and wandering to and fro? and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left alone; these, where were they?

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will lift up my hand to the nations, and set up my ensign to the peoples; and they shall bring thy sons in their bosom, and thy daughters shall be carried upon their shoulders. And kings shall be thy nursing fathers, and their queens thy nursing mothers: they shall bow down to thee with their faces to the earth, and lick the dust of thy feet; and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah; and they that wait for me shall not be put to shame.

Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or shall the lawful captives be delivered? But thus saith Jehovah, Even the captives of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the terrible shall be delivered; for I will contend with him that contendeth with thee, and I will save thy children. And I will feed them that oppress thee with their own flesh; and they shall be drunken with their own blood, as with sweet wine: and all flesh shall know that I, Jehovah, am thy Saviour, and thy Ransomer, the Mighty One of Jacob.

Thus saith Jehovah, Where is the bill of your mother’s divorcement, wherewith I have put her away? or which of my creditors is it to whom I have sold you? Behold, for your iniquities were ye sold, and for your transgressions was your mother put away. Wherefore, 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 deliver? Behold, at my rebuke I dry up the sea, I make the rivers a wilderness: their fish stink, because it cannot redeem? or have I no power to deliver? 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. I clothe the heavens with blackness, and I make sackcloth their covering.

The Lord Jehovah hath given me the tongue of the blind: I make not known to the people, when I speak in the similitude of things without form, to him that is not learned in the law: I am dumb I am dumb, I am dumb.

553 So Hb 4QIsa Sept. Gk Aq Targ. Most Hb Hb 4QIsa Gk read but Israel is not gathered, yet shall I be honorable
554 Or, that my salvation may be unto etc.
555 Or, establish the earth,
556 Or, mirage
557 Many suggest China (cf. Sino-); Sept. reads Persia. (cf. Elam in Ge 10). Perhaps Mt. Sinai and the adjacent Wilder-

561 Or, disciples,
562 Or, to speak a word in season to him that is weary:
563 Or, disciples.

558 Sophemer changed to the Lord
559 Or, borne me these, and am barren, His captives of the just be delivered
560 Hb. the captives of the just be delivered
561 Or, disciples,
562 Or, to speak a word in season to him that is weary:
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51 they turned away backward. 6 I gave my back to the smiters, and my cheeks to them that plucked off the hair; 7 though he walketh in darkness, and hath no light, let him trust in the name of Jehovah, and rely upon his God. 10 Who is among you that feareth Jehovah, that obeyeth the voice of his servant? 11 Behold, all ye that kindle a fire, that gird yourselves about with firebrands; walk ye in the flame of your fire, and among the brands that ye have kindled. This shall ye have of my hand; ye shall lie down in sorrow.

51 Hearken to me, ye that follow after righteousness, ye that seek Jehovah: look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ye were digged. 2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bare you; for when he was but one I called him, and I blessed him, and made him many. 3 For Jehovah hath comforted Zion; he hath comforted all her waste places, and hath made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of Jehovah; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.

4 Attend unto me, O my people; and give ear unto me, O my nation: for a law shall go forth from me, and I will establish my justice for a light of the peoples. 5 My righteousness is near, my salvation is gone forth, and mine arm shall judge the peoples; the isles shall wait for me, and on mine 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 wax old as a garment; and they that dwell therein shall die; in like manner: but my salvation shall be for ever, and my righteousness shall not be abolished.

7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, the people in whose heart is my law; fear ye not the reproach of men, neither be ye dismayed at their revilings. 8 For the moth shall eat them up, and the worm shall eat them like wool; but my righteousness shall be for ever, and my salvation unto all generations.

9 Awake, awake, put on strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, the holy city: for henceforth there shall no more come into thee the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2 Shake thyself from the dust; arise, sit on thy throne, O Jerusalem; 3 loose thyself from the bracelet of thy nation, and from the noose of thy people. 4 For thus saith Jehovah, Ye were sold for nought; and ye shall be ransomed without money. 5 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah, My people went down at the first into Egypt to sojourn there: and the Assyrian hath oppressed them without cause. 6 Now therefore, what do I here, saith Jehovah, seeing that my people is taken away for nought? 7 they that rule over them do bow, saith Jehovah, and my name continually all the day is blasphemed. 8 Therefore my people shall know my name: therefore they shall know in that day that I am he that doth speak; behold, 2 it is I.

7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation, saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

10 The captive exile shall speedily be loosed; and he shall not die and go down into the pit, neither shall his bread fail. 11 For I am Jehovah thy God, who 570 stirreth up the sea, so that the waves thereof roar: 571 Jehovah of hosts is his name. 16 And I have put my words in thy mouth, and have covered thee in the shadow of my hand, that I may plant the heavens, and lay the foundations of the earth, and say unto Zion, Thou art my people.

17 Awake, awake, stand up, O Jerusalem, that hast drunk at the hand of Jehovah the cup of his wrath; thou hast drunken the bowl of the cup of staggering, and drained it. 18 There is none to guide her among all the sons whom she hath brought forth; neither is there any that taketh her by the hand among all the sons that she hath brought up. 19 This double is fallen thee; who shall bemoan thee? desolation and destruction, and the famine and the sword; how shall I comfort thee?

20 Thy sons have fainted, they lie at the head of all streets, as an antelope in a net; they are full of the wrath of Jehovah, the rebuke of thy God.

21 Therefore hear not this, thou afflicted, and drunken, but not with wine: 22 thus saith thy Lord Jehovah, and thy God that pleadeth the cause of his people, Behold, I have taken out of thy hand the cup of staggering, even the bowl of the cup of my wrath; thou shalt no more drink it again; 23 and I will put it into the hand of them that afflict thee, that have said to thy soul, Bow down, that we may go over; and thou hast laid thy back as the ground, and as the street, to them that go over.

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9 The voice of thy watchmen! they lift up the voice, together do they sing; for they shall see eye to eye, 573 when Jehovah returneth to Zion. 9 Break forth into joy, sing together, ye waste places of Jerusalem; for Jehovah shall return, and come with singing unto Zion; and the way for Jehovah will be exalted in Zion.

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Isaiah 54

54 Sing, O barren, thou that didst not bear; break forth into singing, and cry aloud, thou that didst not travail with child: for more shall be the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith Jehovah. 2 Enlarge the place of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations; spare not: lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes. 3 For thou shalt spread abroad on the right hand and on the left; and thy seed shall possess the nations, and make the desolate cities to be inhabited.

4 Fear not; for thou shalt not be ashamed: neither be thou confounded; for thou shalt not be put to shame: for thou shalt forget the shame of thy youth; and the reproach of thy widowhood shalt thou remember no more. 5 For thy Maker is thy husband; Jehovah of hosts is his name: and the Holy One of Israel is thy Ransomer; the God of the whole earth shall he be called. 6 For Jehovah hath called thee as a wife forsaken and grieved in spirit, even a wife of youth, when she is cast off, saith thy God. 7 For a small moment have I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I gather thee. 8 In overflowing wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting lovingkindness will I have mercy on thee, saith Jehovah thy Ransomer. 9 For this is as the waters of Noah unto me; for as I have sworn that the waters of Noah shall no more go over the earth, so have I sworn that I will not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. 10 For the mountains may depart, and the hills be removed; but my lovingkindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall my covenant of peace be removed, saith Jehovah that hath mercy on thee.

53 Who hath believed our message? and to whom hath the arm of Jehovah been revealed? 2 For he grew up before him as a tender plant, and as a root out of a dry ground: he hath no form nor splendor; 3 and when we see him, there is no beauty that we should desire him. 4 He was despised, and stood alone; and we esteemed him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon him; and with his stripes we are healed. 6 All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned every one to his own way; and Jehovah hath laid on him the iniquity of us all.

7 He was oppressed, yet when he was afflicted he opened not his mouth; as a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and as a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth. 8 By oppression and judgment he was taken away; although he had done no violence, neither was any deceit in his mouth.

10 Yet it pleased Jehovah to bruise him; he hath put him to grief: when thou shalt make his soul an offering for sin, he shall see his seed, he shall prolong his days, and the pleasure of Jehovah shall prosper in his hand. 11 He shall see of the travail of his soul, and shall be satisfied: in the knowledge of himself shall my righteous servant make many righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities. 12 Therefore will I divide him a portion in the many, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong ones; because he poured out his soul unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors: yet he bare the sins of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.
Isaiah 55

11 O thou afflicted, tossed with tempest, and not comforted, behold, I will set thy stones in 599 fair colors, and lay thy foundations with sapphires. 12 And I will make thy 600 pinnacles of rubies, and thy gates of carbuncles, and all thy border of precious stones. 13 And all thy children shall be 601 taught of Jehovah; and great shall be the peace of thy children. 14 In righteousness shalt thou be established: 602 thou shalt be far from oppression, for thou shalt not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near thee. 15 Behold, they may 603 gather together, but not by me: whosoever shall gather together against thee 604 shall fall because of thee. 16 Behold, I have created a smith that bloweth the fire of coals, and bringeth forth a weapon for 605 his work; and I have created a waster to destroy. 17 No weapon that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every tongue that shall rise against thee in judgment thou shalt condemn. This is a heritage of the servants of Jehovah, and 606 their righteousness which is of me, saith Jehovah.

55 Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy wine and milk without money and without price. 2 Wherefore do ye 607 spend money for what is not bread? and your 608 labor for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. 3 Incline your ear, and come unto me; hear, and your soul shall live: and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. 4 Behold, I have given him for a witness to the peoples, a 609 leader and commander to the peoples. 5 Behold, thou shalt call a nation that thou knowest not; and a nation that knew not thee shall run unto thee, because of Jehovah thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel; for he hath glorified thee.

6 Seek ye Jehovah while he may be found; call ye upon him while he is near: 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; and let him return unto Jehovah, and he will have mercy upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah. 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 cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 11 so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. 12 For ye 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 shall come up a fir-tree; and instead of the brier shall come up a myrtle-tree: and it shall be to Jehovah for a name, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

56 Thus saith Jehovah, Keep ye justice, and do righteousness; for my salvation is near to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. 2 Blessed is the man that doeth this, and the son of man that holdeth it fast; that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and keepeth his hand from doing any evil. 3 Neither let the foreigner, that hath joined himself to Jehovah, speak, saying, Jehovah will surely separate me from his people; neither let the eunuch say, Behold, I am a dry tree. 4 For thus saith Jehovah of the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and choose the things that please me, and hold fast my covenant: 5 Unto them will I give in my house and within my walls a 610 memorial and a name 611 better than of sons and of daughters; I will give 612 them an everlasting name, that shall not be cut off.

6 Also the foreigners that join themselves to Jehovah, to minister unto him, and to love the name of Jehovah, to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from profaning it, and holdeth fast my covenant: 7 even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, saith Jehovah. 8 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways, and my thoughts than your thoughts. 9 For as the rain cometh down and the snow from heaven, and returneth not thither, but watereth the earth, and maketh it bring forth and bud, and giveth seed to the sower and bread to the eater; 10 so shall my word be that goeth forth out of my mouth: it shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the thing whereto I sent it. 11 For ye 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. 12 Instead of the thorn shall come up a fir-tree; and instead of the

599 Or, antimony, See 1Chr 29:2.
600 Or, windows
601 Or, disciples of Jehovah;
602 Or, be thou far from oppression,
603 Or, stir up strife, (both times)
604 Or, shall fall away to thee.
605 Or, its work;
606 Or, their righteousness is of me,
607 Hb, weigh
608 Or, earnings
609 Or, prince
610 Or, place Hb. hand
611 Or, better than sons and daughters;
612 Massoretic 1QIsa read him
613 Hb. to his gathered ones.
614 Or, come ye to devour all the beasts in the forest.
615 Or, one and all.
616 Or, godly
617 Or, through wickedness. Lit. from the face of evil.
618 Or, straight before him.
valley is thy portion; they, they are thy lot; even to them hast thou poured a drink-offering, thou hast offered an oblation. Shall I be appeased for these things? 7 Upon a high and lofty mountain hast thou set thy bed; thither also wentest thou up to offer sacrifice. 8 And behind the doors and the posts hast thou set up thy memorial: for thou hast uncovered thyself to another than me, and art gone up; thou hast enlarged thy bed, and made thee a covenant with them; thou lovedst their bed where thou sawest it. 9 And thou wentest to the king with oil, and didst increase thy perfumes, and didst send thine ambassadors far off, and didst debase thyself even unto Sheol. 10 Thou wast weared with the length of thy way; yet saist thou not, It is in vain: thou didst find a quickening of thy strength; therefore thou wast not faint.

11 And of whom hast thou been afraid and in fear, that thou liest, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? have not I held my peace even of long time, and thou liest, and hast not remembered me, nor laid it to thy heart? 12 I will declare thy righteousness; and as for thy works, they shall not profit thee. 13 When thou criest, let them that thou hast gathered deliver thee; but the wind shall take them, a breath shall carry them all away: but he that taketh refuge in me shall possess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain.

14 And he will say, Cast ye up, cast ye up, prepare the way, take up the stumbling-block out of the way of my people. 15 For thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy: I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also is that of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite. 16 For I will not contend for ever, neither will I be always wroth; for the spirit would faint before me, and my spirit was smitten with a wind. 17 For the iniquity of his covetousness was I wroth, and smote him; I hid my face and was wroth; and he went on backsliding in the way of his heart. 18 I have seen his ways, and will heal him: I will lead him also, and will restore comforts unto him and to his mourners. 19 I create the fruit of the lips: Peace, peace, to him that is far off and to him that is near, saith Jehovah; and I will heal him. 20 But the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it cannot rest, and its waters cast up mire and dirt.

59 Behold, Jehovah’s hand is not shortened, that it cannot save; neither his ear heavy, that it cannot hear: 2 but your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hid his face from you, so 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 uttereth wickedness. 4 None saith in righteousness, and none pleadeth in truth: they trust in vanity, and speak lies; they conceive mischief, and bring forth iniquity. 5 They hatch adders’ eggs, and weave the spider’s web: he that eateth of their eggs dieth; and that which is crushed breaketh out into

619 Or, with idols,
620 Or, a meal-offering.
621 Or, thou providest room for it.
622 Hb. the life of thy hand;
623 Hb. sick.
624 Or, thy rabble of idols deliver thee;
625 Or, it shall be said,
626 Hb. turning away in the way of his heart.
627 Hb. recompense

628 Hb. with the throat,
629 Or, oppress all your laborers.
630 Or, ye shall not fast as ye do this day, to make etc.
631 Or, bestow on the hungry that which thy soul desireth:
632 Or, drought,
633 Or, him,
634 So Massoretic Aram., Vg. But 1Qlsa Hb. 4Qlsa Sept. read he
635 Hb. calleth
a viper. 6 Their webs shall not become garments, neither 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; desolation and destruction are in their paths. 8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no justice in their goings: they have made them crooked paths; whosoever goeth therein doth not know peace.

9 Therefore is justice far from us, neither doth righteousness overtake us: we look for the light, but, behold, darkness; for brightness, but we walk in obscurity. 10 We grope for the wall like the blind; yes, we grope as they that have no eyes: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; among them that are lusty we are as dead men. 11 We roar all like bears, and moan sore like doves: we look for justice, but there is none; for salvation, but it is far off from us. 12 For our transgressions are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions and iniquities, we know them: 13 transgressing and denying Jehovah, and turning away from following our God, speaking oppression and revolt, conceiving and uttering from the heart words of falsehood. 14 And justice is turned away backward, and righteousness standeth afar off; for truth is fallen in the street, and falsehood.

15 We know them: we are all their transgressions, and our iniquities, are multiplied before thee, and our sins testify against us: for our transgressions and our iniquities, we know them:

And Jehovah saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice. 16 And he saw that there was no man, and wondered that there was no intercessor: therefore his own arm brought salvation unto him; and his righteousness, it upheld him. 17 And he put on righteousness as a coat of mail, and as the stream pent in, for brightness, and for stones iron. I will also make thy officers peace, and thy exactors righteousness. 18 According to their deeds, accordingly he will repay, wrath to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands he will repay recompense. 19 So shall they fear the name of Jehovah from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun; 44as for he will come,44 as a rushing stream, which the breath of Jehovah driveth. 20 And a Ransomer will come to Zion, and unto them that turn from transgression in Jacob, saith Jehovah. 21 And as for me, this is my covenant with them, saith Jehovah: my Spirit that is upon thee, and my words which I have put in thy mouth, shall not depart out of thy mouth, nor out of the mouth of thy seed, nor out of the mouth of thy seed’s seed, saith Jehovah, from henceforth and for ever.

Arise, shine; for thy light is come, and the glory of Jehovah is risen upon thee. 2 For, behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and gross darkness the peoples; but Jehovah will arise upon thee, and his glory shall be seen upon thee. 3 And nations shall come to thy light, and kings to the brightness of thy rising.

4 Lift up thine eyes round about, and see: they all gather themselves together, they come to thee; thy sons shall come from far, and thy daughters shall be 44carried in the arms. 5 Then shalt thou see and be radiant, and thy heart shall thrill and be enlarged; because the abundance of the sea shall be turned unto thee, the wealth of the nations shall come unto thee. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; all they from Sheba shall come; they shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praises of Jehovah. 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be gathered together unto thee, the rams of Nebaioth shall minister unto thee; they shall come up with acceptance on mine altar; and I will 44glorify 44the house of my glory. 8 Who are these that fly as a cloud, and as the doves to their windows? 9 Surely the isles shall wait for me, and the ships of Tarshish first, to bring thy sons from far, their silver and their gold with them, for the name of Jehovah thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel, because he hath 44glorified thee.

10 And foreigners shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favor have I had mercy on thee. 11 Thy gates also shall be open continually; they shall not be shut day nor night; that men may bring unto thee the wealth of the nations, and their kings led captive. 12 For that nation or kingdom that will not serve thee shall perish; yes, those nations shall be utterly wasted. 13 The glory of Lebanon shall come unto thee, the fir-tree, the pine, and the box-tree together, to beautify the place of my sanctuary; and I will make the place of my feet glorious. 14 And the sons of them that afflicted thee shall come bending unto thee; and all they that despised thee shall bow themselves down at the soles of thy feet; and they shall call thee The city of Jehovah, The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.

15 Whereas thou hast been forsaken and hated, so that no man passed through thee, I will make thee an eternal excellency, a joy of many generations. 16 Thou shalt also suck the milk of the nations, and shalt suck the breast of kings; and thou shalt know that I, Jehovah, am thy Saviour, and thy Ransomer, the Mighty One of Jacob. 17 For copper I will bring gold, and for iron I will bring silver, and for wood copper, and for stones iron. I will also make thy officers peace, and shine exactors righteousness. 18 Violence shall no more be heard in thy land, desolation nor destruction within thy borders; but thou shalt call thy walls Salvation, and thy gates Praise. 19 The sun shall be no more thy light by day; neither for brightness shall the moon give light unto thee: but Jehovah will be unto thee an everlasting light, and thy God thy glory. 20 Thy sun shall no more go down, neither shall thy moon withdraw itself; for Jehovah will be thine everlasting light, and the days of thy mourning shall be ended. 21 Thy people also shall be all righteous; they shall inherit the land for ever, the branch of my planting, the work of his hands, that I may be

636 Or, highways.
637 Or, none to interpose:
638 Or, coat of mail,
639 Or, salvation for a helmet upon his head;
640 Hb. recompenses,
641 Or, coastlands
642 Or, when the adversary shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of Jehovah will lift up a standard against him.
643 Hb. as the stream pent in,
644 Hb. nursed upon the side.
645 Or, young camels of Midian and Ephah;
646 Hb. shall bring good tidings of the praises
647 Or, beautify
648 Or, my beautiful house.
649 Or, beautified
650 Or, thy taskmasters

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The Spirit of the Lord Jehovah is upon me; because Jehovah hath anointed me to preach good tidings unto the meek; he hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound; 2 to proclaim the year of Jehovah's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all that mourn; 3 to appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they may be called trees of righteousness, the planting of Jehovah, that he may be glorified.

And they shall build the old wastes, they shall raise up the former desolations, and they shall repair the waste cities, the desolations of many generations. 5 And strangers shall stand and feed your flocks, and foreigners shall be your plowmen and your vine-dressers. 6 But ye shall be named the priests of Jehovah; men shall call you the ministers of our God: ye shall eat the wealth of the nations, and in their glory shall ye boast yourselves. 7 Instead of your shame ye shall have double; and instead of dishonor they shall rejoice in their portion: therefore in their land they shall possess double; everlasting joy shall be unto them. 8 For I, Jehovah, love justice, and I hate robbery with iniquity; and I will give them their recompense 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 that see them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed which Jehovah hath blessed.

I will greatly rejoice in Jehovah, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decketh himself with a priest's crown, and as a bride adorneth herself with her jewels. 11 For as the earth bringeth forth its bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; so the Lord Jehovah will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

For Zion's sake will I not hold my peace, and for Jerusalem's sake will I not rest, until her righteousness go forth as brightness, and her salvation as a lamp that burneth. 2 And the nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and thou shalt be called by a new name, which the mouth of Jehovah shall name. 3 Thou shalt also be a crown of beauty in the hand of Jehovah, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. 4 Thou shalt no more be termed Forsaken; neither shall thy land any more be termed Desolate: but thou shalt be called Hephzi-bah, and thy land Beulah; for Jehovah delighteth in thee, and thy land shall be married. 5 For as a young man marrieth a virgin, so shall thy sons marry thee; and as the bridegroom rejoiceth over the bride, so shall thy God rejoice over thee.

I have set watchmen upon thy walls, O Jerusalem; they shall never hold their peace day nor night: ye that are Jehovah's remembrancers. 6 Take ye no rest, and give him no respite, till he establish, and till he make Jerusalem a praise in the earth. 8 Jehovah hath sworn by his right hand, and by the arm of his strength, Surely I will no more give thy grain to be food for thine enemies; and foreigners shall not drink thy new wine, for which thou hast labored: 9 but they that have gathered it shall eat it, and praise Jehovah; and they that have gathered it shall drink it in the courts of my Holy.

Go through, go through the gates; prepare ye the way of the people; cast up, cast up the highway; gather out the stones; lift up an ensign for the peoples. 11 Behold, Jehovah hath proclaimed unto the end of the earth, Say ye to the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold, his reward is with him, and he will recompense before him. 12 And they shall call them The holy people, The ransomed of Jehovah: and thou shalt be called Sought out, A city not forsaken.

Who is this that cometh from Edom, with dyed garments from Bozrah? this that is glorious in his apparel, marching in the greatness of his strength? I that speak in righteousness, mighty to save. 2 Wherefore art thou red in thine apparel, and thy garments like him that treadeth in the vine-vat? 3 I have trodden the winepress alone; and of the peoples was no man with me: yes, I trod them in mine anger, and trampled them in my wrath; and their blood I have stained all my raiment. 4 For the day of vengeance is come, and the year of Jehovah's ransomed is come. 5 And I looked, and there was none to help; and I wondered that there was none to uphold: therefore mine own arm brought salvation unto me; and my wrath, it upheld me. 6 And I trod down the peoples in mine anger, and made them drunk in my wrath, and I poured out their lifeblood on the earth.

I will make mention of the lovingkindnesses of Jehovah, and the praises of Jehovah, according to all that Jehovah hath bestowed on us, and the great goodness toward the house of Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to his mer-

651 Or, beauty.
652 Or, poor;
653 Or, opening of the eyes to them that are bound;
654 Or, to their glory shall ye succeed.
655 Or, for (or, with) a burnt-offering;
656 Or, decketh himself with a garland,
657 That is, My delight is in her,
658 That is, Married.
659 Hb. with the joy of the bridegroom over the bride,
660 Or, keep not silence,
661 Hb. silence,
662 Or, over

663 Or, work
664 Or, crimsoned
665 Or, will tread them in mine anger, and trample
666 Or, strength
667 Or, shall be sprinkled
668 Or, will stain all my raiment.
669 Or, is
670 Or, my year of redemptions is come.
671 Or, I will tread down the peoples in mine anger, and make them drunk in my wrath, and I will pour out their lifeblood on the earth.
672 Many mss. read brake them in pieces in my wrath,
673 Or, brought down their strength to the earth.
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cies, and according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses. 8 For he said, Surely, they are my people, children that will not deal falsely: so he was their Saviour. 9 In all their adversity he was no adversary, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he ransomed them; and he bare 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 himself fought against them. 11 Then he remembered the days of old, Moses and his people, saying, Where is he that brought them up out of the sea with the shepherds of his flock? where is he that put his holy Spirit in the midst of them? 12 that caused his glorious arm to go at the right hand of Moses? that divided the waters before them, to make himself an everlasting name? 13 that led them through the depths, as a horse in the wilderness, so that they stumbled not? 14 As the cattle that go down into the valley, the Spirit of Jehovah caused them to rest: so didst thou lead thy people, to make thyself a glorious name.

15 Look down from heaven, and behold from a habitation of thy holiness and of thy glory: where are thy zeal and thy mighty acts? the yearning of thy heart and thy compassion is restrained toward me. 16 For thou art our Father, though Abraham knoweth us not, and Israel doth not acknowledge us: thou, O Jehovah, art out Father; our Ransomer from everlasting is thy name. 17 O Jehovah, why dost thou make us to err from thy ways, and hardenest our heart from thy awe? Return for thy servants’ sake, the tribes of thine inheritance. 18 Thy holy people possessed it but a little while: our adversaries have trodden down thy sanctuary. 19 We are become as they over whom thou never barest rule, as they that were not called by thy name.

64 Oh that thou wouldest rend the heavens, that thou wouldst come down, that the mountains might quake at thy presence, 2 as when fire kindleth the brushwood, and the fire causeth the waters to boil; to make thy name known to thine adversaries, that the nations may tremble at thy presence! 3 When thou didst terrifying things, we looked not for; thou camest down; the mountains quaked at thy presence. 4 For from of old men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen a God besides thee, who worketh for him that waiteth for him. 5 Thou seest a God besides thee, that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou wast wroth, and we sinned; we searched not that which thou hadst not called us. 6 For we are all become as one that is unclean, and all our righteousnesses are as a polluted garment: and we all do fade as a leaf; and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. 7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, that stirreth up himself to take hold of thee; for thou hast hid thy face from us, and hast consumed us by means of our iniquities.

8 But now, O Jehovah, thou art our Father; we are the clay, and thou our potter; and we all are the work of thy hand. 9 Be not wroth very sore, O Jehovah, neither remember iniquity for ever: behold, look, we beseech thee, we are all thy people. 10 Thy holy cities are become a wilderness, Zion is become a wilderness, Jerusalem a desolation. 11 Our holy and our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned with fire; and all our pleasant places are laid waste. 12 Will thou refrain thyself for these things, O Jehovah? wilt thou hold thy peace, and afflict us very sore?

65 I am inquired of by them that asked not for me; I am found of them that sought not me: I said, Behold, me, behold me, unto a nation that hath not called by my name. 2 I have spread out my hands all the day unto a rebellious people, that walk in a way that is not good, after their own thoughts; 3 a people that provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens, and burning incense upon bricks; 4 that sit among the graves, and lodge in the secret places; that eat swine’s flesh, and brood of abominable things is in their vessels; 5 that say, Stand by thyself, come not near to me, for I am holier than thou. These are a smoke in my nose, a fire that burneth all the day. 6 Behold, it is written before me: I will not keep silence, but will recompense, yes, I will recompense into their bosom. 7 your own iniquities, and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith Jehovah, that have burned incense upon the mountains, and blasphemed me upon the hills: therefore will I first measure their work into their bosom.

8 Thus saith Jehovah. As the new wine is found in the cluster, and one saith, 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 out of Jacob, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and my chosen 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 herds to lie down in, for my people that have sought me. 11 But ye that forsake Jehovah, that forget my holy mountain, prepare a table for Fortune, and that fill up mingled wine unto Destiny; 12 I will destined you to the sword, and ye shall all bow down to the slaughter; because when I called, ye did not

674 Or, In all their adversity there was no real adversity, Hab reads. In all their affliction he was afflicted,
675 Or, Then his people remembered the ancient days of Moses, saying, Where is he etc.
676 Or, 1QIsa (Sept., Aram.) read that brought up out of the sea the shepherds of his flock
677 Some mss. read shepherd (singular)
678 Or, flow down before thy face, or, at thy presence.
679 Or, seen, O God, besides thee, that one that worketh etc.
680 Or, sparest
681 Or, in those is continuance, and we shall be saved. ARV comments, The Hebrew is obscure.
682 Hb. melted
683 Or, was inquired of by them
684 Or, was found
685 Or with different points, that hath not called upon my name.
686 Or, dwell
687 Or, vaults;
688 Or, defined me
689 Or, measure their former work
690 Or, pasture
691 Hb. Gad, See Ge 30:11.
692 So Massoretic Sept., (Aram.). 1QIsa. Vg. read drink-offerings
693 Hb. Meni;
answer; when I spake, ye did not hear; but ye did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.

13 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, my servants shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants shall rejoice, but ye shall be put to shame; 14 behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye shall cry for sorrow of heart, and shall wail for 694 vexation of spirit. 15 And ye shall leave your name for 695 a curse unto my chosen; and the Lord Jehovah will slay thee; and he will call his servants by another name: 16 so that he who blesseth himself in the earth shall bless himself in the God of truth; and he that swareth in the earth shall swear by the God of truth; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hid from mine eyes.

17 For, behold, I create new heavens and a new earth; and the former things shall not be remembered, nor come into mind. 18 But be ye glad and rejoice for ever 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 there shall be heard in her no more a voice of weeping and a voice of crying. 20 There shall be no more thence an infant of many days, nor an old man that hath not filled his days; for the child shall die a hundred years old, and the sinner being a hundred years old shall be assured. 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat: for as 699 the days of the tree shall be the days of my people, and my chosen shall 698 long enjoy the work of their hands. 23 They shall not labor in vain, nor bring forth for 699 calamity; for they are the seed of the blessed of Jehovah, and their offspring 700 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 a 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, saith Jehovah.

66 Thus saith Jehovah, The heavens are my throne, and the earth is my footstool: what manner of works will ye build unto me? and what place shall be my rest? 2 For all these things hath my hand made, and so all these things came to be, saith Jehovah; but to this man will I look, even to him that is poor and of a contrite spirit, and that trembleth at my word. 3 He that killeth an ox is as he that slayeth a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, as he that breaketh a dog’s neck; he that offereth an oblation, as he that offereth swine’s blood; he that burneth frankincense, as he that blesseth an idol. Ye shall choose your own ways, and their soul delighteth in their abominations: 4 I also will choose their delusions, and will bring their fears upon them; because when I called, none did answer; when I spake, they did not hear: but they did that which was evil in mine eyes, and chose that wherein I delighted not.

5 Hear the word of Jehovah, ye that tremble at his word: Your brethren that hate you, that cast you out for my name’s sake, have said, Let Jehovah be glorified, that we may see your joy; but it is they that shall be put to shame. 6 A voice of tumult from the city, a voice from the temple, a voice of Jehovah that rendereth recompense to his enemies.

7 Before she travailed, she brought forth; before her pain came, she was delivered of a man-child. 8 Who hath heard such a thing? who hath seen such things? Shall a land be born in one day? shall a nation be brought forth at once? for as soon as Zion travailed, she brought forth her children. 9 Shall I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? saith Jehovah: shall I that cause to bring forth shut the womb? saith thy God.

10 Rejoice ye with Jerusalem, and be glad for her, all ye that love her: rejoice for joy with her, all ye that mourn over her; 11 that ye may suck and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations; that ye may milk out, and be delighted with the abundance of her glory. 12 For thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river, and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream: 703 and ye shall seek thereof; ye shall be borne upon the side, and shall be dandled upon the knees. 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem. 14 And ye shall see it, and your heart shall rejoice, and your bones shall flourish like the tender grass: and the hand of Jehovah shall be known toward his servants; and he will have indignation against his enemies.

15 For, behold, Jehovah will come 704 with fire, and his chariots shall be like the whirlwind; to render his anger with fierceness, and his rebuke with flames of fire. 16 For by fire will Jehovah execute judgment, and by his sword, upon all flesh; and the slain of Jehovah shall be many. 17 They that sanctify themselves and purify themselves 705 to go unto the gardens, behind 700 one in the midst, eating swine’s flesh, and the abomination, and the mouse, they shall come to an end together, saith Jehovah.

18 For I know their works and their thoughts: the time cometh, that I will gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come, and shall see my glory. 19 And I will set a sign among them, and I will send such as escape of them unto the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, that draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the isles afar off, that have not heard my name, neither have seen my glory; and they shall declare my glory among the nations. 20 And they shall bring all your brethren out of all the nations for an oblation unto Jehovah, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith Jehovah.

694 Hb. breaking
695 Hb. an oath
696 Hb. amen; (both times) See 2Co 1:20; Rv 3:14.
697 Some live bristlecone pines are over 4,000 years old.
698 Hb. wear out
699 Or. sudden terror;
700 Or, shall be with them.

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701 Hb. maketh a memorial of frankincense,
702 Or. mockings,
703 Or. then shall ye suck, ye shall be borne etc.
704 Or. in
705 Or. in the gardens,
706 So Hb\textsuperscript{a} QIsa\textsuperscript{b} (Aram.) [one officiating priest (masc.)]. Hb\textsuperscript{mg}, some Massoretic mss. read one tree (or, Asherah; (fem.) See Dt 16:21).
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as the children of Israel bring their oblation in a clean vessel into the house of Jehovah. 21 And of them also will I take for priests and Levites, saith Jehovah.

22 For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith Jehovah, so shall your seed and your name remain. 23 And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith Jehovah. 24 And they shall go forth, and look upon the dead bodies of the men that have transgressed against me: for their scarlet worm shall not die, neither shall their fire be quenched; and they shall be an abhorring unto all flesh.

[Note: Where both 1QIsa a and 1QIsa b are present and agree, it is shown as 1QIsa b,a, because 1QIsa b appears to be less careless and more reliable.]

A bulla of an Isaiah (presumably the prophet) was found in the Ophel on the south side of the Temple Mount, near another of King Hezekiah. Two bullae of governors of Jerusalem were also found, along with seven more of a prominent family.

(Eilat Mazar, “Is This the Prophet Isaiah’s Signature?,” Biblical Archaeology Review, 44, 2 & 3 (March-June 2018). Pp. 64-73.)
The words of Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah, of the priests that were in Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: 2 to whom the word of Jehovah 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, unto the end of the eleventh year of Zedekiah, the son of Josiah, king of Judah, unto the carrying away of Jerusalem captive in the fifth month.

4 Now the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 5 Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee, and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee; I have appointed thee a prophet unto the nations. 6 Then said I, Ah, Lord Jehovah! behold, I know not how to speak; for I am a child. 7 But Jehovah said unto me, Say not, I am a child; for with thee in the uttermost part of the land, and in every place wherein I command thee, thou shalt speak. 8 Be not afraid of them; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith Jehovah. 9 Then Jehovah put forth his hand, and touched my mouth; and Jehovah said unto me, Behold, I have put my words in thy mouth: 10 see, I have this day set thee over the nations and over the kingdoms, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.

11 Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Jeremiah, what seest thou? And I said, I see a rod of an almond-tree. 12 Then said Jehovah unto me, Thou hast well seen: for I watch over my word to perform it.

13 And the word of Jehovah came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, I see a boiling caldron; and the face thereof is from the north. 14 Then Jehovah said unto me, Out of the north evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. 15 For, lo, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith Jehovah; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all the walls thereof round about, 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 unto other gods, and worshipped the works of their own hands. 17 Thou therefore gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them all that I command thee: be not dismayed at them, lest I dismay thee before them. 18 For, behold, I have made thee this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and copper walls, against the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against the princes thereof, against the priests thereof, and against the people of the land. 19 And they shall fight against thee; but they shall not prevail against thee: for I am with thee, saith Jehovah, to deliver thee.
20 For of old time 

21 I have broken thy yoke, and burst thy bonds; and thou saidst, I will not serve; for upon every high hill and under every green tree thou didst bow thyself, playing the harlot. 22 Yet I had planted thee a noble vine, wholly a right seed: how then art thou turned into the degenerate branches of a foreign vine unto me? 23 How canst thou say, I am not defiled, I have not gone after the Baalim? see thy way in the valley, know what thou hast done: thou art a swift dromedary traversing her ways; 24 a wild ass used to the wilderness, that snuffeth up the wind in the desire of her soul; in her occasion who can turn her away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves; in her month they shall find her. 25 Withhold thy foot from being unshod, and thy throat from thirst: but thou saidst, It is in vain; no, for I have loved strange things, 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 stock, Thou art my father; and to a stone, Thou hast brought me forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face; but in the time of their trouble they will say, Arise, and save us. 28 But where are thy gods that thou hast made thee? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy trouble: for according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah.

29 Wherefore will ye contend with me? ye have all transgressed against me, saith Jehovah. 30 In vain have I smitten you children; they received no correction: your own sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. 31 According to the generation, see ye the word of Jehovah. Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? or a land of thick darkness? wherefore say my people, We are broken loose; we will come no more unto thee? 32 Can a virgin forget her ornaments, or a bride her attire? yet my people have forgotten me days without number.

33 How trimmest thou thy way to seek love! therefore even the wicked women hast thou taught thy ways. 34 Also in thy skirts is found the blood of the souls of the innocent poor: 22thou didst not find them breaking in; but it is because of all these things. 35 Yet thou saidst, I am innocent; surely his anger is turned back. 36 Wherefore will ye contend with me? ye all have transgressed against me.

37 They say, If a man put away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man’s, will he return unto her again? will not that land be greatly polluted? But thou hast played the harlot with many lovers; 38 yet return again to me, saith Jehovah. 2 Lift up thine eyes unto the bare heights, and see; where hast thou not been lain with? By the ways hast thou sat for them, as an Arabian in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. 3 Therefore the showers have been withholden, and there hath been no latter rain; yet thou hadst a harlot’s forehead, thou refusedst to be ashamed. 4 Wilt thou not from this time cry unto me, My Father, thou art the guide of my youth? 5 Will he retain his anger for ever? will he keep it to the end? Behold, thou hast spoken and hast done evil things, and hast had thy way.

6 Moreover Jehovah said unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen that which backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone up upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and there hath played the harlot. 7 And I said after she had done all these things, 28 She will return unto me; but she returned not: and her treacherous sister Judah saw it. 8 And 30 I saw, when, for this very cause that backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had put her away and given her a bill of divorcement, yet treacherous Judah her sister feared not; but she also went and played the harlot. 9 And it came to pass through the lightness of her whoredom, that the land was polluted, and she committed adultery with stones and with stocks. 10 And yet for all this her treacherous sister Judah hath not returned unto me with her whole heart, but feignedly, saith Jehovah.

11 And Jehovah said unto me, Backsliding Israel hath showed her soul more righteous than treacherous Judah. 12 Go, and proclaim these words toward the north, and say, Return, thou backsliding Israel, saith Jehovah; I will not look in anger upon you; for I am merciful, saith Jehovah, I will not keep anger for ever. 13 Only acknowledge thine iniquity, that thou hast transgressed against Jehovah thy God, and hast scattered thy ways to the strangers under every green tree, and ye have not obeyed my voice, saith Jehovah. 14 Return, O backsliding children, saith Jehovah; for I am a husband unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, 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 ye are multiplied and increased in the land, in those days, saith Jehovah, they shall say no more, The ark of the covenant of Jehovah; neither shall it come to mind; neither shall they remember it; neither shall they 32 miss it; neither shall it be made any more.

13 That is, the Euphrates River
14 Or, thou hast broken thy yoke,
15 Hb reads transgress;
16 Or, young camel
17 Or, begotten me;
18 Some Massoretic ms., Hb Aram. read us
19 Or, Thou hast as many gods as thou hast cities,
20 Or, instruction:
21 Or, darkness from Jah
22 Or, I have not found it by secret search, but upon all these things.
23 Hb. Saying,
24 Or, and thinkest thou to return again to me, saith Jehovah?
25 Or, companion
26 Or, hast spoken thus, but hast done evil things,
27 Hb. been able.
28 Or, And I said, After she hath done all these things, she will return unto me;
29 Or, Let her return unto me;
30 Aram. reads she saw, [See note in Companion Bible]
31 Hb. cause my countenance to fall upon you;
32 Or, visit it; neither shall that be done any more.
4 If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith Jehovah, if thou wilt return unto me, and if thou wilt put away thine abominations out of my sight; then shalt thou not be removed; and thou shalt swear, As Jehovah liveth, in truth, in justice, and in righteousness; and the nations bless themselves in him, or, 2 then shalt thou swear, you with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of Jehovah is not turned back from us. 9 And it shall come to pass at that day, saith Jehovah, that the heart of the king shall perish, and the heart of the princes; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophetics shall wonder.

10 Then said I, Ah, Lord Jehovah! surely thou hast greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, saying, Ye shall have peace; whereas the sword reacheth unto the soul.

11 At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A hot wind from the bare heights in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to winnow, nor to cleanse; 12 a full wind from these shall come for me: now will I also utter judgments against them. 13 Behold, he shall come up as clouds, and his chariots shall be as the whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are ruined. 14 O Jerusalem, wash thy heart from wickedness, that thou mayest be saved. How long shall thine evil thoughts lodge within thee? 15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth evil from the hills of Ephraim; 16 make ye mention to the nations; behold, publish against Jerusalem, that watchers come from a far country, and give out their voice against the cities of Judah. 17 As keepers of a field are they against her round about, because she hath been rebellious against me, saith Jehovah. 18 Thy way and thy doings have procured these things unto thee; this is thy wickedness; 42 for it is bitter, for it reacheth unto thy heart.

19 My anguish, my anguish! I am pained at my very heart; my heart is disquieted in me; I cannot hold my peace; because 42 thou hast heard, O my soul, the sound of the trumpet, the alarm of war. 20 Destruction upon destruction is cried; for the whole land is laid waste: suddenly are my tents desolate, and my curtains in a moment. 21 How long shall I see the standard, and hear the sound of the trumpet? 22 For my people are foolish, they know me not; they are sottish children, and they have no understanding; they are wise to do evil, but to do good they have no knowledge.

23 I beheld the earth, and, lo, it was waste and void; and the heavens, and they had no light. 24 I beheld the mountains, and, lo, they trembled, and all the hills moved to and fro. 25 I beheld, and, lo, there was no man, and all the birds of the heavens were fled. 26 I beheld, and, lo, 47 the fruitful field was a wilderness, and all the cities thereof were broken down at the presence of Jehovah, and before his fierce anger.

27 For thus saith Jehovah, The whole land shall be a desolation; yet will I not make a full end. 28 For this shall the earth mourn, and the heavens above be black; because I have spoken it, I have purposed it, and I have not repented, neither will I turn back from it. 29 Every city fleeth for the noise
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of the horsemen and bowmen; they go into the thickets, and climb up on the rocks: every city is forsaken, and not a man dwelleth therein. 30 And thou, when thou art made desolate, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothest thyself with scarlet, though thou deckest thee with ornaments of gold, though thou enlargeth thine eyes with paint, in vain dost thou make thyself fair; thy lovers despise thee, they seek thy soul. 31 For I have heard a voice as of a woman in travail, the anguish as of her that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of the daughter of Zion, that gaspeth for breath, that spreadeth her hands, saying, Woe is me now! For my soul fainteth before the murderers.

5 Run ye and fro through the streets of Jerusalem, and see now, and know, and seek in the broad places thereof, if ye can find a man, if there be any that doeth justly, that seeketh 50 truth; and I will pardon her. 2 And though they say, As Jehovah liveth; surely they swear falsely. 3 O Jehovah, 51 do not thine eyes look upon truth? Thou hast stricken them, but they were not grieved; thou hast consumed them, but they have refused to receive 52 correction: they have made their faces harder than a rock; they have refused to return.

4 Then I said, Surely these are poor; they are foolish; for they know not the way of Jehovah, nor the law of their God: 5 I will get me unto the great men, and will speak unto them; for they know the way of Jehovah, and the law of their God. But these with one accord have broken the yoke, and burst the bonds. 6 Wherefore a lion out of the forest shall slay them, a wolf of the evenings shall destroy them, a leopard shall watch against their cities; every one that goeth out thence shall be torn in pieces; because their transgressions are many, and their backslidings are increased.

7 How can I pardon thee? Thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by them that are no gods: when I had 54 fed them to the full, they committed adultery, and assembled themselves in troops at the harlots’ houses. 8 They were as fed horses roaming at large; every one neighed after his neighbor’s wife.

9 Shall I not visit for these things? saith Jehovah; and shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 Go ye up upon her walls, and destroy; but make not a full end: take away her branches; for they are not Jehovah’s. 11 For the house of Israel and the house of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me, saith Jehovah. 12 They have denied Jehovah, and said, It is not he; neither shall evil come upon us; neither 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 unto them.

14 Wherefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, Because ye speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy mouth fire, and this people wood, and it shall devour them. 15 Lo, I will bring a nation upon you from far, O house of Israel, saith Jehovah: it is a mighty nation, it is an ancient nation, a nation whose language thou knowest not, neither understandest what they say. 16 Their quiver is an open sepulchre, they are all mighty men. 17 And they shall eat up thy harvest, and thy bread, which thy sons and thy daughters should eat; they shall eat up thy flocks and thy herds; they shall eat up thy vines and thy fig-trees; they shall beat down thy fortified cities, wherein thou trustest, with the sword. 18 But even in those days, saith Jehovah, I will not make a full end with you.

19 And it shall come to pass, when ye shall say, Wherefore hath Jehovah our God done all these things unto us? then shalt thou say unto them, Like as ye have forsaken me, and served foreign gods in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land that is not yours.

20 Declare ye this in the house of Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, 21 Hear now this, O foolish people, and without understanding: that have eyes, and see not; that have ears, and hear not: 22 Fear ye not me? saith Jehovah: will ye not tremble before my face, who have placed the sand for the bound of the sea, by a perpetual decree, that it cannot pass it? and though the waves thereof toss themselves, yet can they not prevail; though they roar, yet can they not pass over it. 23 But this people hath a revolting and a rebellious heart; they are revoluted and gone. 24 Neither say they in their heart, Let us now fear Jehovah our God, that giveth rain, both the former and the latter, in its season; that preserveth us the appointed weeks of the harvest. 25 Your iniquities have turned away these things, and your sins have withheld good from you. 26 For among my people are found wicked men: they watch, as fowlers lie in wait; they set a trap, they catch men.

27 As a cage is full of birds, so are their houses full of deceit: therefore they are become great, and waxed rich. 28 They are waxed fat, they shine: yes, they overpass in deeds of wickedness; they plead not the cause, the cause of the fatherless, that they may prosper; and the right of the needy do they not judge. 29 Shall I not visit for these things? saith Jehovah; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

30 A wonderful and horrible thing is come to pass 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 ye do in the end thereof?

6 Flee for safety, ye children of Benjamin, out of the midst of Jerusalem, and blow the trumpet in Tekoa, and raise up a signal on Beth-haccherem; for evil looketh forth from the north, and a great destruction. 2 The comely and delicate one, the daughter of Zion, will I cut off. 3 Shepherds with their flocks shall come unto her; they shall pitch their tents against her round about; they shall feed every one in his place. 4 Prepare ye war against her; arise, and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day declineth, for the shadows of the evening are stretched out. 5 Arise, and let us go up by night, and let us destroy her palaces. 6 For thus hath Jehovah of hosts said, Hew ye down 61 trees, and cast up a mound against Jerusalem: this is the city to be visited; she is wholly oppression in the midst of her. 7 As a well 63 casteth forth its waters, so she casteth forth her wickedness: violence and destruction is...
heard in her; before me continually is sickness and wounds. 8 Be thou instructed, O Jerusalem, lest my soul be alienated from thee; lest I make thee a desolation, a land not inhabited.

9 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, They shall thoroughly glean the remnant of Israel as a vine: turn again thy hand as a grape-gatherer 64 into the baskets. 10 To whom shall I speak and testify, that they may hear? behold, their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot hearken: behold, the word of Jehovah is become unto them a reproach; they have no delight in it. 11 Therefore I am full of the wrath of Jehovah; I am weary with holding in: pour it out upon the children 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 that is full of days. 12 And their houses shall be turned unto others, their fields and their wives together; for I will stretch out my hand upon them, and they shall be taken, even the least of them even unto the greatest of them every one is given into covetousness; and from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealth falsely. 14 They have also scarcely healed the 66 hurt of 67 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, neither could they blush: therefore they shall fall among them that fall; at the time that I visit them they shall be cast down, saith Jehovah.

16 Thus saith Jehovah, Stand ye in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way; and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your soul. but they said, We will not walk therein. 17 And I set watchmen over you, saying, Hearken to the sound of the trumpet; but they said, We will not hearken. 18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O congregation, what is among them. 19 Hear, O earth: behold, I will cause my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it. 20 To what purpose cometh there a vine to be cut down, and grapes to the wine-press, when they be not mine? 21 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will lay stumbling-blocks before this people; and the fathers and the sons together shall stumble against them; the neighbor and his friend shall perish.

22 Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, a people cometh from the north country; and a great nation shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 23 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea, and they ride upon horses, every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Zion. 24 We have heard the report thereof; our hands wax feeble: anguished hath taken hold of us, and pangs as of a woman in travail. 25 Go not forth into the field, nor walk by the way; for the sword of the enemy, and terror, are on every side.

26 O daughter of my people, gird thee with sackcloth, and wallow thyself in ashes: make thee mourning, as for an only son, most bitter lamentation; for the destroyer shall suddenly come upon us.

27 I have made thee a 70 spoiler and a fortress among my people; that thou mayest know and try their way. 28 They are all grievous revolters, going about with slanders; they are copper and iron: they all of them deal corruptly. 29 The bellows 71 blow fiercely; the lead is consumed of the fire: in vain do they go on refining; for the evil are not plucked away. 30 Refuse silver shall men call them, because Jehovah hath rejected them.

The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 2 Stand in the gate of Jehovah’s house, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, all ye of Judah, that enter in at these gates to worship Jehovah. 3 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place. 4 Trust ye not in lying words, saying, The temple of Jehovah, the temple of Jehovah, the temple of Jehovah, are these. 5 For if ye thoroughly amend your ways and your doings; if ye thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbor; 6 if ye oppress not the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, neither walk after other gods to your own hurt: 7 then will I cause you to dwell in this place, in the land that I gave to your fathers, from old even for evermore.

8 Behold, ye trust in lying words, that cannot profit. 9 Will ye steal, murder, and commit adultery, and swear falsely, and burn incense unto Baal, and walk after other gods that ye have not known, 10 and come and stand before me in this house, which is called by my name, and say, We are delivered; that it will rise to the surface, where it can be skimmed off. If lead oxide remains, heating will not further purify the silver. 11 But go ye now unto my place which I have made in Shiloh, where I caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I did to it for the wickedness of my people Israel. 13 And now, because ye have done all these works, saith Jehovah, and I spake unto you, rising up early and speaking, but ye heard not; and I called you, but ye answered not: 14 therefore will I do unto the house which is called by my name, wherein ye trust, and unto the place which I gave to you and to your fathers, as I did to Shiloh. 15 And I will cast you out of my sight, as I have cast out all your brethren, even the whole seed of Ephraim.

16 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them, neither make intercession to me; for
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I will not hear thee. 17 Seest thou not 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 the dough, to make cakes to the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, that they may provoke me to anger. 19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith Jehovah; do they not provoke themselves, to the confusion of their own faces? 20 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, mine anger and my wrath 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 saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Add your burnt-offerings unto your sacrifices, and eat ye flesh. 22 For I spake not unto 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, Hearken unto my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the way that I command you, that it may be well with you. 24 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear, but walked in their own 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 unto this day, I have sent unto you all my servants the prophets, daily rising up early and sending them: 26 yet they hearkened not unto me, nor inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff: they did worse than their fathers.

27 And thou shalt speak all these words unto them; but they will not hearken unto thee: thou shalt also call unto them; but they will not answer thee. 28 And thou shalt say unto them, This is the nation that hath not hearkened to the voice of Jehovah their God, nor received instruction: 76 the truth is perished, and is cut off from their mouth.

29 Cut off thy hair, O Jerusalem, and cast it away, and take up a lamentation on the bare heights; for Jehovah hath rejected and forsaken the generation of his wrath. 30 For the children of Judah have done that which is evil in my sight, saith Jehovah: they have set their abominations in the house which is called by my name, to defile it. 31 And they have built the high places of Topheth, which is in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire; which I commanded not, neither came it into my mind. 32 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that it shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter: for they shall bury in Topheth, 33 till there be no place to bury. 34 And the dead bodies of this people shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth; and none shall frighten them away. 35 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 become a waste.

8 At that time, saith Jehovah, 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, which they have loved, and which they have served, and after which they have walked, and which they have sought, and which 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 residue that remain of this evil family, that remain in all the places whither I have driven them, saith Jehovah of hosts.

4 Moreover thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah: Shall men fall, and not rise up again? shall one turn away, and not return? 5 Why then is this people of Jerusalem slidden back by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return. 6 I hearkened and heard, but they spake not aright: no man repenteth him of his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every one 85 turneth to his course, as a horse that rusheth headlong in the battle. 7 Yes, the stork in the heavens knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle-dove and the swallow and the crane observe the time of their coming; but my people know not the law of Jehovah.

8 How do ye say, We are wise, and the law of Jehovah is with us? But, behold, the false pen of the scribes hath wrought falsely. 9 The wise men are put to shame, they are dismayed and taken: lo, they have rejected the word of Jehovah; and what manner of wisdom is in them? 10 Therefore will I give their wives unto others, and their fields to them that shall possess them: for every one from the least even unto the greatest is given to covetousness; from the prophet even unto the priest every one dealeth falsely. 11 And they have scarcely 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, neither could they blush: therefore shall they fall among them that fall; in the time of their visitation they shall be cast down, saith Jehovah.

13 I will utterly consume them, saith Jehovah: 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 be silent there; for Jehovah our God hath 84 put us to silence, and given us water of 85 gall to drink, because we have sinned against Jehovah. 15 We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay! 16 The snorting of his horses is heard from Dan: at the sound of the neighing of his strong ones the whole land trembleth; for they are come, and have devoured the land and all that is in it; the city and those that dwell therein. 17 For, behold, I will send serpents, adders, among you, which will not be charmed: and they shall bite you, saith Jehovah.

74 Or, turned their back and not their face. 75 Or, correction: 76 Or, faithfulness 77 Hb. thy crown, 78 Hb. heart. 79 Or, because there shall be no place else.

80 Or, turneth away in his course, 81 Or, made of it falsehood. 82 Or, I have appointed them those that shall pass over them. 83 Or, perish there; 84 Or, caused us to perish, 85 Or, poison See Dt 29:18.
18 Oh that I could comfort myself against sorrow! my heart is faint within me. 19 Behold, the voice of the cry of the daughter of my people from a land that is very far off: Is not Jehovah in Zion? is not her King in her? Why have they provoked me to anger with their graven images, and with foreign vanities? 20 The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved. 21 For the hurt of the daughter of my people am I hurt; I mourn; dismay hath taken hold on me. 22 Is there no balm in Gilead? is there no physician there? why then is not the health of the daughter of my people recovered?

9 Oh that my head were waters, and mine eyes a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of my people! 2 Oh that I had in the wilderness 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. 3 And they bend their tongue, as it were their bow, for falsehood; and they are grown strong in the land, but not for truth: for they proceed from evil to evil, and from transgression to transgression. 4 They will not speak the truth: they weary themselves to commit iniquity. 5 Thy habitation is in the midst of deceit; through deceit they refuse to know me, saith Jehovah. 6 Therefore saith Jehovah of hosts, Behold, I will melt them, and try them; for how else should I do, because of the daughter of my people? 7 Their tongue is a deadly arrow; it speaketh deceit: one speaketh peaceably to his neighbor with his mouth, but in his heart he layeth wait for him. 8 Shall I not visit them for these things? saith Jehovah; shall not my soul be avenged on such a nation as this?

10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the pastures of the wilderness a lamentation, because they are burned up, so that none passeth through; neither can men hear the voice of the cattle; both the birds of the heavens and the beasts are fled, they are gone. 11 And I will make Jerusalem heaps, a dwelling-place of jackals; and I will make the cities of Judah desolate, without inhabitant. 12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of Jehovah hath spoken, that he may declare it? wherefore is the land perished and burned up like a wilderness, so that none passeth through? 13 And Jehovah saith, Because they have forsaken my law which I set before them, and have not obeyed my voice, neither walked therein, 14 but have walked after the Baalim, which their fathers taught them; 15 therefore saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them, even this people, with wormwood, and give them water of gall to drink. 16 I will scatter them also among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known; and I will send the sword after them, till I have consumed them.

17 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Consider ye, and call for the mourning women, that they may come; and send for the skillful women, that they may come: 18 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. 19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we ruined! we are greatly confounded, because we have forsaken the land, because 20 they have cast down our dwellings. 20 Yet hear the word of Jehovah, O ye women, and let your ear receive the word of his mouth; and teach your daughters wailing, and every one teach her neighbor lamentation. 21 For death is come up into our windows, it is entered into our palaces; to cut off the children from without, and the young men from the streets. 22 Speak, Thus saith Jehovah, The dead bodies of men shall fall as dung upon the open field, and as the handful after the harvestman; and none shall gather them.

23 Thus saith Jehovah, Let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he hath understanding, and knoweth me, that I am Jehovah who exerciseth lovingkindness, justice, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith Jehovah.

24 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will punish all them that are circumcised in their uncircumcision: 25 Egypt, and Judah, and Edom, and the children of Ammon, and Moab, and all that have the corners of their hair cut off, that dwell in the wilderness; for all the nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in heart.

10 Hear ye the word which Jehovah speaketh unto you, O house of Israel: 2 Thus saith Jehovah, 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 peoples are vanity; 4 one cutteth a tree out of the forest, the work of the hands of the workman with the axe. 4 They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not. 5 They are like a palm-tree, of turned work, and speak not: they must needs be borne, because they cannot go. Be not afraid of them; for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good.

6 There is none like unto thee, O Jehovah; thou art great, and thy name is great in might. 7 Who should not fear thee, O King of the nations? for thou doest it with signs and wonders; and thine hand is stretched out: go forth; 8 with thine hand do all these things; 9 and in thine anger cleanse thou the sons of men, and in thy wrath instruct them. 10 For the nations are full of idlers! it is but a stock. 11 There is silver beaten into plates, which is brought from Tarshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the artificer and
of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple for their clothing; they are all the work of skilful men. 10 But Jehovah is the true God; he is the living God, and an everlasting King; his wrath the earth trembleth, and the nations are not able to abide his indignation.

11 This shall ye say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Cursed be the man that heareth not the words of this covenant, 4 which I commanded your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, Obey my voice, and do them, according to all which I command you: so shall ye be my people, and I will be your God; 5 that I may establish the oath which I sware unto your fathers, to give them a land flowing with milk and honey, as at this day. Then answered I, and said, Amen, O Jehovah.

6 And Jehovah said unto me, Proclaim all these words in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, saying, Hear ye the words of this covenant, and do them. 7 For I earnestly protested unto your fathers in the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt, even unto this day, rising early and protesting, 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 them not.

9 And Jehovah said unto me, A conspiracy is found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 They are turned back to the iniquities of their forefathers, who refused to hear my words; and they are gone 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 saith Jehovah, Behold, I will bring evil upon the cities of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, according to the number of thy cities are thy gods, O Judah; and according to the number of the streets of Jerusalem have ye set up altars to the shameful thing, even altars to burn incense unto Baal.

12 Therefore pray not thou for this people, neither lift up cry nor prayer for them; for I will not hear them in the time that they cry unto me because of their trouble. 13 What hath my beloved to do in my house, seeing she hath wrought lewdness with many, and the holy flesh is passed from thee? 14 When thou doest evil, then thou rejoicest. 15 Jehovah called thy name, A green olive-tree, fair with goodly fruit: with the noise of a great tumult he hath kindled fire upon it, and the branches of it are broken. 16 For Jehovah of hosts, who planted thee, hath pronounced evil against thee, because of the evil of the house of Israel and of the house of Judah, which they have wrought for themselves in provoking me to anger by offering incense unto Baal.

The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying,

2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speake unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and say thou unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel:

10 Or, the stock is a doctrine of vanities.
110 Or, God in truth;
102 This verse is in Aramaic.
103 Or, they shall perish ... and from under these heavens.
104 Or, at the sound of his giving an abundance of waters in the heavens, when he causeth the vapors (or, ... heavens, he causeth ...)
105 Or, is too brutish to know;
106 Or, mockery:
107 Or, thy bundle from the ground, or, ... the earth,
108 Or, O inhabitant (Hb. inhabitress of the fortress.)
109 Hb. find.
110 Or, sickness,
111 Or, dealt wisely,
112 Hb. judgment;
113 Hb. diminish me.
114 Or, pasture.
115 Hb. evil. Also in vs. 14.
116 Hb. shame,
117 RV says, The text is obscure. Sept. reads ! Shall vows and holy flesh take away from thee thy wickednesses, or shalt thou escape by these?
118 Or, when thine evil cometh,
And Jehovah gave me knowledge of it, and I knew it: then thou shewedst me their doings. But I was like a gentle lamb that is led to the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised devices against me, saying, Let us destroy the tree with the fruit thereof, and let us cut him off from the land of the living, that his name may be no more remembered. But, O Jehovah of hosts, who judgeth righteously, who triest the heart and the mind, I shall see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause.

Therefore saith Jehovah concerning the men of Anathoth, that thou die not by our hand; yet would I not hear, then will I pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it, saith Jehovah.

12 Righteous art thou, O Jehovah, when I contend with thee; yet would I 123reason the cause with thee: wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they at ease that deal very treacherously? Thou hast planted them, yes, they have taken root; they grow, yes, they bring forth fruit: thou art near in their mouth, and far from their heart. But thou, O Jehovah, knowest me; thou seest me, and triest my heart toward thee: pull them out like sheep for my heritage unto me; though they be built up in the midst of my people, I shall see thy vengeance on them; and the great pride of Jerusalem.

Thus saith Jehovah against all mine evil neighbors, that refuse to hear my words, that walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other gods to serve them, and to walk in the ways of my people, to swear by my name, As Jehovah liveth; even as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built up in the midst of my people. But if they will not hear, then will I pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it, saith Jehovah.

13 Thus said Jehovah unto me, Go, and buy thee a linen girdle, and put it upon thy loins, and put it not in water. So I bought a girdle according to the word of Jehovah, and put it upon my loins. And the word of Jehovah came unto me a second time, saying, Take the girdle that thou hast bought, which is upon thy loins, and arise, go to the Euphrates, and take the girdle from the place where I hid it; and, behold, the girdle was married, it was profitable for nothing.

Thus the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, After this manner will I mar the pride of Judah, and the great pride of Jerusalem. Thus evil people, that refuse to hear my words, that walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and are gone after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, shall even be as this girdle, which is profitable for nothing. For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so have I caused to cleave unto me the whole house of Israel and the whole house of Judah, saith Jehovah; that they may be unto me for a people, and for a name, and for a praise, and for a glory: but they would not hear.

Therefore thou shalt speak unto them this word: Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine: and they shall say unto thee, Do we not certainly know that every bottle shall be filled with wine? Then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even the kings that sit upon David’s throne, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. And I will dash them one against another, even the fathers and the sons together, saith Jehovah: I will not pity, nor spare, nor have compassion, that I should not destroy them.

Hear ye, and give ear; be not proud: for Jehovah hath spoken. Give glory to Jehovah your God, before he put themselves to pain, and profit nothing: and ye shall be ashamed of your fruits, because of the fierce anger of Jehovah.

Thus saith Jehovah against all mine evil neighbors, that touch the inheritance which I have caused my people Israel to inherit: Behold, I will pluck them up from off their land, and will pluck up the house ofJudah from among them. And it shall come to pass, after that I have plucked them up, I will return and have compassion on them; and I will bring them again, every man to his heritage, and every man to his land. And it shall come to pass, if they will diligently learn the ways of my people, to swear by my name, As Jehovah liveth; even as they taught my people to swear by Baal; then shall they be built up in the midst of my people. But if they will not hear, then will I pluck up that nation, plucking up and destroying it, saith Jehovah.

Hb. bread
Hb. kidneys (or, reins) Also in ch. 12:2.
Hb. visit upon them:
Or, in the year of their visitation.
Hb. speak of judgments with thee:
Hb. sanctify
Or, swelling
Hb. good things unto thee.
Or, be ye ashamed of or, they shall be ashamed of
Or, jar
For David upon his throne,
Or, it grow dark,
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cause darkness, and before your feet stumble upon the 131 dark mountains, and, while ye look for light, he turn it into 132 the shadow of death, and make it gross darkness. 17 But if ye will not hear it, my soul shall weep in secret for your pride; and mine eye shall weep sore, and run down with tears, because Jehovah's flock is taken captive.

18 Say thou unto the king and to the queen-mother, 133 Hb. Humble yourselves, sit down; for your headures are come down, even 134 the crown of your glory. 19 The cities of the South are shut up, and there is none to open them: Judah is carried away captive, all of it; it is wholly carried away captive.

20 Lift up your eyes, and behold them that come from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy beautiful flock? 21 What wilt thou say, when he shall set over thee as head those whom thou hast thyself taught to be friends to thee? shall not sorrows take hold of thee, as of a woman in travail? 22 And if thou say in thy heart, Wherefore are these things come upon me? for the greatness of thine iniquity are thy skirts uncovered, and thy heels suffer violence.

23 Can the Cushite change his skin, or the leopard his spots? 24 Therefore will I scatter them, as the windeth that passeth away. 25 This is thy lot, the portion measured unto thee from me, saith Jehovah; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. 26 Therefore will I also uncover thy skirts 135 upon thy face, and thy shame shall appear. 27 I have seen thine abominations, even thine adulteries, and thy neighings, the lewdness of thy whoredom, on the hills in the field. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! thou wilt not be made clean; how long shall it yet be?

14 The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought.

2 Judah mourneth, and the gates thereof languish, they sit in black upon the ground; and the cry of Jerusalem is gone up. 3 And their nobles send their little ones 140 to the waters: they come to the cisterns, and find no water; they return with their vessels empty; they are put to shame and confounded, and cover their heads. 4 Because of the ground which is cracked, for that no rain hath been in the land, the plowmen are put to shame, they cover their heads. 5 Yes, the hind also in the field calveth, and forsaketh her young, because there is no grass. 6 And the wild asses stand on the bare heights, they pant for air like 143 jackals; their eyes fail, because there is no herbage.

7 Though our iniquities testify against us, work thou for thy name's sake, O Jehovah; for our backslidings are many; we have sinned against thee. 8 O thou hope of Israel, the Saviour thereof in the time of trouble, why shouldst thou be as a sojourner in the land, and as a wayfaring man that turneth aside to tarry for a night? 9 Why shouldst thou be as a man afflicted, as a mighty man that cannot save? yet thou, O Jehovah, art in the midst of us, and we are called by thy name; leave us not.

10 Thus saith Jehovah unto this people, Even so have they loved to wander; they have not refrained their feet: therefore Jehovah doth not accept them; now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins. 11 And Jehovah said unto 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 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 Jehovah! behold, the prophets say unto them, Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ye have famine; but I will give you assured peace in this place. 14 Then Jehovah said unto me, The prophets prophesy lies in my name; I sent them not, neither have I commanded them, neither spake I unto them: they prophesy unto you a lying vision, and divination, and a thing of nought, and the deceit of their own heart. 15 Therefore thus saith Jehovah 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 these 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 And thou shalt say this word unto them, Let mine 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 breach, with a very grievous wound. 18 If I go forth into the field, then, behold, the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, then, behold, 145 they that are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest 146 go about in the land, and have no knowledge.

19 Hast thou utterly rejected Judah? hath thy soul loathed Zion? why hast thou smitten us, and there is no healing for us? We looked for peace, but no good came; and for a time of healing, and, behold, dismay! 20 We acknowledged, O Jehovah, our wickedness, and the iniquity of our fathers; for we have sinned against thee. 21 Do not 147 abhor us, for thy name's sake; do not disgrace the throne of thy glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. 22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations that can cause rain? or can the heavens give showers? art thou not he, O Jehovah our God? therefore we

131 Hb. mountains of twilight,
132 Or. deep darkness,
133 Or. Sit ye down low;
134 Or. your beautiful crown.
135 Or. What wilt thou say, when he shall visit thee, seeing thou thyself hast instructed them against thee, even thy friends to be head over thee?
136 That is, black man or, Ethiopian
137 Hb. taught
138 Or. unto
139 Or. before
140 Or. inferiors
141 Or. for water:
142 Or. dismayed,
143 Or. the crocodiles;
144 Or. spreadeth his tent to tarry etc.
145 Hb. the sicknesses of famine!
146 Or. traffic
147 Or. into a land that they know not.
148 Or. know,
149 Or. contemn us, (that is, hold us in contempt,)
15 Then said Jehovah unto me, Though Moses and Samuel stood before me, yet my soul would not be toward this people; cast them out of my sight, and let them go forth. 2 And it shall come to pass, when they say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth? then thou shalt tell them, Thus saith Jehovah: Such as are for death, to death; and such as are for the sword, to the sword; and such as are for the famine, to the famine; and such as are for captivity, to captivity. 3 And I will appoint over them four kinds, saith Jehovah: the sword to slay, and the dogs to tear, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the earth, to devour and to destroy. 4 And I will cause them to be tossed to and fro among 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 will have pity upon thee, O Jerusalem? or who will bemoan thee? or who will turn aside to ask of thy welfare? 6 Thou hast rejected me, saith Jehovah, thou art gone backward: therefore have I stretched out my hand against thee, and destroyed thee; I am weary with repenting. 7 And I have winnowed them with a fan in the gates of the land; I have bereaved them of children, I have destroyed my people; they returned not from their ways. 8 Their widows are increased as the stars of heaven; and their dead bodies are food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth.

9 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast borne me a man of strife and a man of contention to the whole earth! I have not lent, neither have men lent to me; yet every one of them doth curse me.

10 Jehovah said, Truly I will strengthen thee for good; truly I will cause the enemy to make supplication unto thee in the time of evil and in the time of affliction. 12 Can one break iron, even iron from the north, and copper? 13 Thy substance and thy treasures will I give for a spoil without price, and all thy borders.

15 O Jehovah, thou knowest; remember me, and visit me, and avenge me of my persecutors; take me not away in thy sea; I have not turned in thy longsuffering: know that for thy sake I have suffered reproach.

16 Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy words were unto me a joy and the rejoicing of my heart: for I am called by thy name, O Jehovah, God of hosts. 17 I sat not in the assembly of them that make merry, nor rejoiced; I sat alone because of thy hand; for thou hast filled me with indignation.

18 Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable, which refuseth to be healed? wilt thou indeed be unto me as a deceitful brook, as waters that fail?

19 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, If thou return, then will I bring thee again, that thou mayest stand before me; and if thou take forth the precious from the vile, thou shalt be as my mouth: they shall return unto thee, but thou shalt not return unto them. 20 And I will make thee unto this people a fortified copper wall; and they shall fight against thee, but they shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee to save thee and to deliver thee, saith Jehovah. 21 And I will deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will redeem thee out of the hand of the terrible.

The word of Jehovah came also unto me, saying, Thou shalt not take thee a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters, in this place. 3 For thus saith Jehovah concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place, and concerning their mothers that bare them, and concerning their fathers that begat them in this land: 4 They shall die grievous deaths: they shall not be lamented, neither shall they be buried; they shall be as dung upon the face of the ground: and they shall be consumed by the sword, and by famine; and their dead bodies shall be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth.

5 For thus saith Jehovah, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament, neither bemoan them; for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith Jehovah, even lovingkindness and tender mercies. 6 Both great and small shall die in this land; they shall not be buried, neither shall men lament for them nor cut themselves, nor make themselves bald for them; 7 neither shall men break bread for them in mourning, to comfort them for the dead; neither shall men give them the cup of consolation to drink for their father or for their mother. 8 And thou shalt not go into the house of feasting to sit with them, to eat and to drink. 9 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will cause to cease out of 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 thou shalt show this people all these words, and they shall say unto thee, Wherefore hath Jehovah pronounced all this great evil against us? Or what is our iniquity? Or what is our sin that we have committed against Jehovah our God? 11 then shalt thou say unto them, Because your fathers have forsaken me, saith Jehovah, and have walked after other gods, and have served them, and have worshipped them, and have forsaken me, and have not kept my law; 12 and ye have done evil more than your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the stubbornness of his evil heart, so that ye hearken not unto me: 13 therefore will I cast you forth out of this land into the land that ye have not known, neither ye nor your fathers; and there shall ye serve other gods day and night; 160 for I will show you no favor.
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14 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that it shall no more be said, As Jehovah liveth, that I brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; but, As Jehovah liveth, that I brought up the children of Israel from the land of the north, and from all the countries whither he had driven them. And I will bring them again into their land that I gave unto their fathers.

15 Behold, I will send for many fishers, saith Jehovah, and they shall fish them up; and afterward I will send for many hunters, and they shall hunt them from every mountain, and from every hill, and out of the clefts of the rocks. 17 For mine eyes are upon all their ways; they are not hid from my face, neither is their iniquity concealed from mine eyes. 18 And first I will recompense their iniquity and their sin doubly, because they have polluted my land with the carcasses of their detestable things, and have filled mine inheritance with their abominations.

19 O Jehovah, my strength, and my stronghold, and my refuge in the day of affliction, unto thee shall all the nations come from the ends of the earth, and shall say, Our fathers have inherited nought but lies, even vanity and things wherein there is no profit. 20 Shall a man make unto himself gods, which yet are not gods?

21 Therefore, behold, I will cause them to know, this once I will cause them to know my hand and my might; and they shall know that my name is Jehovah.

17 The sin of Judah is written with a pen of iron, and with the point of a diamond: it is graven upon the tablet of their heart, and upon the horns of 163your altars; 2 whilst their children remember their altars and their Asherim by the green trees upon the high hills. 3 O my mountain in the field, I will give thy substance and all thy treasures for a spoil, and thy high places, because of sin, throughout all thy borders. 4 And thou, even of thyself, shalt discontinue from thy heritage that I gave thee; and I will cause thee to serve thine enemies in the land which thou knowest not: for ye have kindled a fire in mine anger which shall burn for ever.

5 Thus saith Jehovah: Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and maketh flesh his arm, and whose heart departeth from Jehovah. 6 For he shall be like a tamarisk in the desert, and shall not see when good cometh, but shall inhabit the parched places in the wilderness, a salt land and not inhabited. 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in Jehovah, and whose trust Jehovah is. 8 For he shall be as a tree planted by the waters, that putteth down its roots by the river bed, and shall not fear when heat cometh, but its leaf shall be green; and shall not be careful in the year of drought, neither shall cease from yielding fruit.

9 The heart is deceitful above all things, and it is exceedingly corrupt: who can know it? 10 I, Jehovah, search the mind, I try the heart, even to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his doings. 11 As the partridge that sitteth on eggs which she hath not laid, so is he that gateth riches, and not by right; in the midst of his days 164they shall leave him, and at his end he shall be a fool.

12 A glorious throne, set on high from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary. 13 O Jehovah, the hope of Israel, all that forsake thee shall be put to shame. They that depart from me shall be written in the earth, because they have forsaken Jehovah, the fountain of living waters. 14 Heal me, O Jehovah, and I shall be healed; save me, and I shall be saved: for thou art my praise. 15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of Jehovah? Let it come now. 16 As for me, I have not hastened from being a shepherd after thee; neither have I desired the woeful day; thou knowest: that which came out of my lips was before thy face. 17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my refuge in the day of evil. 18 Let them be put to shame that persecute me, but let not me be put to shame; 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 said Jehovah unto me: Go, and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah come in, and by which they go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; and say unto them, Hear ye the word of Jehovah, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates: 21 Thus saith Jehovah, Take heed to your souls, and bear no burden on the sabbath day, nor bring it in by the gates of Jerusalem; 22 neither carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath day, neither do ye any work: but sanctify ye the sabbath day, as I commanded your fathers. 23 But they hearkened not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck stiff, that they might not hear, and might not receive instruction.

24 And it shall come to pass, if ye diligently hearken unto me, saith Jehovah, to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath day, but to sanctify the sabbath day, to do no work therein; 25 then shall there enter in by the gates of this city kings and princes sitting 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 round about Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowland, and from the hill-country, and from the South, bringing burnt-offerings, and sacrifices, and meal-offerings, and frankincense, and bringing sacrifices of thanksgiving, unto the house of Jehovah. 27 But if ye will not hearken unto me to sanctify the sabbath day, and not to bear a burden and enter in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath day; then will I kindle a fire in the gates thereof, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

161 Lit. a repetition, or, a twin, or, a like portion, Hb. mishneh And in ch. 17:18 (ch. 52:24, second)
162 Or, because they have polluted my land: they have filled mine inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable things and their abominations.
163 A few mss., Aram., Vg. read their
164 Or, a tamarisk in the desert,
165 Hb™, Targ. read see
166 Hb. kidneys (or, reins)
The word which came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 1 Then he spake the word of Jehovah, saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the potter's house, and there I will cause thee to hear my words. 3 Then I went down to the potter's house, and, behold, he was making a work on the wheels. 4 And when the vessel that he made of the clay was marred in the hand of the potter, he made it again another vessel, as seemed good to the potter to make it.

5 Then the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 6 O house of Israel, cannot I do with you as this potter? saith Jehovah. Behold, as the clay in the potter's hand, so are ye in my hand, O house of Israel. 7 At what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to pluck up and to break down and to destroy it; 8 if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turn from their evil, I will repent of the evil that I thought to do unto them. 9 And at what instant I shall speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; 10 if they do that which is evil in my sight, that they obey not my voice, then I will repent of the good, wherewith I said I would benefit them. 11 Now therefore, speak to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I frame evil against you, and devise a device against you: return ye now every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your doings. 12 But they say, It is in vain; for we will walk after our own devices, and we will do that which we will do.

13 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Ask ye now among the nations, who hath heard such things? the virgin of Israel hath done a very horrible thing. 14 Shall the snow of Lebanon fail from the rock of the field? Or shall the cold waters flow down from afar be 15 dried up? 16 For my people have forgotten me, they have burned incense to false gods; and they have been made to stumble in their ways, in the ancient paths, to walk in bypaths, in a way not cast up; 18 to make their land an astonishment, and a perpetual hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and shake his head. 17 I will scatter them as with an east wind before the enemy; I will show them the back, and not the face, in the day of their calamity.

18 Then said they, Come, and let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet. Come, and let us smite him with the tongue, and let us not give heed to any of his words.

19 Give heed to me, O Jehovah, and hearken to the voice of them that contend with me. 20 Shall evil be recompensed for good? For they have digged a pit for my soul. Remember how I stood before thee to speak good for them, to turn away thy wrath from them. 21 Therefore deliver up their children to the famine, and give them over to the power of the sword; and let their wives become childless, and widows; and let their men be slain of death, and their young men smitten of the sword in battle. 22 Let a cry be heard from their houses, when thou shalt bring a troop suddenly upon them; for they have digged a pit to take me, and hid snares for my feet. 23 Yet, Jehovah, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me; forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight; but let them be 176 overthrown before thee; deal thou with them in the time of thine anger.

23 Yet, Jehovah, thou knowest all their counsel against me to slay me; forgive not their iniquity, neither blot out their sin from thy sight; but let them be 176 overthrown before thee; deal thou with them in the time of thine anger.

24 Thus said Jehovah, Go, and buy a potter's earthen bottle, and take of the elders of the people, and of the elders of the priests; 2 and go forth unto the valley of the son of Hinnom, which is by the entry of 177 the gate Harsith, and proclaim there the words that I shall tell thee; 3 and say, Hear ye the word of Jehovah, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, which whosoever heareth, his ears shall tingle. 4 Because they have forsaken me, and have estranged this place, and have burned incense in it unto other gods, that they knew not, they and their fathers and the kings of Judah; and have filled this place with the blood of innocents, 5 and have built the high places of Baal, to burn their sons in the fire for burnt-offerings unto Baal; which I commanded not, nor spake it, neither came it into my mind: 6 therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that this place shall no more be called Topheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but The valley of Slaughter. 7 And I will 178 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 hand of them that seek their soul: and their dead bodies will I give to be food for the birds of the heavens, and for the beasts of the earth. 8 And I will make this city an astonishment, and a hissing; every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all the plagues thereof. 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, wherewith their enemies, and that they seek their soul, shall distress them.

25 Then shalt thou break the bottle in the sight of the men that go with thee, 11 and shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Even so will I break this people and this city; as one breaketh a potter’s vessel, that cannot be made whole again; and they shall bury in Topheth, 180 all there be no place to bury. 12 Thus will I do unto this place, saith Jehovah, and to the inhabitants thereof, even making this city as Topheth: 13 and the houses of Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, which are defiled, shall be as the place of Topheth, even all the houses upon whose roofs they have burned incense unto all the host of heaven, and have poured out drink-offerings unto other gods.

14 Then came Jeremiah from Topheth, whither Jehovah had sent him to prophesy; and he stood in the court of Jehovah's house, and said to all the people: 15 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon this city and upon all its towns all the evil that I have pronounced against it; because they have made their neck stiff, that they may not hear my words.

20 Now 181 Pashhur, the son of Immer the priest, who was chief officer in the house of Jehovah, heard Jeremiah prophesying these things. 2 Then Pashhur smote Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of Jehovah. 3 And it

174 Or, of strange lands that flow down be etc.
175 Or, plucked up
176 Hb. made to stumble before thee;
177 Or, the gate of potsherds,
178 Hb. heart: (Compare 2Ki 3:27.)
179 Hb. empty out the counsel
180 Or, because there shall be no place else to bury.
181 Meaning, Prosperity everywhere, per Gesenius.
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came to pass on the morrow, that Pashhur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. Then said Jeremiah unto him, Jehovah hath not called thy name Pashhur, but 
4 For thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will make thee a terror to thyself, and to all thy friends; and they shall fall by the sword of their enemies, and thine eyes shall behold it; and I will give all Judah into 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 give all the riches of this city, and all the gains thereof, and all the precious thing thereof, yes, all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies; and they shall make them a prey, and take them, and carry them to Babylon. 
6 And thou, Pashhur, and all that dwell in thy house shall go into captivity; and thou shalt come to Babylon, and there thou shalt die, and there shalt thou be buried, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied falsely.

7 O Jehovah, thou hast persuaded me, and I was persuaded; thou art stronger than I, and hast prevailed: I am become a laughing-stock all the day, every one mocketh me. 
8 For as often as I speak, I cry out; I cry, Violence and destruction; because the word of Jehovah is made a reproach unto me, and a derision, all the day. 
9 And if I say, I will not make mention of him, nor speak any more in his name, then there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with forbearance, and I cannot forbear. 
10 For I have heard the defaming of many, terror on every side. Denounce, and we will denounce him, say all my familiar friends, that which watch for my fall; peradventure he will be persuaded, and will not make me a terror.

11 But Jehovah is with me as a mighty one and terrifying: therefore my persecutors shall stumble, and they shall not prevail; they shall be utterly put to shame, because they have not dealt wisely, even with an everlasting dishonor which shall not be forgotten. 
12 But, O Jehovah of hosts, that triest the righteous, that seest the heart and the mind, let me see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I revealed my cause. 
13 Sing unto Jehovah, praise ye Jehovah; for he hath delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evildoers. 

14 Cursed be the day wherein I was born: let not the day wherein my mother bare me be blessed! 
15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man-child is born unto thee; making him very glad! 
16 And let that man be as the cities which Jehovah overthrew, and repented not: and let him hear a cry in the morning, and in the midst of the night, and bewailing a noise.

17 because he slew me not from the womb; and so my mother would have been my grave, and her womb always great. 
18 Wherefore came I forth out of the womb to see labor and sorrow, that my days should be consumed with shame?

21 The word which came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashhur the son of Malkijah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, saying, 
2 Inquire, I pray thee, of Jehovah for us; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon maketh war against us: peradven-

ture Jehovah will deal with us according to all his wondrous works, that he may go up from us.

3 Then said Jeremiah unto them, Thus shall ye say to Zedekiah: 
4 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Behold, I will turn back the weapons of war that are in your hands, wherewith ye fight against the king of Babylon, and against the Chaldeans that besiege you, without the walls; and I will gather them into the midst of this city. 
5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm, even in anger, and in wrath, and in great indignation. 
6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and beast: they shall die of a great pestilence. 
7 And afterward, saith Jehovah, I will deliver Zedekiah king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, even such as are left in this city from the pestilence, from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their soul: and he shall smite them with the edge of the sword; he shall not spare them, neither have pity, nor have mercy. 

8 And unto this people thou shalt say, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I set before you the way of life and the way of death. 
9 He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth out, and passeth over to the Chaldeans that besiege you, he shall live, and his soul shall be unto him for a prey. 
10 For I have set my face upon this city for evil, and not for good, saith Jehovah; it shall be given into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire.

11 And touching the house of the king of Judah, Hear ye the word of Jehovah: 
12 O house of David, thus saith Jehovah, Execute justice and righteousness, and deliver him that is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor, lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. 
13 Behold, I am against thee, O inhabitant of the valley, and of the rock of the plain, saith Jehovah; you that say, Who shall come down against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? 
14 And I will punish you according to the fruit of your doings, saith Jehovah; and I will kindle a fire in her forest, and it shall devour all that is round about her.

22 Thus said Jehovah: Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word, and say, Hear the word of Jehovah, O king of Judah, that sittest upon the throne of David, thou, and thy servants, and thy people that enter in by these gates. 
3 Thus saith Jehovah: Execute ye justice and righteousness, and deliver him that is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor: and do no wrong, do no violence, to the sojourner, the fatherless, nor the widow; neither shed innocent blood in this place.

4 For if ye 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 ye will not hear these words, I swear by myself, saith Jehovah, that this house shall become a desolation. 
6 For thus saith Jehovah concerning the house of the king of Judah: Thou art Gilead unto me, and

182 Meaning, Terror on every side. Compare vs. 10.
183 Or, enticed me, and I was enticed;
184 Or, prospered,
185 Hb. kidneys (or, reins) and the heart,
186 Or, an alarm at noon time;
187 Or transliterated directly, Nabu-kudurri-uzur
188 So Hb⁴ Aram., Vg. Hb⁵ reads their
189 Hb. inhabitress
190 Or, and rock of the plain,
191 Hb. for David upon his throne,
the head of Lebanon; yet surely I will make thee a wilderness, and cities which are not inhabited. 7 And I will prepare destroyers against thee, every one with his weapons; and they shall cut down thy 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, Wherefore hast Jehovah done thus unto this great city? 9 Then they shall answer, Because they forsook the covenant of Jehovah their God, and worshipped other gods, and served them.

10 Weep ye not for the dead, neither bemoan him; bat weep sore for him that goeth away; for he shall return no more, nor see his native country. 11 For thus saith Jehovah touching Shallum the son of Josiah, king of Judah, who reigned instead of Josiah his father, and who went forth out of this place: He shall not return thither any more; but in the place whither they have led him captive, there shall he die, and he shall see this land no more.

12 Woe unto him that buildeth his house by unrighteousness, and his chambers by injustice; that useth his neighbor’s service without wages, and giveth him not his hire; 14 that saith, I will build me a wide house and spacious chambers, and cutteth him out windows; and it is ceiled with cedar, and painted with vermilion. 15 Shalt thou reign, because thou stivest to excel in cedar? Did not thy father eat and drink, and do justice and righteousness? then it was well with him. 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Was not this to know me? saith Jehovah. 17 But thine eyes and thy heart are not but for thy covetousness, and for shedding innocent blood, and for oppression, and for violence, to do it. 18 Therefore thus saith Jehovah 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 cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem.

20 Go up to Lebanon, and cry; and lift up thy voice in Bashan, and cry from Abarim; for all thy lovers are destroyed. 21 I spake unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy youth, that thou obeyedst not my voice. 22 The wind shall feed all thy shepherds, and thy lovers shall go into captivity: surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded for all thy wickedness. 23 Their nobles shall be as wind, and their princes as a storm; theirs shall be the everlasting cursing. 24 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, The inhabitant of Lebanon, that makest thy nest in the cedars, how greatly to be pitied shalt thou be when pangs come upon thee. and when thy heart shall be as a drunken man in the vineyards.

25 As I live, saith Jehovah, though the son of Jehoiakim king of Judah were the signet upon my right hand, yet would I pluck thee thence; and I will give thee into the hand of them that seek thy soul, and into the hand of them of whom thou art afraid, even into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of the Chaldeans. 26 And I will cast thee out, and thy mother that bare thee, into another country, where ye were not born; and there shall ye die. 27 But to the land whereto 200th their soul longeth to return, thither shall they not return. 28 Is this man Coniah a despised broken vessel? is he a vessel wherein none delighteth? wherefore are they cast out, he and his seed, and are cast into the land which they know not? 29 O earth, earth, earth, hear the word of Jehovah. 30 Thus saith Jehovah, Write ye this man childless, a man that shall not prosper in his days; for no more shall a man of his seed prosper, sitting upon the throne of David, and ruling in Judah.

23 Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! saith Jehovah. 2 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, against the shepherds that tend my people: Ye have scattered my flock, and driven them away, and have not visited them; behold, I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith Jehovah. 3 And I will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries whither I have driven them, and will bring them again to their folds; and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 And I will set up shepherds over them, who shall tend them; and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, neither shall any be lacking, saith Jehovah.

5 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 6 In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely; and this is his name whereby he shall be called: Jehovah our righteousness. 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that they shall no more say, As Jehovah liveth, who brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 8 but As Jehovah liveth, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land.

9 Concerning the prophets. My heart within me is broken, all my bones shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a man whom wine hath overcome, because of Jehovah, and because of his holy words. 10 For the land is full of adulterers; for both prophet and priest are profane; and my people have said, In the land which is Jehovah our righteousness. 7 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that they shall no more say, As Jehovah liveth, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the land of Egypt; 8 but As Jehovah liveth, who brought up and who led the seed of the house of Israel out of the north country, and from all the countries whither I had driven them. And they shall dwell in their own land.

13 And I have seen folly in the prophets of Samaria; they prophesied by Baal, and caused my people Israel to err. 14 In the prophets of Jerusalem also I have seen a horrible thing:

192 Or, unto
193 Hb. sanctify or, hallow
194 In 2Ki 23:30, Jehoahaz. Compare 1Chr 3:15.
195 Or, viest with the cedar
196 Or, dishonestest gain,
197 Or, feed upon all thy shepherds,
198 Hb. inhabitress
199 In ch. 24:1, and 1Chr 3:16, Jeconiah. In 2Ki 24:6, 8, Jehoiachin
200 Hb. they lift up their soul,
201 Or, pot
202 Or, land (three times)
203 Or, Shoot, or, Bud,
204 Or, prosper,
205 Or, Jehovah is our righteousness. or, -tsidqenu.
206 Or, because of the curse the land mourneth;
207 Or, in the year of their visitation,
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they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and they strengthen the hands of evil-doers, so that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them become unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah. 15 Therefore thus saith Jehovah 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 is ungodliness gone forth into all the land.

16 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they teach you vanity; they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of Jehovah. 17 They say continually unto them that despise me, Jehovah hath said, Ye shall have peace; and unto every one that walketh in the stubbornness of his own heart they say, No evil shall come upon you. 18 For who hath stood in the council of Jehovah, that he should perceive and hear his word? who hath marked 209 my word, and heard it? 19 Behold, the tempest of Jehovah, even his wrath, is gone forth, yes, a whirling tempest: it shall burst upon the head of the wicked. 20 The anger of Jehovah shall not return, until he have 210 executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall 211 understand it perfectly. 21 I sent not these prophets, yet they ran: I spake not unto them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my council, then had they caused my people to hear my words, and had turned them from their evil way, and from the evil of their doings.

23 Am I a God at hand, saith Jehovah, and not a God afar off? 24 Can any hide himself in secret places so that I shall not see him? saith Jehovah. Do not I fill heaven and earth? 25 I have heard what the prophets have said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. 26 How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies, even the prophets of the deceit of their own heart? 27 That think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they tell every man to his neighbor, as their dreams. 28 The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the straw to the wheat? saith Jehovah. 29 Is not my word like fire? saith Jehovah; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces? 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith Jehovah, that steal my words every one from his neighbor. 31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith Jehovah, that 223 use their tongues, and say, He saith. 32 Behold, I am against them that prophesy lying dreams, saith Jehovah, and do tell them, and cause my people to err by their lies, and by their vain boasting: yet I sent them not, nor commanded them; neither do they profit this people at all, saith Jehovah.

33 And when this people, or the prophet, or a priest, shall ask thee, saying, What is the burden of Jehovah? then shalt thou say unto them, 212 What burden? I will cast you off, saith Jehovah. 34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that shall say, The burden of Jehovah, I will even punish that man and his house. 35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, What hath Jehovah answered? and, What hath Jehovah spoken? 36 And the burden of Jehovah shall ye mention no more: for every man’s own word 208 shall be his burden; for ye have perverted the words of the living God, of Jehovah of hosts our God. 37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath Jehovah answered thee? and, What hath Jehovah spoken? 38 But if ye say, The burden of Jehovah; therefore thus saith Jehovah: Because ye say this word, The burden of Jehovah, and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, The burden of Jehovah; 39 therefore, behold, I will utterly forget you, and I will cast you off, and the city that I gave unto you and to your fathers, away from my presence: 40 and I will bring an everlasting reproach upon you, and a perpetual shame, which shall not be forgotten.

24 Jehovah showed me, and, behold, two baskets of figs set before the temple of Jehovah, after that Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon had carried away captive Jeconiah the son of Jehoiakim, king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the craftsmen and the smith, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. 2 One basket had very good figs, like the figs that are first-ripe; and the other basket had very bad figs, which could not be eaten, they were so bad. 3 And Jehovah said, Jehovah unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs; the good figs, very good; and the bad, very bad, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

4 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 5 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: Like these good figs, so will I regard the captives of Judah, whom I have sent out of this place into the land of the Chaldeans, for good. 6 For I will set mine eyes upon them for good, and I will bring them again 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 Jehovah: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God; for they shall return unto me with their whole heart.

8 And as the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, they are so bad, surely thus saith Jehovah, So will I give up Zedekiah the king of Judah, and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and them that dwell in the land of Egypt: 9 I will even give them up to be 211 tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth for evil; to be a reproach and a proverb, a taunt and a curse, in all places whither I shall drive them. 10 And I will send the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, among them, till they be consumed from off the land that I gave unto them and to their fathers.

25 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, (the same was the first year of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon,) 2 which Jeremiah the prophet spake unto 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 unto this day, these twenty-
three years, the word of Jehovah hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. 4 And Jehovah hath sent unto you all his servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, (but ye have not hearkened, nor inclined your ear to hear.)

5 saying, Return ye now every one from his evil way, and from the evil of your doings, and dwell in the land that Jehovah hath given unto you and to your fathers, from of old and even for evermore: 6 and go not after other gods to serve them, and to worship them, and provoke me to anger with the work of your hands; and I will do you no hurt. 7 Yet ye have not hearkened unto me, saith Jehovah; that ye may provoke me to anger with the work of your hands. 8 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Because ye have not heard my words, 9 behold, I will send and take all the families of the north, saith Jehovah, and I will send unto Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my servant, and will bring them against this land, and against the inhabitants thereof, and against all these nations round about; and I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations. 10 Moreover I will utterly destroy them, and make them an astonishment, and a hissing, and perpetual desolations.

11 And this whole land shall be a desolation, and an astonishment; and these nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years.

12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are accomplished, that I will punish the king of Babylon, and that nation, saith Jehovah, for their iniquity, and the land of the Chaldeans; and I will make it 220 utterly desolate for ever. 13 And I will bring upon that land all my words which I have pronounced against it, even all that is written in this book, 221 which Jeremiah hath prophesied against all the nations. 14 For many nations and great kings 222 shall make bondmen of them, even of them; and I will recompense them according to their deeds, and according to the work of their hands.

15 For thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, unto me: Take this cup of the wine of wrath at my hand, and cause all the nations, to whom I send thee, to drink it. 16 And they shall drink, and reel to and fro, and be mad, because of the sword that I will send among them. 17 Then took I the cup at Jehovah’s hand, and made all the nations to drink, unto whom Jehovah had sent me: 18 to wit, Jerusalem, and the cities of Judah, and the kings thereof, and the princes thereof, to make them a desolation, an astonishment, a hissing, and a curse, as it is this day; 19 Pharaoh king of Egypt, and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; 20 all the mingled people, 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 Edom, and Moab, and the children of Ammon; and 22 all the kings of Tyre, and all the kings of Sidon, and the kings of the coastland which is beyond the sea; 23 Dedan, and Tema, and Buz, and all that have the corners of their hair cut off; 24 and all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the mingled people that dwell in the wilderness; 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 225 Sheshakk shall drink after them.

27 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Drink ye, and be drunken, and spew, 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 at thy hand to drink, then shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Ye shall surely drink. 29 For, lo, I begin to work evil at the city which is called by my name; and should ye be utterly unpunished? Ye shall not be unpunished; for I will call for a sword upon all the inhabitants of the earth, saith Jehovah of hosts.

30 Therefore prophesy thou against them all these words, and say unto them, Jehovah will roar from on high, and utter his voice from his holy habitation; he will mightily roar against his 226 fold; he will give a shout, as they that tread the grapes, against all the inhabitants of the earth. 31 A noise shall come even to the end of the earth; for Jehovah hath a controversy with the nations; he will enter into judgment with all flesh: as for the wicked, he will give them to the sword, saith Jehovah.

32 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Behold, evil shall go forth from nation to nation, and a great tempest shall be raised up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 33 And the slain of Jehovah shall be at that day from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, neither gathered, nor buried; they shall be dung upon the face of the ground. 34 Wail, ye shepherds, and cry; and wallow in ashes, ye principal of the flock; for the days of your slaughter and of your dispensations are fully come, and ye shall fall like a goodly vessel. 35 And the shepherds shall have no way to flee, nor the principal of the flock to escape. 36 A voice of the cry of the shepherds, and the wailing of the principal of the flock! for Jehovah layeth waste their pasture. 37 And the peaceable folds are brought to silence because of the fierce anger of Jehovah.

38 He hath left his covert, as the lion; for their land is become an astonishment because of the fierceness of the oppressing sword, and because of his fierce anger.

26 In the beginning of the reign of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word from Jehovah, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah: Stand in the court of Jehovah’s house, and speak unto all the cities of Judah, which come to worship in Jehovah’s house, all the words that I command thee to speak unto them; diminish not a word. 3 It may be they will hearken, and turn every man from his evil way; that I may repent me of the evil which I purpose to do unto them because of the evil of their doings. 4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah: If ye will not hearken to me, to walk in my law,
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which I have set before you, 5 to hearken to the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send unto you, even rising up early and sending them, but ye have not hearkened; 6 then will I make this house like Shiloh, and will make this city a curse to all the nations of the earth. 7 And the priests and the prophets and all the people heard Jeremiah speaking these words in the house of Jehovah.

8 And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking all that Jehovah had commanded him to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people laid hold on him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. 9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of Jehovah, saying, This house shall be like Shiloh, and this city shall be desolate, without inhabitant? And all the people were gathered unto Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah.

10 And when the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king’s house unto the house of Jehovah; and they sat in the entry of the new gate of Jehovah’s house. 11 Then spake the priests and the prophets unto the princes and to all the people, saying, This man is worthy of death; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your ears. 12 Then spake Jeremiah unto all the princes and to all the people, saying, Jehovah sent me to prophesy against this house and against this city all the words that ye have heard. 13 Now therefore amend your ways and your doings, for of a truth Jehovah hath sent me to speak all these words in your ears.

14 But as for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as is good and right in your eyes. 15 Only know ye for certain that, if ye put me to death, ye will bring innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon the inhabitants thereof; for of a truth Jehovah hath sent me unto you to speak all these words in your ears.

16 Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets: This man is not worthy of death; for he hath spoken to us in the name of Jehovah our God. 17 Then rose up certain of the elders of the land, and spake to all the assembly of the people, saying, 18 228Micaiah the Morashite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah king of Judah; and he spake to all the people of Judah, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Zion shall be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest. 19 Did Hezekiah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? did he not fear Jehovah, and entreat the favor of Jehovah, and Jehovah repented him of the evil which he had pronounced against them? Thus would we commit great evil against our own souls.

20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of Jehovah, Uriah the son of Shemaiah of Kirath-jearim; and he 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 Uriah heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and went into Egypt: 22 and Jehovah, the king sent men into Egypt, namely, El-nathan the son of Achbor, and certain men with him, into Egypt; 23 and they fetched forth Uriah out of Egypt, and brought him unto Jehoiakim the king, who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body into the graves of the common people.

24 But the hand of Ahikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, that they should not give him into the hand of the people to put him to death.

27 In the beginning of the reign of 234Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, came this word unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah to me: Make thee bonds and bars, and put them upon thy neck; 3 and send them to the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to the king of the children of Ammon, and to the king of Tyre, and to the king of Sidon, by the hand of the messengers that come to Jerusalem unto Zedekiah king of Judah; 4 and give them a charge unto their masters, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, Thus shall ye say unto your masters: 5 I have made the earth, the men and the beasts that are upon the face of the earth, by my great power and by my outstretched arm; and I give it unto whom it seemeth right unto me. 6 And now have I given all these lands into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, my servant; and the beasts of the field also have I given him to serve him. 7 And all the nations shall serve him, and his son, and his son’s son, until the time of his own land come: and then many nations and great kings shall make him their bondman. 8 And it shall come to pass, that the nation and the kingdom which will not serve the same Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon, and that will not put their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, that nation will I punish, saith Jehovah, with the sword, and with the famine, and with the pestilence, until I have consumed them by his hand. 9 But as for you, hearken ye not to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreams, nor to your soothsayers, nor to your sorcerers, that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon: 10 for they prophesy a lie unto you, to remove you far from your land, and that I should drive you out, and ye should perish. 11 But the nation that shall bring their neck under the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, that nation will I let remain in their own land, saith Jehovah; and they shall till it, and dwell therein.

12 And I spake 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 ye die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, as Jehovah hath spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 14 And hearken not unto the words of the prophets that speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon; for they prophesy a lie unto you. 15 For I have not sent them, saith

228 Hb. Micaiah
229 Or, lives or, beings And so everywhere.
230 Hb. sons of the people.
232 Bonds and bars comprise a yoke.
233 Note variant spellings, here to ch. 39:5.
234 First, Amel-Marduk (561-560; the Evil-merodach of 2Ki 25:27); then the son-in-law Nergal-shar-uzur (559-556), and his son Labashi-Marduk (May-June 556); then Nabuaid (555-559), who began warring in the West (around Edom, ca. 550), and left his firstborn Bel-shar-uzur (Belshazzar) to reign at Babylon for several years; he might also have been a grandson of Nabu-kudurri-uzur.
235 Lit. two years of days (= 740 days) Also in vs. 11.
And it came to pass in the first year of king Cyrus, in the first month, the word of the Lord came to a man of God, saying,  
2 and he said, Go, and tell Hananiah, whom you call prophet, saying, Thus says the Lord, Take from off your neck the yoke of the kingdom of Judah, 
3 and say to him, You have spoken lies; the Lord did not send you, but you prophesy a lie.  
4 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
5 Go, and tell Hananiah, whom you call prophet, saying, Thus says the Lord, Take from off your neck the yoke of the kingdom of Judah, 
6 and say to him, You have prophesied lies, for I have not sent you.  
7 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I have obeyed you, and have prophesied; but you have not heard me.  
8 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
9 Go and tell Hananiah, whom you call prophet, saying, Thus says the Lord, You have broken the yoke of the kingdom of Judah, 
10 and said, I have prophesied the word of the Lord, and you have not heard me.  
11 Then I said, Ah, Lord God! behold, I have obeyed you, and have prophesied; but you have not heard me.  
12 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
13 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says the Lord, Take from off your neck the yoke of the kingdom of Judah, 
14 and said, I have prophesied the word of the Lord, and you have not heard me.  
15 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I have obeyed you, and have prophesied; but you have not heard me.  
16 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
17 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says the Lord, You have prophesied the word of the Lord, and you have not heard me.  
18 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I have obeyed you, and have prophesied; but you have not heard me.  
19 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
20 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says the Lord, You have prophesied the word of the Lord, and you have not heard me.  
21 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I have obeyed you, and have prophesied; but you have not heard me.  
22 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
23 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says the Lord, You have prophesied the word of the Lord, and you have not heard me.  
24 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I have obeyed you, and have prophesied; but you have not heard me.  
25 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
26 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says the Lord, You have prophesied the word of the Lord, and you have not heard me.  
27 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I have obeyed you, and have prophesied; but you have not heard me.  
28 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
29 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says the Lord, You have prophesied the word of the Lord, and you have not heard me.  
30 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I have obeyed you, and have prophesied; but you have not heard me.  
31 Then the word of the Lord came to me, saying,  
32 Go and tell Hananiah, saying, Thus says the Lord, You have prophesied the word of the Lord, and you have not heard me.  
33 Then said I, Ah, Lord God! behold, I have obeyed you, and have prophesied; but you have not heard me.
15 Because ye have said, Jehovah hath raised us up prophets in Babylon; 16 thus saith Jehovah concerning the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and concerning all the people that dwell in this city, your brethren that are not gone forth with you into captivity; 17 thus saith Jehovah 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 bad. 18 And I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will deliver them to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth, to be an execration, and an astonishment, and a hissing, and a reproach, among all the nations whither I have driven them; 19 because they have not hearkened to my words, saith Jehovah, wherewith I sent unto them my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith Jehovah. 20 Hear ye therefore the word of Jehovah, all ye of the captivity, whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to Babylon.

21 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning Abiah the son of Kolaiah, and concerning Zedekiah the son of Maaseiah, who prophesy a lie unto you in my name: Behold, I will deliver them into 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 captives of Judah that are in Babylon, saying, Jehovah make thee like Zedekiah and like Abiah, whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire; 23 because they have wrought folly in Israel, and have committed adultery with their neighbors' wives, and have spoken words in my name falsely, which I commanded them not; 24 and I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will make them like vile figs, that cannot be eaten, they are so bad.

25 Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, 26 Jehovah hath made thee priest in the stead of Jehoiada the priest, that there may be officers in the house of Jehovah, for every man that is mad, and maketh himself a prophet, that thou shouldest put him in the stock and in theammer, and in the pangs of the stock, and in the pangs of the hammer. 27 Now therefore, why hast thou not rebuked Jeremiah of Anathoth, who maketh himself a prophet to you, 28 forasmuch as he hath sent unto us in Babylon, saying, The captivity is long; build ye houses, and dwell in them; and plant gardens, and eat the fruit of them? 29 And Zephaniah the priest read this letter in the ears of Jeremiah the prophet. 30 Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah, saying, 31 Send to all them of the captivity, saying, Thus saith Jehovah concerning Shemaiah the Nehelamite: Because that Shemaiah hath prophesied unto you, and I sent him not, and he hath caused you to trust in a lie: 32 therefore thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will punish Shemaiah the Nehelamite, and his seed; he shall not have a man to dwell among this people, neither shall he behold the good that I will do unto my people, saith Jehovah, because he hath spoken rebellion against Jehovah.
that 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 aforetime, and their congregation shall be established before me; and I will punish all that oppress them. 21 And their prince shall be of themselves, and their ruler shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto me: for who is he that hath had boldness to approach unto me? saith Jehovah. 22 And ye shall be my people, and I will be your God.

23 Behold, the tempest of Jehovah, even his wrath, is gone forth, a sweeping tempest: it shall burst upon the head of the wicked. 24 The fierce anger of Jehovah shall not return, until he have executed, and till he have performed the intents of his heart: in the latter days ye shall understand it.

At that time, saith Jehovah, will I be the God of all the families of Israel, and they shall be my people. 2 Thus saith Jehovah, The people that were left of the sword found favor in the wilderness; even Israel, 258 when I went to cause him to rest. 3 Jehovah appeared 259 of old unto me, saying, Yes, I have loved thee with an everlasting love: therefore, 260 with lovingkindness have I drawn thee. 4 Again will I build thee, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: again shalt thou plant vineyards, and thou shalt be made, O virgin of Jerusalem: again shalt thou be adorned with thy tabrets, and shalt go forth in dance, and shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: again shalt thou plant vineyards, and shalt be made, O virgin of Jerusalem.

5 For thus saith Jehovah, Sing with gladness for Jacob, and shout for the chief of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, 263 Jehovah hath saved thy people, the remnant of Israel. 6 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and gather them from the uttermost parts of the earth, and with them the blind and the lame, the woman with child and her that travaileth with child together: a great company shall they return hither. 7 They shall come with weeping; and with supplications will I lead them: I will cause them to walk by rivers of waters, in a straight way wherein they shall not stumble; for I will make a way in the wilderness, and rivers in the desert.

8 For thus saith Jehovah, The wilderness and the solitary place shall be glad for thee; and the flowers shall rejoice over thee. 9 I will cause thy return to bring thee again to your tents, 264 cause thee to walk by the rivers of waters, and to plant vineyards, and make thee drunk with new wine of the mountains of Samaria; for I will return the captivity of the remnant of my people. 10 The cities shall be built, and the little ones shall be enlarged; and the houses shall not be few any more. 11 The city shall be built upon her own heap, and the palace shall rest upon its own base. 12 And it shall be, when thou art ashamed of thy own counsel, and shalt say, I will return: for thy eyes shall behold, and they shall say, Behold, Jehovah is our righteous Judge; we will wait for him: he will save us. 13 And it shall be, when thou art ashamed of thy federation, and shalt say, We will enter into Egypt: behold, Jehovah helps thee in the land of Egypt, and shall be your strength. 14 And the city shall be built upon her own heap, and the palace shall rest upon its own base. 15 And it shall be, when thou shalt break forth to the multitude, saith Jehovah, I will bring thee again, and I will take thee from all the peoples, and will bring thee to thy own land. 16 And I will cause thee to eat the bread of sufferings; and thou shalt dwell in tents in the land of Egypt; and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah thy God. 17 And it shall be, if thou forsake me, and go after other gods, to worship them, and to serve them, I will take thee from the land that I gave thee, and I will scatter thee in the uttermost parts of the earth. 18 And thou shalt serve other gods, and I will surely take thee, and I will bring thee unto the land which thy fathers possessed: and I will make thee a dross among all the peoples of the earth. 19 And I will do this unto thee; because thou hast forsaken me, and wentest after other gods, to serve them. 20 And I will take thee from the land that I gave thee, and I will scatter thee in the uttermost parts of the earth. 21 And I will cause the sword to pursue thee, and the afflicted one, and the strong one, and the strong horse with his rider. 22 And it shall come to pass, when it is night, that the sword shall not break its rest, and when it is day, he shall not be weary. 23 And I will execute and I will perform, saith Jehovah, the intents of my captivity upon him. 24 So I will break the arm of the Egyptians, and will cause them to fall, and I will make the back of their reins bare, and will lay bare their heels. 25 And I will carry them bound in ships, and the clouds shall be their mourning. 26 And the Egyptians shall be afraid of Jehovah, when I execute judgments upon them in the midst of the earth. 27 And I will execute mine judgments upon them, saith Jehovah, and the craftsmen shall not be laborers, and the prophets shall not prophesy. 28 And I will execute judgments upon them; and the priests shall be profane, and the prophets shall fall. 29 And I will give men over to fear them, and will make their honor vanish, and the house of Jacob shall be young, and the house of Joseph among the nations, and the house of Judah shall possess their inheritance. 30 Then will I bring thee, and thou shalt see, saith Jehovah, and thine eyes shall behold, and thou shalt say, Surely Jehovah is my righteousness, and my power is in me, saith Jehovah. 31 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, when I will make with the house of Judah a new covenant, not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers, when I plucked up, and I brake, and I turned back, and I set aside. 32 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; after those days, saith Jehovah, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 33 And they shall not teach every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for all shall know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah; for I will forgive their iniquity, and I will remember their sin no more. 34 Thus saith Jehovah: A voice is heard in Ramah, lamentation, and bitter weeping; Rachel weeping for her children; she refuseth to be comforted because they are not. 35 Thus saith Jehovah: Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thine eyes from tears; for thy work shall be rewarded, saith Jehovah; and they shall come again from the land of the enemy. 36 And there is hope for thy latter end, saith Jehovah; and thy children shall come again to their own border. 37 Behold, I will watch over them to build and to plant, saith Jehovah. 38 Again, saith Jehovah, I will be to this city as the court house is to a court house, and as the temple is to a temple. 39 And the cities of Judah and the cities of Jerusalem shall be built and inhabited; and the streets thereof shall be inhabited, and the hedges thereof shall be built. 40 And I will bring again my people into their own land; and they shall possess their houses. 41 And the prophecy of Jehovah shall come true in the mouths of the prophets, saith Jehovah. 42 And this city shall be to me a sanctuary, and the shadow of my high throne shall be in Jerusalem. 43 And I will set my throne in Jerusalem, and will set my kingdom to David my servant. 44 And I will give thee ordinances and a law at righteousness, and will give them to thee; and I will make their peace; and they shall be called by my name, saith Jehovah. 45 And I will still set my hand upon them to do good, and I will cause them to return to me: and I will cause them to place their trust in my name: 46 And they shall be my people, and I will be their God, saith Jehovah. 47 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, saying, How long wilt thou go hither and thither, O thou backsliding daughter? for Jehovah hath created a new thing in the earth: A woman shall compass a man.
out of the land of Egypt; 268 which my covenant they brake, although I was 269 a husband unto them, saith Jehovah. 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, saith Jehovah: I will put my law in their inward parts, and in their heart will I write it; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people: 34 and they shall teach no more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saying, Know Jehovah; for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith Jehovah: for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I remember no more. 35 Thus saith Jehovah, who giveth the sun for a light by day, and the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who 270 stirreth up the sea, when the waves thereof roar; Jehovah of hosts is his name: 36 If these ordinances depart from before me, saith Jehovah, then the seed of Israel also shall cease from being a nation before me for ever. 37 Thus saith Jehovah: If heaven above can be measured, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath, then will I also cast off all the seed of Israel for all that they have done, saith Jehovah. 38 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that the city shall be built to Jehovah from the tower of Hananel unto the gate of the corner. 39 And the measuring line shall go out further straight onward unto the hill Gareb, and shall turn about unto Goah. 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies and of the ashes, and all the fields unto the brook Kidron, unto the corner of the horse gate toward the east, shall be holy unto Jehovah; it shall not be plucked up, nor thrown down any more for ever.

32 The word that came to Jeremiah from Jehovah in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. 2 Now at that time the king of Babylon’s army was besieging Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the guard, which was in the king of Judah’s house. 3 For Zedekiah king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore dost thou prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 4 and Zedekiah king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, but shall surely be delivered into 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 bring Zedekiah to Babylon, and there shall he be until I visit him, saith Jehovah: though ye fight with the Chaldeans, ye shall not prosper? 6 And Jeremiah said, The word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 7 Behold, Hanamel the son of Shallum thine uncle shall come unto thee, saying, Buy thee my field that is in Anathoth; for the right of ransoming is thine to buy it. 8 So Hanamel mine uncle’s son came to me in the court of the guard according to the word of Jehovah, and said unto me, Buy my field, I pray thee, that is in Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for the right of inheritance is thine, and the ransoming is thine; buy it for thyself. Then I knew that this was the word of Jehovah. 9 And I bought the field that was in Anathoth of Hanamel mine uncle’s son, and weighed him the money, even seventeen shekels of silver. 10 And I subscribed the deed, and sealed it, and called witnesses, and weighed him the money in the balances. 11 So I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, 271 according to the law and custom, and that which was open: 12 and I delivered the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, the son of Machseiah, in the presence of Hanamel mine uncle’s son, and in the presence of the witnesses that subscribed the deed of the purchase, before all the Jews that sat in the court of the guard. 13 And I charged Baruch before them, saying, 14 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase which is sealed, and this deed which is open, and put them in an earthen vessel; that they may continue many days. 15 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Houses and fields and vineyards shall yet again be bought in this land.

16 Now after I had delivered the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriah, I prayed unto Jehovah, saying, 17 Ah Lord Jehovah! behold, thou hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great power and by thine outstretched arm; there is nothing too hard for thee, 18 who showest lovingkindness unto thousands, and recompenseth the iniquity of the fathers into the bosom of their children after them; the great, the mighty God, Jehovah of hosts is his name; 19 great in counsel, and mighty in work; whose eyes are open upon all the ways of the sons of men, to give every one according to his ways, and according to the fruit of his doings; 20 who didst set signs and wonders in the land of Egypt, even unto this day, 272 both in Israel and among other men; and madest thee a name, as at this day; 21 and didst bring forth thy people Israel out of the land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with great terror; 22 and gavest them this land, which thou didst swear 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 thy voice, neither walked in thy law; they have done nothing of all that thou commandedst them to do: therefore thou hast caused all this evil to come upon them. 24 Behold, the mounds, they are come unto the city to take it; and the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans that fight against it, because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the pestilence; and what thou hast spoken is come to pass; and, behold, thou seest it. 25 And thou hast said unto me, O Lord Jehovah, Buy thee the field for money, and call witnesses; whereas the city is given into the hand of the Chaldeans. 26 Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah, saying, 27 Behold, I am Jehovah, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me? 28 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and he shall take it; 29 and the Chaldeans, that 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 unto Baal, and poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, to provoke me to anger. 30 For the children of Israel and the children of Judah have done only that which was evil in my sight from their youth; for the children of Israel have only provoked me to anger with the

268 Or, forasmuch as they brake my covenant, 269 Or, lord over them, 270 Or, stilleth the sea, when the waves See Is 51:15. 271 Or, containing the terms and the conditions, 272 Or, wonderful 273 Or, and
work of their hands, saith Jehovah. 31 For this city hath been to me a provocation of mine anger and of my wrath from the day that they built it even unto this day; that I should remove it from before my face, 32 because of all the evil of the children of Israel and of the children 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 unto me the back, and not the face: and though I taught them, rising up early and teaching them, yet they have not hearkened 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 unto Molech; which I commanded them not, neither came it into my mind, that they should do this abomination, to cause Judah to sin.

36 And now therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, It is given into the hand of the king of Babylon by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence: 37 Behold, I will gather them out of all the countries, whither I have driven them in mine anger, and in my wrath, and in great indignation; and I will bring them again unto 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 the good of them, and of their children after them: 40 and I will make an everlasting covenant with them, that I will not turn away from following them, to do them good; and I will put my fear in their hearts, that they may not depart from me. 41 Yes, I will rejoice over them to do them good, for his lovingkindness endureth for ever; and I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, saith Jehovah.

Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah that doeth it, Jehovah that formeth it to establish it; Jehovah is his name: 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and will show thee great things, and difficult, which thou knowest not. 4 For thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are broken down to make a defense against the mounds and against the sword; 5 while men come to fight with the Chaldeans, and to fill them with the dead bodies of men, whom I have slain in mine anger and in my wrath, and for all whose wickedness I have hid my face from this city: 6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them; and I will reveal unto 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, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned against me, and whereby they have transgressed against me. 9 And this city shall be to me for a name of joy, for a praise and for a glory, before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them, and shall fear and tremble for all the good and for all the peace that I procure unto it.

10 Thus saith Jehovah: Yet again there shall be heard in this place, whereof ye say, It is waste, without man and without beast, even 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 them that say, Give thanks to Jehovah of hosts, for Jehovah is good, for his lovingkindness endureth for ever; and of them that bring a thank-offering into the house of Jehovah. For I will cause the captivity of the land to return as at the first, saith Jehovah.

12 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Yet again shall there be in this place, which is waste, without man and without beast, and in all the cities thereof, a habitation of shepherds causing their flocks to lie down. 13 In the cities of the hill-country, and in the cities of the lowlands, and in the cities of the South, and in the cities of Judah, and in the places about Jerusalem, and in the cities of Benjamin, the flocks again pass under the hands of him that numbereth them, saith Jehovah.

14 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will perform that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and concerning the house of Judah. 15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause a Branch of righteousness to grow up unto David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days shall Judah be saved, and Jerusalem shall dwell safely; and this is the name whereby she shall be called: Jehovah our righteousness. 17 For thus saith Jehovah: 278 David shall never want a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel; 18 neither shall the priests the Levites want a man before me to offer burnt-offerings, and to burn meal-offerings, and to do sacrifice continually.

19 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, saying, 20 Thus saith Jehovah: If ye can break my covenant of the day, and my covenant of the night, so that there shall not be day and night in their season; 21 then may also my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he shall 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 numbered, neither the sand of the sea measured; so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me.

23 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, saying, 24 Considerest thou not what these people have spoken, saying, The two families which Jehovah did choose, he hath cast them off? thus do they despise my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. 25 Thus saith Jehovah: If my covenant of day and night stand not, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth; 26 then will I also cast away the seed of Jacob, and of David my servant, so that I will not take of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac,
and Jacob: for I will cause their captivity to return, and will have mercy on them.

34 The word which came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, when Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and all his army, and all the kingdoms of the earth that were under his dominion, and all the peoples, were fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities thereof, saying: 2 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Go, and speak to Zedekiah king of Judah, and tell him, Thus saith Jehovah, Behold, I will give this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall burn it with fire: 3 and thou shalt not escape out of his hand, but shalt surely be taken, and delivered into his hand; and thine eyes shall behold the eyes of the king of Babylon, and he shall speak with thee mouth to mouth, and thou shalt go to Babylon. 4 Yet hear the word of Jehovah, O Zedekiah king of Judah: Thus saith Jehovah concerning thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword; 5 thou shalt die in peace, and with the burning of thy fathers the former kings that were before thee, so shall they make a burning for thee; and they shall lament thee, saying, Ah lord! for I have spoken the word, saith Jehovah.

6 Then Jeremiah the prophet spake all these words unto Zedekiah king of Judah in Jerusalem, 7 when the king of Babylon’s army was fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish and against Azekah; for these alone remained of the cities of Judah as fortified cities.

8 The word that came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that the king Zedekiah had made a covenant with all the people that were at Jerusalem, to proclaim liberty unto them; 9 that every man should let his man-servant, and every man his maid-servant, that is a Hebrew or a Hebrewess, go free; that none should make bondmen of them, to wit, of a Jew his brother. 10 And all the princes and all the people obeyed, that had entered into the covenant, that every one should let his man-servant, and every one his maid-servant, go free, that none should make bondmen of them any more; they obeyed, and let them go: 11 but afterwards they turned, and caused the servants and the handmaids, whom they had let go free, to return, and brought them into subjection for servants and for handmaids.

12 Therefore the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, 13 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel: I made a covenant with your fathers in the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage, saying, 14 At the end of seven years ye shall let go every man his brother that is a Hebrew, that hath been sold unto thee, and hath served thee six years, thou shalt let him go free from thee: but your fathers hearkened not unto me, neither inclined their ear. 15 And ye were now turned, and had done that which is right in mine eyes, in proclaiming liberty every man to his neighbor; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house which is called by my name: 16 but ye turned and profaned my name, and caused every man his servant, and every man his handmaid, whom ye had let go free at their pleasure, to return; and ye brought them into subjection, to be unto you for servants and for handmaids.

17 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Ye have not hearkened unto me, to proclaim liberty, every man to his brother, and every man to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim unto you a liberty, saith Jehovah, to the sword, to the pestilence, and to the famine; and I will make you to be tossed to and fro among all the kingdoms of the earth. 18 And I will give up the men that have transgressed my covenant, that have not performed the words of the covenant which they made before me, when they cut the calf in twain and passed between the parts thereof; 19 the princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the eunuchs, and the priests, and all the people of the land, that passed between the parts of the calf; 20 I will even give them into the hand of their enemies, and into the hand of them that seek their soul, and into the hand of the king of Babylon’s army, that are gone away from you. 21 Behold, I will command, saith Jehovah, 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.

35 The word which came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah in the days of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2 Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak unto them, and bring them into the house of Jehovah, into one of the chambers, and give them wine to drink. 3 Then I took Jaazaniah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Habazziniah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; 4 and I brought them into the house of Jehovah, into the chamber of the sons of Hanan the son of Igdaliah, the man of God, which was above the chamber of Maaseiah the son of Shallum, the keeper of the threshold: 5 and I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites bowls full of wine, and cups; and I said unto them, Drink ye wine. 6 But they said, We will drink no wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, saying, Ye shall drink no wine, neither ye, nor your sons, for ever: 7 neither shall ye build house, nor sow seed, nor plant vineyard, nor have any; but all your days ye shall dwell in tents; that ye may live many days in the land wherein ye sojourn. 8 And we have obeyed the voice of Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, in all that he charged us, to drink no wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, or our daughters; 9 nor to build houses for us to dwell in; neither have we vineyard, nor field, 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 into 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 Syrians; so we dwell at Jerusalem.

12 Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah, saying, 13 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Go, and say to the men of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words: saith Jehovah.

278 Hb. There shall not be cut off from David a man 279 Or, return to their captivity, 280 Hb. bondmen, 281 Or, hath sold himself to thee, 282 Lit. for their souls, 283 Or, a terror unto the kingdoms 284 Hb. the calf which they cut in twain Cf. Ge 15:10. 285 Or, life; Similarly in vs. 21.
The words of Jonadab the son of Rechab, that he commanded his sons, not to drink wine, are performed; and unto this day they drink none, for they obey their father’s commandment: but I have spoken unto you, rising up early and speaking; and ye have not hearkened unto me. I have sent also unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Return ye now every man from his evil way, and amend your doings, and go not after other gods to serve them, and ye shall dwell in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers: but ye have not inclined your ear, nor hearkened unto me. Forasmuch as the sons of Jonadab the son of Rechab have performed the commandment of their father which he commanded them, but this people hath not hearkened unto me; therefore thus saith Jehovah, the 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 unto them, but they have not heard; and I have called unto them, but they have not answered. And Jeremiah said unto the house of the Rechabites, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Because ye have obeyed Jehovah, the God of hosts, in Jehovah’s house: Behold, I will bring upon Judah and upon all the people that I have pronounced against this people. Present your supplication before Jehovah, and will return every man from his evil way; that they may return unto this day.

And Jeremiah wrote from the mouth of Jehovah all the words of Jehovah which he had spoken to him, upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of Jehovah: therefore go thou, and read the roll, which thou hast written from the mouth of Jehovah in the ears of the people in Jehovah’s house upon the fast-day; and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. It may be they will present their supplication before Jehovah, and will return every one from his evil way; for great is the anger and the wrath that Jehovah hath pronounced against this people. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah in Jehovah’s house.

Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from Jehovah, saying, Take thee a roll of a book, and write therein all the words that I have spoken unto thee against Israel, and against Judah, and against all the nations, from the day I spake unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even unto this day. It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them; that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin.

Then Jeremiah called Baruch the son of Neriah, and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of Jehovah, which he had spoken to him, upon a roll of a book. And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I cannot go into the house of Jehovah: therefore go thou, and read the roll, which thou hast written from the mouth of Jehovah, in the ears of the people in Jehovah’s house upon the fast-day; and also thou shalt read them in the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities. It may be they will present their supplication before Jehovah, and will return every one from his evil way; for great is the anger and the wrath that Jehovah hath pronounced against this people. And Baruch the son of Neriah did according to all that Jeremiah the prophet commanded him, reading in the book the words of Jehovah in Jehovah’s house.

Now it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, in the ninth month, that all the people in Jerusalem, and all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem, proclaimed a fast before Jehovah.

Then read Baruch in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of Jehovah, in the chamber of Gemariah the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entry of the new gate of Jehovah’s house, in the ears of all the people.

And when Micaiah the son of Gemariah, the son of Shaphan, had heard out of the book all the words of Jehovah, he went down into the king’s house, into the scribe’s chamber: and, lo, all the princes were sitting there, to wait, Elishama the scribe, and Delaiah the son of Shemaiah, and Elkanath the son of Achbor, and Gemariah the son of Shaphan, and Zedekiah the son of Hananiah, and all the princes. Then Micaiah declared unto them all the words that he had heard, when Baruch read the book in the ears of the people. Therefore all the princes sent Jehudi the son of Nethaniah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, Take in thy hand the roll wherein thou hast read in the ears of the people, and come. So Baruch the son of Neriah took the roll in his hand, and came unto them. And they said unto him, Sit down now, and read it in our ears. So Baruch read it in their ears. Now it came to pass, when they had heard all the words, they turned in fear one toward another, and said unto Baruch, We will surely tell the king of all these words. Then they asked Baruch, saying, Tell us now, How didst thou write all these words at thy mouth? Then Baruch answered them, He pronounced all these words unto me with his mouth, and I wrote them with ink in the book. Then said the princes unto Baruch, Go, hide thee, thou and Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye are.

And they went in to the king into the court; but they had laid up the roll in the chamber of Elishama the scribe; and they told all the words in the ears of the king. So the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll; and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama the scribe. And Jehudi read it in the ears of the king, and in the ears of all the princes that stood beside the king. Now the king was sitting in the winter-house in the ninth month; and there was a fire in the brazier burning before him. And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four leaves, that the king cut it with the penknife, and cast it into the fire that was in the brazier, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the brazier. And they were not afraid, nor rent their garments, neither the king, nor any of his servants that heard all these words. Moreover Elkanath and Delaiah and Gemariah had made intercession to the king that he would not burn the roll; but he would not hear them.

And the king commanded Jerahmeel the king’s son, and Seraiah the son of Azriel, and Shelemiah the son of Abdeel, to take Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but Jehovah hid them.

Then the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah, after that the king had burned the roll, and the words which Baruch wrote at the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, Take thee again another roll, and write in it all the former words that were in the first roll, which Jehovah the king of Judah hath burned. And concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah thou shalt say, Thus saith Jehovah: Thou hast burned this roll, saying, Why hast thou written therein, saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and destroy this land, and shall cause to cease from thence man and beast? Therefore thus saith Jehovah concerning Jehoiakim king of Judah: He shall have none to sit upon the throne of David; and his dead body shall be cast...
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 hearkened not.

32 Then took Jeremiah another roll, and gave it to Baruch the scribe, the son of Neriah, who wrote therein from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the book which Jehoiakim king of Judah had burned in the fire; and there were added besides unto them many like words.

37 And Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king, instead of Coniah the son of Jehoiakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon made king in the land of Judah.

2 But neither he, nor his servants, nor the people of the land, did hearken unto the words of Jehovah, which he spake by the prophet Jeremiah.

3 And Zedekiah the king sent Jehukal the son of Shelemiah, and Zephaniah the son of Maaseiah, the priest, to the prophet Jeremiah, saying, Pray now unto Jehovah our God for us. 4 Now Jeremiah came in and went out among the people; for they had not put him into prison yet. 5 And Pharaoh’s army was come forth out of Egypt; and when the Chaldeans that were besieging Jerusalem heard tidings of them, they brake up from Jerusalem.

6 Then came the word of Jehovah unto the prophet Jeremiah, saying, 7 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that sent you unto me to inquire of me: Behold, Pharaoh’s army, which is come forth to help you, shall return to Egypt into their own land. 8 And the Chaldeans shall come again, and fight against this city; and they shall take it, and burn it with fire. 9 Thus saith Jehovah, Deceive not your souls, saying, The Chaldeans shall surely depart from us; for they shall not depart. 10 For though ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained but wounded men among them, ye would they 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 was broken up from Jerusalem for fear of Pharaoh’s army, 12 then Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into the land of Benjamin, to receive his portion there, in the midst of the people. 13 And when he was in the gate of Benjamin, a captain of the ward was there, whose name was Irijah, the son of Shelemiah, the son of Hananiah; and he laid hold on Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Thou art falling away to the Chaldeans. 14 Then said Jeremiah, It is false; I am not falling away to the Chaldeans. But he hearkened not to him; so Irijah laid hold on Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. 15 And the princes were wroth with Jeremiah, and smote him, and put him in prison in the house of Jonathan the scribe; for they had made that the prison.

16 When Jeremiah was come into the dungeon-house, and into the cells, and Jeremiah had remained there many days; 17 then Zedekiah the king sent, and fetched him: and the king asked him secretly in his house, and said, Is there any word from Jehovah? And Jeremiah said, There is. He said also, Thou shalt be delivered into the hand of the king of Babylon. 18 Moreover Jeremiah said unto king Zedekiah, Wherein have I sinned against thee, or against thy servants, or against this people, that ye have put me in prison? 19 Where now are your prophets that prophesied unto you, saying, The king of Babylon shall not come against you, nor against this land? 20 And now hear, I pray thee, O my lord the king: let my supplication, I pray thee, be presented before thee, that thou cause me not to return to the house of Jonathan the scribe, lest I die there. 21 Then Zedekiah the king commanded, and they committed Jeremiah into the court of the guard; and they gave him daily a loaf of bread out of the bakers’ street, until all the bread in the city was spent. Thus Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

38 And Shephatiah the son of Mattan, and Gedaliah the son of Pashhur, and Jukal the son of Shelemiah, and Pashhur the son of Malkijah, heard the words that Jeremiah spake unto all the people, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah, He that abideth in this city shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence; but he that goeth forth to the Chaldeans shall live, and his soul shall be unto him for a prey, and he shall live. 3 Thus saith Jehovah, This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall take it. 4 Then the princes said unto the king, Let this man, we pray thee, be put to death; forasmuch as he weakeneth the hands of the men of war that remain in this city, and the hands of all the people, in speaking such words unto them: for this man seeketh not the welfare of this people, but the hurt. 5 And Zedekiah the king said, Behold, he is in your hand; for the king is not he that can do any thing against you. 6 Then took they Jeremiah, and cast him into the dungeon of Malkijah the king’s son, that was in the court of the guard: and they let down Jeremiah with cords. 7 And in the dungeon there was no water, but mire; and Jeremiah sank in the mire.

7 Now when Ebed-melech the Cushite, a eunuch, who was in the king’s house, heard that they had put Jeremiah in the dungeon, (the king then sitting in the gate of Benjamin,) 8 Ebed-melech went forth out of the king’s house, and spake 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 dungeon; and he is like to die in the place where he is, because of the famine; for there is no more bread in the city. 10 Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Cushite, saying, Take from hence thirty men with thee, and take up Jeremiah the prophet out of the dungeon, before he die. 11 So Ebed-melech took the men with him, and went into the house of the king under the treasury, and took thence rags and worn-out garments, and let them down by cords into the dungeon to Jeremiah. 12 And Ebed-melech the Cushite said unto Jeremiah, Put now these rags and worn-out garments under thine armpits under the cords. And Jeremiah did so. 13 So they drew up Jeremiah with the cords, and took him up out of the dungeon: and Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard.

14 Then Zedekiah the king sent, and took Jeremiah the prophet unto him into the third entry that is in the house of Jehovah: and the king said unto Jeremiah, I will ask thee a
thing; hide nothing from me. 15 Then Jeremiah said unto Ze-
dekiah, If I declare it unto thee, wilt thou not surely put me to
death? and if I give thee counsel, wilt thou not hearken unto me. 16 So Zedekiah the king sware secretly unto Jeremiah, saying, As Jehovah liveth, that made us this soul, I will not put thee to death, neither will I give thee into the hand of these men that seek thy soul.

17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If thou wilt go forth unto the king of Babylon’s princes, then thy soul shall live, and this city shall not be burned with fire; and thou shalt live, and thy house: 18 but if thou wilt not go forth to the king of Babylon’s princes, then shall this city be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and thou shalt not escape out of their hand. 19 And Zedekiah the king said unto Jeremiah, I am afraid of the Jews that are fallen away to the Chaldeans, lest they deliver me up into their hand, and they mock me. 20 But Jeremiah said, They shall not deliver thee up. Obey, I beseech thee, the voice of Jehovah, in that which I speak unto thee: so it shall be well with thee, and thy soul shall live. 21 But if thou refuse to go forth, this is the word that Jehovah hath showed me: 22 Behold, all the women that are left in the king of Judah’s house shall be brought forth to the king of Babylon’s princes, and those women shall say, Thy familiar friends have set thee on, and have prevailed over thee: now that thy feet are sunk in the mire, they are turned away back. 23 And they shall bring out all thy wives and thy children to the Chaldeans; and thou shalt not escape out of their hand, but shalt be taken by the hand of the king of Babyl-
on: and thou shalt cause this city to be burned with fire.

24 Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know of these words, and thou shalt not die. 25 But if the princes hear that I have talked with thee, and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, Declare unto us now what thou hast said unto the king; hide it not from us, and we will not put thee to death; also what the king said unto thee: 26 then thou shalt say unto them, I presented my supplication before the king, that he would not cause me to return to Jonathan’s house, to die there. 27 Then came all the princes unto 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 matter was not perceived. 28 So Jeremiah abode in the court of the guard until the day that Jerusalem was taken.

And it came to pass when Jerusalem was taken,

39 (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 besieged it; 2 in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, the ninth day of the month, a breach was made in the city;) 3 that all the princes of the king of Babylon came in, and sat in the middle gate, to wit, Nergal-sharezer, Sam-gar-nebo; Sarsechim, Rab-sars; Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag; with all the rest of the princes of the king of Babylon.

4 And it came to pass that, when Zedekiah the king of Judah and all the men of war saw them, then they fled, and went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the king’s garden, through the gate betwixt the two walls; and he went out toward the Arabah. 5 But the army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and when they had taken him, they brought him up to Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and 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 Moreover he put out Zedekiah’s eyes, and bound him in fetters, to carry him to Babylon. 8 And the Chaldeans burned the king’s house, and the houses of the people, with fire, and brake down the walls of Jerusalem. 9 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive into Babylon the residue of the people that remained in the city, the deserers also that fell away to him, and the residue of the people that remained. 10 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poor of the people, that 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 unto him even as he shall say unto thee. 13 So Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard sent; and Nebushaz-ban, Rab-sars; and Nergal-sharezer, Rab-mag; and all the chief officers of the king of Babylon; 14 they sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the guard, and committed him unto 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 Jehovah came unto Jeremiah, while he was shut up in the court of the guard, saying, 16 Go, and speak to Ebed-melech the Cushite, saying, Thus saith Jehovah, the God 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 before thee in that day. 17 But I will deliver thee in that day, saith Jehovah; and thou shalt not be given into the hand of the men of whom thou art afraid. 18 For I will surely save thee, and thou shalt not fall by the sword, but thy soul shall be for a prey unto thee; because thou hast put thy trust in me, saith Jehovah.

40 The word which came to Jeremiah from Jehovah, after that Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had let him go from Ramah, when he had taken him being bound in bonds among all the captives of Jerusalem and Judah, that were carried away captive unto Babylon. 2 And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, Jehovah thy God pronounced this evil upon this place; 3 and Jehovah hath brought it, and done according as he spake: because ye have sinned against Jehovah, and have not obeyed his voice, there-
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fore this thing is come upon you. 4 And now, behold, I loose thee this day from the chains which are upon thy hand. If it seem good unto thee to come with me into Babylon, come, and I will look well unto thee; but if it seem ill unto thee to come with me into Babylon, forbear; behold, all the land is before thee; whither it seemeth good and right unto thee to go, thither go. 5 Now while he was not yet gone back, Go back then, said he, to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him among the people; or go wheresoever it seemeth right unto thee to go. So the captain of the guard gave him victuals and a present, and let him go. 6 Then went Jeremiah unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah, and dwelt with him among the people that were left in the land.

7 Now when all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, even they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had made Gedaliah the son of Ahikam governor in the land, and had committed unto him men, and women, and children, and of the poorest of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon; 8 then they came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, to wit, 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 Maakathite, and they and their men. 9 And Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan sware unto them, 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 stand before the Chaldeans that shall come unto Mizpah, and gather ye the remnant of Judah that are with me among the people, and gather ye wine and summer fruits and oil, and victuals and a present, and let him give them a present, and let him take thy life? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land, and had committed to Gedaliah men, and women, and children, even of the poorest of the land, of them that were not carried away captive to Babylon, 11 likewise when all the Jews that were in Moab, and among the children of Ammon, and in Edom, and that 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 then all the Jews returned out of all places whither they were driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedaliah, unto Mizpah, and gathered wine and summer fruits very much.

13 Moreover Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were in the fields, came to Gedaliah to Mizpah, 14 and said unto him, Dost thou know that Baalis the king of the children of Ammon hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethaniah to take thy life? But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam believed them not. 15 Then Johanan the son of Kareah spake to Gedaliah in Mizpah secretly, saying, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and no man shall know it: wherefore should he take thy life, that all Judah that are gathered unto thee should be scattered, and the remnant of Judah perish? 16 But Gedaliah the son of Ahikam said unto Johanan the son of Kareah, Thou shalt not do this thing; for thou speakest falsely of Ishmael.

Now it came to pass in the seventh month, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, the son of Eliashba, of the seed royal and one of the chief officers of the king, and ten men with him, came unto Gedaliah the son of Ahikam to Mizpah; and there they did eat bread together in Mizpah. 2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedaliah the son of Ahikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and slew him, whom the king of Babylon had made governor over the land. 3 Ishmael also slew all the Jews that were with him, to wit, with Gedaliah, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, the men of war.

4 And it came to pass the second day after he had slain Gedaliah, and no man knew it, 5 that there came men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, even eighty men, having their bezars shaven and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with meal-offerings and frankincense in their hand, to bring them to the house of Jehovah. 6 And Ishmael the son of Nethaniah went forth from Mizpah to meet them, weeping all along as he went: and it came to pass, as he met them, they said unto him, Come to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam. 7 And it was so, when they came into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethaniah slew them, and cast them into the midst of the pit, he, and the men that were with him. 8 But ten men were found among them that said unto Ishmael, Slay us not; for we have stores hidden in the field, of wheat, and of barley, and of oil, and of honey. So he forbore, and slew them not among their brethren. 9 Now the pit wherein Ishmael cast all the dead bodies of the men whom he had slain, by the side of Gedaliah, (the same was that which Asa the king had made for fear of Baasha king of Israel,) Ishmael the son of Nethaniah filled it with them that were slain. 10 Then Ishmael carried away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, even the king’s daughters, and all the people that remained in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had committed to Gedaliah the son of Ahikam; Ishmael the son of Nethaniah carried them away captive, and departed to go over to the children of Ammon.

11 But when Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that 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 great waters that are in Gibeon. 13 Now it came to pass that, when all the people that were with Ishmael saw Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that 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 unto Johanan the son of Kareah. 15 But Ishmael the son of Nethaniah escaped from Johanan with eight men, and went to the children of Ammon. 16 Then took Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, and all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethaniah, from Mizpah, after that he had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, to wit, the 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 the lodging-place of Khirham, which is by Beth-lehem, to go to enter into Egypt, because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them, because Ishmael the son of Nethaniah had slain Gedaliah the son of Ahikam, whom the king of Babylon made governor over the land.

306 Or, an allowance and a present,
307 Or, even
308 Lit. strike thy soul And in vs. 15.
309 Or, the lodging-place of Khirham,
42 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 unto the greatest, came near, and said unto Jeremiah the prophet, Let, we pray thee, our supplication be presented before thee, and pray for us unto Jehovah thy God, even for all this remnant; for we are left but a few of many, as thine eyes do behold us: 3 that Jehovah thy God may show us the way wherein we should walk, and the thing that we should do. 4 Then Jeremiah the prophet said unto them, I have heard thee; behold, I will pray unto Jehovah your God according to your words; and it shall come to pass that whatsoever thing Jehovah shall answer you, I will declare it unto you; I will keep nothing back from you. 5 Then they said to Jeremiah, Jehovah be a true and faithful witness amongst us, if we do not according to all the word where-with Jehovah thy God shall send thee to us. 6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will obey the voice of Jehovah our God, to whom we send thee; that it may be well with us, when we obey the voice of Jehovah our God.

7 And it came to pass after ten days, that the word of Jehovah came unto Jeremiah. 8 Then called he Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the captains of the forces that were with him, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, and said unto them, Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to speak: 9 If ye will still abide in this land, then will I 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 unto you. 10 Be not afraid of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid; be not afraid of him, saith Jehovah: for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you from his hand. 11 And I will grant you mercy, that he may have mercy upon you, and cause you to return to your own land. 12 But if ye say, We will not dwell in this land; so that ye obey not the voice of Jehovah your God; 13 saying, No; but we will go into Egypt, where we shall see no war, nor hear the sound of the trumpet, nor have hunger of bread; and there will we dwell: 14 now therefore hear ye the word of Jehovah, O remnant of Judah: Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, If ye indeed set your faces to enter into Egypt, and go to sojourn there; 15 then shall it come to pass, that the sword, which ye fear, shall overtake you there in the land of Egypt; and the famine, whereof ye are afraid, shall follow hard after you there in Egypt; and there ye shall die. 16 So shall it be with all the men that set their faces to go into 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 saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: As mine anger and my wrath hath been poured forth upon the inhabitants of Jerusalem, so shall my wrath be poured forth upon you, when ye shall enter into Egypt; and ye shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach; and ye shall see this place no more. 19 Jehovah hath spoken concerning you, O remnant of Judah, Go ye not into Egypt:

know certainly that I have testified unto you this day. 20 For ye have dealt deceitfully against your own souls; for ye sent me unto Jehovah your God, saying, Pray for us unto Jehovah our God; and according unto all that Jehovah our God shall say, so declare unto us, and we will do it: 21 And I have this day declared it to you; but ye have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah your God in any thing for which he hath sent me unto you. 22 Now therefore know certainly that ye shall die by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in the place whither ye desire to go to sojourn there.

43 And it came to pass that, when Jeremiah had made an end of speaking unto all the people all the words of Jehovah their God, wherewith Jehovah their God had sent him to them, even all these words, 2 then spake Azariah the son of Hoshaiah, and Johanan the son of Kareah, and all the proud men, saying unto Jeremiah, Thou speakest falsely: Jehovah our God hath not sent thee to say, Ye shall not go into Egypt to sojourn there; 3 but Baruch the son of Neriah setteth thee on against us, to deliver us into the hand of the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, and carry us away captive 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 Jehovah, 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, that were returned from all the nations whither they had been driven, to sojourn in the land of Judah; 6 the men, and the women, and the children, and the king’s daughters, and every soul 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 and they came into the land of Egypt; for they obeyed not the voice of Jehovah: and they came unto Tahpanhes.

8 Then came the word of Jehovah unto Jeremiah in Tahpanhes, saying, Take great stones in thy hand, and hide them in mortar in the brickwork, which is at the entry of Pharaoh’s house in Tahpanhes, in the sight of the men of Judah; 9 and say unto them, Thus saith Jehovah 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 hid; and he shall spread his royal pavilion over them. 10 And he shall come, and shall smite the land of Egypt: such as are for death shall be given to death, and such as are for captivity to captivity, and such as are for the sword to the sword. 11 And I will kindle a fire in the houses of the gods of Egypt; and he shall burn them, and carry them away captive: and he shall array himself with the land of Egypt, as a shepherd putteth on his garment; and he shall go forth from thence in peace. 12 He shall also break the pillars of Beth-shemesh, that is in the land of Egypt; and the houses of the gods of Egypt shall he burn with fire.

44 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the Jews that dwelt in the land of Egypt, that dwelt at Migdol, and at Tahpanhes, and at Memphis, and in the
country of Pathros, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Ye 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 dwelleth therein, 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, that they knew not, neither they, nor ye, nor your fathers. 4 Howbeit I sent unto you all my servants the prophets, rising up early and sending them, saying, Oh, do not this abominable thing that I hate. 5 But they hearkened not, nor inclined their ear to turn from their wickedness, to burn no incense unto other gods. 6 Wherefore my wrath and mine 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 it is this day. 7 Therefore now thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: Wherefore commit ye this great evil against your own souls, to cut off from you man and woman, infant and suckling, out of the midst of Judah, to leave you none remaining; 8 in that ye provoke me unto anger with the works of your hands, burning incense unto other gods in the land of Egypt, whither ye are gone to sojourn; that ye may be cut off, and that ye may be a curse and a reproach among all the nations of the earth. 9 Have ye 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 committed in the land of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem? 10 They are not humbled even unto this day, neither have they feared, nor walked in my law, nor in my statutes, that I set before you and before your fathers.

11 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Behold, I will set my face against you for evil, even to cut off all Judah. 12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, and they shall all be consumed; in the land of Egypt shall they fall; they shall be consumed by the sword and by the famine; they shall die, from the least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the famine; and they shall be an execration, and an astonishment, and a curse, and a reproach. 13 For I will punish them that 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, that are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall escape or be left, to return into the land of Judah, to which they have a desire to return to dwell there: for none shall return save such as shall escape.

15 Then all the men who knew that their wives burned incense unto other gods, and all the women that stood by, a great assembly, even all the people that dwell in the land of Egypt, in Pathros, answered Jeremiah, saying, 16 As for the word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of Jehovah, we will not hearken unto thee. 17 But we will certainly perform every word that is gone forth out of our mouth, to burn incense unto the queen of heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto 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 victuals, and were well, and saw no evil. 18 But since we left off burning incense to the queen of heaven, and pouring out drink-offerings unto her, we have been in want of 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 unto her, did we make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink-offerings unto her, without our husbands?

20 Then Jeremiah said unto all the people, to the men, and to the women, even to all the people that had given him that answer, saying, 21 The incense that ye burned in the cities of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye and your fathers, your kings and your princes, and the people of the land, did not Jehovah remember them, and came it not into his mind? 22 so that Jehovah could no longer bear, because of the evil of your doings, and because of the abominations which ye have committed; therefore is your land become a desolation, and an astonishment, and a curse, without inhabitant, as it is this day. 23 Because ye have burned incense, and because ye have sinned against Jehovah, and have not obeyed the voice of Jehovah, nor walked in his law, nor in his statutes, nor in his testimonies; therefore this evil is happened unto you, as it is this day.

24 Moreover Jeremiah said unto all the people, and to all the women, Hear the word of Jehovah, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt; 25 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saying, Ye and your wives have both spoken with your mouths, and with your hands have fulfilled it, saying, We will make her cakes to worship her, and pour out drink-offerings unto her, without our husbands.

310 Or, The house of the sun, Probably Heliopolis, that is, On.  See Ge 41:50.
320 Hb. lift up their soul to return to dwell there:
321 Hb. bread,
322 Or, portray
323 Hophra (Egypt. Ha’a’ibre Wahibpre; Gk. Hovaphris, or, Apries) began his reign at about the beginning of the siege of Jerusalem and reigned 19 years. His navy quickly took Tyre from the Babylonians, but his army failed badly in Judea. Later, Amosis revolted from him; Nebuchadrezzar in his 37th year came to Egypt, together with Amosis slew Hophra, and then (per Josephus, Antiq. X, ix, 7) he took the Jews in Egypt to Babylon.
book at the mouth of Jeremiah, in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, 324unto thee, O Baruch: 3 Thou didst say, Woe is me now! for Jehovah hath added sorrow to my pain; I am weary with my groaning, and I find no rest. 4 Thus shalt thou say unto him, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, that which I have built will I break down, and that which I have planted I will pluck up; and this in the whole land. 5 And seest thou great things for thyself? seek them not; for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith Jehovah; but thy soul will I give unto thee for a prey in all places whither thou goest.

46 The word of Jehovah which came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the nations.

2 Of Egypt: concerning the army of Pharaoh-necho king of Egypt, which was by the river Euphrates in Carchemish, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehoiakim the son of Josiah, king of Judah.

3 Prepare ye the buckler and shield, and draw near to battle. 4 Harness the horses, and get up, ye horsemen, and stand forth with your helmets; furnish the spears, put on the coats of mail. 5 Wherefore have I seen it? they are dismayed and are turned backward; and their mighty ones are beaten down, and are fled apace, and look not back: terror is on every side, saith Jehovah. 6 Let not the swift flee away, nor the mighty man escape; in the north by the river Euphrates have they stumbled and fallen. 7 Who is this that riseth up like the Nile, whose waters toss themselves like the rivers? 8 Egypt riseth up like the Nile, and his waters toss themselves like the rivers: and he saith, I will rise up, I will cover the earth; I will destroy cities and the inhabitants thereof. 9 Go up, ye horses; and rage, ye chariots; and let the mighty men go forth: Cush and Put, that handle the shield; and the Ludim, that handle and bend the bow. 10 For that day is a day of the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, a day of vengeance, that he may avenge him of his adversaries: and a sword shall devour and be satiated, and shall drink its fill of their blood; for the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, hath a sacrifice in the north country by the river Euphrates. 11 Go up into Gilgal, and take balm, O virgin daughter of Egypt: in vain dost thou use many medicines; there is no healing for thee. 12 The nations have heard of thy shame, and the earth is full of thy cry; for the mighty man hath stumbled against the mighty, they are fallen both of them together.

13 The word that Jehovah spake to Jeremiah the prophet, thus Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon should come and smite the land of Egypt.

14 Declare ye in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Memphis and in Tahpanhes: say ye, Stand forth, and prepare thee; for the sword hath devoured round about thee. 15 Why are thy strong ones swept away? they stood not, because Jehovah did drive them. 16 He made many to stumble, yes, they fell one upon another: and they said, Arise, and let us go again to our own people, and to the land of our nativity, from the oppressing sword. 17 They cried there, Pharaoh king of Egypt is but a noise; he hath let the appointed time pass by. 18 As I live, saith the King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts, surely like Tabor among the mountains, and like Carmel by the sea, so shall he come. 19 O thou daughter that dwellest in Egypt, 329furnish thyself to go into captivity; for Memphis shall become a desolation, and shall be burnt up, without inhabitant. 20 Egypt is a very fair heifer; but 330destruction out of the north is come, it is come. 21 Also her hired men in the midst of her are like calves of the stall; for they also are turned back, they are fled away together, they did not stand: for the day of their calamity is come upon them, the time of their visitation. 22 The sound thereof shall go like the serpent; for they shall march with an army, and come against her with axes, as hewers of wood. 23 They shall cut down her forest, saith Jehovah, 332though it cannot be searched; because they are more than the locusts, and are innumerable. 24 The daughter of Egypt shall be put to shame; she shall be delivered into the hand of the people of the north. 25 Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel, saith: Behold, I will punish Ammon, No, and Pharaoh, and Egypt, with her gods, and her kings; even Pharaoh, and them that trust in him: 26 and I will deliver them into the hand of those that seek their souls, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon, and into the hand of his servants; and afterwards it shall be inhabited, as in the days of old, saith Jehovah.

27 But fear not thou, O Jacob my servant, neither be dismayed, O Israel: for, lo, I will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land of their captivity; and Jacob shall return, and shall be quiet and at ease, and none shall make him afraid. 28 Fear not thou, O Jacob my servant, saith Jehovah; for I am with thee: for I will make a full end of all the nations whither I have driven thee; but I will not make a full end of thee, but I will correct thee in a judgment, and will in no wise 333hold thee guiltless.

47 The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning the Philistines, before that Pharaoh smote Gaza.

2 Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, waters rise up out of the north, and shall become an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land and all that is therein, the city and them that dwell therein; and the men shall cry, and all the inhabitants of the land shall wail. 3 At the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his strong ones, at the rushing of his chariots, at the rumbling of his wheels, the fathers look not back to their children for feebleness of hands; 4 because of the day that cometh to destroy all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Sidon every helper that remaineth: for Jehovah will destroy the Philistines, the remnant of the isle of Caphtor. 5 Baldness is come upon Gaza; Ashkelon is brought to nought, the

324 Or, concerning thee,
325 Or, Who is this like the Nile that riseth up, like the rivers whose waters toss themselves? 8 Egypt is like the Nile that riseth up, etc.
326 Or, thrust them down.
327 Or, destroyed;
328 Or, O thou that dwellest with the daughter of Egypt,
329 Hb. make thee vessels of captivity;
330 Or, the gadfly out of the north is come,
331 Or, Her sound is like that of the serpent as it goeth;
332 Or, for
333 That is, Amen-Re (the Sun god) of Thebes (Luxor).
334 Or, measure,
335 Or, leave thee unpunished.
336 Or, seacoast … (the island of Crete. Cf. Ge 10:14.)
remnant of their valley: how long wilt thou cut thyself? 6 O thou sword of Jehovah, how long wilt it be ere thou be quiet? put up thyself into thy scabbard; rest, and be still. 7 How canst thou be quiet, seeing Jehovah hath given thee a charge? Against Ashkelon, and against the sea-shore, there hath he appointed it.

48 Of Moab. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: Woe unto Nebo! for it is laid waste: Kiriathaim is put to shame, it is taken; 338Misgab is put to shame and 339,broken down. 2 The praise of Moab is no more; in Heshbon they have devised evil against her: Come, and let us cut her off from being a nation. Thou also, O Madmen, shalt be brought to silence; the sword shall pursue thee. 3 The sound of a cry from Horonaim, desolation and great destruction! 4 Moab is destroyed; her little ones have caused a cry to be heard. 5 For by the ascent of Luhith with continual weeping shall they go up; for at the descent of Horonaim they have heard the distress of the cry of destruction. 6 Flee, save your souls, and be like the heath in the wilderness. 7 For, because thou hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou also shall be taken: and Chemosh shall go forth into captivity, his priests and his princes together. 8 And a destroyer shall come upon every city, and no city shall escape; the valley also shall perish, and the plain shall be destroyed; as Jehovah hath spoken. 9 Give wings unto Moab, 340,that she may fly and get her head away: and her cities shall become a desolation, without any to dwell therein. 10 Cursed be he that doeth the work of Jehovah 341,negligently; and cursed be he that keepeth back his sword from blood!

11 Moab hath been at ease from his youth, and he hath settled on his lees, and hath not been emptied from vessel to vessel, neither hath he gone into captivity: therefore his taste remaineth in him, and his scent is not changed. 12 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will send unto him them that 342,pour off, and they shall pour him off; and they shall empty his vessels, and break their 343,bottles in pieces. 13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Chemosh, as the house of Israel was ashamed of Beth-el their confidence. 14 How say ye, We are mighty men, and valiant men for the war? 15 Moab is laid waste, and 344,they are gone up into her cities, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts. 16 The calamity of Moab is near to come, and his affliction hasteth fast. 17 All ye that are round about him, bemoan him, and all ye that know his name; say, How is the strong 345,staff broken, the beautiful rod! 18 O thou daughter that 346,dwellest in Dibon, come down from thy glory, and sit in thist; for the destroyer of Moab is come up against thee, he hath destroyed thy strongholds. 19 O 347,Inhabitant of Aroer, stand by the way, and watch: ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth; say, What hath been done? 20 Moab is put to shame; for it is 348,broken down: wail and cry; tell ye it by the Arnon, that Moab is laid waste. 21 And judgment is come upon the plain country, upon Holon, and upon Jahzah, and upon Mephaath, 22 and upon Dibon, and upon Nebo, and upon Beth-diblathaim, 23 and upon Kiriathaim, 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, saith Jehovah.

26 Make ye him drunken: for he magnified himself against Jehovah; and Moab shall wallow in his vomit, and he also shall be in derision. 27 For was not Israel a derision unto thee? was he found among thieves? for as often as thou speakest of him, thou waggest the head. 28 O ye inhabitants of Moab, leave the cities, and dwell in the rock; and be like the dove that maketh her nest over the mouth of the abyss. 29 We have heard of the pride of Moab, that it is very proud; his loftiness, and his pride, and his arrogancy, and the haughtiness of his heart. 30 I know his wrath, saith Jehovah, that it is nought; his boastings have wrought nothing. 31 Therefore will I wail for Moab; yes, I will cry out for all Moab: for the men of Kir-heres shall they mourn. 32 With more than the weeping of Jazer will I weep for thee, O vine of Sibmah: thy branches passed over me, when I was present in the chickens; 33 and my heart soundeth like pipes for the calamity of the daughter of Moab. 34 Therefore, because thou hast magnified thine heart against Jehovah. 35 Moreover I will cause to cease in Moab, saith Jehovah, him that offereth in the high place, and him that burneth incense to his gods.

36 Therefore my heart soundeth for Moab like pipes, and my heart soundeth like pipes for the men of Kir-heres: therefore the abundance that he hath gotten is perished. 37 For every head is bald, and every beard clipped: upon all 349, hands are cuttings, and upon the loins sackscloth. 38 On all the house tops of Moab and in the streets thereof is lamentation everywhere; for I have broken Moab like a vessel wherein none delighteth, saith Jehovah. 39 How is it broken down! 350,How do they wail! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! so shall Moab become a derision and a terror to all that are round about him. 40 For thus saith Jehovah: Behold, he shall fly as an eagle, and shall spread out his wings against Moab. 41 Kerioth is taken, and the strongholds are seized, and the heart of the mighty men of 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 hath magnified himself against Jehovah. 43 Fear, and the pit, and the snare, are upon thee, O inhabitant of Moab, saith Jehovah. 44 He that

337 Hb. it
338 Or. the high fort is put to shame
339 Or. dismayed.
340 Or. she must fly: and her cities shall become
341 Or. deceitfully;
342 Hb. till (a vessel), or, decant (both times)
343 Or. jars
344 Or. his cities are gone up in smoke,
345 Or. sceptre
346 Or. art seated in Dibon,
347 Hb. inhabitress
348 Or. dismayed:
349 Or. as a heifer three years old:
350 Hb. desolations.
351 Or. wail ye!
352 Or. The cities are taken,
fleeth from the fear shall fall into the pit; and he that geteth up out of the pit shall be taken in the snare: for I will bring upon him, even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith Jehovah.

45 They that fled stand without strength under the shadow of Heshbon; for a fire is gone forth out of Heshbon, and a flame from the midst of Sihon, and hath devoured the corner of Moab, and the crown of the head of the tumultuous ones. 46 Woe unto thee, O Moab! the people of Chemosh is undone; for thy sons are taken away captive, and thy daughters into captivity. 47 Yet will I bring back the captivity of Moab in the latter days, saith Jehovah. Thus far is the judgment of Moab.

49 Of the children of Ammon. Thus saith Jehovah: Hath Israel no sons? hath he no heir? why then doth Malcam possess Gad, and his people dwell in the cities thereof? 2 Therefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will cause an alarm of war to be heard against Rabbah of the children of Ammon; and it shall become a desolate heap, and her daughters shall be burned with fire; then shall Israel possess them that did possess him, saith Jehovah. 3 Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste; cry, ye daughters of Rabbah, gird you with sackcloth, lament, and run to and fro among the fences; for Malcam shall go into captivity, his priests and his princes together. 4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys, thy flowing valley, O backsliding daughter? that trusted in her treasures, sayling, Who shall come unto me? 5 Behold, I will bring a fear upon thee, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, from all that are round about thee; and ye shall be driven out every man right forth, and there shall be none to gather together the fugitives. 6 But afterward I will bring back the captivity of the children of Ammon, saith Jehovah.

7 Of Edom. Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Is wisdom no more in Teman? is counsel perished from the prudent? is their wisdom vanished? 8 Flee ye, turn back, dwell in the depths, O inhabitants of Dedan; for I will bring the calamity of Esau upon him, the time that I shall visit him. 9 If grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave some gleanings grapes; if thieves by night, would they not destroy till they had enough? 10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret places, and he shall not be able to hide himself: his seed is destroyed, and his brethren, and his neighbors; and he is not. 11 Leave thy fatherless children, I will preserve them alive; and let thy widows trust in me. 12 For thus saith Jehovah: Behold, they be to whom it pertaineth not to drink of the cup shall assuredly drink; and art thou he that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink. 13 For I have sworn by myself, saith Jehovah, that Bozrah shall become an astonishment, a reproach, a waste, and a curse; and all the cities thereof shall be perpetual wastes.

14 I have heard tidings from Jehovah, and an ambassador is sent among the nations, saying, Gather yourselves together, and come against her, and rise up to the battle. 15 For, behold, I have made thee small among the nations, and despised among man. 16 As for thy rebelliousness, the pride of thy heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith Jehovah. 17 And Edom shall become an astonishment: every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and shall hiss at all the plagues thereof. 18 As in the overthrow of Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities thereof, saith Jehovah, no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein. 19 Behold, he shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoso is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd that will stand before me?

20 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jehovah, that he hath taken against Edom; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the inhabitants of Teman: Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 21 The earth trembleth at the noise of their fall; there is a cry, the noise whereof is heard in the Red Sea. 22 Behold, he shall come up and fly as the eagle, and spread out his wings against Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of Edom at that day shall be as the heart of a woman in her pangs.

23 Of Damascus. Hamath is confounded, and Arpad; for they have heard evil tidings, they are melted away: there is sorrow on the sea; it cannot be quiet. 24 Damascus is waxed feeble, she turneth herself to flee, and trembling hath seized on her: anguish and sorrows have taken hold of her, as of a woman in travail. 25 How is the city of praise not forsaken, the city of my joy? 26 Therefore her young men shall fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts. 27 And I will kindle a fire in the wall of Damascus, and it shall devour the palaces of Ben-hadad.

28 Of Kedar, and of the kingdoms of Hazor, which Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon smote.

Thus saith Jehovah: Arise ye, go up to Kedar, and destroy the children of the east. 29 Their tents and their flocks shall...
they take; they shall carry away for themselves their curtains, and all their vessels, and their camels; and they shall cry unto them, Terror on every side! 30 Flee ye, wander far off, dwell in the depths, O ye inhabitants of Hazor, saith Jehovah; for Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and hath conceived a purpose against you. 31 Arise, get you up unto a nation that is at ease, that dwelleth without care, saith Jehovah; that have neither double 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 unto all winds them that have the corners of their hair cut off; and I will bring their calamity from every side of them, saith Jehovah. 33 And Hazor shall be a dwelling-place of jackals, a desolation for ever: no man shall dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.

34 The word of Jehovah that came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning Elam, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah king of Judah, saying, 35 Thus saith Jehovah 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 whither 376 the outcasts of Elam shall not come. 37 And I will cause Elam to be dismayed before their enemies, and before them that seek their soul; and I will bring evil upon them, even my fierce anger, saith Jehovah; 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 thence his king and princes, saith Jehovah. 39 But it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will 379 bring back the captivity of Elam, saith Jehovah.

50 The word that Jehovah spake concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by Jeremiah the prophet.

2 Declare ye among the nations and publish, and set up a standard; publish, and conceal not: say, Babylon is taken, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is 372 dismayed; her images are put to shame, her idols are dismayed. 3 For out of the north there cometh up a nation against her, which shall make her land desolate, and none shall dwell therein: they are fled, they are gone, both man and beast. 4 In those days, and in that time, saith Jehovah, the children of Israel shall come, they and the children of Judah together; they shall go on their way weeping, and shall seek Jehovah their God. 5 They shall inquire concerning Zion with their faces 373 thitherward, saying, Come ye, and 374 join yourselves to Jehovah in an everlasting covenant that shall not be forgotten.

6 My people have been lost sheep: their shepherds have caused them to go astray; they have turned 376 them away on the mountains; they have gone from mountain to hill; they have forgotten their resting-place. 7 All that found them have devoured them; and their adversaries said, We are not guilty, because they have sinned against Jehovah, the habitation of righteousness, even Jehovah, the hope of their fathers. 8 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the Chaldeans, and be as the he-goats before the flocks. 9 For, lo, I will stir up and cause to come up against Babylon a company of great nations from the north country; and they shall set themselves in array against her; from thence she shall be taken: their arrows shall be as of 378 an expert mighty man; 379 tone shall return in vain. 10 And Chaldea shall be a prey: all that prey upon her shall be satisfied, saith Jehovah.

11 Because ye are glad, because ye rejoice, O ye that plunder my heritage, because ye are wanton as a heifer that treadeth out the grain, and neigh as strong horses; 12 your mother shall be utterly put to shame; she that bare you shall be confounded; behold, she shall be the hindermost of the nations, a wilderness, a dry land, and a desert. 13 Because of the wrath of Jehovah she shall not be inhabited, but she shall be wholly desolate: every one that goeth by Babylon shall be astonished, and hiss at all her plagues. 14 Set yourselves in array against Babylon round about, all ye that bend the bow; shoot at her, spare no arrows: for she hath sinned against Jehovah. 15 Shout against her round about: she hath sinned against Jehovah. 16 Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword she shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land.

17 Israel is a hunted sheep; the lions have driven him away: first, the king of Assyria devoured him; and now at last Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon hath broken his bones. 18 Therefore thus saith Jehovah 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 pasture, and he shall feed on Carmel and Bashan, and his soul shall be satisfied upon Gilead. 20 In those days, and in that time, saith Jehovah, 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 them whom I leave as a remnant.

21 Go up against the land of Merathaim, even against it, and against the inhabitants of Pekod: slay and utterly destroy after them, saith Jehovah, and do according to all that I have commanded thee. 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 thee, and thou art also taken, O Babylon, and thou wast not aware: thou art found, and also caught, because thou hast striven against Jehovah. 25 Jehovah hath opened his armory, and hath
brought forth the weapons of his indignation; for the Lord, Jehovah of hosts, hath a work to do in the land of the Chaldeans. 26 Come against her from every quarter; open her storehouses; cast her up as heaps, and destroy her utterly; let nothing of her be left. 27 Slay all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of their visitation. 28 The voice of them that flee and escape out of the land of Babylon, to declare in Zion the vengeance of Jehovah our God, the vengeance of his temple.

29 Call together the archers against Babylon, all them that bend the bow; encamp against her round about; let none thereof escape: recompense her according to her work; according to all that she hath done, do unto her; for she hath been proud against Jehovah, against the Holy One of Israel. 30 Therefore shall her young men fall in her streets, and all her men of war shall be brought to silence in that day, saith Jehovah. 31 Behold, I am against thee, O thou proud one, saith the Lord, Jehovah of hosts; for thy day is come, the time that I will visit thee. 32 And the proud 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 that are round about him.

33 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: The children of Israel and the children of Judah are oppressed together; and all that took them captive hold them fast; they refuse to let them go. 34 Their Ransomer is strong; Jehovah of hosts is his name: he will thoroughly plead their cause, that he may give rest to the earth, and disquiet inhabitants of Babylon. 35 A sword is upon the Chaldeans, saith Jehovah, and upon the inhabitants of Babylon, and upon her princes, and upon her wise men. 36 A sword is upon the boasters, 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 mingled people 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 graven images, and they are mad over idols. 39 Therefore the wild beasts of the desert with the wolves shall dwell there, and the ostriches shall dwell therein: and it shall be no more inhabited for ever; neither shall it be dwelt in from generation to generation. 40 As when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah and the neighbor cities thereof, saith Jehovah, so shall no man dwell there, neither shall any son of man sojourn therein.

41 Behold, a people cometh from the north; and a great nation and many kings shall be stirred up from the uttermost parts of the earth. 42 They lay hold on bow and spear; they are cruel, and have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and they ride upon horses, every one set in array, as a man to the battle, against thee, O daughter of Babylon. 43 The king of Babylon hath heard the tidings of them, and his hands wax feeble: anguish hath taken hold of him, and pangs as of a woman in travail. 44 Behold, the enemy shall come up like a lion from the pride of the Jordan against the strong habitation: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoso is chosen, him will I appoint over it: for who is like me? and who will appoint me a time? and who is the shepherd that can stand before me? 45 Therefore hear ye the counsel of Jehovah, that he hath taken against Babylon; and his purposes, that he hath purposed against the land of the Chaldeans: Surely they shall drag them away, even the little ones of the flock; surely he shall make their habitation desolate over them. 46 At the noise of the taking of Babylon the earth trembleth, and the cry is heard among the nations.

51 Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will raise up against Babylon, and against them that dwell in Leb-kamai, a destroying wind. 2 And I will send unto Babylon winnowers, that shall winnow her; and they shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about. 3 Against him that bendeth let the archer bend his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his coat of mail: and spare ye not her young men; destroy ye utterly all her host. 4 And they shall fall down slain in the land of the Chaldeans, and thrust through in her streets.

5 For Israel is not forsaken, nor Judah, of his God, of Jehovah of hosts: though their land is full of guilt against the Holy One of Israel. 6 Flee out of the midst of Babylon, and save every man his life; be not cut off in her iniquity: for it is the time of Jehovah’s vengeance; he will render unto her a recompense. 7 Babylon hath been a golden cup in Jehovah’s hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunk of her wine; therefore the nations are mad. 8 Babylon is suddenly fallen and destroyed: wail for her; take balm for her dolorous heart, that made all the earth drunken: for I will suddenly make them run away from it; and whoso heareth the report of Babylon shall be as the prophet. 9 Pass through Babylon; take a copy, and set a mark in the midst of the Chaldeans; 10 For the Chaldeans shall go forth from Babylon, every one bent on slaughter, and their sword shall devour their判断.

11 Make the harp; hold the shields: Jehovah hath stirred up the spirit of the kings of the Medes; because his purpose is against Babylon, to destroy it: for it is the vengeance of Jehovah, the vengeance of his temple. 12 Set up a standard against the walls of Babylon, make the watch strong, set the watchmen, prepare the ambushes; for Jehovah hath both purposed and done that which he spake concerning the inhabitants of Babylon. 13 O thou that dwellest upon many waters, abundant in treasures, thine end is come; the measure of thy covetousness. 14 Jehovah of hosts hath sworn by his soul, saying, Surely I will fill thee with men,
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cankerworm; and they shall lift up a shout against thee.

15 He hath made the earth by his power, he hath established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding hath he stretched out the heavens: 16 when he uttereth his voice, there is a tumult of waters in the heavens, and he causeth the vapors to ascend from the ends of the earth; he maketh lightnings for the rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasuries. 17 Every man is become brutish and is without knowledge; every goldsmith is put to shame by his image; for his molten image is falsehood, and there is no breath in them. 18 They are vanity, a work of delusion: in the time of their visitation they shall perish. 19 The portion of Jacob is not like these; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: Jehovah of hosts is his name.

20 Thou art my battle axe and weapons of war: and with thee will I break in pieces the nations; and with thee will I destroy kingdoms; 21 and with thee will I break in pieces the horse and his rider; 22 and with thee will I break in pieces the chariot and him that rideth therein; and with thee will I break in pieces man and woman; and with thee will I break in pieces the old man and the youth; and with thee will I break in pieces the young man and the virgin; 23 and with thee will I break in pieces the shepherd and his flock; and with thee will I break in pieces the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and with thee will I break in pieces govenors and deputies. 24 And I will render unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion in your sight, saith Jehovah.

25 Behold, I am against thee, O destroying mountain, saith Jehovah, which destroyest all the earth; and I will stretch out my hand upon thee, and roll thee down from the rocks, and will make thee a burnt mountain. 26 And they shall not take of thee a stone for a corner, nor a stone for foundations; but thou shalt be desolate for ever, saith Jehovah.

27 Set ye up a standard in the land, blow the trumpet among the nations, prepare the nations against her, call together against her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz: appoint a marshal against her; cause the horses to come up as the rough cankerworm. 28 Prepare against her the nations, the kings of the Medes, the governors thereof, and all the deputies thereof, and all the land of their dominion. 29 And the land trembleth and is in pain; for the purposes of Jehovah against Babylon do stand, to make the land of Babylon a desolation, without inhabitant. 30 The mighty men of Babylon have forsborne to fight, they remain in their strongholds; their might hath failed; they are become as women: her dwelling-places are set on fire; her bars are broken. 31 One post shall run to meet another, and one messenger to meet another, to show the king of Babylon that his city is taken on every quarter: 32 and the passages are seized, and the reeds they have burned with fire, and the men of war are affrighted.

33 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts, the God of Israel: The daughter of Babylon is like a threshing-floor at the time when it is trodden; yet a little while, and the time of harvest shall come for her. 34 Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath devoured me, he hath crushed me, he hath made me an empty vessel, he hath, like a monster, swallowed me up, he hath filled his maw with my delicacies; he hath cast me out. 35 The violence done to me and to my flesh be upon Babylon, shall the inhabitant of Zion say; and, My blood be upon the inhabitants of Chaldea, shall Jerusalem say. 36 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I will plead thy cause, and take vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her sea, and make her fountain dry. 37 And Babylon shall become heaps, a dwelling-place for jackals, an astonishment, and a hissing, without inhabitant. 38 They shall roar together like young lions; they shall growl as lions' whelps. 39 When they are heated, I will make their feast, and I will make them drunken, that they may rejoice, and sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith Jehovah. 40 I will bring them down like lambs to the slaughter, like rams with he-goats.

41 How is Sheshakk taken! and the praise of the whole earth seized! how is Babylon become a desolation among the nations! 42 The sea is come up upon Babylon; she is covered with the multitude of the waves thereof. 43 Her cities are become a desolation, a dry land, and a desert, a land wherein no man dwelleth, neither doth any son of man pass thereby. 44 And I will execute judgment upon Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth out of his mouth that which he hath swallowed up; and the nations shall not flow any more unto him: yes, the wall of Babylon shall fall.

45 My people, go ye out of the midst of her, and save your souls every man from the fierce anger of Jehovah. 46 And let not your heart faint, neither fear ye for the tidings that shall be heard in the land; for tidings shall come one year, and after that in another year shall come tidings, and violence in the land, ruler against ruler. 47 Therefore, behold, the days come, that I will execute judgment upon the graven images of Babylon; and her whole land shall be confounded; and all her slain shall fall in the midst of her. 48 Then the heavens and the earth, and all that is therein, shall sing for joy over Babylon; for the destroyers shall come unto her from the north, saith Jehovah. 49 As Babylon hath caused the slain of Israel to fall, so at Babylon shall fall the slain of all the land.

50 Ye that have escaped the sword, go ye, stand not still; remember Jehovah from afar, and let Jerusalem come into your mind. 51 We are confounded, because we have heard reproach; confusion hath covered our faces: for strangers are come into the sanctuaries of Jehovah’s house. 52 Wherefore, behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that I will execute judgment upon her graven images; and through all her land the wounded shall groan. 53 Though Babylon should mount up to heaven, and

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401 Or, yet
402 Or, maul and weapons of war
403 Or, lieutenants
404 Hb. sanctify or, hallow And in vs. 28.
405 Or, fords
406 Or, marshes Hb. pools
407 Hb, some Hb, alone read us (all five times)
408 Hb. My wrong and my flesh be upon Babylon,
though she should fortify the height of her strength, yet from me shall destroyers come unto her, saith Jehovah.

54 The sound of a cry from Babylon, and of great destruction from the land of the Chaldeans! 55 For Jehovah layeth Babylon waste, and destroyeth out of her the great voice; and their waves roar like many waters; the noise of their voice is uttered: 56 for the destroyer is come upon her, even upon Babylon, and her mighty men are taken, their bows are broken in pieces; for Jehovah is a God of recompenses, he will surely requite. 57 And I will make drunk her princes and her wise men, her governors and her deputys, and her mighty men; and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not wake, saith the King, whose name is Jehovah of hosts. 58 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: 420The broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly overthrown, and her high gates shall be burned with fire; and the peoples shall labor for vanity, 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 Mahseiah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of Judah to Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Now Seraiah was 418chief chamberlain. 60 And Jeremiah wrote in 438a book all the evil that should come upon Babylon, even all these words that are written concerning Babylon. 61 And Jeremiah said to Seraiah, When thou comest to Babylon, 420then see thou that thou read all these words, 62 and say, O Jehovah, thou hast spoken concerning this place, to cut it off, that none shall dwell therein, neither man nor beast, but that it shall be desolate for ever. 63 And it shall be, when thou hast made an end of reading this book, that thou shalt bind a stone to it, and cast it into the Euphrates: 64 and thou shalt say, Thus shall Babylon sink, and shall not rise again because of the evil that I will bring upon her; and they shall be weary.

Thus far are the words of Jeremiah.

52 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 sight of Jehovah, according to all that Jehoiakim had done. 3 For through the anger of Jehovah did it come to pass in Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out from his presence.

And 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 they built forts against it round about. 5 So the city was besieged unto the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 6 In the fourth month, in the ninth day of the month, the famine was sore in the city, so that there was no bread for the people of the land. 7 Then a breach was made in the city, and all the men of war fled, and went forth 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 against the city round about;) and they went toward 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 unto the king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Hamath; and he gave judgment upon him. 10 And the king of Babylon slew the sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: he slew also all the princes of Judah in Riblah. 11 And he put out the eyes of Zedekiah; and the king of Babylon bound him in fetters, 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 the captain of the guard, who stood before the king of Babylon, into Jerusalem: 13 and he burned the house of Jehovah, and the king’s house; and all the houses of Jerusalem, even every great house, burned he with fire. 14 And all the army of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the guard, brake down all the walls of Jerusalem round about. 15 Then Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the poorest of the people, and the residue of the people that were left in the city, and those that fell away, that fell to the king of Babylon, and the residue of the multitude. 16 But Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard left of the poorest of the land to be vine-dressers and husbandmen.

17 And the pillars of copper that were in the house of Jehovah, and the bases and the copper sea that were in the house of Jehovah, did the Chaldeans break in pieces, and carried all the copper of them to Babylon. 18 The pots, and the firepans, and the basins, and the spoons, and the bowls – that which was of gold, in gold, and that which was of silver, in silver, – the captain of the guard took away. 20 The two pillars, the one sea, and the twelve copper bulls that were under the bases, which king Solomon had made for the house of Jehovah – the copper of all these vessels was without weight. 21 And as for the pillars, the height of the one pillar was eighteen cubits; and a line of twelve cubits did compass it; and the thickness thereof was four fingers; it was hollow. 22 And a capital of copper was upon it; and the height of the one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capital round about, all of copper: and the second pillar also had like unto these, and pomegranates. 23 And there were ninety-six pomegranates 425on the sides; all the pomegranates were a hundred upon the network round about.

24 And the captain of the guard took Seraiah the chief priest, and Zephaniah the second priest, and the three keepers of the threshold: 25 and out of the city he took an 426officer that was set over the men of war; and seven men of them that saw the king’s face, that were found in the city; and the scribe of the captain of the host, who mustered the people of the

416 Or, The walls of broad Babylon shall be etc.
417 Or, made bare,
418 Or, quartermaster.
419 Or, one book
420 Or, and shalt see, and read all these words, 62 then shalt thou say, O Jehovah, thou hast spoken etc.
421 Hb. spake judgments with him.
422 Or, every great man’s house,
423 Or, artificers.
424 That is, each pillar was an annulus 8 meter high, 1.7 meter diameter, and 7.4 cm thick.
425 Or, on the outside; Hb. towards the four winds;

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land; and sixty men of the people of the land, that were found in the midst of the city. 26 And Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard took them, and brought them to the king of Babylon to Riblah. 27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death at Riblah in the land of Hamath. So Judah was carried away captive out of his land.

28 This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away captive: in the seventh year three thousand twenty-three Jews; 29 in the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar he carried away captive from Jerusalem eight hundred thirty-two souls; 30 in the twenty-third year of Nebuchadrezzar Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carried away captive of the Jews seven hundred forty-five souls: all the souls were four thousand six hundred.

31 And it came to pass in the thirty-seventh year of the captivity 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 year that he began to reign, lifted up the head of Jehoiachin king of Judah, and brought him forth out of prison; 32 and he spake kindly to him, and set his throne above the throne of the kings that were with him in Babylon, 33 and changed his prison garments. And Jehoiachin did eat bread before him continually 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.

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426 Or, eunuch
427 See note on ch. 49:2.
428 That is, Amel-Marduk, the son of Nebuchadrezzar.
429 In earlier time, this allowance had included 10 šīlā of oil to Jehoiachin, son of the king of Judah, and 2½ šīlā of oil for the 5 sons of the king of Judah (½ šīlā each) daily. [J.B. Pritchard, ANET, p. 308.] 1 šīlā = 0.85 litre = 0.9 quart; per S.N. Kramer, The Sumerians; U. Chicago Press (1963); Figure 4, Sumerian Measures and Their Equivalents.
Lamentations
(The Lamentations of Jeremiah)

1 The Sorrows of captive Zion — 2:1 Zion’s Sorrows come from Jehovah
3:19 Hope of Relief through God’s Mercy

1 How doth the city sit solitary, that was full of people! She is become as a widow, that was great among the nations! She that was a princess among the provinces is become tributary!
2 She weepeth sore in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks; Among all her lovers she hath none to comfort her: All her friends have dealt treacherously with her; they are become her enemies.
3 Judah is gone into captivity because of affliction, and because of great servitude; She dwelleth among the nations, she findeth no rest: All her persecutors overtook her within the straits.
4 The ways of Zion do mourn, because none come to the solemn assembly; All her gates are desolate, her priests do sigh: Her virgins are afflicted, and she herself is in bitterness.
5 Her adversaries are become the head, her enemies prosper; For Jehovah hath afflicted her for the multitude of her transgressions: Her young children are gone into captivity before the adversary.
6 And from the daughter of Zion all her majesty is departed: Her princes are become like harts that find no pasture, and They are gone without strength before the pursuer.
7 Jerusalem remembereth in her latter end; Therefore is she come down wonderfully; she is become as an unclean thing; All that honored her despise her, the adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her people.
8 Jerusalem hath grievously sinned; therefore she is become as an unclean thing; All that honored her dispise her, because they have seen her nakedness: Yes, she sigheth, and turneth backward.
9 Her filthiness was in her skirts; she remembered not her latter end; Therefore is she come down wonderfully; she hath no comforter: Behold, O Jehovah, my affliction; for the enemy hath magnified himself.
10 The adversary hath spread out his hand upon all her pleasant things: For she hath seen that the nations are entered into her sanctuary, Concerning whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thine assembly.
11 All her people sigh, they seek bread; They have given their pleasant things for food to refresh their souls: While they sought them food to refresh their souls.
12 Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is brought upon me. Wherewith Jehovah hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.
13 From on high hath he sent fire into my bones, and it prevaleth against them; He hath spread a net for my feet, he hath Turned me back: He hath made me desolate and faint all the day.
14 The yoke of my transgressions is bound by his hand; They are knit together, they are come up upon my neck; he hath made my strength to fail:
15 Jehovah hath delivered me into their hands, against whom I am not able to stand.
16 Jehovah hath set at nought all my mighty men in the midst of me; He hath called a solemn assembly against me to crush my young men: Jehovah hath trodden as in a winepress the virgin daughter of Judah.
17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands; there is none to comfort her; Jehovah hath commanded concerning Jacob, that they that are round about him should be his adversaries: Jerusalem is among them as an unclean thing.
18 Jehovah is righteous; for I have rebelled against his commandment:
19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: My priests and mine elders gave up the breath in the city, While they sought them food to refresh their souls.
20 Behold, O Jehovah; for I am in distress; my heart is troubled; My heart is turned within me; for I have grievously rebelled: Abroad the sword bereaveth, at home there is as death.
21 They have heard that I sigh; there is none to comfort me; All mine enemies have heard of my trouble; they are glad that thou hast done it: Thou wilt bring the day that thou hast proclaimed, and they shall be like unto me.
22 Let all their wickedness come before thee; And do unto them, as thou hast done unto me for all my transgressions: For my sighs are many, and my heart is faint.

2 How hath Jehovah covered the daughter of Zion with a cloud in his anger! He hath cast down from heaven unto the earth the beauty of Israel, And hath not remem-

1 Or, exile
2 Or, appointed feast;
3 Or, splendor or, beauty
4 Or, wanderings
5 Hb. ceasings.
6 Or, is removed as an unclean thing;
7 Or perhaps, Holy, And so elsewhere.
8 Or, Whom Jehovah hath afflicted in the day of etc.
9 So Massoreteic. QLam. Sept. read he has brought it down; Lamsa says, it has brought me low;
10 Hb. stumble;
11 Sopherim changed to The Lord Also twice in vs. 15.
12 Or, from whom I am not able to rise up.
13 Sopherim changed to the Lord And in vss. 2, 5, 7.
Lamentations 3

1 For thy breach I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? When their soul is poured out into their mothers' bosom.
2 When they swoon as the wounded in children and destruction of their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: mine eyes do fail with tears, my heart is troubled; what shall I liken to thee? what shall I liken to thee? what shall I liken to thee?

3 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, they keep silence; they have cast up dust upon their heads; they have girded themselves with sackcloth: The virgins of Jerusalem hang down their heads to the ground.

4 Mine eyes do fail with tears, my heart is troubled; how can I go forth; he hath made me to dwell in dark places, as one that is appointed feast and sabbath.
5 Thy prophets have seen for thee false and foolish visions; And they have not uncovered thine iniquity, to bring back thy captivity, But have seen for thee false oracles and causes of banishment.
6 All that pass by clap their hands at thee; They hiss and wag their head at the daughter of Jerusalem, saying, Is this the city that men called The perfection of beauty, The joy of the whole earth?
7 All thine enemies have opened their mouth wide against thee; 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, we have seen it.
8 Jehovah hath done that which he purposed; he hath fulfilled his word that he commanded in the days of old; He hath thrown down, and hath not pitied: And he hath caused the enemy to rejoice over thee; he hath exalted the horn of thine adversaries.
9 Their heart cried unto Jehovah:
O wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears run down like a river day and night; Give thyself no respite; let not the apple of thine eye cease.
10 Arise, cry out in the night, at the beginning of the watches; Pour out thy heart like water before the face of Jehovah: Lift up thy hands toward him for the soul of thy young children, that faint for hunger at the head of every street.
11 See, O Jehovah, and behold to whom thou hast done thus! Shall the women eat their fruit, the children that are dandled in the hands? Shall the priest and the prophet be slain in the sanctuary of Jehovah?
12 The youth and the old man lie on the ground in the streets; My virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword; Thou hast slain them in the day of thine anger; thou hast slaughtered, and not pitied.
13 Thou hast called, as in the day of a solemn assembly, my terrors on every side; And there was none that escaped or remained in the day of Jehovah’s anger: Those that I have dandled and brought up hath mine enemy consumed.

14 I am the man that hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath.
15 He hath led me and caused me to walk in darkness, 24and not in light.
16 Surely against me he turneth his hand again and again all the day.
17 My flesh and my skin hath he made old; he hath broken my bones.
18 He hath built against me, and compassed me with gall and travail.
19 He hath made me to dwell in dark places, as those that have been long dead.
20 He hath walled me about, that I cannot go forth; he hath made my chain heavy.

14 Or, every horn of Israel;
15 Or, on
16 Or, booth, or, hedge,
17 Or, appointed feast and sabbath
18 Hb. swallowing up:
19 Or, breach
20 Or, take to witness for thee
21 Hb. burdens
22 Or, things to draw thee aside.
23 Or, finished
24 Sopherim changed to the Lord: And in vs. 19.
25 Sopherim changed to the Lord
26 Or, without light.
27 Or, worn out;
8 Yes, when I cry, and call for help, he shutteth out my prayer.
9 He hath walled up my ways with hewn stone; he hath made my paths crooked.
10 He is unto me as a bear lying in wait, as a lion in secret places.
11 He hath turned aside my ways, and pulled me in pieces; he hath made me desolate.
12 He hath bent his bow, and set me as a mark for the arrow.
13 He hath caused the shafts of his quiver to enter into my kidneys.
14 I am become a derision to all my people, and their song all the day.
15 He hath filled me with bitterness, he hath sated me with wormwood.
16 He hath also broken my teeth with gravel stones; he hath covered me with ashes.
17 And thou hast removed my soul far off from peace; I have forgotten prosperity.
18 And I said, My strength is perished, and mine expectation from Jehovah.
19 Remember mine affliction and my misery, the wormwood and the gall.
20 Truly, thou rememberest, and thy soul boweth down over me.
21 This I bring back to my heart; therefore have I hope.
22 It is of Jehovah's lovingkindness that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not.
23 They are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness.
24 Jehovah is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.
25 Jehovah is good unto them that wait for him, to the soul that seeketh him.
26 It is good that a man should hope and quietly wait for the salvation of Jehovah.
27 It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth.
28 Let him sit alone and keep silence, because he hath laid it upon him.
29 Let him put his mouth in the dust, if so be there may be hope.
30 Let him give his cheek to him that smiteth him; let him be filled full with reproach.
31 For Jehovah will not cast off for ever.
32 For though he cause grief, yet will he have compassion according to the multitude of his lovingkindnesses.
33 For he doth not afflict willingly, nor grieve the children of men.

34 To crush under foot 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, Jehovah approveth not.
37 Who is he that saith, and it cometh to pass, when Jehovah commandeth it not?
38 Out of the mouth of the Most High cometh there not evil and good?
39 Wherefore doth a living man complain, a man for the punishment of his sins?
40 Let us search and try our ways, and turn again to Jehovah.
41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens.
42 We have transgressed and have rebelled; thou hast not pardoned.
43 Thou hast covered with anger and pursued us; thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied.
44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, so that no prayer can pass through.
45 Thou hast made us an outcast and refuse in the midst of the peoples.
46 All our enemies have opened their mouth wide against us.
47 Fear and the pit are come upon us, devastation and destruction.
48 Mine eye runneth down with streams of water, for the destruction of the daughter of my people.
49 Mine eye poureth down, and ceaseth not, without any intermission,
50 Till Jehovah look down, and behold from heaven.
51 Mine eye affecteth my soul, because of all the daughters of my city.
52 They have chased me sore like a bird, they that are mine enemies without cause.
53 They have cut off my life in the dungeon, and have cast a stone upon me.
54 Waters flowed over my head; I said, I am cut off.
55 I called upon thy name, O Jehovah, out of the lowest dungeon.
56 Thou heardest my voice; hide not thine ear at my breathing, at my cry.
57 Thou drewest near in the day that I called upon thee; thou saidst, Fear not.
58 O Jehovah, thou hast pleaded the causes of my soul; thou hast ransomed my life.
59 O Jehovah, thou hast seen my wrong; judge thou my cause.

Hb. sons
Or, cast off my soul
Or, wandering, or, outcast state,
Sopherim changed to my soul
Or, He sitteth etc. And so through vss. 28-30.
Sopherim changed to the Lord And in vss. 36, 37.
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60 Thou hast seen all their vengeance and all their devices against me.
61 Thou hast heard their reproach, O Jehovah, and all their devices against me,
62 The lips of those that rose up against me, and their device against me all the day.
63 Behold thou their sitting down, and their rising up; I am their song.
64 Thou wilt render unto them a recompense, O Jehovah, according to the work of their hands.
65 Thou wilt give them hardness of heart, thy curse unto them.
66 Thou wilt pursue them in anger, and destroy them from under the heavens of Jehovah.

4 How is the gold become dim! how is the most pure gold changed! The stones of the Holy are poured out at the head of every street.
2 The precious sons of Zion, comparable to fine gold, How are they esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter!
3 Even the jackals draw out the breast, they give suck to their young ones: The daughter of my people is become cruel, like the ostriches in the wilderness.
4 The tongue of the sucking child cleaveth to the roof of his mouth for thirst: The young children ask bread, and no man breaketh it unto them.
5 They that did feed delicately are desolate in the streets: They that were brought up in scarlet embrace dunghills.
6 For the iniquity of the daughter of my people is greater than the sin of Sodom, That was overthrown as in a moment, and no hands were laid upon her.
7 Her nobles were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk; They were more ruddy in body than rubies, their polishing was as of sapphire.
8 Their visage is blacker than a coal; they are not known in the streets: Their skin cleaveth to their bones; it is withered, it is become like at stick.
9 They that are slain with the sword are better off than they that are slain with hunger; For these pine away, stricken through, for want of the fruits of the field.
10 The hands of the pitiful women have boiled their own children; They were their food in the destruction of the daughter of my people.
11 Jehovah hath accomplished his wrath, he hath poured out his fierce anger; And he hath kindled a fire in Zion, which hath devoured the foundations thereof.
12 The kings of the earth believed not, neither all the inhabitants of the world, That the adversary and the enemy would enter into the gates of Jerusalem.

13 It is because of the sins of her prophets, and the iniquities of her priests, That have shed the blood of the just in the midst of her.
14 They wander as blind men in the streets, they are polluted with blood, So that men cannot touch their garments.
15 Depart ye, they cried unto them, Unclean! depart, depart, touch not!
48 When they fled away and wandered, men said among the nations, They shall no more sojourn here.
16 The anger of Jehovah hath scattered them; he will no more regard them: They respected not the persons of the priests, they favored not the elders.
17 Our eyes do yet fail in looking for our vain help: In our watching we have watched for a nation that could not save.
18 They hunt our steps, so that we cannot go in our streets: Our end is near, our days are fulfilled; for our end is come.
19 Our pursuers were swifter than the eagles of the heavens: They chased us upon the mountains, they laid wait for us in the wilderness.
20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of Jehovah, 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, that dwell in the land of Uz: The cup shall pass through unto thee also; thou shalt be drunken, and shalt make thyself naked.
22 The punishment of thine iniquity is accomplished, O daughter of Zion; he will no more carry thee away into captivity: He will visit thine iniquity, O daughter of Edom; he will uncover thy sins.

5 Remember, O Jehovah, what is come upon us: Behold, and see our reproach.
2 Our inheritance is turned unto strangers, Our houses unto aliens.
3 We are orphans and fatherless; Our mothers are as widows.
4 We have drunken our water for money; Our wood is sold unto us.
5 Our pursuers are upon our necks: We are weary, 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 sinned, and are not; And we have borne their iniquities.
8 Servants rule over us: There is none to deliver us out of their hand.
9 We get our bread at the peril of our souls, Because of the sword of the wilderness.
10 Our skin is \(^{52}\) black like an oven, 
Because of the burning heat of famine. 
11 They ravished the women in Zion, 
The virgins in the cities of Judah. 
12 Princes were hanged up by their hand: 
The faces of elders were not honored. 
13 The young men bare the mill; 
And the children stumbled 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 unto us! for we have sinned. 
17 For this our heart is faint; 
For these things our eyes are dim;

18 For the mountain of Zion, which is desolate: 
The \(^{53}\) foxes walk upon it. 
19 Thou, O Jehovah, \(^{54}\) abidest for ever; 
Thy throne is from generation to generation. 
20 Wherefore dost thou forget us for ever, 
And forsake us so long a time? 
21 Turn thou us unto thee, O Jehovah, and we shall be 
turned; Renew our days as of old. 
22 \(^{55}\) But thou hast utterly rejected us; 
Thou art very wroth against us. 

[Each verse of the first four chapters begins with a successive letter of the 22-letter Hebrew alphabet; but in ch. 3 it is each group of three verses that begins with the same Hebrew letter (hence \(3 \times 22 = 66\) verses), except that ayin (י) and pe (פ) are reversed in chapters 2, 3, 4. There is no easily-discernable trend in the 22 verses of ch. 5.]

51 Hb. cometh for price. 
52 Or, hot 
53 Or, jackals 
54 Or, sittest as King for ever; 
55 Or, Unless thou hast utterly rejected us; And art very wroth against us.
1 Now it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, in the fifth day of the month, as I was among the captives by the river Kebar, 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 captivity, 3 the word of Jehovah came expressly unto Ezekiel the priest, the son of Buzi, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Kebar; and the hand of Jehovah was there upon him.

4 And I looked, and, behold, a stormy wind came out of the north, a great cloud, with a fire infolding itself, and a brightness round about it, and out of the midst thereof as it were glowing metal, out of the midst of the fire. 5 And out of the midst thereof came the likeness of four living creatures. And this was their appearance: they had the likeness of a man. 6 And every one had four faces, and every one of them 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 burnished copper. 8 And they had the hands of a man under their wings on their four sides; and they four had their faces and their wings thus: 9 their wings were joined one to another; they turned not when they went; they went every one straight forward. 10 As for the likeness of their faces, they had the faces of a man; and they four had the faces of a lion on the right side; and they four had the faces of an ox on the left side; they four had also the faces of an eagle. 11 And their faces and their wings were separate above; two wings of every one were joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And they went every one straight forward: whither the spirit was to go, they went; they turned not when they went. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like burning coals of fire, like the appearance of the torches: the fire went up and down among the living creatures; and the fire was bright, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran and returned as the appearance of a flash of lightning.

15 Now as I beheld the living creatures, behold, one wheel upon the earth beside the living creatures, for each of the four faces thereof. 16 The appearance of the wheels and their work was like unto a beryl: and they four had one likeness; and their appearance and their work was as it were a wheel within a wheel. 17 When they went, they went in their four directions: they turned not when they went. 18 As for their rims, they were high and awesome; and they four had their rims full of eyes round about. 19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went beside them; and when the living creatures were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up. 20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went; thither was the spirit to go: and the wheels were lifted up beside them; for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood, these stood; and when those were lifted up from the earth, the wheels were lifted up beside them: for the spirit of the living creature was in the wheels.

22 And over the heads of the living creature there was the likeness of a sky, like the awesome crystal to look upon, stretched forth over their heads above. 23 And under the sky were their wings straight, the one toward the other: every one had two which covered 13 on this side, and every one had two which covered 14 on that side, their bodies. 24 And when they went, I heard the noise of their wings like the noise of great waters, like the voice of the Almighty, a noise of tumult like the noise of a host: when they stood, they let down their wings. 25 And there was a voice above the sky that was over their heads: when they stood, they let down their wings.

26 And above the sky that was over their heads was the likeness of a throne, as the appearance of a sapphire stone; and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man upon it above. 27 And I saw as it were glowing metal, as the appearance of fire within it round about, from the appearance of his loins and upward; and from the appearance of his loins and downward I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and there was brightness round about 15 him. 28 As the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud in the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about. This was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of Jehovah. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard a voice of one that spake.

2 And he said unto me, Son of man, stand upon thy feet, and I will speak with thee. 2 And the Spirit entered into me when he spake unto me, and set me upon my feet; and I heard him that spake unto me. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send thee to the children of Israel, to nations that are rebellious, which have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have transgressed against me even unto this very day. 4 And the children are impudent and stiff-hearted; 16 I do send thee unto them; and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah. 5 And they, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear, (for they are a rebellious house,) yet shall know that there hath been a prophet among them. 6 And
thou, son of man, be not afraid of them, neither be afraid of their words, though briars and thorns are with thee, and thou dost dwell among scorpions: be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, though they be a rebellious house.

7 And thou shalt speak my words unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear; for they are most rebellious.

8 But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house: open thy mouth, and eat this roll that I give thee. Then did I eat it; and it was in my mouth as honey for sweetness.

9 And he said unto me, Son of man, eat that which I give thee. Then he spoke unto me, and said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain; and I went in bitterness, in rushing.

10 And he said unto me, Son of man, cause thy belly to eat, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I give thee. Then did thine heart sorrow, and he spake with me also, and set me upon my feet; and he said unto me, As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: fear them not, neither be afraid of their faces, lest thou be dismayed at their looks, though they be to thee as a rebellious house.

11 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, all my words that I shall speak unto thee receive in thy heart, and hear with thine ears. And go, get thee to the captives, unto the children of thy people, and speak unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear.

12 Then the Spirit lifted me up, and I heard behind me the voice of a great rushing, saying, Blessed be the glory of Jehovah from his place. And I heard the noise of the wings of the living creatures as they touched one another, and the noise of the wheels beside them, even the noise of a great rushing.

13 So the Spirit lifted me up, and took me away; and I went in bitterness, in the heat of my spirit; and the hand of Jehovah was strong upon me. Then I came to them of the captivity at Tel-abib, that dwelt by the river Kebar, and to where they dwelt; and I dwelt there overwhelmed among them seven days.

14 And it came to pass at the end of seven days, that the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel: therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me.

18 When I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and thou givest him not warning, nor speakest 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 thy hand.

19 Yet if thou warn the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way, he shall die in his iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. Again, when a righteous man doth turn from his righteousness, and commit iniquity, and I lay a stumblingblock before him, he shall die: because thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his righteous deeds which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require at thy hand.

21 Nevertheless if thou warn the righteous man, that the righteous shall not sin, and he doth not sin, he shall surely live, because he took warning; and thou hast delivered thy soul.

22 And the hand of Jehovah was there upon me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the plain, and I will there talk with thee.

23 Then I arose, and went forth into the plain: and, behold, the glory of Jehovah stood there, as the glory which I saw by the river Kebar; and I fell on my face.

24 Then the Spirit entered into me, and set me upon my feet; and he spoke with me, and said unto me, Go, shut thyself within thy house.

25 But thou, son of man, behold, they shall lay bands upon thee, and shall bind thee with them, and thou shalt not go out among them: and I will make thy tongue cleave to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and shalt not be to them a reprover; for they are a rebellious house.

27 But when I speak with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: He that heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him forbear: for they are a rebellious house.

4 Thou also, son of man, take thee a tile, and lay it before thee, and portray upon it a city, even Jerusalem: and lay siege against it, and build forts against it, and cast up a mound against it; set camps also against it, and plant battering rams against it round about.

3 And take thou unto thee an iron pan, and set it for a wall of iron between thee and the city: and set thy face toward it, and it shall be besieged, and thou shalt lay siege against it. This shall be a sign to the house of Israel.

4 Moreover lie thou upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it; according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it, thou shalt bear their iniquity.

5 For I have appointed the years of their iniquity unto thee, even three hundred ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel.

6 And again, when thou hast accomplished these, thou shalt lie on thy right side, and shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah: forty days, each day for a year, have I appointed it unto thee.

7 And thou shalt set thy face toward the siege of Jerusalem, with thine arm uncovered; and thou shalt prophesy against it. And, behold, I lay bands upon thee, and thou shalt not turn thee from one side to the other, till thou hast accomplished the days of thy siege.

17 Hb. deep of lip and heavy of tongue,
18 Or, over against them,
19 Or, sat (each time)
20 The modern Khâbûr River. And so everywhere.
21 So Hb. Or, and I sat to judge where they were dwelling; and I dwelt there overwhelmed etc. Some mss., Hb read and I dwelt where they dwelt; and I dwelt there overwhelmed etc.
22 Or, valley, Also in vs. 23.
23 Or, flat plate,
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9 Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof; according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, even three hundred ninety days, shalt thou eat thereof. 10 And thy food which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it. 11 And thou shalt drink water by measure; the sixth part of a hin: from time to time shalt thou drink. 12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it in their sight with dung that cometh out of man. 13 And Jehovah said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their bread unclean, among the nations whither I will drive them. 14 Then said I, Ah Lord Jehovah! behold, my soul hath not been polluted; for from my youth up even till now have I not eaten of that which dieth of itself, or is torn of beasts; neither came there abominable flesh into my mouth. 15 Then he said unto me, See, I have given thee cow’s dung for man’s dung, and thou shalt prepare thy bread thereon. 16 Moreover he said unto me, Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem: and they shall eat bread by weight, and with fearfulness; and they shall drink water by measure, and in dismay: 17 that they may want bread and water, and be dismayed one with another, and pine away in their iniquity.

5 And thou, son of man, take thee a sharp sword; as a barber’s razor shalt thou take it unto thee, and shalt cause it to pass upon thy head and upon thy beard: then take thee balances to weigh, and divide the hair. 2 A third part shalt thou burn in the fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are fulfilled; and thou shalt take a third part, and smite with the sword round about it; and a third part shalt thou scatter to the wind, and I will draw out a sword after them. 3 And thou shalt take thereof a few in number, and bind them in thy skirts. 4 And of these again shalt thou take, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire; therefrom shall a fire come forth into all the house of Israel.

5 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: This is Jerusalem; I have set her in the midst of the nations, and countries are round about her. 6 And she hath rebelled against mine ordinances in doing wickedness more than the nations, and against my statutes more than the countries that are round about her; for they have rejected mine ordinances, and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them. 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because ye are turbulent more than the nations that are round about you, and have not walked in my statutes, neither have kept mine ordinances, neither have done after the ordinances of the nations that are round about you; 8 therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I, even I, am against thee; and I will execute judgments in the midst of thee in the sight of the nations. 9 And I will do in thee that which I have not done, and whereunto I will not do any more the like, because of all thine abominations. 10 Therefore the fathers shall eat the sons in the midst of thee, and the sons shall eat their fathers; and I will execute judgments on thee; and the whole remnant of thee will I scatter unto all the winds. 11 Wherefore, as I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, surely, because thou hast defiled my sanctuary with all thine detestable things, and with all thine abominations, therefore will I also diminish thee; neither shall mine eye spare, and I also will have no pity. 12 A third part of thee shall die with the pestilence, and with famine shall they be consumed in the midst of thee; and a third part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and a third part I will scatter unto all the winds, and will draw out a sword after them.

13 Thus shall mine anger be accomplished, and I will cause my wrath toward them to rest, and I shall be comforted: and they shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken in my zeal, when I have accomplished my wrath upon them. 14 Moreover I will make thee a desolation and a reproach among the nations that are round about thee, in the sight of all that pass by. 15 So it shall be a reproach and a taunt, an instruction and an astonishment, unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall execute judgments on thee in anger and in wrath, and in wrathful rebukes; (I, Jehovah, have spoken it.) 16 when I shall send upon them the evil arrows of famine, that are for destruction, which I will send to destroy you: and I will increase the famine upon you, and will break your staff of bread; 17 and I will send upon you famine and evil beasts, and they shall bereave thee; and pestilence and blood shall pass through thee; and I will bring the sword upon thee; I, Jehovah, have spoken it.

6 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward the mountains of Israel, and prophesy 3 unto them, 3 and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Jehovah: Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys: Behold, I, even I, will bring a sword upon you, and I will destroy your high places. 4 And your altars shall become desolate, and your sun-images may be broken and cease, and your stones may be hewn down; … [Hb. egda]

24 1 shekel = 11.6 gm; so 232 gm (0.51 pound) per day.
25 1 hin = 3.66 litre; so 0.61 litre (1.29 pint) per day.
26 Hb. divide them.
27 Hb. thence
28 Or, changed mine ordinances into wickedness
29 Or, Holy
30 So Western codices (Aram.) [Hb. egra] Or, withdraw mine eye that it shall not spare, Eastern codices, Hb™ (Vg.) read hew thee down; … [Hb. egda]
31 Or, cease,
32 Or, against
33 Or, ravines
34 Or, bear their guilt,
35 Hb. blotted out.
36 Or, I have broken for myself their lewd heart,
lived heart, which hath departed from me, and with their eyes, which play the harlot after their idols: and they shall loathe themselves in their own sight for the evils which they have committed in all their abominations. 10 And they shall know that I am Jehovah: I have not said in vain that I would do this evil unto them.

11 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Smite with thy hand, and stamp with thy foot, and say, Alas! because of 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 that is far off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I accomplish my wrath upon them. 13 And ye shall know that I am Jehovah, when their slain remaineth and is preserved among their idols round about their altars, upon every high hill, and under every green tree, and under every thick oak, the places where they offered sweet savor to all their idols. 14 And I will stretch out my hand upon them, and make the land desolate and waste, from the wilderness toward Diblah, throughout all their habitations: and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto the land of Israel, An end: the end is come upon the four corners of the land. 3 Now is the end upon thee, and I will send mine anger upon thee, and will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. 4 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity; but I will bring thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: An evil, an only evil; behold, it cometh. 6 An end is come, the end is come; it awaketh against thee; behold, it cometh, 7 Thy doom is come unto thee, O inhabitant of the land: the time is come, the day is near, a day of tumult, and not of joyful shouting, 8 upon the mountains. 9 Now will I shortly pour out my wrath upon thee, and accomplish mine anger against thee, and I will judge thee according to thy ways; and I will bring upon thee all thine abominations. 9 And mine eye shall not spare thee, neither will I have pity: I will bring thy ways upon thee, and thine abominations shall be in the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, do smite.

Behold, the day, behold, it cometh: thy doom is gone forth; the rod hath blossomed, pride hath budded. 11 Violence is risen up into a rod of wickedness; 42 none of them shall remain, nor of their multitude, nor of their wealth: neither shall there be eminency among them. 12 The time is come, the day draweth near: let not the buyer rejoice, nor the seller mourn; for wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. 13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold, although they be yet alive: for the vision is touching the whole multitude thereof, none shall return; neither shall any strengthen himself in the iniquity of his life.

14 They have blown the trumpet, and have made all ready; but none goeth to the battle; for my wrath is upon all the multitude thereof. 15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine within: he that is in the field shall die with the sword; and he that is in the city, famine and pestilence shall devour him. 16 But those of them that escape shall escape, and shall be on the mountains like doves of the valleys, all of them moaning, every one in 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 as an unclean thing; their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them in the day of Jehovah: they shall not satisfy their souls, neither fill theirbowels; because it hath been the stumblingblock of their iniquity. 20 As for the beauty of his ornament, 42 he set it in majesty: but they made the images of their abominations and their detestable things 48 therein: therefore have I made it unto them as an unclean thing. 21 And I will give it into the hands of the strangers for a prey, and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil; and they shall profane it. 22 My face will I turn also from them, and they shall profane my secret place; and robbers shall enter into it, and profane it.

23 Make the chain; for the land is full of bloody crimes, and the city is full of violence. 24 Wherefore I will bring the worst of the nations, and they shall possess their houses: I will also make the pride of the strong to cease; and their holy places shall be profaned. 25 Destruction cometh; and they shall seek peace, and there shall be none. 26 Mischief shall come upon mischief, and rumor shall be upon rumor; and they shall seek a vision of the prophet; but the law shall perish from the priest, and counsel from the elders. 27 The king shall mourn, and the prince shall be clothed with desolation, and the hands of the people of the land shall be troubled: I will do unto them after their way, and according to their deserts will I judge them; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

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 Jehovah fell there upon me. 2 Then I beheld, and, lo, a likeness as the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his loins and downward, fire; and from his loins and upward, as the appearance of brightness, as it were glowing metal. 3 And he put forth the form of a hand, and took me by a lock of my

37 Or, preserved
38 Or, terebinth
39 Or, more than the wilderness etc.
40 Or, The turn or, The crowning time
41 Or, from
42 Or, not from them, nor from their multitude, nor from their wealth:
43 Or, waiting for them.
44 Hb. though their life be yet among the living:
45 Or, it shall not turn back;
46 Or, whose life is in his iniquity.
47 Or, they turned it to pride; and they made etc.
48 Or, thereof:
49 Or, secret treasure;
50 Hb. judgment of bloods,
51 Or, they that sanctify them shall be profaned.
52 Or, Distress
53 Or, as amber to look upon.
head; and the Spirit lifted me up between earth and heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the gate of the inner court that looketh toward the north; where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoceth to jealousy. 4 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel was there, according to the appearance that I saw in the plain.

5 Then said he unto me, Son of man, lift up thine eyes now the way toward the north. So I lifted up mine eyes the way toward the north, and behold, northward of the gate of the altar this image of jealousy in the entry. 6 And he said unto me, Son of man, seest thou what they do? even the great abominations that the house of Israel do commit here. 7 So I went in and saw; and behold, every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols of the house of Israel, portrayed upon the wall round about. 8 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, every man with his censer in his hand; and the odor of the cloud of incense went up. 9 Then said he unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel do in the dark, every man in his chambers of imagery? for they say, Jehovah seeth us not; Jehovah hath forsaken the land.

10 That is, Nimrod (Ge 10:8-10); probably the divine Dumuzi (= Gk. Adonis) of the early Sumerian King list, assuming these kings are really post-Flood; perhaps about 135-171 years after the Flood.

11 Bacchus (= Nimrod), meaning, branch of Cush.

12 Cause ye them that have charge over the city to draw near, every man with his destroying weapon in his hand.

13 And behold, six men came from the way of the upper gate, which lieth toward the north, every man with his slaughter weapon in his hand; and one man in the midst of them clothed in linen, with the writer’s inkburned by his side. And they went in, and stood beside the copper altar.

14 Then the glory of the God of Israel was gone up from the cherub, whereupon it was, to the threshold of the house: and he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer’s inkhorn by his side. 15 And Jehovah said unto him, Go through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and set a mark upon the foreheads of the men that sigh and that cry over all the abominations that are done in the midst thereof. 16 And to the others he said in my hearing, Go ye through the city after him, and smite: let not your eye spare, neither slay utterly the old man, nor the young man, nor the virgin, nor little child and women; but come not near any man upon whom is the mark: and begin at my sanctuary. 17 Then they began at the east, and smote in the dark, every man in the city that was before the house.

18 And he said unto them, Defile the house, and fill the courts with the slain: go ye forth. And they went forth, and smote in the city. 19 And it came to pass, while they were smiting, and I was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried, and said, Ah Lord Jehovah! wilt thou destroy all the residue of Israel in thy pouring out of thy wrath upon Jerusalem?

20 Then said he unto me, The iniquity of the house of Israel and Judah is exceeding great, and the land is full of blood, and the city full of iniquity: for they say, Jehovah hath forsaken the land, and Jehovah seeth not.

21 So I went in and saw: and behold, every form of creeping things, and abominable beasts, and all the idols that are done in the midst thereof.

22 Then I looked, and behold, in the sky that was over the head of the cherubim there appeared above them as it were a sapphire stone, as the appearance of the likeness of a throne. 23 And he spake unto the man clothed in linen, and said, Go in between the whirling wheels, even under the cherub, and fill both thy hands with coals of fire from between the cherub, and scatter them over the city.

24 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? thou shalt again see yet greater abominations than these.

25 And he brought me into the inner court of Jehovah’s house; and behold, at the door of the temple of Jehovah, between the porch and the altar, were about twenty-five men, with their backs toward the temple of Jehovah, and their faces toward the east; and they were worshipping the sun toward the east.

26 Then he said unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? Is it a light thing to the house of Judah that they commit the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and have turned again to provoke me to anger: and, lo, they put the branch to my nose. 27 Therefore will I also deal in wrath; mine eye shall not spare, neither will I have pity; and though they cry in mine ears with a loud voice, yet will I not hear them.
when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the whirling wheels, from between the cherubim, that he went in, and stood beside a wheel. 7 And the cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and took thereof, and put it into the hands of him that was clothed in linen, who took it and went out. 8 And there appeared in the cherubim the form of a man's hand under their wings.

9 And I looked, and behold, four wheels beside the cherubim, one wheel beside one cherub, and another wheel beside another cherub; and the appearance of the wheels was like unto a beryl stone. 10 And as for their appearance, they four had one likeness, as if a wheel had been within a wheel. 11 When they went, they went in their four directions: they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. 12 And their whole body, and their backs, and their hands, and their wings, and the wheels, were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had. 13 As for the wheels, they were called in my hearing, the whirling wheels. 14 And every one had four faces: the first faces were the faces of the cherub, and the second faces were the faces of a man, and the third the faces of a lion, and the fourth the faces of an eagle.

15 And the cherubim mounted up: this is the living creature that I saw by the river Kebar. 16 And when the cherubim went, the wheels went beside them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings to mount up from the earth, the wheels were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had. 17 When they went, they went in their four directions: they turned not as they went, but to the place whither the head looked they followed it; they turned not as they went. 18 And the glory of Jehovah went forth over the face of the firmament, where the cherubim stood: 19 And the cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from the earth, the wheels were full of eyes round about, even the wheels that they four had. 20 And as for the likeness of their faces, they were the faces which I saw by the river Kebar, their appearances and themselves; they went every one straight forward.

Moreover the spirit lifted me up, and brought me unto the east gate of Jehovah's house, which looketh eastward: and behold, at the door of the gate twenty-five men; and I saw in the midst of them Jaazaniah the son of Azur, and Pelatiah the son of Benaiah, princes of the people. 2 And he said unto me, Son of man, these are the men that devise iniquity, and that give wicked counsel in this city; 3 that say, The time is not near to build houses: this city is the caldron, and we are the flesh. 4 Therefore prophesy against them, prophesy, O son of man.

5 And the spirit of Jehovah fell upon me, and he said unto me, Speak, Thus saith Jehovah: Thus have ye said, O house of Israel; for I know the things that come into your mind. 6 Ye have multiplied your slain in this city, and ye have filled the streets thereof with the slain. 7 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Your slain whom ye have laid in the midst of it, they are the flesh, and this city is the caldron; but ye shall be brought forth out of the midst of it. 8 Ye have feared the sword; and I will bring the sword upon you, saith the Lord Jehovah. 9 And I will bring you forth out of the midst thereof, and deliver you into the hand of strangers, and will execute judgments among you. 10 Ye shall fall by the sword; I will judge you in the border of Israel; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. 11 This city shall not be your caldron, neither shall ye be the flesh in the midst thereof; I will judge you in the border of Israel; 12 and ye shall know that I am Jehovah: for ye have not walked in my statutes, neither have ye executed mine ordinances, but have made done after the ordinances of the nations that are round about 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 Jehovah! wilt thou make a full end of the remnant of Israel?

14 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Son of man, thy brethren, even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and all the house of Israel, are they unto whom the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Get you far from Jehovah; unto us is this land given for a possession. 15 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Whereas I have removed them far off among the nations, and whereas I have scattered them among the countries, yet will I be to them a sanctuary for a little while in the countries where they are come. 16 Therefore say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will gather you from the peoples, and assemble you out of the countries where ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. 17 And they shall come thither, and they shall take away all the detestable things thereof and all the abominations thereof from thence. 18 And I will give them one heart, and I will put a new spirit within you; and I will take the stony heart out of their flesh, and will give them a heart of flesh; 19 that they may walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them: and they shall be my people, and I will be their God. 20 But as for them whose heart walketh after the heart of their detestable things and their abominations, I will bring their way upon their own heads, saith the Lord Jehovah.

22 Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the wheels were beside them; and the glory of the God of Israel was over them above. 23 And the glory of Jehovah went up from the midst of the city, and stood upon the mountain which...
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is on the east side of the city. 24 And the Spirit lifted me up, and brought me in the vision by the Spirit of God into Chaldea, to them of the captivity. So the vision that I had seen went up from me. 25 Then I spake unto them of the captivity all the things that Jehovah had showed me.

12 The word of Jehovah also came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, thou dwellest in the midst of the rebellious house, that have eyes to see, and see not, that have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious house. 3 Therefore, thou son of man, prepare thee stuff for 82 removing, and remove by day in their sight; and thou shalt remove from thy place to another place in their sight: it may be they will 83 consider, though they are a rebellious house. 4 And thou shalt bring forth thy stuff by day in their sight, as stuff for removing; and thou shalt go forth thyself in the evening in their sight, as when men go forth into exile. 5 Dig thou through the wall in their sight, and carry out thereby. 6 In their sight shalt thou bear it upon thy shoulder, and carry it forth in the dark; thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the land: for I have set thee for a sign unto the house of Israel.

7 And I did so as I was commanded: I brought forth my stuff by day, as stuff for removing, and in the even I digging through the wall with my hand; I brought it forth in the dark, and brought it forth by day in their sight, as stuff for removing; and thou shalt cover thy face, that thou see not the land: for I have set thee as a sign unto them of the captivity all the things that Jehovah had showed me.

8 And in the morning came the word of Jehovah unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, hath not the house of Israel, the rebellious house, said unto thee, What doest thou? 10 Say thou unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: This 84 burden concerneth the prince in Jerusalem, and all the house of Israel 85 among whom they are. 11 Say, I am your sign: like as I have done, so shall it be done unto them; they shall go into exile, into captivity. 12 And the prince that is among them shall bear upon his shoulder in the dark, and shall go forth: they shall dig through the wall to carry out thereby: he shall cover his face, because he shall not see the land 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 shall he not see it, though he shall die there. 14 And I will scatter toward every wind all that are round about him to help him, and all his bands; and I will draw out the sword after them. 15 And they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I shall disperse them among the nations, and scatter them through the countries. 16 But I will leave a few men of them from the sword, from the famine, and from the pestilence; that they may declare all their abominations among the nations whither they come; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

17 Moreover the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 18 Son of man, eat thy bread with quaking, and drink thy water with trembling and with fearfulness; 19 and say unto the people of the land, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and the land of Israel: They shall eat their bread with fearfulness, and drink their water in dismay, that her land may be desolate, and despised of all that is therein, because of the violence of all them that dwell therein. 20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid waste, and the land shall be a desolation; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

21 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 22 Son of man, what is this proverb that ye have in the land of Israel, saying, The days are prolonged, and every vision faleth? 23 Tell them therefore, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will make this proverb to cease, and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel; but say unto them, The days are at hand, and the 86 fulfilment of every vision. 24 For there shall be no more any false vision nor flattering divination within the house of Israel. 25 For I am Jehovah; I will speak, and the word that I shall speak shall be performed; it shall be no more deferred: for in your days, O rebellious house, will I speak the word, and will perform it, saith the Lord Jehovah.

26 Again the word of Jehovah came to me, saying, 27 Son of man, behold, they of the house of Israel say, The vision that he seeth is for many days to come, and he propheseth of things that are far off. 28 Therefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: There shall none of my words be deferred any more, but the word which I shall speak shall be performed, saith the Lord Jehovah.

13 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy upon the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto them that prophesy out of their own heart, Hear ye the word of Jehovah. 3 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Woe unto the foolish prophets, that follow their own spirit, and have seen nothing! 4 O Israel, thy prophets have been like foxes in the waste places. 5 Ye have not gone up into the 89 gaps, neither built up the wall for the house of Israel, to stand in the battle in the day of Jehovah. 6 They have seen falsehood and lying divination, that say, Jehovah saith; but Jehovah hath not sent them: and they 86 have made men to hope that the word would be confirmed. 7 Have ye not seen a false vision, and have ye not spoken a lying divination, in that ye say, Jehovah saith; albeit I have not spoken?

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because ye have spoken falsehood, and seen lies, therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord Jehovah. 9 And my hand shall be against the prophets that see false visions, and that divine lies: they shall not be in the 91 council of my people, neither shall they be written in the 92 writing of the house of Israel, neither shall they enter into the land of Israel; and ye shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah. 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, Peace; and there is no peace; and when one buildeth up 93 a wall, behold, they daub it with 94 untempered mortar: 11 say unto them that daub it with untempered mortar, that it shall fall: there shall be an overflowing shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a stormy wind shall rend it. 12 Lo, when the wall is fallen, shall it not fall?
be said unto you, Where is the daubing wherewith ye have daubed it? 13 Therefore say saith the Lord Jehovah: I will even rend it with a stormy wind in my wrath; and there shall be an overflowing shower in mine anger, and great hailstones in wrath to consume it. 14 So will I break down the wall that ye have daubed with untempered mortar, and bring it down to the ground, so that the foundation thereof shall be uncovered; and it shall fall, and ye shall be consumed in the midst thereof: and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. 15 Thus will I accomplish my wrath upon the wall, and upon them that have daubed it with untempered mortar; and I will say unto you, The wall is no more, neither they that daubed it; 16 to wit, the prophets of Israel that prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and that see visions of peace for her, and there is no peace, saith the Lord Jehovah.

17 And thou, son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, that prophesy out of their own heart; and prophesy thou against them. 18 And say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe to the women that sew pillows upon all elbows, and make kerchiefs for the head of persons of every stature to hunt souls! 98 Will ye hunt the souls of my people, and save souls alive? 99 For yourselves? And ye have profaned 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 that lie.

20 Wherefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against your pillows, 98 wherewith ye there hunt the souls 99 to make them fly, and I will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. 21 Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be taken, and they shall be before me. 22 Because with lies ye have grieved 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, 100 and be saved alive: 23 therefore ye shall no more see false visions, nor divine divinations: and I will deliver my people out of your hand; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

Then came certain of the elders of Israel unto me, and sat before me. 2 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, these men have 101 taken their idols into their heart, and put the stumblingblock of their iniquity before their face: should I be inquired of at all by them? 4 Therefore speak unto them, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Every man of the house of Israel that taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet; I Jehovah will answer him therein according to the multitude of his idols; 5 that I may take the house of Israel in their own heart, because they are all estranged from me through their idols.

6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Return ye, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations. 7 For every one of the house of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that separateth himself from me, and taketh his idols into his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to the prophet to inquire for himself of me; I Jehovah will answer him by myself: 8 and I will set my face against that man, and will make him an astonishment, for a sign and a proverb, and I will cut him off from the midst of my people; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. 9 And if the prophet be deceived and speak a word, I, Jehovah, 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 hear their iniquity: the iniquity of the prophet shall be even as the iniquity of him that seeketh unto him; 11 that the house of Israel may go no more astray from me, neither defile themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may be my people, and I may be their God, saith the Lord Jehovah.

12 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 13 Son of man, when a land sinneth against me by committing a trespass, and I stretch out my hand upon it, and break the staff of the bread thereof, and send famine upon it, and cut off from it man and beast; 14 though these three men, 106 Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, they should deliver but their own souls by their righteousness, saith the Lord Jehovah. 15 If I cause evil beasts to pass through the land, and they 107 ravage it, and it be made desolate, so that no man may pass through because of the beasts; 16 though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters; they only should be delivered, but the land should be desolate. 17 Or if I bring a sword upon that land, and say, 106 Sword, go through the land; so that I cut off from it man and beast; 18 though these three men were in it, as I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, they should deliver neither sons nor daughters, but they only should be delivered themselves. 19 Or if I send a pestilence into that land, and pour out my wrath upon it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast; 20 though Noah, Daniel, and Job, were in it, as I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, they should deliver neither son nor daughter; they should deliver their own souls by their righteousness.

21 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: How much more when I send my four sore judgments upon Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the evil beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and beast! 22 Yet, behold, therein shall be left a remnant that shall be carried forth, both sons and daughters: behold, they shall come forth unto you, and ye shall see their way and their doings; and ye shall be comforted concerning the evil that I have brought upon Jerusalem, even concerning all that I have brought upon it. 23 And they shall comfort you, he is come in the multitude of his idols.
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And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, what is the vine-tree more than any tree, the vine branch which is among the trees of the forest? 3 Shall wood be taken thereof to make any work? or will men take a pin of it to hang any vessel thereon? 4 Behold, it is cast into the fire for fuel; the fire hath devoured both the ends of it, and the midst of it is burned: is it profitable for any work? 5 Behold, when it was whole, it was 112meet for no work: how much less, when the fire hath devoured it, and it is burned, shall it yet be meet for any work! 6 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: As the vine-tree among the trees of the forest, which I have given to the fire for fuel, 113so will I give the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 7 And I will set my face against them; they 114shall go forth from the fire, but the fire shall devour them; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah, when I set my face against them. 8 And I will make the land desolate, because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord Jehovah.

Again the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, cause Jerusalem to know her abominations; 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto Jerusalem: 115Thy birth and thy nativity is of the land of the Canaanite; the Amorite was thy father, and thy mother was a Hittite. 4 And as for thy nativity, in the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, neither wast thou washed in water to cleanse thee; thou wast not salted at all, nor swaddled at all. 5 No eye pitied thee, to do any of these things unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out in the open field, for that thy soul was abhorred, in the day that thou wast born.

And when I passed by thee, and saw thee wailing in thy blood, I said unto thee, Though thou art in thy blood, live; yes, I said unto thee, Though thou art in thy blood, live. 7 I caused thee to multiply as that which groweth in the field, and thou didst increase and wax great, and thou attainedst to 116excellent ornament; thy breasts were fashioned, and thy hair was grown; yet thou wast naked and bare. 8 Now when I passed by thee, and looked upon thee, behold, thy time was the time of love; and I spread my skirt over thee, and covered thy nakedness: yes, I swear unto thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the Lord Jehovah, and thou becamest mine. 9 Then washed I thee with water; yes, I thoroughly washed away thy blood from thee, and I anointed thee with oil. 10 I clothed thee also with broidered work, and shod thee with 117sealskin, and I 118girded thee about with fine linen, and covered thee with silk. 11 And I decked thee with ornaments, and I put bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain on thy neck. 12 And I put a ring upon thy nose, and ear-rings in thine ears, and a beautiful crown upon thy head. 13 Thus wast thou decked with gold and silver; and thy raiment was of fine linen, and silk, and brodered work; thou didst eat fine flour, and honey, and oil; and thou wast exceeding beautiful, and thou didst prosper unto royal estate. 14 And thy renown went forth among the nations for thy beauty; for it was perfect, through my majesty which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord Jehovah.

But thou didst trust in thy beauty, and playedst the harlot because of thy renown, and pourest out thy whoredoms on every one that passed by; his it was. 16 And thou didst take of thy garments, and madest for thee high places decked with divers colors, and playedst the harlot upon them: the like things shall not come, neither shall it be so. 17 Thou didst also take thy fair jewels of my gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and madest for thee images of men, and didst play the harlot with them; 18 and thou tookest thy brodered garments, and coveredst them, and didst set mine oil and mine incense before them. 19 My bread also which I gave thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, wherewith I fed thee, thou didst even set it before them for a sweet savor; and thus it was, saith the Lord Jehovah. 20 Moreover thou hast taken thy sons and thy daughters, whom thou hast borne unto me, and these hast thou sacrificed unto them to be devoured. Were thy whoredoms a small matter, 21 that thou hast slain my children, and delivered them up, in causing them to pass through the fire unto them? 22 And in all thine abominations and thy whoredoms thou hast not remembered the days of thy youth, when thou wast naked and bare, and wast wailing in thy blood.

And it is come to pass after all thy wickedness, (woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord Jehovah,) 24 that thou hast built unto thee a vaulted place, and hast made thee a lofty place in every street. 25 Thou hast built thy lofty place at the head of every way, and hast made thy beauty an abomination, and hast opened thy feet to every one that passed by, and multiplied thy whoredom. 26 Thou hast also committed fornication with the Egyptians, thy neighbors, great of flesh; and hast multiplied thy whoredom, to provoke me to anger. 27 Behold therefore, I have stretched out my hand over thee, and have diminished thine普通men, and delivered thee unto thy enemies, the Philistines, that are ashamed of thy lewd way. 28 Thou hast played the harlot also with the Assyrians, because thou wast insatiable: yes, thou hast played the harlot with them, and yet thou wast not satisfied. 29 Thou hast moreover multiplied thy whoredom unto the land of 124traffic, unto Chaldea; and yet thou wast not satisfied therewith.

How weak is thy heart, saith the Lord Jehovah, seeing thou dost all these things, the work of an impudent harlot; 31 in that thou buildest thy vaulted place at the head of every way, and makest thy lofty place in every street, and hast not been as a harlot, 125in that thou scornest hire. 32 A wife that committeth adultery! that taketh strangers instead of her...
hast committed half of thy sins; but thou hast multiplied thine abominations more than they, and hast justified thy sisters by all thine abominations which thou hast done. 52 Thou also, bear thou thine own shame, in that thou hast given judgment for thy 126 sisters; through thy sins that thou hast committed more abominable than they, they are more righteous than thou: yes, be thou also confounded, and bear thy shame, in that thou hast justified thy sisters.

53 And I will 124 turn again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her daughters, and the captivity of thy captives in the midst of them; 54 that thou mayest bear thine own shame, and mayest be ashamed because of all that thou hast done, in that thou art a comfort unto them. 55 And thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, shall return to their former estate; and Samaria and her daughters shall return to their former estate; and thou and thy daughters shall return to your former estate. 56 For thy sister Sodom was not mentioned by thy mouth in the day of thy pride, 57 Before thy wickedness was uncovered, as at the time of the reproach of the daughters of Syria, and of all that are round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, that do despite unto thee round about. 58 Thou hast borne thy lewdness and thine abominations, saith Jehovah. 59 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will also deal with thee as thou hast done, who hast despised the oath in breaking the covenant.

60 Nevertheless I will remember my covenant with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish unto thee an everlasting covenant. 61 Then shalt thou remember thy ways, and be ashamed, when thou shalt receive thy sisters, thine elder sisters and thy younger; and I will give them unto thee for daughters, but not by thy covenant. 62 And I will establish my covenant with thee; and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah; 63 that thou mayest remember, and be confounded, and never open thy mouth any more, because of thy shame, when I have atoned for thee all that thou hast done, saith the Lord Jehovah.

17 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and speak a parable unto the house of Israel; 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: The great eagle with great wings and long pinions, full of feathers, which had divers colors, came unto Lebanon, and took the top of the cedar: 4 he cropped off the topmost of the young twigs thereof, and carried it unto 122 a land of traffic; he set it in a city of merchants. 5 He took also of the seed of the land, and planted it in 122a fruitful soil; he placed it beside 124 many waters; he set it as a willow tree. 6 And it grew, and became a spreading vine of low stature, whose branches turned toward him, and the roots thereof were under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and shot forth sprigs.

7 There was also another great eagle with great wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine did bend its roots toward him, and shot forth its branches toward him, from the beds of its plantation, that he might water it. 8 It was planted in a good 128 soil by many waters, that it might bring forth branches, and that it might bear fruit, that it might be a goodly vine. 9 Say thou, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Shall it prosper? shall he not pull up the roots thereof, and cut off the fruit

126 Hb. copper
127 Or, hast thou not committed this lewdness etc.? 128 That is, Facing the sunrise: on the north.
129 Or, when I saw it.
130 Or, sister;
131 Or, return to
132 Or, the land of Canaan;
133 Hb. a field of seed;
134 Or, great waters; Also in vs. 8.
135 Hb. field
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thereof, that it may wither; that all its fresh springing leaves may wither, and not by a strong arm of much people can it be raised from the roots thereof. 10 Yes, behold, being planted, shall it prosper? shall it not utterly wither, when the east wind toucheth it? it shall wither in the beds where it grew.

11 Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 12 Say now to the rebellious house, Know ye not what these things mean? tell them, Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took the king thereof, and the princes thereof, and brought them to him to Babylon: 13 and he took of the seed royal, and made a covenant with him; also he brought him under an oath, and took away his seed royal, and made a covenant with him; he also brought him, the king of Babylon, to the house of his servants, and made him sit in the place where the king dwelleth, that he might give him horses and much people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doeth such things? shall he break the covenant, and yet escape? 18 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, surely in the midst of Babylon he shall die. 17 Neither shall Pharaoh with his mighty army and great company help him in the war, when they cast up mounds and build forts, to cut off many souls. 18 For he hath despised the oath by breaking the covenant; and behold, he had given his hand, and yet hath done all these things; he shall not escape. 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: As I live, surely mine oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, I will even bring it 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 enter into judgment with him there for his trespass that he hath trespassed against me. 21 And all his fugitives in all his bands shall fall by the sword, and they shall perish in Babylon. 22 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will also take of the lofty top of the cedar, and will set it; I will crop off from the topmost of its young twigs a tender one, and I 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 goodly cedar: and under it shall dwell all birds of every wing; in the shade of the branches thereof shall they dwell. 24 And all the trees of the field shall know that I, Jehovah, have brought down the high tree, have exalted the low tree, have dried up the green tree, and have made the dry tree to flourish: I, Jehovah, have spoken and have done it.

18 The word of Jehovah came unto me again, saying, 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb of the land of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children’s teeth are set on edge? 3 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, ye 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 sinneth, it shall die.

5 But if a man be just, and do that which is lawful and right, and hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, neither hath defiled his neighbor’s wife, neither hath come near to a woman in her impurity, 7 and hath not wronged any, but hath restored to the debtor his pledge, hath taken nought by robbery, hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; 8 he that hath not given forth upon interest, neither hath taken any increase, that hath withdrawn his hand from iniquity, hath executed true justice between man and man, 9 hath walked in my statutes, and hath kept mine ordinances, to deal truly; he is just, he shall surely live, saith the Lord Jehovah.

10 If he beget a son that is a robber, a shedder of blood, and that doeth any one of these things, 11 and doeth not any of those duties, but even hath eaten upon the mountains, and defiled his neighbor’s wife, 12 hath wronged the poor and needy, hath taken by robbery, hath not restored the pledge, and hath lifted up his eyes to the idols, hath committed abomination, 13 hath given forth upon interest, and hath taken increase; shall he then live? he shall not live: he hath done all these abominations; he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon him.

14 Now, lo, if he beget a son, that seeth all his father’s sins, which he hath done, and 140 that feareth, and doeth not such like; 15 that hath not eaten upon the mountains, neither hath lifted up his eyes to the idols of the house of Israel, hath not defiled his neighbor’s wife, 16 neither hath wronged any, hath not taken aught to pledge, neither hath taken by robbery, but hath given his bread to the hungry, and hath covered the naked with a garment; 17 that hath withdrawn his hand from the poor, that hath not received interest nor increase, hath executed mine ordinances, hath 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, robbeth his brother, and did that which is not good among his people, behold, he shall die 141 in his iniquity.

19 Yet say ye, Wherefore doth not the son bear the iniquity of the father? When the son hath done that which is lawful and right, and hath kept all my statutes, and hath done them, he shall surely live. 20 The soul that sinneth, it 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 turn from all his sins that he hath 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 hath committed shall be remembered against him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. 23 Have I any pleasure in the death of the wicked? saith the Lord Jehovah; and not rather that he should return from his way, and live? 24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and doeth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? None of his righteous deeds that he hath done shall be remembered: in his trespass that he hath trespassed, and in his sin that he hath sinned, in them shall he die.

136 Hb. low
137 Or, in
138 Or, that doeth to a brother any of these things
139 Hb. be put to death;
140 So Hb\textsuperscript{st} Vg. Hb\textsuperscript{mg} reads seeth, or, considereth,
141 Or, for
25 Yet ye say, The way of Jehovah is not just. Hear now, O house of Israel: Is not my way just? are not your ways unjust? 26 When the righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, and dieth, he dieth; and in his iniquity that he hath done shall he die. 27 Again, when the wicked man turneth away from his wickedness that he hath committed, he shall surely live, he shall not die. 28 Yet saith the house of Israel, The way of Jehovah is not just. O house of Israel, are not my ways just? are not your ways unjust? 30 Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, every one according to his ways, saith the Lord Jehovah. Return ye, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin. 31 Cast away from you all your transgressions, wherein ye have transgressed; and make you a new heart and a new spirit: for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the death of him that dieth, saith the Lord Jehovah: wherefore turn yourselves, and live.

Moreover, take thou up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, 2 and say, What was thy mother? A lioness: she couched among lions, in the midst of the young lions she nourished her whelps. 3 And she brought up one of her whelps: he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. 4 The nations also heard of him; he was taken in their pit; and they brought him with hooks unto the land of Egypt. 5 Now when she saw that she had waited, and her hope was lost, then she took another of her whelps, and made him a young lion. 6 And he went up and down among the lions; he became a young lion, and he learned to catch the prey; he devoured men. 7 And he knew their palaces, and laid waste their cities; and the land was desolate, and the fulness thereof, because of the noise of his roaring. 8 Then the nations set against him on every side from the provinces; and they 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 strongholds, that his voice should no more be heard upon the mountains of Israel.

10 Thy mother was like a vine, whose blood, planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land. 11 And fire is gone out of the wilderness, in its fruit: its strong rods were broken off and withered; its multitude of their branches. 12 But it was plucked up in fury, it was cast down to the ground, and the east wind dried up its fruit: its strong rods were broken off and withered; the fire consumed them. 13 And now it is planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land. 14 And fire is gone out of the rods of its branches, it hath devoured its fruit, so that there is in it no strong rod to be a sceptre to rule. This is a lamentation, and shall be for a lamentation.

20 And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, the tenth day of the month, that certain of the elders of Israel came to inquire of Jehovah, and sat before me. 2 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Is it to inquire of me that ye are come? As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you. 4 Wilt thou judge them, son of man, wilt thou judge them? Cause them to know the abominations of their fathers; 5 and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In the day when I chose Israel, and sware unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt, when I sware unto them, saying, I am Jehovah your God; 6 in that day I sware unto them, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt into a land that I had searched out for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands: 7 and I said unto them, Cast ye away every man the abominations of his eyes, and defile not yourselves with the idols of Egypt; I am Jehovah your God. 8 But they rebelled against me, and would not hearken unto 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 would pour out my wrath upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. 9 But I wrought for my name’s sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, among which they were, in whose sight I made myself known unto them, in bringing them forth out of the land of Egypt.

10 So I caused them to go forth out of the land of Egypt, and brought them into the wilderness. 11 And I gave them my statutes, and showed them mine ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live in them. 12 Moreover also I gave them my sabbaths, to be a sign between me and them, that they might know that I am Jehovah that sanctifieth them. 13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness: they walked not in my statutes, and they rejected mine ordinances, which if a man keep, he shall live in them; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned. Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them in the wilderness, to consume them. 14 But I wrought for my name’s sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them out. 15 Moreover also I sware unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given

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142 Sopherim changed to the Lord And in vs. 29.
143 Lit. equal (or, in balance) ... unequal And in vs. 29.
144 Or, he shall die.
145 Or, because of it.
146 Or, for.
147 Or, so shall they not be a stumblingblock of iniquity unto you.
148 Hb. stumblingblock.
149 Or, widows.
150 Or, in thy likeness.
151 Hb. his (all three times).
152 Or, clouds.
153 Hb. he was seen in his height.
154 Or, a rod.
155 Year 7 of exile (and of Zedekiah) = Year 14 of Nebuchadnezzar. Similarly everywhere.
156 Hb. lifted up my hand unto And in vs. 15, 23.
157 Hb. made them to know mine ordinances,
158 Lv 18:5. And in vs. 13, 21.
159 Or, by And in vs. 13, 21.
160 Or, I Jehovah, do sanctify them.
161 Hb. lifted up my hand unto them.
them, flowing with milk and honey, which is the glory of all lands; 16 because they rejected mine ordinances, and walked not in my statutes, and profaned my sabbaths: for their heart went after their idols. 17 Nevertheless mine eye spared them, and I destroyed them not, neither did I make a full end of them in the wilderness.

18 And I said unto their children in the wilderness, Walk ye not in the statutes of your fathers, neither observe their ordinances, nor defile yourselves with their idols. 19 I am Jehovah your God: walk in my statutes, and keep mine ordinances, and do them; 20 and sanctify my sabbaths; and they shall be a sign between me and you, that ye may know that I am Jehovah your God. 21 But the children rebelled against me; they walked not in my statutes, neither kept mine ordinances to do them, which if a man do, he shall live in them; they profaned my sabbaths. Then I said I would pour out my wrath upon them, to accomplish my anger against them in the wilderness.

22 Nevertheless I withdrew my hand, and wrought for my name’s sake, that it should not be profaned in the sight of the nations, in whose sight I brought them forth. 23 Moreover I swear unto them in the wilderness, that I will scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; 24 because they had not executed mine ordinances, but had rejected my statutes, and had profaned my sabbaths, and their eyes were after their fathers’ idols. 25 Moreover also I gave them statutes that were not good, and ordinances wherein they should not live; 26 and I polluted them in their own gifts, in that they 162 caused to pass through the fire all that openeth the womb, that I might make them desolate, to the end that they might know that I am Jehovah.

27 Therefore, son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In this moreover have your fathers blasphemed me, in that they have committed a trespass against me. 28 For when I had brought them into the land, which 163 I sware to give unto them, then they 164 saw every high hill, and every thick tree, and they offered there their sacrifices, and there they presented the provocation of their offerings; there also they made their sweet savor, and they poured out there their drink-offerings. 29 Then I said unto them, What meaneth the high place 165 wherein ye go? So the name thereof is called Bamah unto this day. 30 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Do ye pollute yourselves after the manner of your fathers? and play ye the harlot after their abominations? 31 and when ye offer your gifts, when ye make your sons to pass through the fire, do ye pollute yourselves with all your idols unto this day? and shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I will not be inquired of by you; 32 and that which cometh into your mind shall not be at all, in that ye say, We will be as the nations, as the families of the countries, to serve wood and stone.

33 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, surely with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out, will I be king over you: 34 and I will bring you out from the peoples, and will gather you out of the countries wherein ye are scattered, with a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with wrath poured out; 35 and I will bring you into the wilderness of the peoples, and there will I enter into judgment with you face to face. 36 Like as I entered into judgment with your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I enter into judgment with you, saith the Lord Jehovah. 37 And I will cause you to 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 them that transgress against me; I will bring them forth out of the land where they sojourn, but they shall not enter into the land of Israel: and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. 39 As for you, O house of Israel, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Go ye, serve every one his idols, 166 and hereafter also, if ye will not hearken unto me; but my holy name shall ye no more profane with your gifts, and your idols.

40 For in my holy mountain, in the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah, there shall all the house of Israel, all of them, serve me in the land: there will I accept them, and there will I require your offerings, and the 167 firstfruits of your 168 oblations, with all your holy things. 41 As a sweet savor will I accept you, when I bring you out from the peoples, and gather you out of the countries wherein ye have been scattered; and I will be sanctified in you in the sight of the nations. 42 And ye shall know that I am Jehovah, when I shall bring you into the land of Israel, into the country which I 169 sware to give unto your fathers. 43 And there shall ye remember your ways, and all your doings, wherein ye have polluted yourselves; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for all your evils that ye have committed. 44 And ye shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have dealt with you for my name’s sake, not according to your evil ways, nor according to your corrupt doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah.

45 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 46 Son of man, set thy face toward the south, and drop thy word toward the south, and prophesy against the forest of the field in the South; 47 and say to the forest of the South, Hear the word of Jehovah: Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Behold, I will kindle a fire in thee, and it shall devour every green tree in thee, and every dry tree: the flaming flame shall not be quenched, and all faces from the south to the north shall be burnt thereby. 48 And all flesh shall see that I Jehovah have kindled it; it shall not be quenched. 49 Then said I, Ah Lord Jehovah! they say of me, Is he not a speaker of parables?

21 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward Jerusalem, and drop thy word toward the 172 sanctuaries, and prophesy against the land of Israel; 3 and say to the land of Israel, Thus saith Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath, and will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. 4 Seeing then that I will cut off from thee the righteous holy name shall ye no more profane etc.

162 Or, whereby
163 Or, set apart all that openeth See Ex 13:12.
164 Hb, I lifted up my hand to give unto them,
165 Or, looked out for every high hill,
166 Or, whereunto ye go, and the name whereof is called Bamah (or, High Place) unto this day?
167 Or, but hereafter surely ye shall hearken unto me, and my
168 Or, chief
169 Or, tribute,
170 Or, With Lit, In
171 Hb, lifted up my hand to give unto your fathers.
172 Or, Holies, That is, Holy and Most Holy.
and the wicked, therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north: and all flesh shall know that I, Jehovah, have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath; it shall not return any more. 6 Sigh therefore, thou son of man; with the breaking of thy loins and with bitterness shalt thou sigh before their eyes. 7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Whereforeighest thou? that thou shalt say, Because of the tidings, for it cometh; 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 cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord Jehovah.

8 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith Jehovah: Say, A sword, a sword, it is sharpened, and also furnished; 10 it is sharpened that it may make a slaughter; it is furnished that it may be as lightning: shall we then make mirth? 11 the rod of my son, it comethneth every tree. 11 And it is given to be furnished, that it may be handled: the sword, it is sharpened, yes, it is furnished, to give it into the hand of the slayer. 12 Cry and wail, son of man; for it is upon my people, it is upon all the princes of Israel: 13 they are delivered over to the sword with my people; smite therefore upon thy thigh. 13 For there is a trial; and what if even the rod that comethneth shall be no more? saith the Lord Jehovah. 14 I thou therefore, son of man, prophesy, and smite thy hands together; and let the sword be doubled the third time, 15 the sword of the deadly wounded: it is the sword of the great one that is deadly wounded, which entereth into their chambers. 16 I have set the threatening sword against all their gates, that their heart may melt, and their stumblings be multiplied: ah! it is made as lightning, it is pointed for slaughter. 18 Gather thee together, go to the right, set thyself in array, go to the left, whithersoever thy face is set. 17 I will also smite my hands together, and I will cause my wrath to rest: I, Jehovah, have spoken it.

18 The word of Jehovah came unto me again, saying, 19 Also, thou son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come; they twain shall come forth out of one land: and mark out a place, mark it out at the head of the way to the city. 20 Thou shalt appoint a way for the sword to come to Rabbah of the children of Ammon, and to Judah in Jerusalem the fortified. 21 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 to and fro, he consulted the teraphim, he looked in the liver. 22 In his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem, to set battering rams, to open the mouth; 23 in the slaughter, to lift up the voice with shouting, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build forts. 23 And it shall be unto them as a false divination in their sight, who have sworn oaths unto them; but he bringeth iniquity to remembrance, that they may be taken.

24 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because ye have made your iniquity to be remembered, that in your transgressions are uncovered, so that in all your doings your sins do appear; because that ye are come to remembrance, ye shall be taken with the hand. 25 And thou, O deadly wounded wicked one, the prince of Israel, whose day is come, in the time of the iniquity of the end, 26 thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Remove the mitre, and take off the crown; this shall be no more the same; exalt that which is low, and abase that which is high. 27 I will overturn, overturn, overturn it: this also shall be no more, until he come whose right it is; and I will give it him.

Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: 22 A city that sheddeth blood in the midst of her, that her time may come, and that maketh idols against herself to defile her! 4 Thou art become guilty in thy blood that thou hast shed, and art defiled in thine idols which thou hast made; and thou hast caused thy days to draw near, and art come even unto thy years: therefore have I made thee a reproach unto the nations, and a mocking to all the countries. 5 Those that are near, and those that are far from thee, shall mock thee, thou infamous one and full of tumult.

6 Behold, the princes of Israel, every one according to his power, have been in thee to shed blood. 7 In thee have they disdained father and mother; in the midst of thee have they dealt by oppression with the sojourner; in thee have they wronged the fatherless and the widow. 8 Thou hast despised my holy things, and hast profaned my sabbaths. 9 Slanderous men have been in thee to shed blood; and in thee they have 173 Or, be dim,
174 Or, it comethneth the rod of my son, as every tree.
175 Or, terror by reason of the sword are upon my people;
176 Or, what if the sword comethneth even the rod? it shall be no more, saith the Lord Jehovah.
177 Or, compasseth them about.
178 Or, glittering
179 Hb. Make thyself one,
180 Or, Whither is thy face set?
181 Hb. hand,
182 Or, for
183 Or, punishment
184 Or, I will remove the mitre,
185 Hb. not this;
186 Hb. An overthrow, overthrow, overthrow, will I make it:
187 Or, punishment of the end.
188 Or, thine origin,
189 Or, and
190 Hb. the defiled of name
191 Hb. arm,
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Eaten upon the mountains: in the midst of thee they have committed lewdness. 10 In thee have they uncovered their fathers’ nakedness; in thee have they humbled her that was unclean in her impurity. 11 And one hath committed abomination with his neighbor’s wife; and another hath lewdly defiled his daughter-in-law; and another in thee hast humbled his sister, his father’s daughter. 12 In thee have they taken bribes to shed blood; thou hast taken interest and increase, and thou hast greedily gained of thy neighbors by oppression, and hast forgotten me, saith the Lord Jehovah.

13 Behold, therefore, I have smitten my hand at thy dishonest gain which thou hast made, and at thy blood which hath been in the midst of thee. 14 Can thy heart endure, or can thy hands be strong, in the days that I shall deal with thee? I, Jehovah, have spoken it, and will do it. 15 And I will scatter thee among the nations, and disperse thee through the countries; and I will consume thy filthiness out of thee. 16 And thou shalt be profaned in thyself, in the sight of the nations; and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah.

17 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, the house of Israel is become dross unto me: all of them are copper and tin and iron and lead, in the midst of the furnace; they are the dross of silver. 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because ye are all become dross, therefore, behold, I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. 20 As they gather silver and copper 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 mine anger and in my wrath, and I will lay you there, and melt you. 21 Yes, I will gather you, and breathe upon you with the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted; and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have poured out my wrath upon you.

22 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 24 Son of man, say unto her, Thou art a land that is not cleansed, nor rained upon in the day of indignation. 25 There is a conspiracy of her prophets in the midst thereof, like a roaring lion ravening the prey: they have devoured souls; they take treasure and precious things; they have made her widows many in the midst thereof. 26 Her priests have done violence to my law, and have profaned my holy things: they have made no distinction between the holy and the common, neither have they caused men to discern between the unclean and the clean, and have hid their eyes from their sabbaths, and I am profaned among them. 27 Her princes in the midst thereof are like wolves ravening the prey, to shed blood, and to destroy souls, that they may get dishonest gain. 28 And her prophets have daubed for them with 192 untempered mortar, seeing false visions, and divining lies unto them, saying, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, when Jehovah hath not spoken. 29 The people of the land have used oppression, and exercised robbery; yes, they have vexed the poor and needy, and have oppressed the sojourner wrongly. 30 And I sought for a man among them, that should build up the wall, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it; but I found none. 31 Therefore have I poured out mine indignation upon them; I have consumed them with the fire of my wrath: their own way have I brought upon their heads, saith the Lord Jehovah.

23 The word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother: 3 and they played the harlot in Egypt; they played the harlot in their youth; there were their breasts pressed, and there was handled the bosom of their virginity. 4 And the names of them were Oholah the elder, and Oholibah her sister: and they became mine, and they bare sons and daughters. And as for their names, Samaria is 193 Oholah, and Jerusalem Oholibah.

5 And Oholah played the harlot when she was mine; and she doted on her lovers, on the Assyrians her neighbors, 6 who were clothed with blue, governors and 194 rulers, all of them desirable young men, horsemen riding upon horses. 7 And she bestowed her whoredoms upon them, the choicest men of Assyria all of them; and on whomsoever she doted, with all their idols she defiled herself. 8 Neither hath she left her whoredoms 195 since the days of Egypt; for in her youth they lay with her, and they handled the bosom of her virginity; and they poured out their whoredom upon her. 9 Wherefore I 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 she they slew with the sword: and she became a byword among women; for they executed judgments upon her.

11 And her sister Oholibah saw this, yet was she more corrupt in her doting than she, and in her whoredoms which were more than the whoredoms of her sister. 12 She doted upon the Assyrians, governors and rulers, her neighbors, clothed most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon horses, all of them desirable young men. 13 And I saw that she was defiled; they both took one way. 14 And she increased her whoredoms; for 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 princes to look upon, after the likeness of the Babylonians 197; in Chaldea, the land of their nativity. 16 And 198 as soon as she saw them she doted upon them, and sent messengers unto them into Chaldea. 17 And the Babylonians came to her into the bed of love, and they defiled her with their whoredom, and she was polluted with them, and her soul was alienated from them. 18 So she uncovered her whoredoms, and uncovered her nakedness: then my soul was alienated from her, like as my soul was alienated from her sister. 19 Yet she multiplied her whoredoms, remembering the lewdness of thy youth, in the handling of thy bosom by the Egyptians for the breasts of thy youth.

22 Therefore, O Oholibah, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will raise up thy lovers against thee, from whom thy soul is alienated, and I will bring them against thee on every side: 23 the Babylonians and all the Chaldeans, Pekod

192 Or, whitewash,
193 That is, Her tent, and Jerusalem is My tent is in her.
194 Or, deputies, And in vs. 12. See Jer 51:23, etc.
195 Or, brought from Egypt;
196 Hb. name
197 Or, the land of whose nativity is Chaldea.
198 Hb. at the sight of her eyes she doted
199 Or, counsellors, Hb. called,
and Shoa and Koa, and all the Assyrians with them; desirable young men, governors and rulers all of them, princes and men of renown, all of them riding upon horses. 24 And they shall come against thee with weapons, chariots, and wagons, and with a company of peoples; they shall set themselves against thee with buckler and shield and helmet round about: and I will commit the judgment unto them, and they shall judge thee according to their judgments. 25 And I will set my jealousy against thee, and they shall deal with thee in fury; they shall take away thy nose and thine ears; and thy residue shall fall by the sword: they shall take thy sons and thy daughters; and thy residue shall be devoured by the fire. 26 They shall also strip thee of thy clothes, and take away thy fair jewels. 27 Thus will I make thy lewdness to cease from thee, and thy whoredoms brought from the land of Egypt; so that thou shalt not lift up thine eyes unto them, nor remember Egypt any more. 28 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will deliver thee into the hand of them whom thou hastest, into the hand of them from whom thy soul is alienated; and they shall deal with thee in hatred, and shall take away all thy labor, and shall leave thee naked and bare; and the nakedness of thy whoredoms shall be uncovered, both thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

30 These things shall be done unto thee, for that thou hast played the harlot after the nations, and because thou art polluted with their idols. 31 Thou hast walked in the way of thy sister; therefore will I give her cup into thy hand. 32 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou shalt drink of thy sister’s cup, which is deep and large; thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision too much to endure. 33 Wherefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou shalt be laughed to scorn and had in derision; it containeth much.

35 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back, therefore bear thou also thy lewdness and thy whoredoms.

36 Jehovah said moreover unto me: Son of man, wilt thou judge Oholah and Oholibah? then declare unto them their abominations. 37 For they have committed adultery, and blood is in their hands; and with their idols have they committed adultery; and they have also caused their sons, whom they bare unto me, to pass through the fire unto them to be devoured. 38 Moreover this they have done unto me: they have defiled 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, lo, thus have they done in the midst of my house. 40 And furthermore ye have sent for men that come from far, unto whom a messenger was sent, and, lo, they came; for whom thou didst wash thyself, paint thine eyes, and deck thyself with ornaments, and sit upon a stately bed, with a table prepared before it, whereupon thou didst set mine in-

cense and mine oil. 42 And the voice of a multitude being at ease was with her; and with men of the common sort were brought drunkards from the wilderness; and they put bracelets upon the hands of them two, and beautiful crowns upon their heads.

43 Then said I of her that was old in adulteries, Now will they play the harlot with her, and she with them. 44 And they went in unto her, as they go in unto a harlot: so went they in unto Oholah and unto Oholibah, the lewd women. 45 And righteous men, they shall judge them with the judgment of adulteresses, and with the judgment of women that shed blood; because they are adulteresses, and blood is in their hands. 46 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will bring up a company against them, and will give them to be tossed to and fro and robbed. 47 And the company shall stone them with stones, and despatch them 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 out of the land, that all women may be taught not to do after your lewdness. 49 And they shall recompense your lewdness upon you, and ye shall bear the sins of your idols; and ye shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.

24 Again, in the ninth year, in the tenth month, in the tenth day of the month, the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, write thee the name of the day, even of this selfsame day: the king of Babylon drew close unto Jerusalem this selfsame day. 3 And utter a parable unto the rebellious house, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Set on the caldron, set it on, and also pour water into it: 4 gather the pieces thereof into it, even every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it with the choice bones. 5 Take the choice of the flock, and also a pile of wood for the bones under the caldron; make it boil well; yes, let the bones thereof be boiled in the midst of it.

6 Wherefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe to the city of blood, to the caldron whose rust is therein, and whose rust is not gone out of it! take out of it piece after piece; no lot is fallen 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 may cause wrath to come up to take vengeance, I have set her blood upon the bare rock, that it should not be covered. 9 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe to the city of blood! I also will make the pile great. 10 Heap on the wood, make the fire hot, boil well the flesh, and make thick the broth, and let the bones be burned. 11 Then set it empty upon the coals thereof, that it may be hot, and the copper thereof may burn, and that the filthiness of it may be molten in it, that the rust of it may be consumed. 12 She hath wearied herself with toil; yet her great rust goeth not forth out of her; her rust 210goeth not forth by fire. 13 In thy filthiness is lewdness: because I have cleansed thee and thou wast not cleansed, thou shalt not be cleansed from thy filthiness any more, till I have caused my wrath toward

200 Or, wheels.
201 Or, in derision too much to endure.
202 Or perhaps, Holy And so in many places.
203 Or, to come from far.
204 Or, said I, She that is old will commit adulteries,
205 Hb. her whoredoms,
206 Or, even with her.
207 Hb. it;
208 Or, scum (both times)
209 Or, me
210 Or, is in the fire.
211 Or, For thy filthy lewdness, because I etc.
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...Ammon a couching-place for flocks: and ye shall know that I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the children of their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee; to them went into captivity: it was made desolate; and against ary, when it was profaned; and against ... shall be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things are to us, that thou doest so? Then I said unto them, The word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your power, the desire of your eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left behind shall fall by the sword, And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover your lips, nor eat the bread of men. ... for the remnant of the sea coast.

And her daughters that were the lifting up of their soul to destroy with perpetual enmity; and against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken unto me; I shall be replenished, and I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall be remembered among the nations: But Tyre hath said against Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken; she is laid waste: therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from east; it shall come to pass, when Moab is escaped, that he is judged among the nations: and I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first day of the month, that the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, Son of man, set thy face toward the children of Ammon, and prophesy against them: Therefore, prophesy, and say unto the children of Ammon, Hear the word of the Lord Jehovah: Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, Because thou saidst, Aha, against my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and against the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and against the house of Judah, when they went into captivity: therefore, behold, I will deliver thee to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set their encampments in thee, and make their dwellings in thee: they shall eat thy fruit, and they shall drink thy milk. And I will make Rabbah a stable for camels, and the children of Ammon a couching-place for flocks: and ye shall know that I am Jehovah. For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast clapped thy hands, and stamped with the feet, and rejoiced with all the despite of thy soul against the land of Israel; therefore, behold, I have stretched out my hand upon thee, and will deliver thee for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the peoples, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries: I will destroy thee; and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah.

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because that Moab and Seir do say, Behold, the house of Judah is like unto all the nations; therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities which are on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-jeshimoth, Baal-meon, and Kiriathaim, unto the children of the east, to go against the children of Ammon; and I will give them for a possession, that the children of Ammon may not be remembered among the nations: and I will execute judgments upon Moab; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

And thou, son of man, shall it not be in the day when I take from them their strength, the joy of their eyes, and that which your soul pitieth; their sons and their daughters; that in that day he that escapeth shall come unto thee, to cause thee to hear it with thine ears? In that day shall thy mouth be opened, to him that is escaped, and thou shalt speak, and be no more dumb: so shalt thou be a sign unto them; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

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against thee, and cast up a mound against thee, and raise up the buckler against thee. 9 And he shall set his battering engines against thy walls, and with his 224 axes he shall break down thy towers. 10 By reason of the abundance of his horses their dust shall cover thee: thy walls shall shake at the noise of the horseman, and of the 225 wagons, and of the chariots, when he shall enter into thy gates, as men enter into a city wherein is made a breach. 11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets; he shall slay thy people with the sword; and the 226 pillars of thy strength shall go down to the ground. 12 And they shall make a spoil of thy riches, and make a prey of thy merchandise; and they shall break down thy walls, and destroy thy pleasant houses; and they shall lay thy stones and thy timber and thy dust in the midst of the waters. 13 And I will cause the noise of thy songs to cease; and the sound of thy harps shall be no more heard. 14 And I will make thee a bare rock; thou shalt be a place for the spreading of nets; thou shalt be built no more: for I Jehovah have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah.

15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to Tyre: Shalt not the isles shake at the sound of thy fall, when the wounded groan, when the slaughter is made in the midst of thee? 16 Then all the princes of the sea shall come down from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and strip off their brocaded garments: they shall clothe themselves with trembling; they shall sit upon the ground, and shall tremble every moment, and be astonished at thee. 17 And they shall take up a lamentation over thee, and say to thee, How art thou destroyed, that wast inhabited 227 by seafaring men, the renowned city, that was strong in the sea, she and her inhabitants, that caused their terror to be on all that dwelt there! 18 Now shall the isles tremble in the day of thy fall; yes, the isles that are in the sea shall be dismayed at thy departure.

19 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: When I shall make thee a desolate city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I shall bring up the deep upon thee, and the great waters shall cover thee; 20 then will I bring thee down with them that descend into the pit, to the people of old time, and will make thee to dwell in the nether parts of the earth, 228 in the places that are desolate of old, with them that go down to the pit, that thou be not inhabited; 229 and I will set glory in the land of the living: 21 I will make thee 231 a terror, and thou shalt no more have any being; though thou be sought for, yet shalt thou never be found again, saith the Lord Jehovah.

27 The word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, take up a lamentation over Tyre; and say unto Tyre, O thou that dwellest at the 232 entry of the sea, that art the merchant of the peoples unto many isles, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou, O Tyre, hast said, I am perfect in beauty. 4 Thy borders are in the heart of the seas; thy builders have perfected thy beauty. 5 They have made all thy planks of fir-trees from Senir; they have taken a cedars from Lebanon to make a mast for thee. 6 Of the oaks of Bashan have they made thine oars; they have made thy benches of ivory inlaid in boxwood, from the islands of Kittim. 7 Of fine linen with brodered work from Egypt was thy sail, that it might be to thee for an ensign; blue and purple from the isles of Elishah was thine awning. 8 The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad were thy rowers: thy wise men, O Tyre, were in thee, they were thy pilots. 9 The old men of Gebal and the wise men thereof were in thee thy calkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in thee to deal in thy merchandise. 10 Persia and Lud and Put were in thine army, thy men of war: they hanged the shield and helmet in thee; they set forth thy splendor. 11 The men of Arvad with thine army were upon thy walls round about, and valorous men were in thy towers; they hanged their shields upon thy walls round about; they have perfected thy beauty.

12 Tarshish was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches; 237 with silver, iron, tin, and lead, they traded for thy wares. 13 Javan, Tubal, and Meshech, they were thy traffickers: they traded the souls of man and vessels of copper for thy merchandise. 14 They of the house of Togarmah traded for thy wares with horses and war-horses and mules. 15 The children of Dedan were thy traffickers; many isles were the mart of thy hand: they brought thee in exchange horns of ivory and ebony. 16 Syria was thy merchant by reason of the multitude of thy handiworks: they traded for thy wares with 240 emeralds, purple, and brodered work, and fine linen, and coral, and rubies. 17 Judah, and the land of Israel, they were thy traffickers; they traded for thy merchandise wheat of Minnith, and 241 pannag, and honey, and oil, and balm. 18 Damascus was thy merchant for the multitude of thy handiworks, by reason of the multitude of all kinds of riches, with the wine of Helbon, and white wool. 19 Vedan and Javan traded with thy wares: bright iron, cassia, and calamus, were among thy merchandise. 20 Dedan was thy trafficker in precious cloths for riding. 21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, they were the merchants of thy hand; in
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244 Or, bales.
245 That is, ocean-going vessels such as the Celts made.
246 Or, exchangers.
247 Or, and in all thy company.
248 Or, waves.
249 Or, a destruction, Hb. terrors.
250 Tir (Thrace) colonized Tyre, Rome, and Carthage; they were ethnically one people.

25 Hb. heart.
252 Or, power, And twice in vs. 7.
253 Or, profane.
254 Or, profaneth thee.
255 Or, measure, or, pattern.
256 Or, ruby.
257 Or, carbuncle, and the emerald, and gold.
258 Or, a destruction, Hb. terrors.

lambs, and rams, and goats, in these were they thy merchants. 22 The traffickers of Sheba and Raamah, they were thy traffickers; they trafficked for thy wares with the chief of all spices, and with all precious stones, and gold. 23 Haran and Canneh and Eden, the traffickers of Sheba, Asshur and Kilmad, were thy traffickers. 24 These were thy traffickers in choice wares, in \textit{244}wrappings of blue and brodered work, and in chests of rich apparel, bound with cords and made of cedar, among thy merchandise. 25 The \textit{245}ships of Tarshish were thy caravans for thy merchandise: and thou wast replenished, and made very glorious in the heart of the seas.

26 Thy rowers have brought thee into great waters: the east wind hath broken thee in the heart of the seas. 27 Thy riches, and thy wares, thy merchandise, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy calkers, and \textit{246}dealers in thy merchandise, and all thy men of war, that are in thee, 28 with all thy company which is in the midst of thee, shall fall into the heart of the seas in the day of thy ruin. 29 All that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the pilots of the sea, shall come down from their ships; they shall stand upon the land, and shall cause their voice to be heard over thee, and shall cry bitterly, and shall cast up dust upon their heads, they shall wallow themselves in the ashes: 30 and they shall make themselves bald for thee, and gird them with sackcloth, and they shall weep for thee in bitterness of soul with bitter mourning.

31 In the day of thy ruin, they shall cast thee to ash, and thou shalt be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor a hurting thorn of any people, with all they that are round about thee; it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ash and to dust. 32 At the sound of thy wares went forth out of the seas, thou filledst many peoples; thou didst enrich the kings of the earth with the multitude of thy riches and of thy merchandise. 33 In the time that thou wast broken by the seas in the depths of the waters, thy merchandise and all thy company did fall in the midst of thee. 34 All the inhabitants of the isles are astonished at thee, and their kings are horribly afraid; they are troubled in their countenance. 35 The merchants among the peoples hiss at thee; thou art become \textit{249}a terror, and thou shalt nevermore have any being.

The word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, say unto the prince of \textit{250}Tyre, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thy heart is lifted up, and thou hast said, I am a god, I sit in the seat of God, in the \textit{251}midst of the seas; 3 yet thou art man, and not God, though thou didst set thy heart as the heart of God; – 4 behold, thou art wiser than Daniel; there is no secret that is hidden from thee; 5 by thy wisdom and by thine understanding thou hast gotten thee \textit{252}riches, and hast got gold and silver into thy treasures; 6 by thy great wisdom and by thy traffic hast thou increased thy riches, and thy heart is lifted up because of thy riches; – therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because thou hast set thy heart as the heart of God, 7 therefore, behold, I will bring strangers upon thee, the terrible of the nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall \textit{253}defile thy brightness. 8 They shall bring thee down to the pit; and thou shalt die the death of them that are slain, in the heart of the seas. 9 Wilt thou yet say before him that slayeth thee, I am God? but thou art man, and not God, in the hand of him that \textit{254}woundeth thee. 10 Thou shalt die the death of the uncleaned by the hand of strangers: for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah.

11 Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 12 Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Thou sealest up the \textit{255}sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 Thou wast in Eden, the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the \textit{256}sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the \textit{257}emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was in thee; in the day that thou wast created they were prepared. 14 Thou wast the anointed cherub that covereth: and I set thee, so that thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. 15 Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till unrighteousness was found in thee. 16 By the abundance of thy traffic they filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore have I cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God; and I have destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire. 17 Thy heart was lifted up because of thy beauty; thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I have cast thee to the ground; I have laid thee before kings, that they may behold thee. 18 By the multitude of thine iniquities, in the unrighteousness of thy traffic, thou hast profaned thy sanctuary; therefore have I brought forth a fire from the midst of thee; it hath devoured thee, and I have turned thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. 19 All they that know thee among the peoples shall be astonished at thee: thou art become \textit{258}a terror, and thou shalt nevermore have any being.

20 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 21 Son of man, set thy face toward Sidon, and prophesy against it, 22 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Sidon; and I will be glorified in the midst of thee; and they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I shall have executed judgments in her, and shall be sanctified in her. 23 For I will send pestilence into her, and blood into her streets; and the wounded shall \textit{259}fall in the midst of her, with the sword upon her on every side; and they shall know that I am Jehovah. 24 And there shall be no more a pricking brier unto the house of Israel, nor a hurting thorn of any that are round about them, that did despite unto them; and they shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.
25 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: When I shall have gathered the house of Israel from the peoples among whom they are scattered, and shall be sanctified in them in the sight of the nations, then shall they dwell in their own land which I gave to my servant Jacob. 26 And they shall dwell securely therein; yes, they shall build houses, and plant vineyards, and shall dwell securely, when I have executed judgments upon all those that do them despite round about them; and they shall know that I am Jehovah their God.

29 In the tenth year, in the tenth month, in the twelfth day of the month, the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt; 3 speak, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great monster that lieth in the midst of his rivers, that hath said, My river is mine own, and I have made it for myself. 4 And I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will cause the fish of thy rivers to stick unto thy scales; and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy rivers, with all the fish of thy rivers which stick unto thy scales. 5 And I will cast thee forth into the wilderness, thee and all the fish of thy rivers: thou shalt fall upon the open field; thou shalt be at a standstill.

8 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and will cut off from thee man and beast. 9 And the land of Egypt shall be a desolation and a waste; and they shall know that I am Jehovah. Because he hath said, The river is mine own, and I have made it; 10 therefore, behold, I am against thee, and against thy rivers, and I will make the land of Egypt an utter waste and desolation, 260 from the tower of Seveneh even unto the border of Ethiopia. 11 No foot of man shall pass through it, nor foot of beast shall pass through it, neither shall it be inhabited forty years. 12 And I will make the land of Egypt a desolation in the midst of the countries that are desolate; and her cities among the cities that are laid waste shall be a desolation forty years; and I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and will disperse them through the countries.

13 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: At the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the peoples whither they were scattered; 14 and I will 268 bring back the captivity of Egypt, and will cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the land of their birth; and they shall be there a base kingdom. 15 It shall be the basest of the kingdoms; neither shall it any more lift itself up above the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. 16 And it shall be no more the confidence of the house of Israel, bringing iniquity to remembrance, when they turn to look after them: and they shall know that I am the Lord Jehovah.

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 Jehovah came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyre: every head was made bald, and every shoulder was worn; yet had he no wages, nor his army, from Tyre, for the service that he had served against it. 19 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall carry off her multitude, and take her spoil, and take her prey; and it shall be the wages for his army. 20 I have given him the land of Egypt 270 as his recompense for which he served, because they wrought for me, saith the Lord Jehovah.

21 In that day will I cause a horn to bud forth unto the house of Israel, and I will give thee the opening of the mouth in the midst of them; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

30 The word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Wail ye, Alas for the day! 3 For the day is near, even the day of Jehovah is near; it shall be a day of clouds, a time of the nations. 4 And a sword shall come upon Egypt, and anguish shall be in Ethiopia, when the slain shall fall in Egypt; and they shall take away her multitude, and her foundations shall be broken down. 5 Ethiopia, and Put, and Lud, and all the mingled people, and Kub, and the children of the land that is in league, shall fall with them by the sword.

6 Thus saith Jehovah: They also that uphold Egypt shall fall; and the pride of her power shall come down: 273 from the tower of Seveneh shall they fall in it by the sword, saith the Lord Jehovah. 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 wasted. 8 And they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have set a fire in Egypt, and all her helpers are destroyed. 9 In that day shall messengers go forth from before me in ships to make the careless Ethiopians afraid; and there shall be anguish upon them, as in the day of Egypt: for, lo, it cometh.

259 Or, be judged in the midst of her,
260 Hb. the face of the field;
261 Or, by the handle, Hb9th Aram., Vg. read, with the hand,
262 So Hb9t. Aram. reads, shake. See Ps 69:23.
263 Or, from Migdol to Aswan and even unto etc.
264 Hb. Cush. (everywhere properly, Kush)
265 One historical text reads, the 37th year, Nebuchad-rezzar, king of Babylon [mar]ched against Egypt to deliver a battle. [Am]asis (Ahmose II), of Egypt, [called up his a]rm[y] ... ANET, p. 308.
266 Or, return to the captivity of Egypt,
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10 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will also make the multitude of Egypt to cease, by the hand of Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon. 11 He and his people with him, the terribles of the nations, shall be brought in 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 rivers dry, and will sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate, and all that is therein, by the hand of strangers: I, Jehovah, have spoken it.

13 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause the images to cease from Memphis; and there shall be no more a prince from 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 a fire in Zaan, and will execute judgments upon No. 15 And I will pour my wrath upon Sin, the stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. 16 And I will set a fire in Egypt: Sin shall be in great anguish, and No shall be broken up; and Memphis shall have adversaries in the daytime. 17 The young men of Aven and of Pi-beseth shall fall by the sword; and these cities shall go into captivity. 18 At Tehaphnehes also the day shall withdraw itself, when I shall break there the yokes of Egypt, and Memphis shall fall by the sword; and these saries and No shall be broken up; and Memphis shall have adversaries in the daytime. 19 Thus will I execute judgments upon Egypt; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

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 Jehovah came unto me, saying, 21 Son of man, I have broken the arm of Pharaoh king of Egypt; and, lo, it hath not been bound up, to apply healing medicines, to put a bandage to bind it, that it be strong to hold the sword. 22 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against Pharaoh king of Egypt, and will break his arms, the strong arm, and that which was broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of 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 the arms of Pharaoh, and he shall groan before him with the groanings of a deadly wounded man. 25 And I will hold up the arms of the king of Babylon; and the arms of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I shall put my sword into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall stretch it out upon the land of Egypt. 26 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the third month, in the first day of the month, that the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, say unto Pharaoh king of Egypt, and to his multitude: Whom art thou like in thy greatness? 3 Behold, the Assyrian was a cedar in Lebanon with fair branches, and with a forest-like shade, and of high stature; and its top was among the thick boughs.

4 The waters nourished it, the deep made it to grow: the rivers thereof ran round about its plantation; and it sent out its channels unto all the trees of the field. 5 Therefore its stature was exalted above all the trees of the field; and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long by reason of many waters, when it shot them forth. 6 All the birds of the heavens made their nests in its boughs; and under its branches did all the beasts of the field bring 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 many waters. 8 The cedars in the garden of God could not hide it; the fir-trees were not like its boughs, and the plane-trees were not as its branches; nor was any tree in the garden of God like unto it in its beauty. 9 I made it fair by the multitude of its branches, that all the trees of Eden, that were in the garden of God, envied it.

10 Therefore thus said the Lord Jehovah: Because thou art exalted in stature, and he hath set his top among the thick boughs, and his heart is lifted up in his height; 11 I will even deliver him into 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 strangers, the terribles of the nations, have cut him off, and have left him: upon the mountains and in all the valleys his branches are fallen, and his boughs are broken by all the watercourses of the land; and all the peoples of the earth are gone down from his shadow, and have left him. 13 Upon his ruin all the birds of the heavens shall dwell, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches; 14 to the end that none of all the trees by the waters exalt themselves in their stature, neither set their top among the thick boughs, nor that their mighty ones stand up in their height, even all that drink water: for they are all delivered unto death, to the nether parts of the earth, in the midst of the children of men, with them that go down to the pit.

15 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In the day when he went down to Sheol I caused a mourning: I covered the deep for him, and I restrained the rivers thereof; and the great waters were stayed; and I caused Lebanon to mourn for him, and all the trees of the field fainted for him. 16 I made the nations to shake at the sound of his fall, when I cast him down to Sheol with them that descend into the pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the nether parts of the earth. 17 They also went down into Sheol with him unto them that are slain by the sword; yes, they were his arm, that dwelt under his shadow in the midst of the nations.

18 To whom art thou thus like in glory and in greatness among the trees of Eden? yet shalt thou be brought down with the trees of Eden unto the nether parts of the earth: thou shalt lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that are slain by the sword. This is Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord Jehovah.

32 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, in the first day of the month, that the word of

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275 Hb. the fulness thereof, 276 Or, things of nought to cease etc.  See Ps 96:5. 277 Or, all the day. 278 So Some mss. (Hb. chashak).  Hb est, Sept., Aram., Vg. read be dark, (Hb. chásák). 279 Or, clouds. Also in vs. 10. 280 Or, great And in vs. 7. 281 Or, saith 282 Hb. to be black for him,
Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, take up a lamentation over Pharaoh king of Egypt, and say unto him, Thou wast likened unto a young lion of the nations: yet art thou as the monster in the seas; and thou didst break forth with thy rivers, and troubledst the waters with thy feet, and fouledst their rivers. 3 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I will spread out my net upon thee with a company of many peoples; and they shall bring thee up in my net. 4 And I will leave thee upon the land, I will cast thee forth upon the open field, and will cause all the birds of the heavens to settle upon thee, and I will satisfy the beasts of the whole earth with thee. 5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy height. 6 I will also water with thy blood the land wherein thou swimmest, even to the mountains; and the watercourses shall be full of thee. 7 And when I shall extinguish thee, I will cover the heavens, and make the stars thereof dark; I will cover the sun with a cloud, and the moon shall not give its light. 8 All the bright lights in heaven will I make dark over thee, and set darkness upon thy land, saith the Lord Jehovah. 9 I will also vex the hearts of many peoples, when I shall bring thy destruction among the nations, into the countries which thou hast not known. 10 Yes, I will make many peoples amazed at thee, and their kings shall be horribly afraid for thee, when I shall brandish my sword before them; and they shall tremble at every moment, every man for his own soul, in the day of thy fall.

11 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: The sword of the king of Babylon shall come upon thee. 12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy multitude to fall; the terror of the nations are they all: and they shall bring to nought the pride of Egypt, and all the multitude thereof shall be destroyed. 13 I will destroy also all the beasts thereof from beside many waters; neither shall the foot of man trouble them any more, nor the hoofs of beasts trouble them. 14 Then will I make their waters clear, and cause their rivers to run like oil, saith the Lord Jehovah. 15 When I shall make the land of Egypt desolate and waste, a land desitute of living; and I will lay thee even with the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down into the pit. 16 This is the lamentation wherewith they shall lament; the daughters of the nations shall lament therewith; over Egypt, and over all her multitude, shall they lament therewith, saith the Lord Jehovah.

17 It came to pass also in the twelfth year, in the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, wail for the multitude of Egypt, and cast them down, even her, and the daughters of the famous nations, unto the nether parts of the earth, with them that go down into the pit. 19 Whom dost thou pass in beauty? go down, and be thou laid with the uncircumcised. 20 They shall fall in the midst of them that are slain by the sword: she is delivered to the sword; draw her away and all her multitudes. 21 The strong among the mighty shall speak to him out of the midst of Sheol with them that help him: they are gone down, they lie still, even the uncircumcised, slain by the sword.

22 Asshur is there and all her company; her graves are round about her; all of them slain, fallen by the sword; 23 whose graves are set in the uttermost parts of the pit, and her company is round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who caused terror in the land of the living.

24 There is Elam and all her multitude round about her grave; all of them slain, fallen by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised into the nether parts of the earth, who caused their terror in the land of the living, and have borne their shame with them that 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 round about her; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for their terror was caused in the land of the living, and they have borne their shame with them that go down to the pit: he is put in the midst of them that are slain.

26 There is Meshech, Tubal, and all their multitude; their graves are round about them; all of them uncircumcised, slain by the sword; for they caused their terror in the land of the living. 27 And they shall not lie with the uncircumcised, that are gone down to Sheol with their weapons of war, and have laid their swords under their heads, and their iniquities are upon their bones; for they were the terror of the mighty in the land of the living. 28 But thou shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, and shalt lie with them that are slain by the sword.

29 There is Edom, her kings and all her princes, who in their might are laid with them that are slain by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, and with them that go down to the pit. 30 There are the princes of the north, all of them, and all the Sidonians, who are gone down with the slain; in the terror which they caused by their might they are put to shame; and they lie uncircumcised with them that are slain by the sword, and bear their shame with them that go down to the pit.

31 Pharaoh shall see them, and shall be comforted over all his multitude, even Pharaoh and all his army, slain by the sword, saith the Lord Jehovah. 32 For I have put his terror in the land of the living; and he shall be laid in the midst of the uncircumcised, with them that are slain by the sword, even Pharaoh and all his multitude, saith the Lord Jehovah.

33 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them, When I bring the sword upon a land, and the people of the land take a man from among them, and set him for their watchman; 3 if, when he seeth the sword come upon the land, he blow the trumpet, and warn the people; 4 then whosoever heareth the sound of the trumpet, and taketh not warning, if a sword come, and take him away, his blood shall be upon his own head. 5 He heard the sound of the trumpet, and took not warning; his blood shall be upon him; whereas if he had taken warning, he would have delivered his soul. 6 But if the watchman see the sword come, and blow not the trumpet, and the people be not warned, and a sword come,
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and take any soul from among them; he is taken away iniquity, but his blood will I require at the watchman’s hand.

7 So thou, son of man, I have set thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me. 8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked man, thou shalt surely die, and thou dost not speak to warn the wicked from his way; that wicked man shall die in his iniquity, but his blood will I require at thy hand. 9 Nevertheless, if thou warn the wicked of his way to turn from it, and he turn not from his way; he shall die in his iniquity, but thou hast delivered thy soul.

10 And thou, son of man, say unto the house of Israel: Thus ye speak, saying, Our transgressions and our sins are upon us, and we pine away in them; how then can we live? 11 Say unto them, As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked; but that the wicked turn from his way and live: turn ye, turn ye from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of Israel? 12 And thou, son of man, say unto the children of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous shall not deliver him in the day of his transgression; and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall not fall thereby in the day that he turneth from his wickedness; neither shall he that is righteous be able to live thereby in the day that he sinneth. 13 When I say to the righteous, that he shall surely live; if he trust to his righteousness, and commit iniquity, none of his righteous deeds shall be remembered; but in his iniquity that he hath committed, therein shall he die. 14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; if he turn from his sin, and do that which is lawful and right; 15 if the wicked restore the pledge, give again that which he had taken by robbery, walk in the statutes of life, committing no iniquity; he shall surely live, he shall not die. 16 None of his sins that he hath committed shall be remembered against him: he hath done that which is lawful and right; he shall surely live.

17 Yet the children of thy people say, The way of Jehovah is not just: but as for them, their way is not just. 18 When the righteous turneth from his righteousness, and committeth iniquity, he shall even die therein. 19 And when the wicked turneth from his wickedness, and doeth that which is lawful and right, he shall live thereby. 20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not just. O house of Israel, I will judge you every one after his ways.

21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year of our captivity, in the tenth month, in the fifth day of the month, that one that had escaped out of Jerusalem came unto me, saying, The city is smitten. 22 Now the hand of Jehovah had been upon me in the evening, before he that was escaped came; and he had opened my mouth, until he came to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened, and I was no more dumb.

23 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 24 Son of man, they that inhabit those waste places in the land of Israel speak, saying, Abraham was one, and he was to possess the land: but we are many; the land is given us for possession. 25 Wherefore say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Ye eat with the blood, and lift up your eyes unto your idols, and shed blood: and shall ye possess the land? 26 Ye stand upon your sword, ye work abomination, and ye defile every one his neighbor’s wife: and shall ye possess the land? 27 Thus shalt thou say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: As I live, surely they that are in the waste places shall fall by the sword; and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts to be devoured; and they that are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die of the pestilence. 28 And I will make the land a desolation and an astonishment; and the pride of her power shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, so that none shall pass through. 29 Then shall they know that I am Jehovah, when I have made the land a desolation and an astonishment, because of all their abominations which they have committed.

30 And as for thee, son of man, the children of thy people talk of thee by the walls and in the doors of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saying, Come, I pray you, and hear what is the word that cometh forth from Jehovah. 31 And they come unto thee as the people cometh, and they sit before thee as my people, and they hear thy words, but do them not; for with their mouth they show much love, but their heart goeth after their gain. 32 And, lo, thou art unto them as a very lovely song of one that hath a pleasant voice, and can play well on an instrument; for they hear thy words, but they do them not. 33 And when this cometh to pass, (behold, it cometh,) then shall they know that a prophet hath been among them.

34 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the shepherds of Israel, prophesy, and say unto them, even to the shepherds, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Woe unto the shepherds of Israel that do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the sheep? 3 Ye eat the fat, and ye clothe you with the wool, ye kill the fatlings; but ye feed not the sheep. 4 The diseased have ye not strengthened, neither have ye healed that which was sick, neither have ye brought back that which was driven away, neither have ye sought that which was lost; but with force and with rigor have ye ruled over them. 5 And they were scattered, because there was no shepherd; and they became food to all the beasts of the field, and were scattered. 6 My sheep wandered through all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yes, my sheep were scattered upon all the face of the earth; and there was none that did search or seek after them.

7 Therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah: 8 As I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, surely forasmuch as my sheep became a prey, and my sheep became food to all the beasts of the field, because there was no shepherd, neither did my shepherds search for my sheep, but the shepherds fed themselves, and fed not my sheep; 9 therefore, ye shepherds, hear the word of Jehovah: 10 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against the shepherds; and I will require my sheep at their hand, and cause them to cease from feeding the sheep; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more; and I will deliver my sheep from their mouth, that they may not be food for them.

11 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I myself, even I, will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. 12 As a shepherd seeketh out his flock in the day that he is among his
sheep that are scattered abroad, so will I seek out my sheep; and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered in the cloudy and dark day. 13 And I will bring them out from the peoples, and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited places of the country. 14 I will feed them with good pasture; and upon the mountains of the height of Israel shall their fold be: there shall they lie down in a good fold; and on fat pasture shall they feed upon the mountains of Israel. 15 I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will cause them to lie down, saith the Lord Jehovah. 16 I will seek that which was lost, and will bring back that which was driven away, and will bind up that which was broken, and will strengthen that which was sick: but the fat and the strong I will destroy; I will feed them in justice.

17 And as for you, O my flock, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I judge between sheep and sheep, the rams and the he-goats. 18 Seemeth it a small thing unto you to have fed upon the good pasture, but ye must tread down with your feet the residue of your pasture? and to have drunk of the clear waters, but ye must foul the residue with your feet? 19 And as for my sheep, they eat that which ye have trodden with your feet, and they drink that which ye have fouled with your feet.

20 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah unto them: Behold, I, even I, will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. 21 Because ye thrust with side and with shoulder, and push all the diseased with your horns, till ye have scattered them abroad; 22 therefore will I save my flock, and they shall no more be a prey; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. 23 And I will set up one shepherd over them, and he shall feed them, even my servant David; he shall feed them, and he shall be their shepherd. 24 And I, Jehovah, will be their God, and my servant David prince among them; I, Jehovah, have spoken it.

25 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, and will cause evil beasts to cease out of the land; and they shall dwell securely in the wilderness, and sleep in the woods. 26 And I will make them and the places round about my hill a blessing; and I will cause the shower to come down in its season; there shall be showers of blessing. 27 And the tree of the field shall yield its fruit, and the earth shall yield its increase, and they shall be secure in their land; and they shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have broken the bars of their yoke, and have delivered them out of the hand of those that made bondmen of them. 28 And they shall no more be a prey to the nations, neither shall the beasts of the earth devour them; but they shall dwell securely, and none shall make them afraid. 29 And I will raise up unto them a plantation for renown, and they shall be no more consumed with famine in the land, neither bear the shame of the nations any more. 30 And they shall know that I, Jehovah, their God am with them, and that they, the house of Israel, are my people, saith the Lord Jehovah. 31 And ye my sheep, the sheep of my pasture, are men, and I am your God, saith the Lord Jehovah.

Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against mount Seir, and prophesy against it, 3 and say unto it, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O mount Seir, and I will stretch out my hand against thee, and I will make thee a desolation and an astonishment. 4 I will lay thy cities waste, and thou shalt be desolate; and thou shalt know that I am Jehovah. 5 Because thou hast had a perpetual enmity, and hast given over the children of Israel to the power of the sword in the time of their calamity, in the time of the iniquity of the end; 6 therefore, as I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I will prepare thee unto blood, and blood shall pursue thee: since thou hast not hated blood, therefore blood shall pursue thee. 7 Thus will I make mount Seir an astonishment and a desolation; and I will cut off from it him that passeth through and him that returneth. 8 And I will fill its mountains with its slay: in thy hills and in thy valleys and in all thy watercourses shall they fall that are slain with the sword. 9 I will make thee a perpetual desolation, and thy cities shall not be inhabited; and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.

10 Because thou hast said, These two nations shall be mine, and we will possess it, whereas Jehovah was there: 11 therefore, as I live, saith the Lord Jehovah, I will do according to thine anger, and according to thine envy which thou hast showed out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I shall judge thee. 12 And thou shalt know that I, Jehovah, have heard all thy revilings which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given us to devour. 13 And ye have magnified yourselves against me with your mouth, and have multiplied your words against me: I have heard it. 14 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: When the whole earth rejoiceth, I will make thee desolate. 15 As thou didst rejoice over the inheritance of the house of Israel, because it was desolate, so will I do unto thee: thou shalt be desolate, O mount Seir, and all Edom, even all of it; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

And thou, son of man, prophesy unto the mountains of Israel, and say, Ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of Jehovah. 2 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because the enemy hath said against you, Aha! and, The ancient high places are ours in possession; 3 therefore prophesy, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because, even because they have made you desolate, and swallowed you up on every side, that ye might be a possession unto the residue of the nations, and ye are taken up in the lips of talkers, and the evil report of the people: 4 therefore, ye mountains of Israel, hear the word of the Lord Jehovah: Thus saith the Lord Jehovah to the mountains and to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, to the desolate wastes and to the cities that are forsaken, which are become a prey and derision to the residue of the nations that are round about; 5 therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Surely in the fire of my jealousy have I spoken against the residue of the nations, and against all Edom, that have appointed my land unto

301 Hb. the day of cloud and thick darkness.
302 Or, plant.
303 Hb. taken away with famine in the land.
304 Or, punishment.
305 So Hbr, Sept., Aram., Vg. Hbr mag reads return; 306 Or, though.
307 Or, according as I shall judge thee.
308 Or, that I am Jehovah; I have heard etc.
309 Or, It is laid desolate.
themselves for a possession with the joy of all their heart, with
despite of soul, to cast it out for a prey. 6 Therefore prophesy
concerning the land of Israel, and say unto the mountains and
to the hills, to the watercourses and to the valleys, Thus saith
the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I have spoken in my jealousy and
in my wrath, because ye have borne the shame of the nations: 7
therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: I have sworn, saying,
Surely the nations that are round about you, they shall bear
their shame.

8 But ye, O mountains of Israel, ye shall shoot forth your
branches, and yield your fruit to my people Israel; for they are
at hand to come. 9 For, behold, I am for you, and I will turn
unto you, and ye shall be tilled and sown; 10 and I will
multiply men upon you, all the house of Israel, even all of it;
and the cities shall be inhabited, and the waste places shall be
built; 11 and I will multiply upon you man and beast; and
they shall increase and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be
inhabited after your former estate, and will do better unto you
than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I am Jehovah.
12 Yes, I will cause men to walk upon you, even my people
Israel; and they shall possess thee, and thou shalt be their
inheritance, and thou shalt no more henceforth bereave them
of children. 13 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Because they say
unto you, Thou land art a devourer of men, and hast been a
bereaver of thy nation any more, saith the Lord Jehovah; 14
therefore thou shalt devour men no more, neither 312
bereave thy nation any more, saith the Lord Jehovah; 15
neither will I let thee hear any more the shame of the nations,
neither shalt thou bear the reproach of the peoples any more,
neither shalt thou cause thy nation to stumble any more, saith
the Lord Jehovah.

16 Moreover the word of Jehovah came unto 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
before me was as the uncleanness of a woman in her impurity.
18 Wherefore I poured out my wrath upon them for the blood
which they had poured out upon the land, and because they
had defiled it with their idols; 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 unto the nations, whither they
went, they profaned my holy name; in that men said of them,
These are the people of Jehovah, and are gone forth out of his
land. 21 But I had regard for my holy name, which the house
of Israel had profaned among the nations, whither they went.

22 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, Thus saith the
Lord Jehovah: 314 I do not this for your sake, O house of Israel,
but for my holy name, which ye have profaned among the
nations, whither ye went. 23 And I will hallow my great name,
which hath been profaned among the nations, which ye have
profaned in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that
I am Jehovah, saith the Lord Jehovah, when I shall be hallowed
in you before 315 their eyes. 24 For I will take you from
among the nations, and gather you out of all the countries,
and will bring you into your own land. 25 And I will sprinkle
clean water upon you, and ye 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 within you; and
I will take away the stony heart out of your flesh, and I will
give you a heart of flesh. 27 And I will put my Spirit within
you, and cause you to walk in my statutes, and ye shall keep
mine ordinances, and do them. 28 And ye shall dwell in the
land that I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be my people,
and I will be your God. 29 And I will save you from all your
uncleanliness: and I will call for the grain, and will multiply
it, and lay no famine upon you. 30 And I will multiply the fruit
of the tree, and the increase of the field, that ye may receive
no more the reproach of famine among the nations. 31 Then
shall ye remember your evil ways, and your doings that were
not good; and ye shall loathe yourselves in your own sight for
your iniquities and for your abominations.

32 Not for your sake 316 do I this, saith the Lord Jehovah,
be it known unto you: be ashamed and confounded for your
ways, O house of Israel. 33 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In
the day that I cleanse you from all your iniquities, I will cause
the cities to be inhabited, and the waste places shall be build-
ed. 34 And the land that was desolate shall be tilled, whereas
it was a desolation in the sight of all that passed by. 35 And
they shall say, This land that was desolate is become like the
garden of Eden; and the waste and desolate and ruined cities
are fortified and inhabited. 36 Then the nations that are left
round about you shall know that I, Jehovah, have builded the
ruined places and planted that which was desolate: I, Jehovah,
have spoken it, and I will do it.

37 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: For this, moreover, will I
be inquired of by the house of Israel, to do it for them: I will
increase them with men like a flock. 38 As a flock of holy
things, as a flock of Jerusalem in her appointed feasts, so shall
the waste cities be filled with flocks of men; and they shall
know that I am Jehovah.

37 The hand of Jehovah was upon me, and he brought me
out in the Spirit of Jehovah, and set me down in the
midst of the valley; and it was full of bones. 2 And he caused me
to pass by them round about: and, behold, there were very
many 317 in the open valley; and, lo, they were very dry. 3 And
he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live? And I
answered, O Lord Jehovah, thou knowest. 4 Again he said
unto me, Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them, O ye
dry bones, hear the word of Jehovah. 5 Thus saith the Lord
Jehovah unto these bones: Behold, I will cause 318 breath to
enter into you, and ye 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 ye shall live; and ye shall
know that I am Jehovah.

7 So I prophesied as I was commanded: and as I
prophesied, there was a noise, and, behold, an earthquake; and the
bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I beheld, and,
lo, there were sinews upon them, and flesh came up, and skin
covered them above; but there was no breath in them. 9 Then
said he unto me, Prophesy unto the wind, prophesy, son

310 Hb. lifted up my hand,
311 So Hbº versions. Hbéd reads nations Also in vs. 14
312 So Hbº versions. Hbedm reads cause to stumble
313 Or, proclaim against thee the shame of the nations,
314 Or, I work not for your sake,
315 So Massoretic Aram., Vg. Some mss. read, your
316 Or, do I work,
317 Hb. upon the face of the valley;
318 Or, spirit or, wind And in vs. 6.
319 Or, spirit or, breath (both times) Hb. ruach

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of man, and say to the wind, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live. 10 So I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army.

11 Then he said unto me, Son of man, these bones are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are clean cut off.

12 Therefore prophesy, and say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will open your graves, and cause you to come up out of your graves, O my people; and I will bring you into the land of Israel. 13 And ye shall know that I am Jehovah, when I have opened your graves, and caused you to come up out of your graves, O my people. 14 And I will put my Spirit in you, and ye shall live, and I will place you in your own land: and ye shall know that I, Jehovah, have spoken it and performed it, saith Jehovah.

15 The word of Jehovah came again unto me, saying, 16 And thou, son of man, take thee one stick, and write upon it, For Judah, and for the children 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 for thee one to another into one stick, that they may become one in thy hand. 18 And when the children of thy people shall speak unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not show us what thou meanest by these? 19 say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph, which is in the hand of Ephraim, and the tribes of Israel his companions; and I will put them with it, even with the stick of Judah, and make them one stick, and they shall be one in my hand. 20 And the sticks whereon thou writest shall be in thy hand before their eyes. 21 And say unto them, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are 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, neither shall they be divided into two kingdoms any more at all; 23 neither 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 out of all their dwelling-places, wherein they have sinned, and will cleanse them: so shall they be my people, and I will be their God.

24 And my servant David shall be king over them; and they all shall have one shepherd: they shall also walk in mine ordinances, and observe my statutes, and do them. 25 And they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto Jacob my servant, wherein your fathers dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their children, and their children’s children, for ever: and David my servant shall be their prince for ever. 26 Moreover I will make a covenant of peace with them; and I will set my sanctuary in the midst of them for evermore. 27 My tabernacle also shall be over them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 28 And the nations shall know that I am Jehovah that sanctifieth Israel, when my sanctuary shall be in the midst of them for evermore.

38 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face toward Gog, of the land of Magog, the chief prince of Meshech and Tubal, and prophesy against him, 3 and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 4 and I will turn thee about, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thine army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in full armor, a great company with buckler and shield, all of them handling swords; 5 Persia, Cush, and Put with them, all of them with shield and helmet; 6omer, and all his hordes; the house of Togarmah in the uttermost parts of the north, and all his hordes; even many peoples with thee.

7 Be thou prepared, yes, prepare thyself, thou, and all thy companies that are assembled unto thee, and be thou a guard unto them. 8 After many days thou shalt be visited: in the latter years thou shalt come into the land that is brought back from the sword, that is gathered out of many peoples, upon the mountains of Israel, which have been a continual waste; but it is brought forth out of the peoples, and they shall dwell securely, all of them. 9 And thou shalt ascend, thou shalt come like a storm, thou shalt be like a cloud to cover the land, thou, and all thy hordes, and many peoples with thee.

10 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: It shall come to pass in that day, that things shall come into thy mind, and thou shalt devise an evil device: 11 and thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell securely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor double gates; 12 to take the spoil and to take the prey; to turn thy hand against the waste places that are now inhabited, and against the people that are gathered out of the nations, that have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the earth. 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of Tarshish, with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take the spoil? hast thou assembled thy company to take the prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take great spoil?

14 Therefore, son of man, prophesy, and say unto Gog, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In that day when my people Israel dwelleth securely, shalt thou not know it? 15 And thou shalt come from thy place out of the uttermost parts of the north, thou, and many peoples with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great company and a mighty army; 16 and thou shalt come up against my people Israel, as a cloud to cover the

320 Or, wind, or, spirit And in vs. 10.
321 Or, breath or, wind
322 Or, of
323 Or, together with him unto (or, to be) the stick of Judah,
324 So Massoretic Aram. Sept., Vg. (with a slight change in Hb. text) read from all their backslidings (or, lawlessnesses)
325 Or, give it them,
326 Lit. part of the Holy And in vs. 28. Hb. miqdash
327 For identity of many of these nations, see Ge 10.
328 Or, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal, And in vs. 3.
329 Or, a commander
330 Or, restored from the sword,
331 Or, an open country;
332 Hb. navel See Jg 9:37.
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land: it shall come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring thee against my land, that the nations may know me, when I shall be sanctified in thee, O Gog, before their eyes.

17 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Art thou he of whom I spake in old time by my servants the prophets of Israel, that prophesied in those days for many years that I would bring thee against them? 18 And it shall come to pass in that day, when Gog shall come against the land of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah, that my wrath shall come up into my nostrils. 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 so that the fishes of the sea, and the birds of the heavens, and the beasts of the field, and all creeping things that creep upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, shall shake at my presence, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the deep places shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. 21 And I will call for a sword against him unto all my mountains, saith the Lord Jehovah: every man’s sword shall be against his brother. 22 And with pestilence and with blood will I enter into judgment with him; and I will rain upon him, and upon his hordes, and upon the many peoples that are with him, an overflowing shower, and great hailstones, fire, and brimstone. 23 And I will magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and I will make myself known in the eyes of many nations; and they shall know that I am Jehovah.

39 And thou, son of man, prophesy against Gog, and say, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Behold, I am against thee, O Gog, 333 chief prince of Meshech and Tubal: 2 and I will turn thee about, and will lead thee on, and will cause thee to come up from the uttermost parts of the north; and I will bring thee upon the mountains of Israel; 3 and I will smite thy bow out of thy left hand, and will cause thine arrows to fall out of thy right hand. 4 Thou shalt fall upon the mountains of Israel, thou, and all thy hordes, and the peoples that are with thee: I will give thee unto the ravenous birds of every sort, and to the beasts of the field to be devoured. 5 Thou shalt fall upon the open field; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Jehovah. 6 And I will send a fire on Magog, and on them that dwell securely in the islands; and they shall know that I am Jehovah. 7 And my holy name will I make known in the midst of my people Israel; neither will I suffer my holy name to be profaned any more: and the nations shall know that I am Jehovah, the Holy One in Israel. 8 Behold, it cometh, and it shall be done, saith the Lord Jehovah; this is the day whereof I have spoken. 9 And they that dwell in the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall make fires of the weapons and burn them, 335 both the shields and the bucklers, the bows and the arrows, and the handstaves, and the spears, and they shall make fires of them seven years; 10 so that they shall take no wood out of the field, neither cut down any out of the forests; for they shall make fires of the weapons; and they shall plunder those that plundered them, and rob those that robbed them, saith the Lord Jehovah.

11 And it shall come to pass in that day, that I will give unto Gog a place for burial in Israel, the valley of them that pass through, 336 on the east of the sea; and it shall stop them that pass through: and there shall they bury Gog and all his multitude; and they shall call it The valley of Hamon-gog. 12 And seven months shall the house of Israel be burying them, that they may cleanse the land. 13 Yes, all the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be to them a renown in the day that I shall be glorified, saith the Lord Jehovah. 14 And they shall set apart men of continual employment, that shall pass through the land, and, with them that pass through, those that bury them that remain upon the face of the land, to cleanse it: after the end of seven months shall they search. 15 And they that pass through the land shall pass through; and when any seeth a man’s bone, then shall he 338 set up a sign by it, till the burners have buried it in the valley of Hamon-gog. 16 And Hamonah shall also be the name of a city. Thus shall they cleanse the land.

17 And thou, son of man, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Speak unto the birds of every sort, and to every beast of the field, Assemble yourselves, and come; gather yourselves on every side to my sacrifice that I do sacrifice for you, even a great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye may eat flesh and drink blood. 18 Ye 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 bullocks, all of them fallings of Bashan. 19 And ye shall eat fat till ye be full, and drink blood till ye be drunken, of my sacrifice which I have sacrificed for you. 20 And ye shall be filled at my table with horses and chariots, with mighty men, and with all men of war, saith the Lord Jehovah.

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 So the house of Israel shall know that I am Jehovah their God, from that day and forward. 23 And the nations shall know that the house of Israel went into captivity for their iniquity; because they trespassed against me, and I hid my face from them: so I gave them into the hand of their adversaries, and they fell all of them by the sword. 24 According to their uncleanness and according to their transgressions did I unto them; and I hid my face from them.

25 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah: Now will I bring back the captivity of Jacob, and have mercy upon the whole house of Israel; and I will be jealous for my holy name. 26 And they shall 340 bear their shame, and all their trespasses whereby they have trespassed against me, when they shall dwell securely in their land, and none shall make 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 And they shall know that I am Jehovah their God, in that I caused them to go into captivity among the nations, and have gathered them unto their own land; and I will leave none of them any more there; 29 neither will I hide my face any more from them; for I have poured out my Spirit upon the house of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah.

333 Or, prince of Rosh, Meshech, and Tubal: 334 Or, coastlands; 335 Modern military technology uses many flammable organic materials, for light weight and to minimize radar reflectance. 336 Or, in front of the sea; 337 That is, The multitude of Gog. And in vs. 15. 338 Hb. build a sign by it; 339 That is, Multitude 340 Hb reads diminish or perhaps, forget
And he led me toward the south; and, behold, a gate toward the south: and he measured the posts thereof and the arches thereof according to these measures. And there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about, like those windows: the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits. And there were seven steps to go up to it, and the arches thereof were before them; and it had palm-trees, one on this side, and another on that side, upon the posts thereof. And there was a gate to the inner court toward the south: and he measured from gate to gate toward the south a hundred cubits.

Then he brought me to the inner court by the south gate: and he measured the gate according to these measures; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows in it and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits broad. And there were arches round about, twenty-five cubits long, and five cubits broad. And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm-trees were upon the posts thereof: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

And he brought me into the inner court toward the east: and he measured the gate according to these measures; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof, according to these measures: and there were windows therein and in the arches thereof round about; it was fifty cubits long, and twenty-five cubits broad. And the arches thereof were toward the outer court; and palm-trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

And he brought me to the north gate: and he measured it according to these measures; and the posts thereof and the arches thereof: and there were windows therein round about; the length was fifty cubits, and the breadth twenty-five cubits. And the posts thereof were toward the outer court; and palm-trees were upon the posts thereof, on this side, and on that side: and the ascent to it had eight steps.

And a chamber with the door thereof was by the posts at the gates; there they washed the burnt-offering. And in the porch of the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables on that side, to slay thereon the burnt-offering and the
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sin-offering and the trespass-offering. 40 And on the one side without, 350 as one goeth up to the entry of the gate toward the north, were two tables; and on the other side, which belonged to the porch 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, whereupon they slew the sacrifices. 42 And there were four tables for the burnt-offering, of hewn stone, a cubit and a half long, and a cubit and a half broad, and one cubit high; whereupon they laid the instruments wherewith they slew the burnt-offering and the sacrifice. 43 And the 351 hooks, a handbreadth long, were fastened 352 within round about: and upon the tables was the flesh of the oblation.

44 353 And without the inner gate were chambers for the singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the north gate; and their prospect was toward the south; one at the side of the east gate having the prospect toward the north. 45 And he said unto me, This chamber, whose prospect is toward the south, is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the house; and the chamber whose prospect is toward the north is for the priests, the keepers of the charge of the altar: these are the sons of Zadok, who from among the sons of Levi come near to Jehovah to minister unto him. 47 And he measured the court, a hundred cubits long, and a hundred cubits broad, foursquare; and the altar was before the house.

48 Then he brought me to the porch of the house, and measured each post of the porch, five cubits on this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three cubits on that side. 49 The length of the porch was twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits; 354 even 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.

50 And he brought me to the temple, and measured the posts, six cubits broad on the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, which was the breadth of the 356 tent.

2 And the breadth of the entrance was ten cubits; and the sides of the entrance were five cubits on the one side, and five cubits on the other side: and he measured the length thereof, forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits. 3 Then went he inward, and measured each post of the entrance, two cubits; and the entrance, six cubits; and the breadth of the entrance, seven cubits. 4 And he measured the length thereof, twenty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits, before the temple: and he said unto me, This is the Most Holy.

5 Then he measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the breadth of every side-chamber, four cubits, round about the house on every side. 6 And the side-chambers were in three stories, one over another, and thirty in order; and they entered into the wall which belonged to the house for the side-chambers round about, that they might have hold therein, and not have hold in the wall of the house. 7 357 And the side-chambers were broader as they encompassed the house higher and higher; and for the encompassing of the house went higher and higher round about the house: therefore the breadth of the house continued upward; and so one went up from the lowest chamber to the highest by the middle chamber. 8 I saw also 358 that the house had a raised basement round about: the foundations of the side-chambers were a full reed 360 of six great cubits. 9 The thickness of the wall, which was for the side-chambers, on the outside, was five cubits: and that which was left was the place of the side-chambers that belonged to the house. 10 And between the chambers was a breadth of twenty cubits round about the house on every side. 11 And the doors of the side-chambers were toward the place that was left, one door toward the north, and another door toward the south: and the breadth of the place that was left was five cubits round about.

12 And the building that was before the separate place at the side toward the west was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of the building was five cubits thick round about, and the length thereof ninety cubits. 13 So he measured the house, a hundred cubits long; and the separate place, and the building, with the walls thereof, a hundred cubits long; also the breadth of the face of the house, and of the separate place toward the east, a hundred cubits.

15 And he measured the length of the building before the separate place which was at the back thereof, and the galleries thereof on the one side and on the other side, a hundred cubits; and the inner temple, and the porches of the court; the thresholds, and the closed windows, and the galleries round about on their three stories, over against the threshold, ceiled with wood round about, and from the ground up to the windows, (now the windows were covered,) to the space above the door, even unto the inner house, and without, and by all the wall round about within and without, 361 by measure.

18 And it was made with cherubim and palm-trees; and a palm-tree was between cherub and cherub, and every cherub had two faces; 19 so that there was the face of a man toward the palm-tree on the one side, and the face of a young lion toward the palm-tree on the other side: thus was it made through all the house round about. 20 From the ground unto above the door were cherubim and palm-trees made.

21 And as for the wall of the temple, the door-posts were squared; and as for the face of the Holy, the appearance thereof was 363 as the appearance of the temple. 22 The altar was of wood, three cubits high, and the length thereof two cubits; and

350 Or, at the stairs of the entry
351 Aram., Vg. read ledges,
352 Or, in the building:
353 Sept. reads And he brought me into the inner court; and, behold, two chambers in the inner court, one behind the gate that looketh toward the north, having its prospect toward the south, and one at the side of the gate toward the south, but looking toward the north.
354 Sept. reads and by ten steps they went up to it:
355 Or possibly, tabernacle. See Ex 26:22-25.
356 Hb. shoulders
357 Or, and there was an enlarging, and a winding about still upward to the side-chambers; for the winding about of the house went still upward round about the house:
358 Or, that the house was high round about:
359 Hb. height round about:
360 Or, of six cubits to the joining.
361 Hb. measures.
362 So 11 Hb. mss., Sept., Aram., Vg. Massoretic has an extra word in extraordinary points (indicating doubtful), reading, Thus was the wall of the temple. 21 As for the temple, the doorposts were squared; 23 Or, as the former appearance.
Then he brought me forth into the outer court, the way toward the north: and he brought me into the chamber that was over against the separate place, and which was over against the building toward the north. 2 Before the length of a hundred cubits was the north door, and the breadth was fifty cubits. 3 Over against the twenty cubits which belonged to the inner court, and over against the pavement which belonged to the outer court, was gallery against gallery in the third story. 4 And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits’ breadth inward, a way of one cubit; and their doors were toward the north. 5 Now 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, and they had not pillars as the pillars of the courts: therefore the uppermost was straitened more than the lowest and the middlemost from the ground. 7 And the wall that was without by the side of the chambers, toward the outer court before the chambers, that length thereof was fifty cubits. 8 For the length of the chambers that were in the outer court was fifty cubits: and, lo, before the temple were a hundred cubits. 9 And from under these chambers was the entry on the east side, as one goeth into them from the outer court.

In the thickness of the wall of the court toward the east, before the separate place, and before the building, there were chambers. 11 And the way before them was like the appearance of the way of the chambers which were toward the north; according to their length so was their breadth: and all their egresses were both according to their fashions, and according to their doors. 12 And according to the doors of the chambers that were toward the south was a door at the head of the way, even the way directly before the wall toward the east, as one entereth into them.

Then said he unto me, The north chambers and the south chambers, which are before the separate place, they are the holy chambers, where the priests that are near unto Jehovah shall eat the most holy things; there shall they lay the most holy things, and the meal-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; for the place is holy. 14 When the priests enter in, then shall they not go out of the Holy into the outer court, but there they shall lay their garments wherein they minister; for they are holy: and they shall put on other garments, and shall approach to that which pertaineth to the people.

Now when he had made an end of measuring the inner house, he brought me forth by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east, and measured it round about. 16 He measured on the east side with the measuring reed five hundred reeds, with the measuring reed round about. 17 He measured on the north side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed round about. 18 He measured on the south side five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 19 He turned about to the west side, and measured five hundred reeds with the measuring reed. 20 He measured it on the four sides: it had a wall round about, the length five hundred, and the breadth five hundred, to make a separation between that which was holy and that which was common.

Afterward he brought me to the gate, even the gate that looketh toward 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 shined with his glory. 3 And it was according to the appearance of the vision which I saw, even according to the vision that I saw when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I saw by the river Kehar; and I fell upon my face. 4 And the glory of Jehovah came into the house by the way of the gate whose prospect is toward the east. 5 And the Spirit took me up, and brought me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house.

And I heard one speaking unto me out of the house; and a man stood by me. 7 And he said unto me, Son of man, this is the place of my throne, and the place of the soles of my feet, where I will dwell in the midst of the children of Israel for ever; and the house of Israel shall no more defile my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their whoredoms, and by the dead bodies of their kings in their high places; in their setting of their threshold by my threshold, and their door-post beside my door-post, and there was but the wall between me and them; and they have defiled my holy name by their abominations which they have committed: wherefore I have consumed them in mine anger. 9 Now let them put away their whoredoms, and the dead bodies of their kings, far from me; and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever.

Thou, son of man, show 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 be ashamed of all that they have done, make known unto them the form of the house, and the fashion thereof, and the egresses thereof, and the entrances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and all the forms thereof, and all the laws thereof; and write it in their sight; that they may keep the whole form thereof, and all the ordinances thereof, and do them. 12 This is the law of the house: upon the top of the mountain the whole limit thereof round about shall be most holy. Behold, this is the law of the house.
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13 And these are the measures of the altar by cubits: (this cubit is a cubit and a handbreadth:) the 374 bottom shall be a cubit, and the breadth a cubit, and the breadth of the edge thereof round about a span; and this shall be the 375 base of the altar. 14 And from the bottom 376 upon the ground to the lower ledge shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser ledge to the greater ledge shall be four cubits, and the breadth a cubit. 15 And the 377 upper altar shall be four cubits; and from the 378 altar hearth and upward there shall be four horns. 16 And the altar hearth shall be twelve cubits long by twelve broad, square in the four sides thereof. 17 And the ledge shall be fourteen cubits long by fourteen broad in the four sides thereof: and the border about it shall be half a cubit; and the bottom thereof shall be a cubit round about; and the steps thereof shall look toward the east.

18 And he said unto me, Son of man, thus saith the Lord Jehovah: These are the ordinances of the altar in the day when they shall make it, to offer burnt-offerings thereon, and to sprinkle blood thereon. 19 Thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that are of the seed of Zadok, who are near unto me, to minister unto me, saith the Lord Jehovah, a young bullock for a sin-offering. 20 And thou shalt take of the blood thereof, and put it on the four horns of it, and on the four corners of the ledge, and upon the border round about: thus shalt thou cleanse it and make atonement for it. 21 Thou shalt also take the bullock of the sin-offering, and it shall be burnt in the appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary. 22 And on the second day thou shalt offer a he-goat without blemish for a sin-offering; and they shall cleanse the altar, as they did cleanse it with the bullock. 23 When thou hast made an end of cleansing it, thou shalt offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. 24 And thou shalt bring them near before Jehovah, and the priests shall cast salt upon them, and they shall offer them up for a burnt-offering unto Jehovah. 25 Seven days shalt thou prepare every day a goat for a sin-offering: they shall also prepare a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish. 26 Seven days shall they make atonement for the altar and purify it; so shall they 379 consecrate it. 27 And when they have accomplished the days, it shall be that upon the eighth day, and forward, the priests shall make your burnt-offerings upon the altar, and your peace-offerings; and I will accept you, saith the Lord Jehovah.

Then he brought me back by the way of the outer gate of the sanctuary, which looketh toward the east; and it was shut. 2 And Jehovah saith unto me, This gate shall be shut; it shall not be opened, neither shall any man enter in by it; for Jehovah, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it; therefore it shall be shut. 3 As for the prince, he shall sit therein as prince to eat bread before Jehovah; he shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate, and shall go out by the way of the same. 4 Then he brought me by the way of the north gate before the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of Jehovah filled the house of Jehovah: and I fell upon my face. 5 And Jehovah said unto me, Son of man, 380 mark well, and behold with thine eyes, and hear with thine ears all that I say unto thee concerning all the ordinances of the house of Jehovah, and all the laws thereof; and mark well the entrance of the house, with every egress of the sanctuary. 6 And thou shalt say to the rebellious, even to the house of Israel, Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: O ye house of Israel, let it suffice you of all your abominations, 7 in that ye have brought in sons of a foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to profane it, even my house, when ye offer my bread, the fat and the blood, and they have broken my covenant, 382 to add unto all your abominations. 8 And ye have not kept the charge of my holy things; but ye have set keepers of my charge in my sanctuary for yourselves.

9 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah, No son of a foreigner, uncircumcised in heart and uncircumcised in flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of any son of a foreigner that is among the children of Israel. 10 But the Levites that went far from me, when Israel went astray, that went astray from me after their idols, they shall 383 bear their iniquity. 11 Yet they shall be ministers in my sanctuary, having oversight at the gates of the house, and ministering in the house: they shall slay the burnt-offering and the sacrifice for the people, and they shall stand before them to minister unto them. 12 Because they ministered unto them before their idols, and became a stumbling-block of iniquity unto the house of Israel; therefore have I lifted up my hand against them, saith the Lord Jehovah, and they shall bear their iniquity. 13 And they shall not come near unto me, to execute the office of priest unto me, nor to come near to any of my holy things, unto the things that are most holy; but they shall bear their shame, and their abominations which they have committed. 14 Yet will I make them keepers of the charge of the house, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein. 15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when the children of Israel went astray from me, they shall come near to me to minister unto me; and they shall stand before me to offer unto me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord Jehovah: 16 they shall enter into my sanctuary, and they shall come near to my table, to minister unto me, and they shall keep my charge. 17 And it shall be 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 my sanctuary, for all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done therein.

374 Or, hollow  Hb. bosom
375 Hb. back
376 Or, at
377 Hb. Harel shall be
378 Hb. Ariel Also in vs. 16. See Is 8:19.
379 Hb. fill the hands thereof. See Ex 29:24.
380 Hb. set thy heart upon it,
381 Or, in all your abominations.
382 A specific expression. Similar in vss. 12, 13; Lv 16:21-22
383 Or, in the house.

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when they enter into the inner court. 22 Neither shall they take for their wives a widow, nor her that is put away; but they shall take virgins of the seed of the house of Israel, or a widow that 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 shall stand to judge; according to mine ordinances shall they judge it: and they shall keep my laws and my statutes in all my appointed feasts; and they shall sanctify my sabbaths. 25 And they shall go in to no dead person to defile themselves; but for father, or for mother, or for son, or for daughter, for brother, or for sister that had no husband, they may defile themselves. 26 And after he is cleansed, they shall reckon unto him seven days. 27 And in the day that he goeth into the Holy, into the inner court, to minister in the Holy, he shall offer his sin-offering, saith the Lord Jehovah.

28 And they shall have an inheritance: I am their inheritance; and ye shall give them no possession in Israel; I am their possession. 29 They shall eat the meal-offering, and the sin-offering, and the trespass-offering; and every devoted thing in Israel shall be theirs. 30 And the first of all the firstfruits of every thing, and every 386 oblation of every thing, of all your oblations, shall be for the priests: ye shall also give unto the priest the first of your 385 dough, to cause a blessing to rest on thy house. 31 The priests shall not eat of any thing that dieth of itself, or is torn, whether it be bird or beast.

45 Moreover, when ye shall divide by lot the land for inheritance, ye shall offer an oblation unto Jehovah, 388 a holy portion of the land; the length shall be the length of twenty-five thousand reeds, and the breadth shall be thirty thousand: it shall be holy in all the border thereof round about. 2 Of this there shall be for the Holy five hundred long, side by side with the oblation of the holy in Israel shall be theirs. 3 And the border of the land shall be five thousand broad, and twenty-five thousand long, side by side with the oblation of the holy: and ye shall give unto the prince that ye shall offer: 390 the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of wheaten-meal, and a homer of barley; and ye shall give the sixth part of an ephah from a homer of barley; and the set portion of oil, of the bath of oil, of the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, which is ten baths, even a homer; (for ten baths are a homer;) 15 and one lamb of 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 make atonement for them, saith the Lord Jehovah. 16 All the people of the land shall give unto this oblation for the prince in Israel. 17 And it shall be the prince’s part to give the burnt-offerings, and the meal-offering, and the drink-offering in the feasts, and on the new moons, and on 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 make atonement for the house of Israel.

18 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: In the first month, in the first day of the month, thou shalt take a young bullock without blemish; and thou shalt 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 altar, and upon the posts of the gate of the inner court. 20 And so thou shalt do on the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that is simple: so shall ye make atonement for the house.

21 In the first month, in the fourteenth day of the month, ye 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 bullock for a sin-offering. 23 And the prince shall prepare a burnt-offering to Jehovah, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish daily the seven days; and a he-goat daily for a sin-offering. 24 And he shall prepare a meal-offering, an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 25 In the seventh month, in the fifteenth day of the month, in the feast, shall he do the like the seven days; according to the sin-offering, according to the burnt-offering, and according to the meal-offering, and according to the oil.

46 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall be shut the six working days; but on the sabbath day it shall be opened, and on the day of the new moon it shall be opened. 2 And the

384 Or, heave-offering
385 Or, coarse meal,
386 Hb. holiness of the land;
387 Sept. reads twenty thousand:
388 Or, open space thereof
389 Sept. reads cities to dwell in.
390 Or, As touching the land, it shall be to him etc.
391 Hb. expulsions or perhaps, evictions
392 1 ephah (dry) = 22 litre = 1 bath (liquid) = 6 hin.
393 Hb. shall be for this oblation
394 The seven-day Feast of Tabernacles. See Lv 23:34.
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prince shall enter by the way of the porch of the gate without, and shall stand by the post of the gate; and the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, and he shall worship at the threshold of the gate: then he shall go forth; but the gate shall not be shut until the evening. 3 And the people of the land shall worship at the door of that gate before Jehovah on the sabbaths and on the new moons. 4 And the burnt-offering that the prince shall offer unto Jehovah shall be on the sabbath day six lambs without blemish and a ram without blemish; 5 and the meal-offering shall be an ephah for the ram, and the meal-offering for the lambs as he is 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 bullock without blemish, and six lambs, and a ram; they shall be without blemish: 7 and he shall prepare a meal-offering, an ephah for the bullock, and an ephah for the ram, and for the lambs according as he is able, and a hin of oil to an ephah.

8 And when the prince shall enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the gate, and he shall go forth by the way thereof.

9 But when the people of the land shall come before Jehovah in the appointed feasts, he that entereth by the way of the north gate to worship shall go forth by the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by the way of the south gate shall go forth by the way of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of the gate whereby he came in, but shall go forth straight before him. 10 And the prince, when they go in, shall go in in the midst of them; and when they go forth, they shall go forth together. 11 And in the feasts and in the solemnities the meal-offering shall be an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram, and for the lambs as he is able to give, and a hin of oil to an ephah. 12 And when the prince shall prepare a free-will-offering, a burnt-offering or peace-offerings as a free-will-offering unto Jehovah, one shall open for him the gate that looketh toward the east; and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offerings, as he doth on the sabbath day: then he shall go forth; and after his going forth one shall shut the gate.

13 And thou shalt prepare a lamb a year old without blemish for a burnt-offering unto Jehovah daily: morning by morning shalt thou prepare it. 14 And thou shalt prepare a meal-offering with it morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and the third part of a hin of oil, to moisten the fine flour; a meal-offering unto Jehovah continually by a perpetual ordinance. 15 Thus shall they prepare the lamb, and the meal-offering, and the oil, morning by morning, for a continual burnt-offering.

16 Thus said the Lord Jehovah: If the prince give a gift unto any of his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his sons; it is their possession by inheritance. 17 But if he give of his inheritance a gift to one of his servants, it shall be his to the year of liberty; then it shall return to the prince; but as for his inheritance, it shall be for his sons. 18 Moreover the prince shall not take of the people’s inheritance, to thrust them out of their possession; he shall give inheritance to his sons out of his own possession, that my people be not scattered every man from his possession.

19 Then he brought me through the entry, which was at the side of the gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a place on the hinder part westward. 20 And he said unto me, This is the place where the priests shall boil the trespass-offering and the sin-offering, and where they shall bake the meal-offering; that they bring them not forth into the outer court, to sanctify the people. 21 Then he brought me forth into 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 wall. 22 In the four corners of the court there were courts enclosed, forty cubits long and thirty broad: these four were of the same measure. 23 And there was a wall round about in them, round about the four, and boiling-places were made under the walls round about. 24 Then said he unto me, These are the boiling-houses, where the ministers of the house shall boil the sacrifice of the people.

47 And he brought me back unto the door of the house; and, behold, waters issued out from under the threshold of the house eastward; (for the forefront of the house was toward the east;) and the waters came down from under, from the right side of the house, on the south of the altar. 2 Then he brought me out by the way of the gate northward, and led me round by the way without unto the outer gate, by the way of the gate that looketh toward the east; and, behold, there ran out waters on the right side.

3 When the man went forth eastward with the line in his hand, he measured a thousand cubits, and he caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the ankles. 4 Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the knees. Again he measured a thousand, and caused me to pass through the waters, waters that were to the loins. 5 Afterward he measured a thousand; and it was a river that I could not pass through; for the waters were risen, waters to swim in, a river that could not be passed through.

6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast thou seen this? Then he brought me, and caused me to return to the bank of the river. 7 Now when I had returned, behold, upon the bank of the river were very many trees on the one side and on the other side. 8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue forth toward the eastern region, and shall go down into the Arabah; and they shall go toward the sea; into the sea shall the waters go which were made to issue forth; and the waters shall be healed. 9 And it shall come to pass, that every living soul which swarmeth, in every place whither the two rivers come, shall live; and there shall be a very great multitude of fish; for these waters are come thither, that all things may be healed and live whithersoever the river cometh. 10 And it shall come to pass, that fishes shall stand by it: from En-gedi even unto...
En-glam shall be a place for the spreading of nets; their fish shall be after their kinds, as the fish of the great sea, exceeding many. 11 But the mire places thereof, and the marshes thereof, shall not be healed; they shall be given up to salt. 12 And by the river upon the bank thereof, on this side and on that side, shall grow every tree for food, whose leaf shall not wither, neither shall the fruit thereof fail: it shall bring forth new fruit every month, because the waters thereof issue out of the sanctuary; and the fruit thereof shall be for food, and the leaf thereof for healing.

13 Thus saith the Lord Jehovah: This shall be the border, whereby ye shall divide the land for inheritance according to the twelve tribes of Israel: 406 Joseph shall have two portions. 14 And ye shall inherit it, one as well as another; for 407 I sware to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for inheritance.

15 And this shall be the border of the land: On the north side, from the great sea, by the way of Hethlon, unto the entrance of Zedad; 16 Hamath, Berothah, Sibraim, which is between the border of Damascus and the border of Hamath; 408 Hazar-hattikon, which is by the border of Hauran. 17 And the border from the sea, shall be Hazar-enan at the border of Damascus; and on the north northward is the border of Hamath. This is the north side. 18 And the east side, between Hauran and Damascas and Gilead, and the land of Israel, shall be the Jordan; from the north border unto the east sea shall ye measure. This is the east side. 19 And the south side southward shall be from Tamar as far as the waters of Meriboth-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, unto the great sea. This is the south side southward. 20 And the west side shall be the great sea, from the south border as far as over against the entrance of Hamath. This is the west side.

21 So shall ye divide this land unto you according to the tribes of Israel. 22 And it shall come to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance amongst you and to the strangers that sojourn among you, who shall beget children among you; and they shall be unto you as the home-born among the children of Israel; they shall have inheritance with you among the tribes of Israel. 23 And it shall come to pass, that in what tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye give him his inheritance, saith the Lord Jehovah.

Now these are the names of the tribes: From the north end, beside the way of Hethlon to the entrance of Hamath, Hazar-enan at the border of Damascus, nothwithstanding beside Hamath, (and they shall have their sides east and west,) Dan, one portion. 2 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, Asher, one portion. 3 And by the border of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, Naphtali, one portion. 4 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, Manasseh, one portion. 5 And by the border of Manasseh, from the east side unto the west side, Ephraim, one portion. 6 And by the border of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, Reuben, one portion. 7 And by the border of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, Judah, one portion.

8 And by the border of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the oblation which ye shall offer, twenty-five thousand reeds in breadth, and in length as one of the portions, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it. 9 The oblation that ye shall offer unto Jehovah shall be twenty-five thousand reeds in length, and ten thousand in breadth. 10 And for these, even for the priests, shall be the holy oblation; toward the north twenty-five thousand in length, and toward the west ten thousand in breadth, and toward the east ten thousand in breadth, and toward the south twenty-five thousand in length: and the sanctuary of Jehovah shall be in the midst thereof. 11 It shall be for the priests that are sanctified of the sons of Zadok, that have kept my charge, that went not astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the Levites went astray. 12 And it shall be unto them an oblation from the oblation of the land, a thing most holy, by the border of the Levites.

13 And answerable unto the border of the priests, the Levites shall have twenty-five thousand in length, and ten thousand in breadth: all the length shall be twenty-five thousand, and the breadth ten thousand. 14 And they shall sell none of it, nor exchange it, nor shall the firstfruits of the land be alienated; for it is holy unto Jehovah.

15 And the five thousand that are left in the breadth, in front of the twenty-five thousand, shall be for common use, for the city, for dwelling and for suburbs; and the city shall be in the midst thereof. 16 And these shall be the measures thereof: the north side four thousand five hundred, and the south side four thousand five hundred, and on the east side four thousand five hundred, and the west side four thousand five hundred. 17 And the city shall have suburbs: toward the north two hundred fifty, and toward the south two hundred fifty, and toward the east two hundred fifty, and toward the west two hundred fifty. 18 And the residue in the length, answerable unto the holy oblation, shall be ten thousand eastward, and ten thousand westward; and it shall be answerable unto the holy oblation; and the increase thereof shall be for food unto them that labor in the city. 19 And they that labor in the city, out of all the tribes of Israel, shall fill it. 20 All the oblation shall be twenty-five thousand by twenty-five thousand: ye shall offer the holy oblation foursquare, with the possession of the city.

21 And the residue shall be for the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation and of the possession of the city; in front of the twenty-five thousand of the oblation toward the east border, and westward in front of the twenty-five thousand toward the west border, answerable unto the portions, it shall be for the prince: and the holy oblation and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof. 22 Moreover from the possession of the Levites, and from the possession of the city, being in the midst of that which is the prince’s between the border of Judah and the border of Benjamin, it shall be for the prince.

23 And as for the rest of the tribes: from the east side unto the west side, Benjamin, one portion. 24 And by the border of Benjamin, from the east side unto the west side, Simeon, one portion. 25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Naphtali, one portion. 26 And by the border of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, Dan, one portion. 27 And by the border of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof. 28 And this shall be the inheritance of the men of Israel according to their tribes.

thing shall live whithersoever the river cometh.

405 Or, given for salt.

406 Because Joseph had saved his family, the duty of the first-born, he is given the firstborn’s double portion.

407 Hb. I lifted up my hand to give it unto your fathers:

408 Or, the middle Hazer,

409 Or, The sanctified portion shall be for the priests of the sons of Zadok,
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portion. 25 And by the border of Simeon, from the east side unto the west side, Issachar, one portion. 26 And by the border of Issachar, from the east side unto the west side, Zebulun, one portion. 27 And by the border of Zebulon, from the east side unto the west side, Gad, one portion. 28 And by the border of Gad, at the south side southward, the border shall be even from Tamar unto the waters of Meribath-kadesh, to the brook of Egypt, unto the great sea. 29 This is the land which ye shall divide by lot unto the tribes of Israel for inheritance, and these are their several portions, saith the Lord Jehovah. 30 And these are the egresses of the city: On the north side four thousand five hundred reeds by measure; 31 and the gates of the city shall be after the names of the tribes of Israel, three gates northward: the gate of Reuben, one; the gate of Judah, one; the gate of Levi, one. 32 And at the east side four thousand five hundred reeds, and three gates: even the gate of Joseph, one; the gate of Benjamin, one; the gate of Dan, one. 33 And at the south side four thousand five hundred reeds by measure, and three gates: the gate of Simeon one; the gate of Issachar, one; the gate of Zebulon, one. 34 At the west side four thousand five hundred reeds, with their three gates: the gate of Gad, one; the gate of Asher, one; the gate of Naphtali, one. 35 It shall be eighteen thousand reeds round about; and the name of the city from that day shall be, 410 Jehovah is there.

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1:1 Daniel and his Three Friends taken to Babylon
1:8 They refuse the King’s Food — 2:1 Nebuchadnezzar’s Dream

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoiakim king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And Jehovah gave Jehoiakim king of Judah into his hand, with part of the vessels of the house of God; and he carried them into the land of Shinar to the house of his god: and he brought the vessels into the treasure-house of his god. 3 And the king spake unto Ashpenaz the master of the eunuchs, that he should bring in certain of the children of Israel, even of the seed royal and of the nobles; 4 youths in whom there was no blemish, but well-favored, and skillful in all wisdom, and endued with knowledge, and understanding science, and such as had ability to stand in the king’s palace; and that he should teach them the learning and the tongue of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king appointed for them a daily portion of the king’s dainties, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at the end thereof they should stand before the king. 6 Now among these were, of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. 7 And the prince of the eunuchs gave names unto them: unto Daniel he gave the name of Bel-shazzar; and to Hananiah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to Azariah, of Abed-nego.

8 But Daniel purposed in his heart that he would not defile himself with the king’s dainties, nor with the wine which he drank: therefore he requested of the prince of the eunuchs that he might not defile himself. 9 Now God made Daniel to find kindness and compassion in the sight of the Chaldeans. And the prince appointed for them a daily portion of the king’s dainties, and of the wine which he drank, and that they should be nourished three years; that at the end thereof they should stand before the king. 10 Now among these were, of the children of Judah, Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah. 11 And the prince of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath appointed your food and your drink: for why should he see your faces worse looking than the youths that are of your own age? so would ye endanger my head with the king. 12 Then said Daniel to the steward whom the prince of the eunuchs had appointed over Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: 13 Prove thy servants, I beseech thee, ten days; and let them give us pulse to eat, and water to drink. 14 Then let our countenances be looked upon before thee, and the countenance of the youths that eat of the king’s dainties; and as thou seest, deal with thy servants.

15 So he hearkened unto them in this matter, and proved them ten days. 16 And at the end of ten days their countenances appeared fairer, and they were fatter in flesh, than all the youths that did eat of the king’s dainties. 17 So the steward took away their dainties, and the wine that they should drink, and gave them pulse.

18 Now as for these four youths, God gave them knowledge and skill in all learning and wisdom: and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. 19 And at the end of the days which the king had appointed for bringing them in, the prince of the eunuchs brought them in before Nebuchadnezzar. 20 And the king communed with them; and among them all was found none like Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah: therefore stood they before the king. 21 And in every matter of wisdom and understanding, concerning which the king inquired of them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and enchanters that were in all his realm.

22 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

8 O king, live for ever: tell thy servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation. 2 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The thing is gone from me: if ye make not known unto me the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be made a dunghill. 3 But if ye show the dream and the interpretation thereof, ye shall receive of me gifts and rewards and great honor: therefore show me the dream and the interpretation thereof. 4 They answered the second time and said, Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show the interpretation. 5 The king answered and said, I know of a certainty that ye would gain time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. 6 But if ye make not known unto me the dream, there is but one law for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can show me the interpretation thereof. 7 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the dream and the interpretation thereof. 8 There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king’s dreams. 9 In all his realm, there is none that can show the interpretation of the things which are done; and whosoever shall show the king the dream and the interpretation shall be made the head of the kingdom. 10 And the Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king’s dreams. 11 And the king answered and said, I know of a certainty that ye would gain time, because ye see the thing is gone from me. 12 But if ye make not known unto me the dream, there is but one law for you: for ye have prepared lying and corrupt words to speak before me, till the time be changed: therefore tell me the dream, and I shall know that ye can show me the interpretation thereof. 13 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon the earth that can show the king’s dreams. 14 And in all his realm, there is none that can show the interpretation of the things which are done; and whosoever shall show the king the dream and the interpretation shall be made the head of the kingdom.

15 Or, Nahu-kudurri-uzur And so elsewhere.
16 Sopherim changed this to the Lord
17 That is, Sumer
18 Hb. Hammelzar whom the prince etc.
19 Or, herbs And in vs. 16.
20 Hb. said
21 Hb. in Aramaic,
22 Ch. 2:4-7:28 is in Aramaic.

9 Or possibly, live out a full life: Similarly elsewhere.
10 Or, The word is gone forth from me:
11 Nebuchadnezzar was a military man, and his father the king had recently died; he may have felt unsure of the loyalty of his intelligentsia, lest they were holding back information of a plot against him.
12 Aram. buy the time,
13 Or, the word is gone forth from me: that if etc.
14 Or, be he never so great and powerful, hath etc.
Then Daniel returned answer with counsel and prudence to Arioch the captain of the king’s guard, who was gone forth to slay the wise men of Babylon; and he answered and said to Arioch the king’s captain, Wherefore is the decree so urgent from the king? Then Arioch made the thing known to Daniel. And Daniel went in, and desired of the king that he would appoint him a time, and he would show the king the interpretation.

Then Daniel went to his house, and made the thing known to Hananiah, Mishael, and Azariah, his companions: that they would desire mercies of the God of heaven concerning this secret; that Daniel and his companions should not perish with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. Then was the secret revealed unto Daniel in a vision of the night. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven, Daniel answered and said, Blessed be the name of God for ever and ever; for wisdom and might are his. And he changeth the times and the seasons; he removeth kings, and setteth up kings; he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to them that have understanding; he revealeth the deep and secret things; he knoweth what is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. I thank thee, and praise thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might, and hast now made known unto us what we desired of thee; for thou hast made known unto us the king’s matter.

Therefore Daniel went in unto Arioch, whom the king had appointed to destroy the wise men of Babylon; he went and thus unto him: Destroy not the wise men of Babylon; bring me in before the king, and I will show unto the king the interpretation.

Then Arioch brought in Daniel before the king in haste, and said thus unto him, I have found a man of the children of the captivity of Judah, that will make known unto the king the interpretation. The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Bel-teshazzar, Art thou able to make known unto me the dream which I have seen, and the interpretation thereof? Daniel answered before the king, and said, The secret which the king hath demanded can neither wise men, enchanters, magicians, nor soothsayers, show unto the king; but there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, and he hath made known to the king Nebuchadnezzar what shall be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the visions of thy head upon thy bed, are these: as for thee, O king, thy thoughts came into thy mind upon thy bed, what should come to pass hereafter; and he that revealeth secrets hath made known to thee what shall come to pass. But as for me, this secret is not revealed to me for any wisdom that I have more than any living, but to the intent that the interpretation may be made known to the king, and that thou mayest know the thoughts of thy heart.

Thou, O king, sawest, and, behold, a great image. This image, which was mighty, and whose brightness was excellent, stood before thee; and the aspect thereof was fearful. As for this image, its head was of fine gold, its breast and its arms of silver, its belly and its thighs of copper, its legs of iron, its feet part of iron, and part of clay. Thou savest till that a stone was cut out without hands, which smote the image upon its feet that were of the iron and clay, and brake them in pieces. Then was the iron, the clay, the copper, 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 smote the image became a great mountain, and filled the whole earth.

This is the dream; and we will tell the interpretation thereof before the king. Thou, O king, art king of kings, unto whom the God of heaven hath given the kingdom, the power, and the strength, and the glory; and wheresoever the children of men dwell, the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens hath he given into thy hand, and hath made thee to rule over them all: thou art the head of gold. And after thee shall arise another kingdom inferior to thee; and another third kingdom of copper, which shall bear rule over all the earth. And the fourth kingdom shall be strong as iron, forasmuch as iron breaketh in pieces and subdueth all things; and as iron that crusheth all these, shall it break in pieces and crush. And whereas thou sawest the feet and toes, part of potters’ clay, and part of iron, it shall be a divided kingdom; but there shall be in it of the strength of the iron, forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay. And as the toes of the feet were part of iron, and part of...
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clay, so the kingdom shall be partly strong, and partly brittle.
43 And whereas thou sawest the iron mixed with miry clay, they shall mingle themselves with the seed of men; but they shall not cleave one to another, even as iron doth not mingle with clay. 44 And in the days of those kings shall the God of heaven set up a kingdom which shall never be destroyed, nor shall the sovereignty thereof be left to another people; but it shall break in pieces and consume all these kingdoms, and it shall stand for ever. 45 Forasmuch as thou sawest that a stone was cut out of the mountain without hands, and that it brake in pieces the iron, the copper, the clay, the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made known to the king what shall come to pass hereafter: and the dream is certain, and the interpretation thereof sure.

46 Then the king Nebuchadnezzar fell upon his face, and worshipped Daniel, and commanded that they should pour out an oblation and sweet odors unto him. 47 The king answered unto Daniel, and said, Of a truth your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of kings, and a revealer of secrets, seeing thou hast been able to reveal this secret. 48 Then the king made Daniel great, and gave him many great gifts, and made him to rule over the whole province of Babylon, and to be chief governor over all the wise men of Babylon. 49 And Daniel requested of the king, and he appointed Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, over the affairs of the province of Babylon: but Daniel was in the gate of the king.

Nebuchadnezzar the king made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits, and the breadth thereof 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 deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, 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 deputies, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, the sheriffs, and all the rulers of the provinces, were gathered together unto 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 the herald cried aloud, To you it is commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands? 5 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer thee in this matter. 6 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. 7 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated. 10 And he commanded certain mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 11 Then these men were bound in their hosen, their tunics, and their mantles, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 12 Therefore because the king’s commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego. 13 And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, fell down bound into the midst of the burning fiery furnace.

Then Nebuchadnezzar the king was astonished, and rose up in haste: he spake and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They

8 Wherefore at that time certain Chaldeans came near, and brought accusation against the Jews. 9 They answered and said to Nebuchadnezzar the king, O king, live forever. 10 Thou, O king, hast made a decree, that every man that shall hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image; and whoso falileth not down and worshippeth, shall be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jews whom thou hast appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego; these men, O king, have not regarded thee: they serve not thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast 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 answered and said unto them, Is it of purpose, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, that ye serve not my gods, nor worship the golden image which I have set up? 15 Now if ye be ready that at what time ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, sackbut, psaltery, and dulcimer, and all kinds of music, ye fall down and worship the image which I have made, well: but if ye worship not, ye shall be cast the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace; and who is that god that shall deliver you out of my hands? 15 Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego answered and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer thee in this matter. 17 If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace; and he will deliver us out of thy hand, O king. 18 But if not, be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up.

19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar full of fury, and the form of his visage was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego: therefore he spake, and commanded that they should heat the furnace seven times more than it was wont to be heated. 20 And he commanded certain mighty men that were in his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then these men were bound in their hosen, their tunics, and their mantles, and their other garments, and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 Therefore because the king’s commandment was urgent, and the furnace exceeding hot, the flame of the fire slew those men that 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: he spake and said unto his counsellors, Did not we cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They

26 Or, broken.
27 Or, by the seed of men; or, as in marriage;
28 Or, the musical instruments, And so elsewhere.
29 Or, the musical instruments, And so elsewhere.
30 Or, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.
31 Or, in the gate of the king.
32 Or, chief soothsayers, And so elsewhere.
33 Or, lawyers, And so elsewhere.
34 Or, bagpipe, And so elsewhere.
35 Or, turbans.
36 Or, we are not careful to answer thee in this matter.
37 Or, Behold, our God etc. or, If our God whom we serve be able to deliver us, he will deliver us from ... and out of thy hand, O king.
38 Or, about prayers of the three Hebrews.
answered and said unto the king, True, O king. 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire, and they have no hurt; and the aspect of the fourth is like a son of the gods. 26 Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the mouth of the burning fiery furnace: he spake and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, ye servants of the Most High God, come forth, and come hither. Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego came forth out of the midst of the fire. 27 And the satraps, the deputies, and the governors, and the king’s counsellors, being gathered together, saw these men, that the fire had no power upon their bodies, nor was the hair of their head singed, neither were their hosen changed, nor had the smell of fire passed on them.

28 Nebuchadnezzar spake and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have made known unto me the interpretation; forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation; but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee. 29 Then Daniel, whose name was Bel-teshazzar, was stricken dumb for a while, and his thoughts troubled him. The king answered and said, Bel-teshazzar, let not the dream, or the interpretation, trouble thee. Bel-teshazzar answered and said, My lord, the dream is to them that hate thee, and the interpretation thereof to thine adversaries. 30 The tree that thou sawest, which grew, and was strong, whose height reached unto the heavens, and the sight thereof to all the earth; whose leaves were fair, and the fruit thereof much, and in it was food for all; under which the beasts of the field dwelt, and upon whose branches the birds of the heavens had their habitation; 31 it is thou, O king, that art grown and became strong; for thy greatness is grown, and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion to the end of the earth. 32 And whereas the king saw a watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, and saying, Hew down the tree, and destroy it; nevertheless leave the stump of its roots in the earth, even with a band of iron and copper, in the tender grass of the field; and let it be wet with the dew of the heavens; and let his portion be with the beasts of the field; till seven times pass over him; 33 this is the interpretation, O king, and it is the decree of the Most High, which is come upon my lord the king: 34 that thou shalt be driven from men, and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field, and thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen, and shalt be with the dew of the heavens, and seven times shall pass over thee; till thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of man, and giveth it to whomsoever he will, and setteth up over it the lowest of men. 35 This dream I, king Nebuchadnezzar, have seen; and thou, O Bel-teshazzar, declare the interpretation, forasmuch as all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make known unto me the interpretation; but thou art able; for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee.

41 Aram. door
42 Or, imaginations
43 Or, matter
44 Or, redeem thy sins by righteousness,
45 Or, as otherwise read, a healing of thine errors.
46 Or, in Aram. upon
Daniel 5

31 While the word was in the king's mouth, there fell a voice from heaven, saying, O king Nebuchadnezzar, to thee it is spoken: The kingdom is departed from thee: 32 and thou shalt be driven from men; and thy dwelling shall be with the beasts of the field; thou shalt be made to eat grass as oxen; and seven times shall pass over thee; until thou know that the Most High ruleth in the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he will. 33 The same hour was the thing fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar: and he was driven from men, and did eat grass as oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of the heavens, till his hair was grown like eagles' feathers, and his nails like birds' claws.

34 And at the end of the days I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted up mine eyes unto the heavens, and mine understanding returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I praised and honored him that liveth for ever; for his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom from generation to generation; 35 and all the inhabitants of the earth are reputed as nothing; and he doeth according to his will in the army of heaven, and among the inhabitants of the earth; and none can 48 stay his hand, or say unto him, What doest thou? 36 At the same time mine understanding returned unto me; and for the glory of my kingdom, my majesty and brightness returned unto me; and my counsellors and my lords sought unto me, and I was established in my kingdom, and excellent greatness was added unto me. 37 Now I, Nebuchadnezzar, praise and extol and honor the King of heaven; for all his works are truth, and his ways justice; and those that walk in pride he is able to abase.

5 Bel-shazzar the king 49 made a great feast to a thousand of his lords, and drank wine before the thousand. 2 Bel-shazzar, while he tasted the wine, commanded to bring the golden and silver vessels which Nebuchadnezzar his fore-father had taken out of the temple which was in Jerusalem; that the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, might drink thereof. 3 Then they brought the golden vessels that were taken out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the king and his lords, his wives and his concubines, drank from them. 4 They drank wine, and praised the gods of gold, and of silver, of copper, of iron, of wood, and of stone.

5 In the same hour came forth the fingers of a man's hand, and wrote over against the lampstand upon the plaster of the wall of the king's palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that wrote. 6 Then the king's 50 countenance was changed in him, and his thoughts troubled him; and the joints of his loins were loosed, and his knees smote one against another. 7 The king cried aloud to bring in the enchanters, 51 the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spake and said to the wise men of Babylon, Whosoever shall read this writing, and show me the interpretation thereof, shall be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall be the 52 third ruler in the kingdom. 8 Then came in all the king's wise men; but they could not read the writing, nor make known to the king the interpretation. 9 Then was king Bel-shazzar greatly troubled, and his countenance was changed in him, and his lords were perplexed.

10 Now the queen by reason of the words of the king and his lords came into the banquet house: the queen spake and said, O king, live for ever; let not thy thoughts trouble thee, nor let thy countenance be changed. 11 There is a man in thy kingdom, in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in the days of thy father light and understanding and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found in him; and the king Nebuchadnezzar thy father, 53 the king, I say, thy father, made him master of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and soothsayers; 12 forasmuch as an excellent spirit, and knowledge, and understanding, interpreting of dreams, and showing of dark sentences, and dissolving of doubts, were found in the same Daniel, whom the king named Bel-teshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will show the interpretation.

13 Then was Daniel brought in before the king. The king spake and said unto Daniel, Art thou that Daniel, who art of the children of the captivity of Judah, whom the king my father brought out of Judah? 14 I have heard of thee, that the spirit of the gods is in thee, and that light and understanding and excellent wisdom are found in thee. 15 And now the wise men, the enchanters, have been brought in before me, that they should read this writing, and make known unto me the interpretation thereof; but they could not show the interpretation of the thing. 16 But I have heard of thee, that thou canst give interpretations, and dissolve doubts: now if thou canst read the writing, and make known to me the interpretation thereof, thou shalt be clothed with purple, and have a chain of gold about thy neck, and shalt be the third ruler in the kingdom.

17 Then Daniel answered and said before the king, Let thy gifts be to thyself, and give thy rewards to another; nevertheless I will read the writing unto the king, and make known to him the interpretation. 18 O thou king, the Most High God gave Nebuchadnezzar thy father the kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and majesty: 19 and because of the greatness that he gave him, all the 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 spirit was hardened so that he dealt proudly, he was deposed from his kingly throne, and they took his glory 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; he was fed with grass like oxen, and his body was wet with the dew of heaven; until he knew that the Most High God ruleth in the kingdom of man, and that he setteth up over it whomsoever he will. 22 And thou his son, O Bel-shazzar, hast not humbled thy heart, though thou knewest all...
this, 23 but hast lifted up thyself against the Lord of heavens; and they have brought the vessels of his house before thee, and thou and thy lords, thy wives and thy concubines, have drunk wine from them; and thou hast praised the gods of silver and gold, of copper, iron, wood, and stone, which see not, nor hear, nor know; and the God in whose hand thy breath is, and whose are all thy ways, hast thou not glorified. 24 Then was the part of the hand sent from before him, and this writing was inscribed.

25 And this is the writing that was inscribed: 

\[55\text{MENE, MENE, TEQEL, U-PHARSIN.}\] 

This is the interpretation of the thing: \text{MENE; God hath numbered thy kingdom, and brought it to an end.} 27 \text{TEQEL; thou art weighed in the balances, and art found wanting.} 28 \text{PERES; thy kingdom is divided, and given to the Medes and Persians.}

29 Then commanded Bel-shazzar, and they clothed Daniel with purple, and put the chain of gold about his neck, and made proclamation concerning him, that he should be the third ruler in the kingdom.

30 In that night Bel-shazzar the Chaldean king was slain. 31 And Darius the Mede received the kingdom, being about sixty-two years old.

It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom a hundred twenty satraps, who should be throughout the whole kingdom; 2 and over them three presidents, of whom Daniel was one; that these satraps might give account unto them, and that the king should have no damage. 3 Then this Daniel was distinguished above the presidents and the satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king thought to set him over the whole realm.

4 Then the presidents and the satraps sought to find occasion against Daniel as touching the kingdom; but they could find no occasion nor fault, forasmuch as he was faithful, neither was there any error or fault found in him. 5 Then said these men, We shall not find any occasion against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the law of his God. 6 Then these presidents and satraps \text{7} assembled together to the king, and said thus unto him, King Darius, live for ever. 7 All the presidents of the kingdom, the deputies and the satraps, the counsellors and the governors, have consulted together \text{8} to establish a royal statute, and to make a strong interdict, that whosoever shall ask a petition of any god or man for thirty days, save of thee, O king, he shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 Now, O king, establish the interdict, and sign the writing, that it be not changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which \text{9} altereth not. 9 Wherefore king Darius signed the writing and the interdict.

10 And when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house (now 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 did aforetime. 11 Then these men assembled together, and found Daniel making petition and supplication before his God. 12 Then they came near, and spake before the king concerning the king's interdict: Hast thou not signed an interdict, that every man that shall make petition unto any god or man within thirty days, save unto thee, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions? The king answered and said, The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which altereth not. 13 Then answered they and said before the king, That Daniel, who is of the children of the captivity of Judah, regardeth not thee, O king, nor the interdict that thou hast signed, but maketh his petition three times a day. 14 Then the king, when he heard these words, was sore displeased, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to rescue him. 15 Then these men assembled together unto the king, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians, that no interdict nor statute which the king establisheth may be changed.

16 Then the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. Now the king spake and said unto Daniel, Thy God whom thou servest continually, he will deliver thee. 17 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; \text{9} that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. 18 Then the king went to his palace, and passed the night fasting; neither were \text{9} instruments of music brought before him: and his sleep fled from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning, and went in haste unto the den of lions. 20 And when he came near unto the den to Daniel, he cried with a lamentable voice; the sound thereof was heard, and he was perplexed. 21 And when he came near, he cried with a lamentable voice: the king, when he heard, was troubled about Daniel. 22 And the king commanded, and they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of lions. 23 And the lions compassed Daniel round about; and he was full of blood. 24 And when he came nearDaniel, he cried with a lamentable voice: the king, when he heard, was troubled about Daniel. 25 And Darius wrote unto all the peoples, nations, and languages, that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied unto you. 26 I make a decree, that in all the dominion of my kingdom men tremble and fear before the God of Daniel; for he is a living God, and stedfast for ever, and his kingdom that which shall not be destroyed; and his dominion shall be ever unto the end. 27 He delivereth and rescueth, and worketh signs and wonders in heaven and in earth, who hath delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

\[55\text{That is, Numbered, numbered, weighed, and divisions. See also Soncino Commentary.}\]

\[56\text{That is, Divided;}\]

\[57\text{Or, came tumultuously to (and so in vss. 11, 15).}\]

\[58\text{Or, that the king should establish a statute, and make a strong interdict,}\]

\[59\text{Aram. passeth not away. Also in verse 12.}\]

\[60\text{Or, that there might be no change of purpose}\]

\[61\text{Or, dancing girls brought before him;}\]

\[62\text{So 4QDan}^b \text{Sept., v.33. Massoretic reads the}\]
Daniel 7

So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian.

In the first year of Bel-shazzar king of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head upon his bed: then he wrote the dream and told the sum of the matters. Daniel spake and said, I saw in my vision by night, and, behold, the four winds of the heavens brake forth upon the great sea. And four great beasts came up from the sea, diverse one from another. The first was as a lion, and had eagle's wings: I beheld the wings thereof were plucked, and it was lifted up from the earth, and made to stand upon two feet as a man; and a man's heart was given to it. And, behold, another beast, a second, like to a bear; and after them there arose another beast, a third, and it had dominion over all the earth. And it had ten horns. I considered the horns, and, behold, there came up among them another horn, a little one, before which three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots: and, behold, in this horn were eyes like the eyes of a man, and a mouth speaking great things.

63 Historical Account — Some time between 555 and 550 BC Daniel saw and recorded this prophecy:

3 Wars from different directions moved the Mediterranean masses of humanity. And four great kingdoms (empires) arose from the peoples: Babylon (the southernmost), Medo-Persia (in the East; cf. ch. 8:4), Grecia (to the West; cf. ch. 8:5), and Rome (the northernmost), each different from the other. Babylon was the first and greatest of these empires, its armies both powerful and swift. But it lost its speed, was exalted, and then became wicked (or, fearful). Medo-Persia then conquered with massive armies; the Persian side was greater; and it devoured Lydia, Babylonia, and Egypt; and its slaughter was massive. Then the Grecian (Macedonian) Empire conquered powerfully and swiftly; its capitals were successively: Pella in Macedonia, Alexandria in Egypt, Antioch in Syria, and one in Thrace (cf. ch. 8:8). And then came Rome conquering by power and terror alone. The Roman Empire was different (primarily later, in the Papal phase), and out of it will ten nations (tribes) arise: Heruli, Ostrogoths, Lombards, Allemani (Germans), Anglo-Saxons, Franks, Burgundians, Visigoths, Suevi, and Vandals. And during their time the Pope began to exercise civil power in Rome, so that the Heruli, Ostrogoths, and Lombards were all dissolved into the Kingdom of Italy. The popes had great wisdom of men but boasted of higher authority.

64 Aram. saw

So Massoretic, Aram., Vg. 4QDan\(^7^\) omits this last clause, and told the sum of the matters

65 Or, as otherwise read, it raised up one dominion,

66 Or, dreadful,

Finally, Messiah and His saints will reign as kings (or, the kings of this world will be cast down) and the Eternal God

will exercise power: He is righteous and pure; His rule purifies that which is good and destroys the evil wherever it goes. Purification of good and destruction of evil go before Him: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc., serve Him, and the whole world will be judged in Messiah’s Kingdom, when the word of God (the Bible) will be openly understood by all. Messiah’s intervention is approved of God. And Messiah received dominion, glory, and a Kingdom, that all the peoples, nations, and languages should serve him: his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom that shall not be destroyed.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was grieved in the midst of my body, and the visions of my head troubled me. I came near unto one of them that stood by, and asked him the interpretation of the things. These great beasts, which are four, are four kings, that shall arise out of the earth. But the saints of the Most High shall receive the kingdom, and possess the kingdom for ever, even for ever and ever. Then I desired to know the truth concerning the fourth beast, which was diverse from all of them, exceeding fearful, whose teeth were of iron, and its nails of copper; which devoured, brake in
pieces, and stamped the residue with its feet; 20 and concerning the ten horns that were on its head, and the other horn which came up, and before which three fell, even that horn that had eyes, and a mouth that spake great things, whose look was more stout than its fellows. 21 I beheld, and the same horn made war with the saints, and prevailed against them; 22 until the ancient of days came, and judgment was given to the saints of the Most High, and the time came that the saints possessed the kingdom.

23 Thus he said, The fourth beast shall be a fourth kingdom upon the earth, which shall be diverse from all the kingdoms, and shall devour the whole earth, and shall tread it down, and break it in pieces. 24 And as for the ten horns, out of this kingdom shall ten kings arise: and another shall arise after them; and he shall be diverse from the former, and he shall put down three kings. 25 And he shall speak words against the Most High, and shall wear out the saints of the Most High; and he shall think to change the times and the law; and they shall be given into his hand until a time and times and half a time. 26 But the judgment shall be set, and they shall take away his dominion, to consume and to destroy it unto the end. 27 And the kingdom and the dominion, and the greatness of the kingdoms under the whole heavens, shall be given to the people of the saints of the Most High: his kingdom is 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 much troubled me, and my countenance was changed in me: but I kept the matter in my heart.

74 Then it was explained: Rome, the fourth beast, will add little of cultural value but will differ in the role of religion, and it will slay and oppress without mercy. 24 And in AD 476 Odoacer, becoming king of the Heruli, will slay the head of the beast by conquering Rome and terminating the West Roman Empire, and the residue will be ten Germanic nations: Heruli, Ostrogoths, Lombards, Allemanni, Anglo-Saxons, Franks, Burgundians, Visigoths, Suevi, and Vandals; and when the pope is left in control of Rome about AD 539, he will begin his rise, and it is Papal government that will be different from all other kingdoms, and the Heruli, Ostrogoths, and Lombards will be incorporated into the Rome-dominated Kingdom of Italy. 25 And Rome will blaspheme the character of God and wear down the faithful, and will attempt to establish Messiah’s Kingdom in his own way and before the time, and the faithful will be oppressed 1260 days/years, when the office of pope will be temporarily terminated (by Napoleon). 26 But God will judge, and Roman government will be dissolved, and the entire system will disintegrate in the end of the age and be utterly obliterated in the hearts of the people during Messiah’s Kingdom. 27 And the Kingdom will be given to Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc., who are under Messiah and his saints, who are under God; and after Satan’s final season the Kingdom of God will continue forever, and all peoples will serve him with a pure heart and of their own free will. 28 And there is no sequel to eternity. Much of history is dreadful, but its lessons should be taken to heart.

75 Or, thresh it,

76 So Massoretic, Sept., (Vs.) Gk. 4QDan⁸ (Aram.) read a time, two times, and half a time. Soncinco Commentary says ἡμέρα, in Aramaic means both time and year.

77 Aram. Hitherto i.e., It is the last word on the subject.

78 Aram. brightness

79 Ch. 8:1 – end is again in Hebrew.

Historical Account — 1 In Belshazzar’s 3rd year of reigning over Babylon, i.e., BC 550 April 16 to 550 April 04, Daniel received another symbolic vision of things to come. 2 In a vision I was in the capital of Elam (a province between Babylon and Persia) on the (east?) side of the Ulai River (near modern Karkheh River?).

3 I saw a ram also on the (east) side of the river representing the Medo-Persian Kingdom. The Medes were dominant until the Persian King Cyrus the Great, and thereafter the Persian emperors led Medo-Persia to new greatness. 4 Medo-Persia conquered the fabulously wealthy Kingdom of Lydia to the west in 546 BC, Babylon in the North in BC 539 October 12, and Egypt to the south in BC 525, and they conquered all opposition and built magnificent cities and palaces.

80 Or, castle, or, citadel,

81 Greek Eulaeus. An artificial canal.

82 So Massoretic, Vg. Gk. But 4QDan⁸ 4QDan⁹ Sept. read large ram

83 So Massoretic, Aram. 4QDan⁸ 4QDan⁹ Sept. read horns, horns: 4QDan⁸ 4QDan⁹ Sept. insert and eastward,

85 And then a he-goat representing Grecia (Macedonia) came from the west in BC 334 under Alexander (b. 355), and went with amazing speed over all the land of the Persian Empire. 6 And Grecia came against Medo-Persia with all its strength. 7 And Grecia destroyed both Median and Persian power and utterly destroyed their empire, and conquered everywhere it went. 8 And Grecia became a great empire. But in BC 323 Alexander suddenly died, and the empire was divided between Macedonia to the west under Cassander and then the Antigonid kings), Egypt to the south under the Ptolemies, Syria to the east under the Seleucids, and Thrace to the north (under Lysimachus and/or the later Roman emperors who ruled from Constantinople).

86 Hb. none touched the ground:
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9 And out of one of them came forth a little horn, which waxed exceeding great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land. 10 And it waxed great, even to the host of heaven; and some of the host and of the stars it cast down to the ground, and trampled upon them. 11 Yes, it magnified itself, even to the prince of the host; and it took away from him the continual burnt-offering, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. 12 And the host was given over to it together with the continual burnt-offering through transgression; and it cast down truth to the ground, and it did its pleasure and prospered. 13 Then I heard a holy one speaking; and another holy one said unto that certain one who spake, How long shall be the vision concerning the continual burnt-offering, and the transgression that maketh desolate, to give both the Holy and the host to be trodden under foot? 14 And he said unto me, Unto two thousand three hundred evening and mornings; then shall the Holy be cleansed.

15 And it came to pass, when I, even I Daniel, had seen the vision, that I sought to understand it; and, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man. 16 And I heard a man’s voice between the banks of the Ulai, which called, and said, Gabriel, make this man to understand the vision. 17 So he came near where I stood; and when he came, I was affrighted, and fell upon my face: but he said unto me, Understand, O son of man; for the vision that I sought to understand it; and, behold, there stood before me as the appearance of a man.

9

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, in the first year of his reign I, Daniel, understood by the books the number of years whereof the word of Jehovah came to Jeremiah the prophet, for the accomplishing of the desolations of Jerusalem, even seventy years.

And I set my face unto Jehovah my God, to seek by prayer and supplications, with fasting and sackcloth and ashes. And I prayed unto Jehovah my God, and made confession, and said, Oh, Jehovah, the great and awesome God, who keepeth the covenant and lovingkindness with them that

large horn is Alexander, king of Macedonia (BC 336-323), and on his death four kingdoms will dominate: (1) Macedonia (BC 323-310), (2) Egypt (310-198), (3) Syria (198-166), and (4) Thrace (predominantly after AD 330), and after the capital of the Roman Empire has been moved to Constantinople in Thrace, after much imperial unrighteousness, a power will arise in Rome, skilled in lawlessness and intrigue, and it will reign by manipulating the kings of this world, and it will corrupt terribly and succeed, and it will destroy powers of this world and destroy the people of the saints (or, destroy the peoples of the Holies?) Rome will deceive, exalt itself, destroy the unsuspecting, and oppose Messiah’s way, but the Lord will see to its destruction; and the vision of the 2300 years is sure, but it will not be understood before its time. And thinking of what was to happen made Daniel sick.

92 Hb. understanding it;
93 Or, where I had stood.
94 Hb. Javan (from which Javania, or, Ionia)
95 Or, with his power;
96 Or, corrupt (both times). And in verse 25.
97 Or, but there was none to make it understood.
98 Josephus Antiq. X. xi, 4 says, When Babylon was taken by Darius, and when he, with his kinsman [nephew] Cyrus, had put an end to the dominion of the Babylonians, he was 62 years old. He was the son of Astyages, and he had another name among the Greeks.
99 Sopherim changed to the Lord Also in verse 9.
100 Or, to seek after prayer etc.
101 Sopherim changed to Lord Also in verse 7.
love him and keep his commandments, 5 we have sinned, and have dealt perversely, and have done wickedly, and have rebelled, even turning aside from thy precepts and from thine ordinances; 6 neither have we hearkened unto thy servants the prophets, that spake in thy name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and to all the people of the land. 7 O Jehovah, righteousness belongeth unto thee, but unto us confusion of face, as at this day; to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far off, through all the countries whither thou hast driven them, because of their trespass that they have trespassed against thee. 8 O Lord, to us belongeth confusion of face, to our kings, to our princes, because we have sinned against thee. 9 To Jehovah our God belong mercies and forgiveness; 10 for we have rebelled against him; 11 neither have we obeyed the voice of Jehovah our God, to walk in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. 12 Now therefore, O our God, hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplications, and cause thy face to be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain; 13 because for our sins, and for the iniquities of our fathers, Jehovah hath turned away from thy city Jerusalem, thy holy mountain; 14 we have done wickedly, and have dealt perversely, and have not obeyed thy voice: therefore hath the curse been poured out upon us, and the oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of God; for we have sinned against him. 15 And he hath confirmed his words, which he spake against us, and against our judges that judged us, by bringing upon us a great evil; for under the whole heaven hath there been none like unto thee, save for thine great mercies, which thou hast done toward thy servants, toward thy people Israel, according to thy name from the beginning. 16 O Jehovah our God, that hast brought us forth out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and hast gotten thee renown, as at this day; we have sinned, and we have rebelled against thee. 17 Therefore hath Jehovah watched over the evil, which he spake unto us, and unto our fathers, and hath brought it upon us; for Jehovah our God brought us forth from the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, 18 and brought it upon us, and the oath that was written in the law of Moses, all this evil is come upon us: yet have we not treated the favor of Jehovah our God, that we should turn from our iniquities, and our righteousnesses, and our mercies, and our supplications before thee, for thy great mercies' sake. 19 O Jehovah, hear; O Jehovah, forgive; O Jehovah, hearken and do; defer not, for thine own sake, O my God, because thy city and thy people are called by thy 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 Jehovah my God for the holy mountain of my God; 21 yes, while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, 22 being caused to fly swiftly, touched me about the time of the evening oblation. 22 And he instructed me, and talked with me, and said, O Daniel, I am now come forth to give thee wisdom and understanding. 23 At the beginning of thy supplications the commandment went forth, and I am come to tell thee; for thou art greatly beloved: therefore consider the matter, and understand the vision.

24 Seventy weeks are decreed upon thy people and upon thy holy city, 112 to finish the transgression, and 114 to make an end of sin-offerings, and 116 to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up vision and prophecy, and to anoint 118 the Most Holy. 25 Know therefore and discern, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto 118 the anointed one, the prince, shall be 119 seven weeks, and sixty-two weeks: it shall be built again, with street and new metal work, even in troublous times. 26 And after the sixty-two weeks shall the anointed one be cut off, and 122 shall have nothing: and the people of the prince that shall come shall destroy the city and the Holy; and the end thereof shall be with a flood, and even unto the end shall be war; desolations are determined. 27 And he shall make a firm covenant with many for one week: and in the midst of the week he shall cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease; and upon the wing of abominations shall come one that maketh desolate; and even unto the full end, and that determined, shall wrath be poured out upon the desolate.

10 In the third year of Cyrus king of Persia a thing was revealed unto Daniel, whose name was called Belteshazzar; and the thing was true, even a great warfare; and he understood the thing, and had understanding of the vision. 2 In those days I, Daniel, was mourning three whole weeks. 3 I ate no pleasant bread, neither came flesh nor wine into my mouth, neither 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 125 Hiddelkel, 5 I lifted up mine eyes, and looked, and, behold, a man

102 Or, though 103 Or, deal wisely in thy truth. 104 Soferim changed to Lord. Also in verse 16, and three times in verse 19. 105 Hb. righteousnesses, 106 Soferim changed to the Lord’s 107 Hb. cause to fall our supplications before thee 108 Or, being sore wearied to fly swiftly, 109 Or, came near unto me 110 Or, made me to understand, 111 Or, very precious: Hb. precious things: 112 Or, to restrain transgression, 113 Or, transgression, 114 Massoretic text, Gk. read to seal up sins, 115 Or, sins, 116 Or, purge away iniquity, 117 Hb. prophet, 118 Or, a most holy place. 119 Hb. Messiah, 120 Or, seven weeks: and sixty-two weeks, it shall be 121 Or possibly, moat, 122 Or, there shall be none belonging to him: That is, he shall have no descendants: 123 Or, meal-offering to cease; 124 Or, upon the pinnacle of abominations shall be etc. 125 That is, Tigris.
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clothed in linen, whose loins were girded with pure gold of Uphaz: 6 his body also was like the beryl, and his face as the appearance of lightning, and his eyes as flaming torches, and his arms and his feet like unto burnished copper, and the voice of his words like the voice of a multitude. 7 And I, Daniel, alone saw the vision; for the men that were with me saw not the vision; but a great quaking fell upon them, and they fled to hide themselves. 8 So I was left alone, and saw this great vision, and there remained no strength in me; for my comeliness was turned in me into corruption, and I retained no strength. 9 Yet heard I the voice of his words; and when I heard the voice of his words, then was I fallen into a deep sleep on my face, with my face toward the ground. 10 And, behold, a hand touched me, which 126 set me upon my knees and upon the palms of my hands. 11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, thou man greatly beloved, understand the words that I speak unto thee, and stand upright; for unto thee am I sent. And when he had spoken unto me according to these words, I set my face toward the ground, and was dumb. 12 And, behold, one in the likeness of the sons of man touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by reason of the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I retain no strength. 13 For how can the servant of this my lord talk with this my lord? for as for me, straightway there remained no strength in me, neither was there breath left in me.

126 Or, set me tottering upon etc.
127 Or, was not needed there
128 Hb. Javan
129 Hb. strengthen himself with me against these,
130 Or, concerning these things,
131 Historical Account — 1 In the year BC 538 Jehovah’s angel raised up Darius the Mede (who likely reigned just one year in the province of Babylon). 2 Cyrus, Cambyses, and Darius will come to power in Persia. Then Xerxes will gain the most wealth of all, and he will gather all available nations in BC 481 for an (unsuccessful) invasion of Greece. 132 Or, all this shall stir up the realm of Greece.
133 Hb. Javan.
134 1 And some time later in BC 336 Alexander of Macedonia will arise and unite Greece behind him and will be victorious everywhere he goes. 4 But in the peak of his power Alexander will suddenly die in BC 323, and his empire will be divided up into Macedonia (and Greece) to the west, Egypt to the south, Syria-Babylonia to the east, and Thrace to the north. Alexander’s family will all be slain within 13 years, and his generals and their successors will take these parts of the empire, though with much less power.
135 5 So Ptolemy I Soter (BC 323-285) became king in Egypt, and he protected General Seleucus, and Seleucus in BC 312 retook Syria and Babylon and began reining as Seleucus I Nicator (312-281); in BC 301 he defeated Antigonus again, and after Lysimachus had conquered Macedonia and annexed it to Thrace, Seleucus conquered Lysimachus, and so Syria ruled the larger part of Alexander’s empire. (Soon north Thrace was lost, and Macedonia became the Antigonid Kingdom under Gonatas.) 136 6 And a few Syro-Egyptian wars later and many years later Ptolemy II Philadelphus (285-246, sponsor of the Septuagint?) will make a covenant with Antiochus II Theos (261-246), so that Antiochus will divorce his wife Laodice and marry Berenice, the daughter of Ptolemy II; but after Ptolemy’s death Antiochus shall visit Laodice and her children, and then Laodice shall poison Antiochus and cause also Berenice and her son and all her Egyptian attendants to be slain, and Laodice shall secure the throne of Syria for her son Seleucus II Callinicus (246-225). 137 Or, equitable conditions:
138 7 But Berenice’s brother Ptolemy III Evergetes (246-222) will come with vengeance, and will be welcomed by the city of Seleucia, and will conquer as far as Babylon; 8 And he will carry an immense spoil back to Egypt, including the idols the Persians had taken away, and he himself will attack Syria no more. 9 Then in BC 243 Seleucus II will enter into the kingdom of Egypt and will be defeated; thereafter struggles with his brother Hierax will keep him at home.
139 Or, office,
against them, and shall prevail. 8 And also their gods, with their 140 molten images, and with their goodly vessels of silver and of gold, shall he carry captive into Egypt; and he shall refrain some years from the king of the north. 9 And he shall come into the realm of the king of the south, but he shall return into his own land.

10 And his sons shall war, and shall assemble a multitude of great forces, which shall come on, and overflow, and pass through; and 141 they shall return and war, even to his fortress. 11 And the king of the south shall be moved with anger, and shall come forth and fight with him, even with the king of the north; and he shall set forth a great multitude, and the multitude shall be given into his hand. 12 And the multitude shall be carried away, and his heart shall be exalted; and he shall cast down tens of thousands, but he shall not prevail. 13 And the king of the north shall return, and shall set forth a multitude greater than the former; and he shall come on at the end of the times, even of years, with a great army and with much substance. 14 And in those times there shall many stand up against the king of the south: also the children of the law-breakers of thy people shall lift themselves up to establish the vision; but they shall fall. 15 So the king of the north shall come, and cast up a mound, and take a well-fortified city: and the forces of the south shall not stand, neither his chosen people, neither shall there be any strength to stand. 16 But he that cometh against him shall do according to his own will, and none shall stand before him; and he shall stand in the glorious land, and in his hand shall be destruction. 17 And he shall set his face to come with the strength of his whole kingdom, and with him 150 equitable conditions; and he shall perform them: and he shall give him 151 the daughter of 152 women, 153 to corrupt her; but 154 she shall not stand, neither be for him. 18 After this shall he turn his face unto the coast-lands, and shall take many: but a prince shall cause the reproach offered by him to cease; yes, moreover, he shall cause his reproach to turn upon him. 19 Then he shall turn his face toward the fortresses of his own land; but he shall stumble and fall, and shall not be found.

20 And he shall set forth a multitude greater than the former; and he shall come on, and return to Alexandria in anger he will slay himself to vice and will seek to enter into the Temple at Jerusalem, and returning to Alexandria in anger he will slay 40,000 Jews, but Egypt will be weakened; and in few days he shall be destroyed, neither in anger, nor in battle. 21 And in his place shall stand up a contemptible person, to whom they had not given the honor of the kingdom: but he shall come in time of security, and shall obtain the kingdom by flatteries. 22 And the overwhelming forces shall be overwhelmed from before him, and shall be broken; yes, also the prince of 156 the covenant. 23 And after the league made with him he shall work deceitfully; for he shall come up, and shall become strong, with a small people. 24 In time of security shall he come even upon the fattest places of the kingdom.

140 Or, against 141 Or, princes, 142 Or, continue more years than the king of the north. 143 10 And Seleucus’ sons, Seleucus III Soter (225-223) and Antiochus III Magnus (The Great, 223-187) will raise a great army; and Antiochus will retake Seleucia and conquer Judea, even to the border of Egypt; 11 And in BC 217 Ptolemy IV Philopator (222-203) will press the Fourth Syrian war at Raphia (20 miles SW of Gaza) with an army of 70,000 foot soldiers, 5,000 horsemen and 73 elephants, and will defeat 62,000 soldiers, 6,000 horsemen and 102 larger (Asian) elephants. 12 When he will take multitudes captive, he will give himself to vice and will seek to enter into the Temple at Jerusalem, and returning to Alexandria in anger he will slay 40,000 Jews, but Egypt will be weakened; 13 For Antiochus will strengthen himself and raise a still larger army and will retake Judea in BC 201 from the six-year-old king Ptolemy V Epiphanes (203-181).

144 Or, and he shall come on, 145 Or, he 146 Or, be lifted up, 147 Or, for 148 14 In the days of Ptolemy V, Antiochus, Philip V of Macedonia, and many nations will turn against Egypt; and the rebels of Judea also, but the Egyptian general Scopas will conquer them: 15 Then will Antiochus return (and defeat Scopas at Parium) and besiege him at Sidon: three elite relief forces will fail; so Scopas and his army will surrender and be humiliated, about BC 200. 16 But Antiochus will conquer at will, (and will be welcomed by the Jews,) and the battlefield will be Judea. 17 Antiochus will seek to gain Egypt by strategy and in a peace treaty will give his daughter Cleopatra I (ca. 205-174) to Ptolemy, ca. BC 194, with a dowry to have included Judea. But Cleopatra will not help her father.

[Some suggest this is Cleopatra VII, 1½ centuries later.] 149 Or, the fortified cities: 150 Lit. upright ones; 151 the daughter of women, That is, the finest example (or, most beautiful) among women, 152 So Massoretic, Vg., Qd. Vg, Sept., Aram. read men, 153 Or, to destroy it; 154 Or, it 155 18 Antiochus will capture many Mediterranean ports, but the Roman general Lucius Scipio will defeat 80,000 near Smyrna and put him twelve years to tribute in BC 189. 19 To raise the tribute he will attempt to plunder the temple of Jupiter Belus in Elymias, but he will be slain with all his attendants. 20 Then Seleucus IV Philopator (187-175) will collect the annual 1000-talents tribute for the Romans, and will send Heliodorus to rob the Temple in Jerusalem, but a few years later Heliodorus will slay him (and attempt to seize the throne).

156 Or, isles, 157 Or, captain That is, a military prince 158 Or, office And in verse 21. 159 Hb. broken, 160 21 And though Demetrius, the son of Seleucus, is the rightful heir, and Heliodorus and Ptolemy VI Philometor (181-146), son of Cleopatra I, will also seek the throne, Demetrius’ uncle Antiochus IV Epiphanes (175-164) will flatter the Pergamums and Syrians and buy off the Romans, and become king and live lasciviously; 22 And all opposition forces will be dissipated, and Jason will bribe him to take the office of high priest in Jerusalem from his brother Onias III, but in BC 171 their youngest brother Menelaus will offer a bigger bribe and thus in turn replace Jason as high priest and have Onias killed. [Those who piously refused to accept the appointment of a Gentile king became the Pharisees; the priests and wealthy minority were known as the Zadokites, or Sadducees.] 23 Antiochus will use friendship pacts for treachery and will thus obtain Judea.

24 He will be extravagant and will prefer intrigue to armed force for awhile; 161 Or, his covenant.
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province; and he shall do that which his fathers have not done, nor his fathers’ fathers; he shall scatter among them prey, and spoil, and substance: yes, he shall devise his devices against the strongholds, even 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 war in battle with an exceeding great and mighty army; but he shall not stand; for they shall devise devices against him. 26 Yes, they that eat of his dainties shall destroy him, and his army shall overflow; and many shall fall down slain. 27 And as for both these kings, their hearts shall be to do mischief, and they shall speak lies at one table: but it shall not prosper; for yet the end shall be at the time appointed.

28 Then shall he return into his land with great substance; and his heart shall be against the holy covenant; and he shall do his pleasure, and return to his own land. 29 At the time appointed he shall return, and come into the south; but it shall not be in the latter time as it was in the former. 30 For ships of Kittim shall come against him; therefore he shall be grieved, and shall return, and have indignation against the holy covenant, and shall do his pleasure: he shall even return, and have regard unto them that forsake the holy covenant. 31 And forces shall stand on his part, and they shall profane the sanctuary, even the fortress, and shall take away the continual burnt-offering, and they shall set up the abomination that maketh desolate. 32 And such as do wickedly against the covenant shall he pervert by flatteries; but the people that know their God shall be strong, and do exploits. 33 And they that are wise among the people shall instruct many; yet they shall fall by the sword and by flame, and by captivity and by spoil, many days. 34 Now when they shall fall, they shall be helped with a little help; but many shall join themselves unto them with flatteries. 35 And some of them that are wise shall fall, to refine them, and to purify, and to make them white, even to the time of the end; because 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 marvellous things against the God of gods; and he shall prosper till the indignation be accomplished; for that which is determined shall be done. 37 Neither 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 of gods; and a god whom his fathers knew not shall he honor with gold, and silver, and with precious stones and pleasant things. 39 And he shall deal with the strongest fortresses by the help of a foreign god; 40 whomsoever he shall acknowledge him will increase with glory; and he shall cause them to rule over many, and shall divide the land for a price.

And at the time of the end shall the king of the south contend with him; and the king of the north shall come against him like a whirlwind, with chariots, and with horsemen, and with many ships; and he shall enter into the coun-
tries, and shall overflow and pass through. 41 He shall enter also into the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown; but these shall be delivered out of his hand: Edom, and Moab, and the chief of the children of Amnon. 42 He shall stretch forth 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 Ethiopians shall be at his steps. 44 But tidings out of the east and out of the north shall trouble him; and he shall go forth with great fury to destroy and utterly to sweep away many. 45 And he shall plant the tents of his palace between the seas at the glorious holy mountain; yet he shall come to his end, and none shall help him.

12 177 And at that time shall Michael stand up, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people; and there shall be a time of trouble, such as never was since there was a nation even to that same time: and at that time thy people shall be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And multitudes, sleeping in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting abhorrence. 3 And they that are wise shall shine as the brightness of the sky; and they that turn the many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever. 4 But thou, O Daniel, shut up the words, and seal the book, even to the time of the end: many shall run to and fro, and knowledge shall be increased.

5 Then I, Daniel, looked, and, behold, there stood other two, the one on the brink of the river on this side, and the other on the brink of the river on that side. 6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? 7 And I heard the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the river, when he held up his right hand and his left hand unto heaven, and sware by him that liveth for ever that it shall be for a time, times, and a half; and when they have made an end of breaking in pieces the power of the holy people, all these things shall be finished. 8 And I heard, but I understood not: then said I, O my lord, what shall be the issue of these things? 9 And he said, Go thy way, Daniel; for the words are shut 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 they that are wise shall understand. 11 And from the time that the continual burnt-offering shall be taken away, and the abomination that maketh desolate set up, there shall be a thousand two hundred ninety days. 12 Blessed is he that waiteth, and cometh to the thousand three hundred thirty-five days. 13 But go thou thy way till the end be; and thou shalt rest, and shalt stand in thy lot, at the end of the days.

in the 1878 Berlin Congress of Nations to open up Palestine, and will conquer many lands, but Trans-Jordan and its capital Amman will be unaffected at this time. 42 And Britain will occupy Egypt in 1882 and many countries; 43 And they will control vast mineral and archaeological treasures; and from Egypt they will begin expanding into the Libyan desert and into Black Africa. 44 But military preparations in Germany and the other Central Powers will cause Britain to engage in World War I. 45 And in December 1917 British General Allenby will take Jerusalem, and assume mandate over Palestine, but the mighty British Empire will subsequently disintegrate and die. [Consequently, Israel was reborn 1948 May 15.]

174 Hb. push at him;
175 Hb. to devote many.
176 Or, between the seas and the glorious holy mountain;
177 1 And at the time of the end shall Messiah come with strength to bring Israel back, and then a great war will begin the greatest worldwide time of trouble since the Flood, and thereafter will He rescue His saints. 2 And the world’s dead will be awakened in His Kingdom, those who will obey will receive everlasting life and the honor that goes with it, but those who will persist in disobedience will be cut off in a second death and be abhorred. 3 And the wise saints will shine together as the Sun in the Kingdom of their Father, and Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc., will lead the multitudes back to righteousness and will each shine for ever and ever.

178 Or, who sleep in the soil of the earth
179 Or, the teachers shall shine
180 Hb. Year (both times) All four times in vss. 5-7. Elsewhere meaning the Nile.
181 That is, two times, Similarly in ch. 7:25. In Hebrew, if no number is assigned to a plural, the minimum plural is implied—hence two.
182 Or, latter end of these things
183 Or, the teachers shall understand.
184 That is, thou shalt die, and later be awakened.
Names in the Old Persian language are unfamiliar. Several of the prominent king names are given below in three languages, and the meanings in English:

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1:1 Hosea’s Wife and Children of Whoredom
1:10 Restoration of Israel and Judah

1 The word of Jehovah that came unto Hosea 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 Jehovah spake at the first by Hosea, Jehovah said unto Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of whoredom and children of whoredom; for the land doth commit great whoredom, departing from Jehovah. 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblaim; and she conceived, and bare him a son. 4 And Jehovah said unto him, Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will visit the blood of Jezreel upon the house of Jezreel, 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 bare a daughter. And Jehovah said, Call her name Lo-ruhamah; for I will no more have mercy upon the house of Israel, that I should in any wise pardon them. 7 But I will have mercy upon the house of Judah, and will save them by Jehovah their God, and will not save them by bow, nor by sword, nor by battle, by horses, nor by horsemen. 8 Now when she had weaned Lo-ruhamah, she conceived, and bare a son. 9 And Jehovah said, Call his name Lo-ammi; for I am not thy God, and will not be thy God. 10 Yet the number of the children of Israel shall be as the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass that, in the place where it was said, Ye are children of the living God, there shall be gathered together, and they shall appoint themselves one head, and shall go up from the land; for great shall be the day of Jezreel.

2 Say ye unto your brethren, Ammi; and to your sisters, Ruchamah.

2 Contend with your mother, contend; for she is not my wife, neither am I her husband; and let her put away her whoredoms from her face, and her adulteries from between her breasts; 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 thorns. 4 Yes, upon her children will I have no mercy; for they are children of whoredom; for their mother hath played the harlot; she that conceived them hath done shamefully; for she said, I will go after my lovers, that give me my bread and my water, my wool and my flax, mine oil and my drink. 6 Therefore, behold, I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and I will build a wall against her, that she shall not find her paths. 7 And she shall follow after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she shall seek them, but shall not find them: then shall she say, I will go and return to my first husband; for then was it better with me than now. 8 For she did not know that I gave her the grain, and the new wine, and the oil, and multiplied unto her silver and gold, which she used for Baal. 9 Therefore will I take back my grain in the time thereof, and my new wine in the season thereof, and will pluck away my wool and my flax which should have covered her nakedness. 10 And now will I uncover her lewdness in the sight of her lovers, and none shall deliver her out of my hand. 11 I will also cause all her mirth to cease, her feasts, her new moons, and her sabbaths, and all her solemn assemblies. 12 And I will lay waste her vines and her fig-trees, whereof she hath said, These are my hire that my lovers have given me; and I will make them a forest, and the beasts of the field shall eat them. 13 And I will visit upon her the days of the Baalim, unto which she burned incense, when she decked herself with her earrings and her jewels, and went after her lovers, and forgot me, saith Jehovah. 14 Therefore, behold, I will allure her, and bring her into the wilderness, and speak comfortably unto her. 15 And I will give her her vineyards from thence, and the valley of Trumbling for a door of hope; and she shall make answer there, as in the days of her youth, and as in the day when she came up out of Egypt. 16 And it shall be in that day, saith Jehovah, that thou shalt call me Ishi, and shalt call me no more Baal. 17 For I will take away the names of the Baalim out of her mouth, and they shall no more be mentioned by their name. 18 And in that day will I make a covenant for them with the beasts of the field, and with the birds of the heavens, and with the creeping things of the ground; and I will break the bow and the sword and the battle out of the land, and will make them to lie down safely. 19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever; yes, I will betroth thee unto me in righteousness, and in justice, and in lovingkindness, and in mercies. 20 I will even betroth thee unto me in faithfulness; and thou shalt know Jehovah.

21 And it shall come to pass in that day, I will answer, saith Jehovah, I will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the
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earth; 22 and the earth shall answer the grain, and the new wine, and the oil; and they shall answer 32 to Jezreel. 23 And I will sow her unto me in the 23rd earth; and I will have mercy upon 24 her that had not obtained mercy; and I will say to 25 them that were not my people, Thou art my people; and they shall say, Thou art my God.

3 And Jehovah said unto me, Go again, love a woman beloved 26 of her friend, and an adulteress, even as Jehovah loveth the children of Israel, though they turn unto other gods, and 27 love cakes of raisins. 2 So I bought her to me for fifteen pieces of silver, and a homer of barley, and a 28 half-homer of barley; 3 and I said unto her, Thou shalt abide for me many days; thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not be any man’s wife; so will I also be toward thee. 4 For the children of Israel shall abide many days without king, and without prince, and without sacrifice, and without ephod or teraphim: 5 afterward shall the children of Israel return, and seek Jehovah their God, and David their king, and shall come with awe unto Jehovah and to his goodness in the latter days.

4 Hear the word of Jehovah, ye children of Israel; for Jehovah hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land, because there is no truth, nor goodness, nor knowledge of God in the land. 2 There is nought but wounding and breaking faith, and killing, and stealing, and committing adultery; they break out, and blood toucheth blood. 3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field and the birds of the heavens; yes, the fishes of the sea also shall be taken away. 4 Yet let no man strive, neither let any man reproose; for they people are as they that strive with the priest. 5 And thou shalt stumble in the day, and the prophet also shall stumble with thee in the night; and I will destroy thy mother.

6 My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, 30 I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I also will forget thy children. 7 As they were multiplied, so they sinned against me: 31 They have changed my glory into shame. 8 They feed on the sin of my people, and 32 set their heart on their iniquity. 9 And it shall be, like people, like priest; and I will punish them for their ways, and will requite them their doings. 10 And they shall eat, and not have enough; they shall play the harlot, and shall not increase; because they have left off taking heed to Jehovah.

11 Whoredom and wine and new wine take away the understanding. 12 My people ask counsel at their stock, and their staff declareth unto them; for the spirit of whoredom hath caused them to err, and they have played the harlot, departing from under their God. 13 They sacrifice upon the tops of the mountains, and burn incense upon the hills, under oaks and poplars and terebinths, because the shadow thereof is good: therefore your daughters play the harlot, and your 39 brides commit adultery. 14 I will not punish your daughters when they play the harlot, nor your brides when they commit adultery; for the men themselves go apart with harlots, and they sacrifice with the temple prostitutes; and the people that do not understand shall be overthrown.

15 Though thou, Israel, play the harlot, yet let not Judah 30 offend; and come not ye unto Gilgal, neither go ye up to Beth-aven, nor swear, As Jehovah liveth. 16 For Israel hath behaved himself stubbornly, like a stubborn heifer: now will Jehovah feed them as a lamb in a large place. 17 Ephraim is joined to idols; let him alone. 18 Their drink is become sour; they play the harlot continually; 37 her rulers dearly love shame. 19 The wind hath wrapped her up in 38 its wings; and 40 they shall be put to shame because of their sacrifices.

5 Hear this, O ye priests, and hearken, O house of Israel, and give ear, O house of the king; for 41 unto you pertaineth the judgment; for ye have been a snare at Mizpah, and a net spread upon Tabor. 2 And the revolters are gone deep in making slaughter; but I am a 42 rebuker of them all. 3 I know Ephraim, and Israel is not hid from me; for now, O Ephraim, thou hast played the harlot, Israel is defiled. 4 44 Their doings will not suffer them to turn unto their God; for the spirit of whoredom is 45 within them, and they know not Jehovah. 5 And the 46 pride of Israel doth testify to his face: therefore Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in their iniquity; Judah also shall stumble with them. 6 They shall go with their flocks and with their herds to seek Jehovah; but they shall not find him: he hath withdrawn himself from them. 7 They have dealt treacherously against Jehovah; for they have 47 borne strange children: now shall 48 the new moon devour them with their 49 fields.

8 Blow ye the cornet in Gibeah, and the trumpet in Ramah; sound an alarm at Beth-aven, 50 behind thee, O Benjamin. 9 Ephraim shall become a desolation in the day of rebuke:

21 Or, remembered
22 That is, Whom God soweth
23 Or, land;
24 Hb. Lo-ruhamah; See ch. 1:6.
26 Or, of her husband, yet an adulteress,
27 Or, them that love cakes of raisins.
28 Hb. lethech
29 Or, obelisk,
30 Hb. reads, I have rejected thee,
31 Sopherim changed to I will change their glory
32 Hb. lift up their soul to iniquity.
33 Hb. heart.
34 Or, daughters-in-law And in vs. 14.
35 Or, become guilty;
36 Or, Their carouse is over;
37 Or, they are given up to love; her rulers are a shame.
38 Hb. shields
39 Or, her skirts;
40 Sept. (Aram.) read, their altars shall be put to shame.
41 Or, against you is the judgment;
42 Or, in corruption;
43 Hb. rebuke
44 Or, They will not frame their doings to turn
45 Or, in the midst of them,
46 Or, excellency
47 Or, begotten
48 Or, a month devour them with their fields.
49 Or, portions.
50 Or, After thee, Benjamin!
among the tribes of Israel have I made known that which shall surely be. 10 The princes of Judah are like them that remove a landmark: I will pour out my wrath upon them like water. 11 Ephraim is oppressed, he is crushed in judgment; because he was content to walk after man's command. 12 Therefore am I unto 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 Assyria, and sent to Assyria for help. 14 In the morning, and he shall perish in the afternoon; for he trusteth in falsehood and altars. 15 Therefore will I bear him away on mine heart, and his children shall begrudge their father, saying, Why hast thou punished me? for I will make you as a vessel wherein none delighteth. 16 Ephraim, as a vessel wherein none delighteth, and with whom I am angry; for he saith, I was hewn as the Cedars, and as the cedars I shall return to my first state. 17 Though he render me all his children, I will yet take hold of them for they are mine own children. 18 Ephraim also will return, and shall be comforted in the days of the latter years, when the king shall name him; the queen mother shall be his delight. 19 Ephraim, when he saw his sickness, and Judah, when he saw his wound, then went Ephraim to Assyria, and sent to Sennacherib. 20 When they shall return hereafter, they shall come unto the mountain of the house of Jehovah, to Mount Zion, to the king and to his palace.

6 Come, and let us return unto Jehovah; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind us up. 2 After two days will he revive us: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live before him. 3 And let us know, let us let them know on to whom we are going; and he will come unto us as the rain, and as the latter rain that watereth the earth.

4 O Ephraim, what shall I do unto thee? O Judah, what shall I do unto thee? for yourgood is as a morning cloud, and as the dew that goeth early away. 5 Therefore have I hewed them by the prophets; I have slain them by the words of my mouth: and thy judgments are as the light that goeth forth. 6 For I desire goodness, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God more than burnt-offerings. 7 But theylike Adam have transgressed the covenant; there have they dealt treacherously against me. 8 Gilead is a city of men that work iniquity; it is stained with blood. 9 And as troops of robbers wait for a man, so the company of priests murder in the way toward Shechem; yes, they have committed lewdness. 10 In the house of Israel I have seen a horrible thing: there whore and harlot is found in Ephraim, Israel is defiled. 11 Also, O Judah, there is a harvest appointed for thee, when I bring back the captivity of my people.

7 When I would heal Israel, then is the iniquity of Ephraim uncovered, and the wickedness of Samaria; for they commit falsehood, and the thief entereth in, and the troop of robbers ravageth without. 2 And they consider not in their hearts that I remember all their wickedness: now have their own doings 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; they are as an oven heated by the baker; he ceaseth to stir the fire, from the kneading of the dough, until it be leavened. 5 On the day of our king the princes made themselves sick with the heat of wine; he stretched out his hand with scoffers. 6 For they have made ready their heart like an oven, while they lie in wait: their baker sleepeth all the night; in the morning it burneth as a flaming fire. 7 They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me.

8 Ephraim, he mixeth himself among the peoples; Ephraim is a cake not turned. 9 Strangers have devoured his strength, and he knoweth it not: yes, gray hairs are here and there upon him, and he knoweth it not. 10 And the pride of Israel doth testify to his face: yet they have not returned unto Jehovah their God, nor sought him, for all this. 11 And Ephraim is like a silly dove, without understanding: they call unto Egypt, they go to Assyria. 12 When they shall go, I will spread my net among all adulterers; they are as an oven heated, a vessel wherein none delighteth. 13 Woe unto them! for they have wandered from me; destruction unto them! for they have trespassed against me. 14 And they have not cried unto me with their heart, but they howl upon their beds: they assemble themselves for grain and new wine; I will chastise them, as their congregation hath heard. 15 They return, but not to him that is on high; 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.

8 69Set the trumpet to thy mouth. As an eagle he cometh against the house of Jehovah, because they have transgressed my covenant, and trespassed against my law. 2 They shall cry unto me, My God, we Israel know thee. 3 Israel hath cast off that which is good: the enemy shall pursue him. 4 They have set up kings, but not by me; 70they have made princes, and I knew not: of their silver and their gold have they made them idols, that they may be cut off. 5 He hath cast off his people, he hath sold them, he hath cut them off as avoke for Egypt. 6 His princes made their tongue an eagle, they are not ashamed: they speak not in their heart. 7 He saith. 8 We will return to our fathers; but they know not to return unto Jehovah their God, nor seek him, for all this. 9 They are all hot as an oven, and devour their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me.

51 Or, And I was unto Ephraim as a moth, 52 Or, king Jareb: But see footnote on ch. 10:6. 53 Or, have borne their guilt, 54 Or, earnestly, saying, 55 Or, kindness And in vs. 6. 56 So Massoretic [יָשָׁפְטֵהוּ בְּאָדָם]. Or with an alternative grouping of letters, and my judgment is as the light [יָשָׁפְטֵהוּ בְּאָדָם]. per Sept., Aram., Targ. 57 Or, are as men that have transgressed a covenant: 58 Or, men 59 Or, And as robbers lying in wait, so etc. 60 Or, return to the captivity of my people. 61 Or, maketh a raid in the street. 62 Or, him 63 Hb. brought near their heart 64 Hb. sprinkled upon him, 65 Or, excellency 66 Hb. heart: 67 Or, when the report cometh to their congregation. 68 Or, chastened them and strengthened their arms, 69 Or, The trumpet to thy mouth! As the eagle against the house of Jehovah! 70 Or, they have removed them, 71 Or, it hath no stalk;
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Assyria, like a wild ass alone by himself: Ephraim hath hired 72lovers. 10 Yes, though they hire among the nations, now will I gather them; and they 9began to be diminished by reason of the burden of the king of princes.

11 Because Ephraim hath multiplied altars for sinning, altars have been unto him for sinning. 12 I wrote for him the ten thousand things of my law; but they are counted as a strange thing. 13 As for the sacrifices of mine offerings, they sacrifice flesh and eat it; but Jehovah accepteth them not: now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their sins; they shall return to Egypt. 14 For Israel hath forgotten his Maker, and builded 74palaces; and Judah hath multiplied fortified cities: but I will send a fire upon his cities, and it shall devour the 75castles thereof.

9 Rejoice not, O Israel, 76for joy, like the peoples: 77for thou hast played the harlot, departing from thy God; thou hast loved hire upon every grain-floor. 2 The threshing-floor and the winepress shall not feed them, and the new wine shall fail her. 3 They shall not dwell in Jehovah's land; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and they shall eat unclean food in Assyria. 4 They shall not pour out wine-offerings to Jehovah, 78neither shall they be pleasing unto him: their sacrifices shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat thereof shall be polluted; for their bread shall be for their soul; it shall not come into the house of Jehovah. 5 What will ye do in the day of solemn assembly, and in the day of the feast of Jehovah? 6 For, lo, they are gone away from destruction; yet Egypt shall gather them up, Memphis shall bury them; their sacrifices of mine offerings, they sacrifice 88to please Jehovah, 89and the king, what can he do for us? 4 They speak vain words, 87swearing falsely in making covenants: therefore judgment springeth up as hemlock in the furrows of the field. 5 The inhabitants of Samaria shall be in terror for the calves of Beth-aven; for the people thereof shall mourn over it, and 90the black priests thereof that rejoiced over it, for the glory thereof, because it is departed from it. 6 It also shall be carried unto Assyria for a present to 91a king that should contend: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall be ashamed of his own counsel. 7 92As for Samaria, her king is cut off, as 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, 84Cover ye us; and to the hills, Fall ye over us.

9 O Israel, thou hast sinned 95from the days of Gibeah: 96here they stood; 97the battle against the children of iniquity doth not overtake them in Gibeah. 10 When it is my desire, I will chastise them; and the peoples shall be gathered against them, when they are bound to their two transgressions.

72 Hb. 73 Sept. reads, shall sorrow a little by reason of or, shall sorrow for a little while by reason of Aram. Vg. read shall rest awhile from the burden ... ESV says, the king and the princes shall soon writhe because of the tribute. 74 Or, temples; 75 Or, palaces 76 Or, unto exultation, 77 Or, that 78 Or, neither shall their sacrifices be pleasing unto him: their bread shall be unto them as the bread of mourners; 79 Or, watcheth against my God: 80 Or, separated 81 Hb. shame, 82 Or, as I have seen, is like Tyre, that is planted in 83 Or, prosperity 84 Or, obelisks. And in vs. 2. 85 Or, he hath divided their heart; 86 Or, smooth; 87 Or, they swear falsely, they make covenants: 88 Or, shall spring up as the hemlock 89 Hb. rosh See Dt. 29:18. 90 Hb. Kamarim See 2Ki 23:5; Zp 1:4. 91 Or, king Jareb: Possibly Sennacherib [Sennacherib], though he was not king until 18 years after the fall of Samaria. 92 Or, Samaria is cut off with her king, 93 Or, twigs 94 Or, Conceal ye us; ..., Fall ye up above us. Not necessarily in a destructive sense. Cf. Rv. 6:16. 95 Or, more than in the days of Gibeah: 96 Or, there have they continued; 97 Or, shall not the battle against the children of iniquity overtake them in Gibeah? 98 Or, yoked 99 Or, for
11 And Ephraim is a heifer that is taught, that loveth to tread out the grain; but I have passed over upon her fair neck: I will set a rider on Ephraim; Judah shall plow, Jacob shall break his clods.

12 Sow for yourselves to righteousness, reap according to kindness; break up your fallow ground; for it is time to seek Jehovah, till he come and 100 rain righteousness upon you. 13 Ye have plowed wickedness, ye have reaped iniquity; ye have eaten the fruit of 101 lies; for thou didst trust in thy way, in the multitude of thy mighty men. 14 Therefore shall a tumult arise 102 among thy 103 people, and all thy fortresses shall be destroyed, as Shalman destroyed Beth-arbel in the day of battle: the mother was dashed in pieces with her children. 15 So shall Beth-el do unto you because of your great wickedness: at daybreak shall the king of Israel be utterly cut off.

11 When Israel was a child, then I loved him, and called my son out of Egypt. 2 The more the prophets called them, the more they went from them: they sacrificed unto the Baal, and burned incense to the graven images. 3 Yet I taught Ephraim to walk; 105 I took them on my arms; but they knew not that I healed them. 4 I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love; and I was to them as they that lift up the yoke on their jaws; and I laid food before them.

5 They shall not return into the land of Egypt; but the Assyrian shall be their king, because they refused to return to me. 6 And the sword shall 106 fall upon their cities, and shall consume their bars, and devour them, because of their own counsels. 7 And my people are bent on backsliding from me: they shall not return to me with their hearts.

8 How shall I give thee up, Ephraim? how shall I cast thee off, Israel? how shall I make thee as Admah? how shall I set thee as Zoan? my heart is turned within me, my compassions are kindled together. 9 I will not execute the fierceness of mine anger, I will not return to destroy Ephraim: for I am God, and not man; the Holy One in the midst of thee; and I will not 108 come in wrath. 10 They shall walk after Jehovah, who will roar like a lion; for he will roar, and the children shall come trembling from the west. 11 They shall come trembling as a bird out of Egypt, and as a dove out of the land of Assyria; and I will make them to dwell in their houses, saith Jehovah.

12 Ephraim compasseth me about with falsehood, and the house of Israel with deceit; 109 but Judah yet ruleth with God, and is faithful with the Holy Ones.

12 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and followeth after the east wind: he continually multiplieth lies and desolation; and they make a covenant with Assyria, and oil is carried into Egypt. 2 Jehovah hath also a controversy with Judah, and will 112 punish Jacob according to his ways; and according to his doings will he recompense him. 3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel; and in his manhood he 113 had power with God: 4 yes, he had power over an angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication unto him: he found him at Beth-el, and there he spake with us, 5 even Jehovah, the God of hosts; Jehovah is his memorial name. 6 Therefore turn thou to thy God: keep kindness and justice, and wait for thy God continually.

7 He is a trafficker, the balances of deceit are in his hand: he loveth to oppress. 8 And Ephraim said, Surely I am become rich, I have found me wealth: in all my labors they shall find in me no iniquity that were sin. 9 But I am Jehovah thy God from the land of Egypt; I will yet again make thee to dwell in tents, as in the days of the solemn feast. 10 I have also spoken unto the prophets, and I have multiplied visions; and 114 by the ministry of the prophets have I used similitudes.

13 When Ephraim spake, there was trembling; he exalted himself in Israel; but when he offended in Baal, he died. 2 And now they sin more and more, and have made them molten images of their silver, even idols according to their own understanding, all of them the work of the craftsmen: they say of them, Let the men that sacrifice kiss the calves. 3 Therefore they shall be as the morning cloud, and as the dew that passeth early away, as the chaff that is driven with the whirlwind out of the threshing-floor, and as the smoke out of the chimney.

4 Yet I am Jehovah thy God from the land of Egypt; and thou shalt know no god but me, and besides me there is no saviour. 5 I did know thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. 6 According to their pasture, so were they filled; they were filled, and their heart was exalted: therefore

100 Or, teach you righteousness.
101 Or, faithlessness;
102 Or, against
103 Hb, peoples,
104 Or, So shall it be done unto you at Beth-el because
105 Hb, he took them on his arms;
106 Or, rage against their cities,
107 Or, lift himself up.
108 Admah and Zebaim were destroyed with Sodom.
109 Or, enter into the city.
110 Or, and Judah is yet unstedfast with God, and with the Holy One who is faithful.
111 An east wind in Israel is usually hot and dry.
112 Hb. visit upon Jacob according to his ways;
113 Or, strength
114 Or, strove with God:
115 Or, for Jehovah is the God of hosts;
116 Or, As for Canaan, the balances of deceit are
117 Or, a Canaanite, Hb, Canaan,
118 Or, defraud.
119 Hb. by the hand of the prophets
120 Or, kept.
121 Or, spake with trembling, he exalted himself in
122 Or, became guilty in the Baal, he died.
123 Or, the sacrificers of man kiss the calves.
124 Or, knowest
have they forgotten me. 7 Therefore am I unto them as a lion; as a leopard will I watch by the way; 8 I will meet them as a bear that is bereaved of her whelps, and will rend the caul of their heart; and there will I devour them like a lioness; the wild beast shall tear them.

9 Or, It is thy destruction, O Israel, that thou art against me, against thy help. 10 Where now is thy king, that he may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges, of whom thou saidst, Give me a king and princes? 11 I have given thee a king in mine anger, and have taken him away in my wrath. 12 The iniquity of Ephraim is bound up; his sin is laid up in store. 13 The sorrows of a travailing woman shall come upon him: he is an unwise son; 127 for it is time he should not tarry in the place of the breaking forth of children. 14 I will redeem them from the power of Sheol; I will ransom them from death: O death, where are thy plagues? O Sheol, where is thy destruction? repentance shall be hid from mine eyes.

15 Though he be fruitful among his brethren, an east wind shall come, the breath of Jehovah coming up from the wilderness; and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: 131 he shall make spoil of the treasure of all goodly vessels. 16 Samaria shall bear her guilt; for she hath rebelled against her God: they shall fall by the sword; their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their women with child shall be ripped up.

14 O Israel, return unto Jehovah thy God; for thou hast fallen by thine iniquity. 2 Take with you words, and return unto Jehovah: say unto him, Take away all iniquity, and accept that which is good: so will we render as bullocks the offering of our lips. 3 Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride upon horses; neither will we say any more to the work of our hand, Ye are our gods; for in thee the fatherless findeth mercy.

4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for mine anger is turned away from him. 5 I will be as the dew unto Israel; he shall blossom as the lily, and cast forth his roots as Lebanon. 6 His branches shall spread, and his beauty shall be as the olive-tree, and his smell as Lebanon. 7 They that dwell under his shadow shall return; they shall revive as the grain, and blossom as the vine: 134 the scent thereof shall be as the wine of Lebanon. 8 Ephraim shall say, What have I to do any more with idols? I have answered, and will regard him: I am like a green fir-tree; from me is thy fruit found.

9 Who is wise, that he may understand these things? prudent, that he may know them? for the ways of Jehovah are right, and the just shall walk in them; but transgressors shall fall therein.

[The twelve “minor” prophets are reckoned as one book in the Hebrew Bible; they are intended to be in chronological order.]

125 Or, Thou art destroyed, O Israel; for thou art
126 Or, for in me, in thy help — or, but in me is thy help —
127 Or, when it is time, he standeth not in the place of
128 Hb, hand
129 Or, I will be (both times)
130 Or, wind or, spirit
131 Or, it
132 Or, become desolate;
133 Or, receive us graciously:
134 Or, his memorial shall be
135 Or, O Ephraim, what have I to do any more
1 The word of Jehovah that came to Joel the son of Pethuel.

2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ye inhabitants of the land. Hath this been in your days, or in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell ye your children of it, and let your children tell their children, and their children another generation. 4 That which the palmer-worm hath left hath the locust eaten; and that which the locust hath left hath the canker-worm eaten; and that which the canker-worm hath left hath the caterpillar eaten.

5 Awake, ye drunkards, and weep; and wail, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the sweet wine; for it is cut off from your mouth. 6 For a nation is come upon your land, strong, and without number; his teeth are the teeth of a lion, and he hath the jaw-teeth of a lioness. 7 He hath laid mine vine waste, and barked my fig-tree: he hath made it clean bare, and cast it away: the branches thereof are made white.

8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for her husband of her youth. 9 The meal-offering and the drink-offering are cut off from the house of Jehovah; the priests, Jehovah's ministers, mourn. 10 The field is laid waste, the land mourneth; for the grain is destroyed, the new wine is dried up, the oil languisheth. 11 Be confounded, O ye husbandmen, wail, O ye vine dressers, for the wheat and for the barley; for the harvest of the field is perished. 12 The vine is withered, and the fig-tree languisheth; the pomegranate-tree, the palm-tree also, and the apple-tree, even all the trees of the field are withered: for joy is withered away from the sons of man.

13 Gird yourselves with sackcloth, and lament, ye priests; wail, ye ministers of the altar; come, lie all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for the meal-offering and the drink-offering are withholden from the house of your God. 14 Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the old men and all the inhabitants of the land unto the house of Jehovah your God, and cry unto Jehovah.

15 Alas for the day! for the day of Jehovah is at hand, and as destruction from the Almighty shall it come. 16 Is not the food cut off before our eyes, yes, joy and gladness from the house of our God? 17 The heifers decay in their stalls; the garners are laid desolate, the barns broken down; for the grain is withered. 18 How do the beasts groan! the herds of cattle are perplexed, because they have no pasture; yea, the flocks of sheep are made desolate. 19 O Jehovah, to thee do I cry; for the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath burned all the trees of the field.

20 Yes, the beasts of the field pant unto thee; for the water brooks are dried up, and the fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

2 Blow ye the trumpet in Zion, and sound an alarm in my holy mountain; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of Jehovah cometh, for it is nigh at hand; 2 a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, as the dawn spread upon the mountains; a great people and a strong; there hath not been ever like, neither shall be any more after them, even to the years of many generations. 3 A fire devoureth before them; and behind them a flame burneth: the land is as the garden of Eden before them, and behind them a desolate wilderness; yes, and none hath escaped them.

4 The appearance of them is as the appearance of horses; and as the horsemen, so do they run. 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of the mountains do they leap, like the noise of a flame of fire that devoureth the stubble, as a strong people arrayed for battle. 6 At their presence the peoples are in anguish; all faces are waxed pale. 7 They run like mighty men; they climb the wall like men of war; and they march every one on his ways, and they break not their ranks. 8 Neither doth one thrust another; they march every one in his path; and they burst through the weapons, and break not off their course. 9 They leap upon the city; they run upon the wall; they climb up into the houses; they enter in at the windows like a thief. 10 The earth quaketh before them; the heavens tremble; the sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shining: 11 and Jehovah uttereth his voice before his army; for his camp is very great; for he is strong that executeth his word; for the day of Jehovah is great and very terrifying; and who can abide it?

12 Yet even now, saith Jehovah, turn ye unto me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: 13 and rend your heart, and not your garments, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto Jehovah your God; for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and repenteth him of the evil. 14 Who knoweth whether he will not turn and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meal-offering and a drink-offering unto Jehovah your God?

15 Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly; 16 gather the people, sanctify the assembly, assemble the old men, gather the children and those that suck the breasts; let the bridegroom go forth from his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. 17 Let the priests, the ministers of
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Jehovah, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Jehovah, and give not thy heritage to reproach, that the nations should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the peoples, Where is their God?

18 Then was Jehovah jealous for his land, and had pity on his people. 19 And Jehovah answered and said unto his people, Behold, I will send you grain, and new wine, and oil, and ye shall be satisfied therewith; and I will no more make you a reproach among the nations; 20 but I will remove far off from you the northern army, and will drive it into a land barren and desolate, 21its forepart into the eastern sea, and its hinder part into the western sea; and its stench shall come up, and its ill savor shall come up, because it hath done great things.

21 Fear not, O land, be glad and rejoice; for Jehovah hath done great things. 22 Be not afraid, ye beasts of the field; for the pastures of the wilderness do spring, for the tree beareth its fruit, the fig-tree and the vine do yield their strength. 23 Be glad then, ye children of Zion, and rejoice in Jehovah your God; for he giveth you the former rain in just measure, and he causeth to come down for you the latter rain. 24 And the floors shall be full of wheat, and the vats shall overflow with new wine and oil. 25 And I will restore to you the years that the locust hath eaten, the canker-worm, and the caterpillar, and the palm-worm, my great army which I sent among you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty and be satisfied, and shall praise the name of Jehovah your God, dwelling in Zion my holy mountain: then shall ye heavens and the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 28 I will show wonders in the heavens and in the earth: blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 29 And Jehovah will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and Jehovah will judge the nations near and far off: for Jehovah hath spoken.

3 For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I shall bring back the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 I will gather all nations, and will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat; and I will execute judgment upon them there for my people and for my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations: and they have parted my land, 3 and have cast lots 25 for my people, and have given a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, that they may drink. 4 Yes, and what are ye to me, O Tyre, and Sidon, and all the regions of Philistia? 26 will ye render me a recompense? and if ye recompense me, swiftly and speedily will I return your recompense upon your own head. 5 Forasmuch as ye have taken my silver and my gold, and have carried into your temples my goodly precious things, 6 and have sold the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem unto the sons of the Grecians, that ye may remove them far from their border; 7 behold, I will stir them up out of the place whither ye have sold them, and will return your recompense upon your own head; 8 and I will sell your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah, and they shall sell them to the men of Sheba, to a nation far off: for Jehovah hath spoken it.

9 Proclaim ye this among the nations; 28 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 Haste ye, and come, all ye nations round about, and gather yourselves together: thither cause thy mighty ones to come down, O Jehovah. 12 Let the nations bestir themselves, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge all the nations round about. 13 Put ye in the sickle; for the harvest is ripe: come, tread ye; for the winepress is full, the vats overflow; for their wickedness is great.

14 Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision! for the day of Jehovah is near in the valley of decision. 15 The sun and the moon are darkened, and the stars withdraw their shin ing. 16 And Jehovah will roar from Zion, and utter his voice from Jerusalem; and the heavens and the earth shall shake: but Jehovah will be a refuge unto his people, and a stronghold to the children of Israel. 17 So shall ye know that I am Jehovah your God, dwelling in Zion my holy mountain: then shall Jerusalem be holy, and there shall no strangers pass through her any more.

18 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the mountains shall drop down sweet wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the brooks of Judah shall flow with waters; and a fountain shall come forth from the house of Jehovah, and shall water the valley of 29 acacias. 19 Egypt shall be a desolation, and Edom shall be a desolate wilderness, for the violence done to the children of Judah, because they have shed innocent blood in their land. 20 But Judah shall abide for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. 21 And I will cleanse their blood, that I have not cleansed: for Jehovah dwelleth in Zion.

18 Or, use a byword against them:
19 Or, with its forepart
20 Or, toward (both times)
21 Or, in (or, for) righteousness,
22 Or, at the first.
23 Or, in the remnant whom Jehovah doth call.
24 Or, return to or, repeal
25 So Massoretic, Aram. MurXII Sept., Vg. read upon
26 Or, will ye repay a deed of mine, or will ye do aught unto me? swiftly and speedily will I return your deed upon your own head.
27 Or, deed And in vs. 7.
28 Hb. sanctify or, hallow
29 Or, Assemble yourselves,
30 That is, Jehovah judgeth;
31 Or, vintage
32 Or, get you down;
33 Hb. Shittim.
34 Or, be inhabited for ever,
35 Or, hold as innocent their blood,
1 The words of Amos, who was among the herdsmen of Tekoa, which he saw concerning Israel in the days of Uzziel 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, Jehovah will roar from the north, and his voice shall terrify from Tyyre, and it shall devour the remnant of Ashkelon; and I will turn my hand against Ekron; and the habitant from Ashdod, and him that holdeth the bar of Damascus, and cut off the sceptre of the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith Jehovah.

3 Thus saith Jehovah: for three transgressions of Edom, yes, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have threshed the bar of Damascus, and cut off the sceptre from the house of Eden; and the people of Syria shall go into captivity unto Kir, saith Jehovah.

4 Thus saith Jehovah: for three transgressions of Judah, yes, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have rejected the law of Jehovah, and have not kept his statutes, and their lies have caused them to err, after which their fathers did walk; but I will send a fire upon Judah, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem.

5 Thus saith Jehovah: for three transgressions of Israel, yes, for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they have sold the righteous for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; they that pant after the dust of the earth on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of the meek: and a man and his father go unto the same maiden, to profane my holy name: and they lay themselves down beside every altar upon clothes taken in pledge; and in the house of their God they drink the wine of such as have been fined.

6 Yet destroyed I the Amorite before them, whose height was like the height of the cedars, and he was strong as the oaks; yet I destroyed his fruit from above, and his roots from beneath. Also I brought you up out of the land of Egypt, and led you forty years in the wilderness, to possess the land of the Amorite. And I raised up of your sons for prophets, and of your young men for Nazirites. Is it not even thus, O ye children of Israel? saith Jehovah. But ye gave the Nazirites wine to drink, and commanded the prophets, saying, Prophesy not.

7 Behold, I will press you in your place, as a cart presseth that is full of sheaves. And flight shall perish from the swift; and the strong shall not strengthen his force; neither shall the mighty deliver his soul; neither shall he that standeth at the bow; and he that is swift of foot shall not deliver his soul; neither shall he that rideth the horse deliver his soul; and he that is courageous among the mighty shall flee away naked in that day, saith Jehovah.

8 Hear this word that Jehovah hath spoken against you, O children of Israel, against the whole family which I brought up out of the land of Egypt, saying, You only have I known of all the families of the earth: therefore I will visit upon you all your iniquities. Shall two walk together, except they have agreed? Will a lion roar in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken no prey? will a young lion cry out of his den, if he have taken

9 Or, habitations
10 Or, revoke my word;
11 Hb. it; And so in vss. 6, 9, 11, 13, 2:1, 4, 6.
12 So Massoretic Aram., Vg. 5QAmos Sept. insert the women with child of Cf. vs. 13.
13 Or, him that sitteth on the throne from And in vs. 8.
14 That is, Vanity,
15 Or, Beth-eden; or, the desirable house;
16 Hb. an entire captivity,
17 Hb. the covenant of brethren: Cf. 2Chr 2:3-16.
18 Hb. corrupted his compassions,
19 Or, I am pressed under you, as a cart is pressed that is full of sheaves.
20 Or, refuge shall fail the swift;
21 Or, himself; or, his life: And in vs. 15.
22 So Massoretic, Aram. 4QXLII Sept. read finds heart
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nothing? 5 Can a bird fall in a snare upon the earth, where no gin is set for him? shall a snare spring up from the ground, and have taken nothing at all? 6 Shall the trumpet be blown in a city, and the people not be afraid? shall evil befall a city, and Jehovah hath not done it? 7 Surely the Lord Jehovah will do nothing, except he reveal his secret unto his servants the prophesets. 8 The lion hath roared; who will not fear? The Lord Jehovah hath spoken; who can but prophesy?

9 Publish ye 

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 what great tumults are therein, and what oppressions in the midst thereof. 10 For they know not to do right, saith Jehovah, who store up violence and robbery in their palaces. 11 Therefore thus saith the Lord Jehovah; An adversary there shall be, even round about the land; and he shall bring down thy strength from thee, and thy palaces shall be plundered. 12 Thus saith Jehovah: As the shepherd rescueth out of the mouth of the lion two legs, or a piece of an ear, so shall the children of Israel be rescued that sit in Samaria in the corner of a couch, and on the silken cushions of a bed.

13 Hear ye, and testify against the house of Jacob, saith the Lord Jehovah, the God of hosts. 14 For in the day that I shall visit the transgressions of Israel upon him, I will also visit the altars of Beth-el; and the horns of the altar shall be cut off, and fall to the ground. 15 And I will smite the winter-house with the summer-house; and the houses of ivory shall perish, and the great houses shall have an end, saith Jehovah.

4 Hear this word, ye kine of Bashan, that are in the mountain of Samaria, that oppress the poor, the rough one that saith unto your lords, Bring, and let us drink. 2 The Lord Jehovah hath sworn by his holiness, that, lo, the days shall come upon you, that they shall take you away with hooks, and your residue with fish-hooks. 3 And ye shall go out at the breaches, every one straight before her; and ye shall cast yourselves into Harmon, saith Jehovah.

4 Come to Beth-el, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; and bring your sacrifices every morning, and your tithes every three days; 5 and offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill-offerings and publish them: for this pleaseth you, O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord Jehovah.

6 And I also have given you cleanness of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your places; yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah. 7 And I also have withheld the rain from you, when there were yet three months to the harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and caused it not to rain upon another city: one piece was rained upon, and the piece whereupon it rained not withered. 8 So two or three cities wandered unto one city to drink water, and were not satisfied: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah. 9 I have smitten you with blasting and mildew: the multitude of your gardens and your vineyards and your fig-trees and your olive-trees hath the Palmer-worm devoured: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah.

10 I have sent among you the pestilence after the manner of Egypt: your young men have I slain with the sword, and have carried away your horses; and I have made the stench of your camp to come up even into your nostrils: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah.

11 I have overthrown cities among you, as when God overthrew Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye were as a brand plucked out of the burning: yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah.

12 Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel; and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. 13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought; that maketh the morning darkness, and treadeth upon the high places of the earth; Jehovah, the God of hosts, is his name.

5 Hear ye the word which I take up for a lamentation over you, O house of Israel. 2 The virgin of Israel is fallen; she shall no more rise: she is cast down upon her land; there is none to raise her up. 3 For thus saith the Lord Jehovah: The city that went forth a thousand shall have a hundred left, and that which went forth a hundred shall have ten left, to the house of Israel.

4 For thus saith Jehovah unto the house of Israel, Seek ye me, and ye shall live; 5 but seek not Beth-el, nor enter into Gilgal, and pass not to Beer-sheba: for Gilgal shall surely go into captivity, and Beth-el shall come to nought. 6 Seek Jehovah, and ye shall live; lest he break out like fire in the house of Joseph, and it devour and there be none to quench it in Beth-el. 7 Ye who turn justice to wormwood, and cast down righteousness to the earth, seek him that maketh the Pleiades and Orion, and turneth the shadow of death into the morning, and maketh the day dark with night; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; (Jehovah is his name): 9 that bringeth sudden destruction upon the strong, so that destruction cometh upon the fortress.

10 They hate him that reproveth in the gate, and they abhor him that speaketh uprightly. 11 Forasmuch therefore as ye trample upon the poor, and take exactions from him of wheat: ye have built houses of hewn stone, but ye shall not dwell in them; ye have planted pleasant vineyards, but ye shall not drink the wine thereof. 12 For I know how manifold are your transgressions, and how mighty are your sins; ye that afflict the just, that take a bribe, and that turn aside the needy in the gate from their right. 13 Therefore he that is prudent shall keep silence in such a time; for it is an evil time.

14 Seek good, and not evil, that ye may live; and so Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be with you, as ye say. 15 Hate...
the evil, and love the good, and establish justice in the gate: it may be that Jehovah, the God of hosts, will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

16 Therefore thus saith Jehovah, the God of hosts, 28Jehovah: Wailing shall be in all the broad ways; and they shall say in all the streets, Alas! alas! and they shall call the husbandman to mourning, 29and such as are skilful in lamentation to wailing. 17 And in all vineyards shall be wailing; for I will pass through the midst of thee, saith Jehovah.

18 Woe unto you that desire the day of Jehovah! Wherefore would ye have the day of Jehovah? It is not good, and not light. 19 As if a man did flee from a lion, and a bear met him; 20 or went into the house and leaned his hand on the wall, and a serpent bit him. 21 Shall not the day of Jehovah be darkness, and not light? even very dark, and no brightness in it?

21 I hate, I despise your feasts, and I will no delight in your solemn assemblies. 22 Yes, though ye offer me your burnt-offerings and meal-offerings, I will not accept them; neither will I regard the peace-offerings of your fat beasts. 23 Take thou away from me the noise of thy songs; for I will not hear the melody of thy viols. 24 But let justice roll down as waters, and righteousness as a mighty stream.

25 Did ye bring unto me sacrifices and offerings in the wilderness forty years, O house of Israel? 26 Yes, ye have borne the booth of your king and the shrine of your images, the star of your god, which ye made to yourselves. 27 Therefore will I cause you to go into captivity beyond Damascus, saith Jehovah, whose name is the God of hosts.

Woe to them that are at ease in Zion, and to them that are secure in the mountain of Samaria, the notable men of the chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come! 2 Pass ye unto Calneh, and see; and from thence go ye to Hamath the great; then go down to Giloh of the Philistines: are they better than these kingdoms? or is their border greater than your border? 3 — ye that put far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; 4 that lie upon beds of ivory, and stretch themselves upon their couches, and eat the lambs out of the flock, and the calves out of the midst of the stall; 5 that sing idle songs to the sound of the viol; that invent for themselves instruments of music, 38like David; 6 that drink wine in bowls, and anoint themselves with the chief oils; but they are not grieved for the affliction of Joseph.

7 Therefore shall they now go captive with the first that go captive; and the revelry of them that stretched themselves shall pass away. 8 The Lord Jehovah hath sworn by his soul, saith Jehovah, the God of hosts: I abhor the excellency of Jacob, and hate his palaces; therefore will I deliver up the city with all that is therein. 9 And it shall come to pass, if there remain ten men in one house, that they shall die. 10 And when a man’s uncle shall take him up, even he that burneth him, to bring out the bones out of the house, and shall say unto him that is in the innermost parts of the house, Is there yet any with thee? and he shall say, No; then shall he say, Hold thy peace; for we may not make mention of the name of Jehovah. 11 For, behold, Jehovah commandeth, and 42the great house shall be smitten with breaches, and the little house with clefts.

12 Shall horses run upon the rock? will one plow there with oxen? that ye have turned justice into gall, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood; 13 ye that rejoice in a thing of nought, that say, Have we not taken to us horns by our own strength? 14 For, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith Jehovah, the God of hosts; and they shall afflict you from the entrance of Hamath unto the brook of the Arabah.

Thus the Lord Jehovah showed me: and, behold, he formed locusts in the beginning of the shooting up of the latter growth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king’s mowings. 2 And it came to pass that, when they made an end of eating the grass of the land, then I said, O Lord Jehovah, forgive, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. 3 Jehovah repented concerning this: It shall not be, saith Jehovah.

4 Thus the Lord Jehovah showed me: and, behold, the Lord Jehovah called to contend by fire; and it devoured the great, and would have eaten up the 49land. 5 Then said I, O Lord Jehovah, cease, I beseech thee: how shall Jacob stand? for he is small. 6 Jehovah repented concerning this: This also shall not be, saith the Lord Jehovah.

7 Thus he showed me: and, behold, Jehovah stood 49beside a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand. 8 And Jehovah said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said Jehovah, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more; 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 hath conspired against thee in the midst of the house of Israel: the land is not able to bear all his words. 11 For thus Amos saith, Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land. 12 Also Amaziah said unto Amos, O thou seer, go,
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flee thou away into the land of Judah, and there eat bread, and prophesy there: 13 but prophesy not again any more at Beth-el; for it is the king’s sanctuary, and it is a royal house.

Then answered Amos, and said to Amaziah, I am no prophet, neither was I a prophet’s son; but I was a herdsman, and a dresser of sycomore-trees: 15 and Jehovah took me from following the flock, and Jehovah said unto me, Go, prophesy upon my people Israel. 16 Now therefore hear thou the word of Jehovah: Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and drop not thy word against the house of Isaac; 17 therefore thus saith Jehovah: Thy wife shall be a harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall be divided by line; and thou thyself shalt die in a land that is unclean, and Israel shall surely be led away captive out of his land.

8 Thus the Lord Jehovah showed me, and beheld, a basket of summer fruit. 2 And he said, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A basket of summer fruit. Then said Jehovah unto me, The end is come upon my people Israel; I will not again pass by them any more. 3 And the songs of the temple shall be waivers in that day, saith the Lord Jehovah: the dead bodies shall be many; in every place, shall they cast them forth with silence.

4 Hear this, O ye that would swallow up the needy, and cause the poor of the land to fail, 5 saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell grain? and the sabbath, that we may set forth wheat, making the ephah small, and the shekel great, and dealing falsely with balances of deceit; 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 Jehovah hath sworn by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will never forget any of their works. 8 Shall not the land tremble for this, and every one mourn that dwelleth therein? yes, it shall rise up wholly like the River, and shall sink again, like the River of Egypt; 9 and it shall rise up wholly like the River, and shall sink again, like the River of Egypt; 6 it is he that buildeth his chambers in the heavens, and hath founded his vault upon the earth; he that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out upon the face of the earth; Jehovah is his name.

7 Are ye not as the children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith Jehovah. Have not I brought up Israel out of the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor, and the Syrians from Kir? 8 Behold, the eyes of the Lord Jehovah are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth; save that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith Jehovah. 9 For, lo, I will command, and I will 51 cast forth the house of Israel among all the nations, like as grain is sifted in a sieve, yet shall not the least kernel fall upon the earth. 10 All the sinners of my people shall die by the sword, who say, The evil shall not overtake nor meet us.

11 In that day will I raise up the 58th booth of David that is fallen, and close up the breaches thereof; and I will raise up its ruins, and I will build it as in the days of old; 12 that they may possess the remnant of Edom, and all the nations that are called by my name, saith Jehovah that doeth this. 13 Behold, the days come, saith Jehovah, that the plowman shall overtake the reaper, and the treader of grapes him that soweth seed; and the mountains shall drop sweet wine, and all the hills shall melt. 14 And I will 60 bring back the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the waste cities, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink the wine thereof; they shall also make gardens, and eat the fruit of them. 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, saith Jehovah thy God.

46 Or, am (three times)
47 Or, one of the sons of the prophets; See 1Ki 20:35.
48 So MurXII, Sept. (Aram). Massoretic, Vg. read unto
49 Or, palace
50 Or, have they cast them forth: be silent!
51 Hb. open wheat, 52 Hb. Yeot (both times) the Nile And in ch. 9:5. (Not nachal, usually used for River of Egypt, when probably referring to Wadi el Arish)
53 Or, manner
54 Sopherim changed to the Lord
55 Or, upon
56 Or, he that fleeth of them shall not flee away, and he that escapeth of them shall not be delivered.
57 Hb. cause to move to and fro the house of Israel
58 Or, tabernacle Hb. sūkkoth Cf. note on Zc 14:16.
59 Or, were
60 Or, return to or, repeal
Obadiah

1 The Pride of Edom to be humbled
17 Israel shall be victorious — 21 Saviours on mount Zion

1 The vision of Obadiah

Thus saith the Lord Jehovah concerning Edom: We have
heard tidings from Jehovah, and an ambassador is sent among
the nations, saying, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her
into battle. 2 Behold, I have made thee small among the
nations; thou art greatly despised. 3 The pride of thy heart hath
deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock,
whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall
bring me down to the ground? 4 Though thou mount on high
as the eagle, and though thy nest be set among the stars, I will
bring thee down from thence, saith Jehovah.

5 If thieves came to thee, if robbers by night, (how art thou
cut off?) would they not steal only till they had enough? if
grape-gatherers came to thee, would they not leave
some gleanings? 6 How are the things of Esau searched!
how are his hidden treasures sought out! 7 All the men of
thy confederacy have brought thee on thy way, even to the
border: the men that were at peace with thee have deceived
thee, and prevailed against thee; 8 they that eat thy bread lay a
snare under thee: there is no understanding in him. 9 Shall
I not in that day, saith Jehovah, destroy the wise men out of
Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? 10 And
thy mighty men, O Teman, shall be dismayed, to the end that
every one may be cut off from the mount of Esau by slaughter.

10 For the violence done to thy brother Jacob, shame shall
cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. 11 In the
day that thou stoodest on the other side in the day that strangers
carried away his substance, and foreigners entered into his
gates, and cast lots upon Jerusalem, even thou wast as one
of them. 12 But look not thou on the day of thy brother in
the day of his disaster, and rejoice not over the children of
Judah in the day of their destruction; neither speak proudly
in the day of distress. 13 Enter not into the gate of my people
in the day of their calamity; yes, look not thou on their affliction
in the day of their calamity, neither lay ye hands on their
substance in the day of their calamity. 14 And stand thou not
in the crossway, to cut off those of his that escape; and deliver
not up those of his that remain in the day of distress.

15 For the day of Jehovah is near upon all the nations: as
thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee; thy dealing shall
return upon thine own head. 16 For as ye have drunk upon my
holy mountain, so shall all the nations drink continually; yes,
they shall drink, and swallow down, and shall be as though
they had not been.

17 But in mount Zion there shall be those that escape, and
it shall be holy; and the house of Jacob shall possess those
who possess them. 18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire,
and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau for
stubble, and they shall burn among them, and devour them;
and there shall not be any remaining to the house of Esau; for
Jehovah hath spoken it. 19 And they of the South shall possess
the mount of Esau, and they of the lowland the Philistines;
and they shall possess the field of Ephraim, and the field of
Samaria; and Benjamin shall possess Gilead. 20 And the captives
of this host of the children of Israel, that are among the
Canaanites, shall possess even unto Zarephath; and the
captives of Jerusalem, that are in Sepharad, shall possess the
cities of the South. 21 And saviours shall come up on mount
Zion to judge the mount of Esau; and the kingdom shall be
Jehovah’s.
Jonah

1:3 Jonah Flees from the LORD and is Swallowed by a great Fish

1:1 Jonah’s Prayer — 3:1 He cries against Nineveh

1 Now the word of Jehovah came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before my face. 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from before the face of Jehovah; and he went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from before the face of Jehovah.

4 But Jehovah sent out a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. 5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god; and they cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it unto them. But Jonah was gone down into the innermost parts of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if it be so that God will think upon us, that we perish not. 7 And they said every one to his fellow, 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 said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; what is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou? 9 And he said unto them, I am a Hebrew; and I fear Jehovah, the God of heaven, who hath made the sea and the dry land. 10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, What is this that thou hast done? For the men knew that he was fleeing from before the face of Jehovah, because he had told them.

11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea grew more and more tempestuous. 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you. 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to get them back to the land; but they could not: for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. 14 Wherefore they cried unto Jehovah, and said, We beseech thee, O Jehovah, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man’s soul, and lay not upon us innocent blood; for thou, O Jehovah, hast done it as pleased thee. 15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea; and the sea ceased from its raging. 16 Then the men feared Jehovah exceedingly; and they offered a sacrifice unto Jehovah, and made vows.

17 And Jehovah prepared 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 unto Jehovah his God out of the fish’s belly. 2 And he said, I called by reason of mine affliction unto Jehovah, And he answered me; Out of the belly of Sheol cried I, And thou hearest my voice.

3 For thou didst cast me into the depth, in the heart of the seas, And the flood was round about me; All thy waves and thy billows passed over me. 4 And I said, I am cast out from before thine eyes; Yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. 5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul; The deep was round about me; The weeds were wrapped about my head.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed upon me: for ever: Yet hast thou brought up my life from the pit, O Jehovah my God. 7 When my soul fainted within me, I remembered Jehovah; And my prayer came in unto thee, into thy holy temple.

8 They that regard lying vanities Forsake their own mercy. 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that which I have vowed. Salvation is of Jehovah. 10 And Jehovah spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

3 And the word of Jehovah came unto Jonah the second time, saying, 2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city,
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and a preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. 3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of Jehovah. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city, of three days’ journey. 4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day’s journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. 6 And the tidings reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he made proclamation and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing; let them not feed, nor drink water; but let them be covered with sackcloth, both man and beast, and let them cry mightily unto God: yes, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in his hands. 8 Who knoweth whether God will not turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

9 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil which he said he would do unto them; and he did it not.

10 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. 12 And he prayed unto Jehovah, and said, I pray thee, O Jehovah, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I hastened to flee unto Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in lovingkindness, and repentest thee of the evil. 13 Therefore now, O Jehovah, take, I beseech thee, my soul from me; for it is better for me to die than to live. 14 And Jehovah said, Doest thou well to be angry? 15 Then Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shade, till he might see what would become of the city.

16 And Jehovah God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to deliver him from his evil case. So Jonah was exceeding glad because of the gourd. 17 But God prepared a scarlet worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd, that it withered. 18 And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a sultry east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and requested for his soul to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live. 19 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death. 20 And Jehovah said, Thou hast had regard for the gourd, for which thou hast not labored, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night: and should not I have regard for Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than a hundred twenty thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?
Micah

1:3 Destruction Pronounced against Israel and Judah

2:12 A Remnant to be Restored — 4:1 Jehovah’s Kingdom

1 The word of Jehovah that came to Micah the Morashite in the days of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah, which he saw concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

2 Hear, ye peoples, all of you; hearken, O earth, and all that therein is: and let the Lord Jehovah be witness against you, Jehovah from his holy temple. 3 For, behold, Jehovah cometh forth out of his place, and will come down, and tread upon the high places of the earth. 4 And the mountains shall be melted under him, and the valleys shall be cleft, as wax before the fire, as waters that are poured down a steep place. 5 For the transgression of Jacob is all this, 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 make Samaria as a heap of the field, and as places for planting vineyards; and I will pour down the stones thereof into the valley, and I will uncover the foundations thereof. 7 And all her graven images shall be beaten to pieces, and all her hires shall be burned with fire, and all her idols will I lay desolate; for of the hire of a harlot hath she gathered them, and unto the hire of a harlot shall they return.

8 For this will I lament and wail; I will go stripped and naked; I will make a wailing like the jackals, and a lamentation like the ostriches. 9 For her wounds are incurable; for it is come even unto Judah; it reacheth unto the gate of my people, even to Jerusalem. 10 Tell it not in Gath, weep not at all: at Beth-le-aphrah roll thyself in the dust. 11 Pass away, O inhabitant of Shaphir, in nakedness and shame: the inhabitant of Zaanan is not come forth; the wailing of Beth-ezel shall take from you the stay thereof. 12 For the inhabitant of Maroth, waiteth anxiously for good, because evil is come down from Jehovah unto the gate of Jerusalem. 13 Bind the chariot to the swift steed, O inhabitant of Lachish: she was the beginning of sin to the daughter of Zion; for the transgressions of Israel were found in thee. 14 Therefore shalt thou give a parting gift to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Akhzib shall be a deceitful thing unto the kings of Israel. 15 I will yet bring unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah, him that shall possess thee: the glory of Israel shall come even unto Adullam. 16 Make thee bald, and cut off thy hair for the children of thy delight: enlarge thy baldness as the eagle; for they are gone into captivity from thee.

2 Woe to them that devise iniquity and work evil upon their beds! when the morning is light, they practise it, because it is in the power of their hand. 2 And they covet fields, and seize them; and houses, and take them away: and they oppress a man and his house, even a man and his heritage. 3 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: Behold, against this family do I devise an evil, from which ye shall not remove your necks, neither shall ye walk haughtily; for it is an evil time. 4 In that day shall they take up a parable against you, and lament with a doleful lamentation, and say, We are utterly ruined: he changeth the portion of my people: how doth he remove it from me! to the rebellious he divideth our fields. 5 Therefore thou shalt have none that shall cast the line by lot in the assembly of Jehovah.

6 12Prophesy ye not, thus they prophesy. They shall not prophesy 14 to these: reproaches shall not depart. 7 16 Shall it be said, O house of Jacob, Is the Spirit of Jehovah straitened? are these his doings? Do not my words do good to him that walketh uprightly? 8 But of late my people is risen up as an enemy: ye strip the robe from off the garment from them that pass by as securely as men averse from war. 9 The women of my people ye cast out from their pleasant houses; from their young children ye take away my glory for ever. 10 Arise ye, and depart; for this is not your resting-place; because of uncleanness that destroyeth, even with a grievous destruction. 11 If a man walking in a spirit of falsehood do lie, saying, I will prophesy unto thee of wine and of strong drink; he shall even be the prophet of this people.

12 I will surely assemble, O Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather the remnant of Israel; I will put them together as the sheep of Bozrah, as a flock in the midst of their pasture; they shall make great noise by reason of the multitude of men. 13 The breaker is gone up before them: they have broken forth and passed on to the gate, and are gone out thereat: and their king is passed on before them, and Jehovah at the head of them.

3 And I said, Hear, I pray you, ye heads of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel: is it not for you to know justice? 2 ye who hate the good, and love the evil; who pluck off their skin from off them, and their flesh from off their bones; 3 who also eat the flesh of my people, and flay their skin from off...
them, and break their bones, and chop them in pieces, as for the pot, and as flesh within the caldron. 4 Then shall they cry unto Jehovah, but he will not answer them; yes, he will hide his face from them at that time, according as they have wrought evil in their doings.

5 Thus saith Jehovah concerning the prophets that make my people to err; that bite with their teeth, and cry, Peace; and whoso puteth not into their mouths, they even prepare war against him: 6 Therefore it shall be night unto you, that ye shall have no vision; and it shall be dark unto you, that ye shall not see; and the sun shall go down upon the prophets, and the day shall be black over them. 7 And the seers shall be put to shame, and the diviners confounded; yes, they shall all cover their lips; for there is no answer of God. 8 But as for me, I am full of power by the Spirit of Jehovah, and of judgment, and of might, to declare unto Jacob his transgression, and to Israel his sin.

9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads of the house of Jacob, and rulers of the house of Israel, that abhor justice, and pervert all equity. 10 They build up Zion with blood, and Jerusalem with iniquity. 11 The heads thereof judge for reward, and the priests thereof teach for hire, and the prophets thereof divine for money: yet they lean upon Jehovah, and say, Is not Jehovah in the midst of us? no evil shall come upon us. 12 Therefore shall Zion for your sake be plowed as a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the mountain of the house as the high places of a forest.

4 But in the latter days it shall come to pass, that the mountain of Jehovah’s house shall be established on the top of the mountains, and it shall be exalted above the hills; and peoples shall flow unto it. 2 And many nations shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of Jehovah, 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 out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of Jehovah from Jerusalem; 3 and he will judge between many peoples, and will decide concerning strong nations afar off: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning-hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither 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 war any more.

5 Now shalt thou gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops: he hath laid siege against us; they shall smite the judge of Israel with a rod upon the cheek.

2 But thou, Beth-lehem Ephrathah, which art little to be among the thousands of Judah, out of thee shall one come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel; whose going forth are from of old, from everlasting. 3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that she who travaileth hath brought forth: then the residue of his brethren shall return unto the children of Israel. 4 And he shall stand, and shall feed his flock in the strength of Jehovah, in the majesty of the name of Jehovah his God: and they shall abide; for now shall he be great unto the ends of the earth. 5 And this man shall be our peace. When the Assyrian shall come into our land, and when he shall tread in our palaces, then shall we raise against him seven shepherds, and eight principal men. 6 And they shall dethread the land of Assyria with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in the entrances thereof: and he shall deliver us from the Assyrian, when he cometh into our land, and when he treadeth within our border. 7 And the remnant of Jacob shall be in the midst of many peoples as dew from Jehovah, as showers upon the grass; that tarrieth not for man, nor wait for the sons of men. 8 And the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, in the midst of many peoples, as a lion among the beasts of the forest, as a young lion among the flocks of sheep; who, if he go through, treadeth down and teareth in pieces, and there is none to deliver. 9 Let thy hand be lifted up above thine adversaries, and let all thine enemies be cut off.

10 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and will destroy thy chariots: 11 and I will cut off the cities of thy land, and will throw down all thy strongholds: 12 and I will cut off witchcrafts out of thy hand; and thou shalt have no

20 Hb. sanctify or, hallow
21 Or, of power, even the Spirit of Jehovah,
22 Or, at the head of the mountains,
23 Or, instruction,
24 Or, among
25 Or, great
26 Or, Eder, See Ge 35:21.
27 Hb. Ophel
28 Or, gaze upon Zion.
29 So Massoretic. The versions read thou shalt devote
30 Or, the families of Judah, See Jg 6:15.
31 Or, from ancient days.
32 Or, with
33 Or, princes among men. Lit. ones poured out (as a libation) of Adam.
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more soothsayers: 13 and I will cut off thy graven images and thy 34 pillars out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thy hands; 14 and I will pluck up thine Asherim out of the midst of thee; and I will destroy thy cities. 15 And I will execute vengeance in anger and wrath upon the nations which hearkened not.

6 Hear ye now what Jehovah saith: Arise, contend thou before the mountains, and let the hills hear thy voice. 2 Hear, O ye mountains, Jehovah's controversy, and ye enduring foundations of the earth; for Jehovah hath a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel. 3 O my people, what have I done unto thee? and wherein have I wearied thee? testify against me. 4 For I brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and redeemed thee out of the house of bondage; and I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O my people, remember now what Balak king of Moab devised, and what Balaam the son of Beor answered him; remember from Shittim unto Gilgal, that ye may know the righteous acts of Jehovah.

6 Wherewith shall I come before Jehovah, and bow myself before the high God? shall I come before him with burnt-offerings, with calves a year old? 7 will Jehovah 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 hath showed thee, O man, what is good; and what doth Jehovah require of thee, but to do justly, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with thy God?

9 The voice of Jehovah crieth unto the city, and the man of wisdom will 37 see thy name: hear ye the rod, and who hath appointed it. 10 Are there yet treasures of wickedness in the house of the wicked, and a scanty 38 measure that is abominable? 11 Shall I be pure with wicked balances, and with a bag of deceitful weights? 12 For the rich men thereof are full of violence, and the inhabitants thereof have spoken lies, and their tongue is deceitful in their mouth. 13 Therefore also I have smitten thee with a grievous wound; I have made thee desolate because of thy sins. 14 Thou shalt eat, but not be satisfied; and thy 39 humiliation shall be in the midst of thee: and thou shalt put away, but shalt not save; and that which thou savest will I give up to the sword. 15 Thou shalt sow, but shalt not reap; thou shalt tread the olives, but shalt not anoint thee with oil; and the vintage, but shalt not drink the wine. 16 For the statutes of Omri are kept, and all the works of the house of Ahab, and ye walk in their counsels; that I may make thee a desolation, and the inhabitants thereof a hissing: and ye shall bear the reproach of my people.

7 Woe is me! for I am as when they have gathered the summer fruits, as the grape gleanings of the vintage: there is no cluster to eat; 41 my soul desireth the first-ripe fig. 2 The godly man is perished out of the earth, and there is none upright among men: they all lie in wait for blood; they hunt every man his brother with a net. 3 Their hands are upon that which is evil to do it diligently; the prince asketh, and the judge is ready for a reward; and the great man, he uttereth the evil desire of his soul: thus they weave it together. 4 The best of them is as a brier; 42 the most upright is worse than a thorn hedge: the day of thy watchmen, even thy visitation, is come; now shall be their perplexity. 5 Trust ye not in a neighbor; and put ye not confidence in a friend; keep the doors of thy mouth from him that lieth in thy bosom. 6 For the son dishonoreth the father, the daughter riseth 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 But as for me, 44 I will look unto Jehovah; I will wait for the God of my salvation: my God will hear me. 8 Rejoice not against me, O mine enemy: when I fall, I shall arise; when I sit in darkness, Jehovah will be a light unto me. 9 I will bear the indignation of Jehovah, because I have sinned against him, until he plead my cause, and execute judgment for me: he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall behold his righteousness. 10 Then mine enemy shall see it, and shame shall cover her who said unto me, Where is Jehovah thy God? Mine eyes shall see my desire upon her; now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets. 11 45 A day for building thy walls! 15 in that day shall the 46 decree be far removed. 12 In that day shall they come unto thee from Assyria and the cities of Egypt, and from Egypt even to the River, and from sea to sea, and from mountain to mountain. 13 Yet shall the land be desolate because of them that dwell therein, for the fruit of their doings.

14 49 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thy heritage, which dwell solitarily 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 of thy coming forth out of the land of Egypt will I shew unto them marvellous 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; like crawling things of the earth they shall come trembling out of their close places; they shall come with fear unto Jehovah our God, and shall be afraid because of thee.

18 Who is a God like unto thee, that pardonneth iniquity, and passeth over the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in lovingkindness. 19 He will again have compassion upon us; he will 48 tread our iniquities under foot; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20 50 Thou wilt 51 perform the truth to Jacob, and the lovingkindness to Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers from the days of old.

34 Or, obelisks
35 Or, enemies.
36 Or, such as they have not heard.
37 Sept., Aram., Vg. read fear
38 Hb. ephah [about 22 litres]
39 Or, emptiness
40 Or, an astonishment,
41 Or, nor first-ripe fig which my soul desired.
42 Or, the straightest is as it were taken from a thorn hedge:

43 Or, confidant;
44 Or, in Jehovah will I keep watch;
45 Or, In the day that thy walls are to be built!
46 Or, boundary
47 Hb. Mazor (singular; both times) [not Mizraim]
48 Or, Rule
49 Or, subdue our iniquities under foot;
50 Or, Thou wilt show thy faithfulness to Jacob,
51 Hb. Give
1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

2 Jehovah is a jealously God and avengeth; Jehovah avengeth and is full of wrath; Jehovah taketh vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. 3 Jehovah is slow to anger, and great in power, and will by no means clear the guilty: Jehovah hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. 4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: Bashan languisheth, and Carmel; and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. 5 The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is upheaved at his presence, yes, the world, and all that dwell therein. 6 Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his wrath is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken asunder by him. 7 Jehovah is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that take refuge in him.

8 What do ye devise against Jehovah? he will make a full end; affliction shall not rise up a second time. 9 Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more of thy name be sown: out of house of thy gods shall no more be sown. 10 For entangled like thorns, and drunken as with their drink, they are consumed utterly as dry stubble. 11 There is one gone forth out of thee, that deviseth evil against Jehovah, 12 that counselleth wickedness. 13 Thus saith Jehovah: Though they be in full strength, and likewise many, even so shall they be cut down, and he shall pass away. 14 And Jehovah hath given commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image; I will make thy grave; for thou art vile.

15 Behold, upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! Keep thy feasts, O thou of worthlessness! 16 And Jehovah perform thy vows; for the wicked one shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

2 He that dasheth in pieces is come up against thee: fortify the fortress, watch the way, gird up thy loins, enliven thy power mightily. 2 For Jehovah restoreth the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel; for the empires have emptied them out, and destroyed their vine branches. 3 The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots flash with steel in the day of his preparation, and the cypress spears are brandished. 4 The chariots rage in the streets; they rush to and fro in the broad ways: the appearance of them is like torches; they run like the lightnings. 5 He remembereth his nobles: they stumble in their march; they make haste to the wall thereof, and the mantelet is prepared. 6 The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved. 7 And it is decreed: she is uncovered, she is carried away; and her handmaids moan as with the voice of doves, beating upon their breasts.

8 But Nineveh hath been from of old like a pool of water: yet they flee away. Stand, stand, they cry; but none looketh back. 9 Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold; for there is no end of the store, the glory of all goodly furniture. 10 She is empty, and void, and waste; and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and anguish is in all loins, and the faces of them all are waxed pale. 11 Where is the den of the lions, and the feeding-place of the young lions, where the lion and the lions walked, the lion’s whelp, and none made them afraid? 12 The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his caves with prey, and his dens with ravin. 13 Behold, I am against thee, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions; and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

3 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and rapine; the prey departeth not. 2 The noise of the whip, and the noise of the rattling of wheels, and prancing horses, and bounding chariots, 3 the horseman mounting, and the flashing sword, and the glittering spear, and a multitude of slain, and a great heap of corpses, and there is no end of the bodies; they stumble upon their bodies; 4 because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well-favored harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that seloth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. 5 Behold, I am against thee, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I will uncover thy skirts upon thy face; and I will show the nations thy nakedness, and the kingdoms thy shame. 6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazing-stock. 7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

8 Art thou better than No-amon that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about her; whose rampart
Nahum 3

was 20 the sea, and her wall was of the sea? 9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; Put and Lubim were thy helpers. 10 Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity; her young children also were dashed in pieces at the head of all the streets; and they cast lots for her honorable men, and all her great men were bound in chains. 11 Thou also shalt be drunken; thou shalt be hid; thou also shalt seek 21 a stronghold because of the enemy. 12 All thy fortresses shall be like fig-trees with the first-ripe figs: if they be shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater. 13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women; the gates of thy land are set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire hath devoured thy bars. 14 Draw thee water for the siege; gird up thy fortresses; go into the clay, and tread the mortar; 22 make strong the brick-work. 15 There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off; it shall devour thee like the canker-worm: make thyself many as the canker-worm; make thyself many as the locust. 16 Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the canker-worm 23 ravageth, and fleeth away. 17 Thy princes are as the locusts, and thy 24 marshals as the swarms of grasshoppers, which encamp in the 25 hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are. 18 Thy shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria; thy nobles are at rest; thy people are scattered upon the mountains, and there is none to gather them. 19 There is no assuaging of thy hurt; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the report of thee clap their hands over thee; for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually?

19 Or, canals, Hb. Yerim See Ge 41:1; Ex 7:19.
20 That is, the Nile, (both times)
21 Or, a defence against the enemy.
22 Or, lay hold of the brick-mould.
23 Or, spreadeth himself,
24 Or, scribes
25 Or, walls
Habakkuk

1:5 Chaldeans to punish Judah — 12 Why punish sinners by the Wicked?
2:4 Doom of Chaldea — 3:1 Habakkuk’s acquiescence

1 The burden which Habakkuk the prophet did see.

2 O Jehovah, how long shall I cry, and thou wilt not hear? I cry out unto thee of violence, and thou wilt not save. 3 Why dost thou show me iniquity, and 4 look upon perverseness for destruction and violence are before me; and there is strife, and contention riseth up. 4 Therefore the law is slackened, and justice doth never go forth; for the wicked doth encompass the righteous; therefore justice goeth forth perverted.

5 Behold ye among the nations, and look, and wonder marvellously; for I am working a work in your days, which ye will not believe though it be told you. 6 For, lo, I raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and hasty nation that march through the breadth of the earth, to possess dwelling places that are not theirs. 7 They are terrible and dreadful; their judgement and their dignity proceed from themselves. 8 Their horses also are swifter than leopards, and are more fierce than the evening wolves; and their horsemen press proudly on: yes, they fly as an eagle that hasteth to devour. 9 They come all of them for violence; the set of their faces is towards; and they gather captives as the sand. 10 Yes, he scoffeth at kings, and princes are a derision unto him; he derideth every stronghold; for he heapeth up dust, and taketh it. 11 Then shall he sweep by as a wind and shall pass over, and be guilty, even he whose might is his god.

12 Art not thou from of old, O Jehovah my God, my Holy One? 13 O Jehovah, thou hast ordained him for judgment; and thou, O Rock, hast established him for correction. 13 Thou that art of purer eyes than to behold evil, and that canst not look on perverseness, wherefore lokest thou upon them that deal treacherously, and holdest thy peace when the wicked swalloweth up the man that is more righteous than he; 14 and makest men as the fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have no ruler over them? 15 He taketh up all of them with the angle, he catcheth them in his net, and gathereth them in his drag: therefore he rejoiceth and is glad. 16 Therefore he sacrificeth unto his net, and burneth incense unto his drag; because by them his portion is fat, and his food plenteous. 17 Shall he therefore empty his net, and spare not to slay the nations continually?

2 I will stand upon my watch and set me upon the tower, and will look forth to see what he will speak by me, and what I shall answer concerning my complaint. 2 And Jehovah answered me, and said, Write the vision, and make it plain upon the tablets, that he may run that readeth it. 3 For the vision is yet for the appointed time, and it hasteth toward the end, and shall not lie: though it tarry, wait for it because it will surely come, it will not delay.

4 Behold, his soul is puffed up, it is not upright in him; but the righteous shall live by his faith. 5 20 Yes, moreover, wine is treacherous, a haughty man, 21 that keepeth not at home, who enlargeth his soul as Sheol, and he is as death, and cannot be satisfied, but gathereth unto him all nations, and heapeth unto him all peoples. 6 Shall not all these take up a parable against him, and a taunting proverb against him, and say, Woe to him that increaseth that which is not his! How long? And that ladeth himself with pledges! 7 Shall they not rise up suddenly that shall bite thee, and awake that shall vex thee, and thou shalt be booty unto them? 8 Because thou hast plundered many nations, all the remnant of the peoples shall plunder thee, because of men’s blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all that dwell therein.

9 Woe to him that getteth an evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on high, that he may be delivered from the hand of evil! 10 Thou hast devised shame to thy house, by cutting off many peoples, and hast sinned against thy soul. 11 For the stone shall cry out of the wall, and the beam out of the timber shall answer it.

12 Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and establisheth a city by iniquity! 13 Behold, is it not of Jehovah of hosts that the peoples labor for the fire, and the nations weary themselves for vanity? 14 For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of Jehovah, as the waters cover the sea.

1 Or, oracle
2 Or, cause me to look upon perverseness
3 Or, goeth not forth unto victory
4 Or, one worketh a work
5 Hb. He, And similarly in vss. 8, 9.
6 Or, spread themselves:
7 Hb. The eagerness (or, assembling) of their faces is forwards;
8 Or, towards the east;
9 Or, And they scoff at kings,
10 Or, Then shall the wind sweep by, and he shall pass away,
11 Or, transgress,
12 Sopherim changed to we shall not die.
13 Hb. fat.
14 Or, fortress
15 Or, with
16 Or, that one may read it on the run. [Thusly, J.M. Powis Smith, in An American Translation, 1931, endeavors to be both literal and idiomatic.]
17 Hb. panteth
18 Or, straight
19 Or, in his faithfulness
20 Or, and also because his wine is treacherous, he is a haughty man,
21 Or, he shall not abide,
22 Or, desire or, appetite Hb. nephesh
23 Or, riddle
24 Variorum Bible says, When the Hb. word for pledges is divided into two, it means thick clay (or, … mud).
25 Or, exact usury of thee
26 Or, toss thee to and fro
27 Or, self. or, being. Hb. nephesh.
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15 Woe unto him that giveth his neighbor drink, to thee that 28addest thy 29venom, and makest him drunken also, that thou mayest look on their nakedness! 16 Thou are filled with shame, and not glory; drink thou also, and 30be as one uncircumcised; the cup of Jehovah’s right hand shall come round unto thee, and foul shame shall be upon thy glory. 17 For the violence done to Lebanon shall cover thee, and the destruction of the beasts, which made them afraid; because of men’s blood, and for the violence done to the land, to the city and to all that dwell therein.

18 What profiteth the graven image, that the maker thereof hath graven it; the molten image, even the teacher of lies, that he that fashioneth its form, trusteth therein, to make dumb idols? 19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, Awake; to the dumb stone, Arise! Shall this teach? Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. 20 But Jehovah is in his holy temple: 31let all the earth keep silence before him.

A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, set to Shigionoth.

2 O Jehovah, I have heard 32the report of thee, and 33am afraid:

O Jehovah, revive thy work in the midst of the years;
In the midst of the years make it known;
In wrath remember mercy.

3 God 34came from Teman,
And the Holy One from mount Paran.
His glory covered the heavens,
And the earth was full of his praise.

4 And his brightness was as the light;
He had 35rays coming forth from his hand;
And there was the hiding of his power.

5 Before him went the pestilence,
And 36fiery bolts went forth at his feet.

6 He stood, and 38measured the earth;
He beheld, and drove asunder the nations;
And the eternal mountains were scattered;
The everlasting hills did bow;
39His goings were as of old.
7 I saw the tents of Cushan in affliction;
The curtains of the land of Midian did tremble.

8 Was Jehovah displeased with the rivers? Was thine anger against the rivers,

Or thy wrath against the sea,
That thou didst ride upon the horses,
Upon thy chariots of salvation?

9 Thy bow was made quite bare;

The oaths to the tribes were a sure word.  [Selah]
Thou didst cleave the earth with the rivers.

10 The mountains saw thee, and 41were afraid;
The tempest of 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 thine arrows as they went,
At the shining of thy glittering spear.

12 Thou didst march through the land in indignation;
Thou didst thresh the nations in anger.

13 Thou 42wentest forth for the salvation of thy people,
43For the salvation of thine anointed;
44Thou 46woundest the head out of the house of the wicked man. Laying bare the foundation even unto the neck.  [Selah]

14 Thou didst pierce with his own staves the head of his 45warriors: They came as a whirlwind to scatter me;
Their rejoicing was as to devour the poor secretly.

15 Thou didst tread the sea with thy horses,
The heap of mighty waters.

16 I heard, and my body trembled,
My lips quivered at the voice;
Rottenness entereth into my bones, and I tremble in my place;
Because I must wait quietly for the day of trouble,
50For the coming up of the people that invadeth us.

17 For though the fig-tree shall not flourish,
Neither shall fruit be in the vines;
The labor 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 Jehovah,
I will joy in the God of my salvation.

19 Jehovah, the Lord, is my strength;
And he maketh my feet like hinds feet,
And will make me to walk upon my high places.

For the Chief Musician, on my stringed instruments.

28 Or, pourest
29 Or, fury
30 Or, let thy foreskin be uncovered
31 Hb. be silent before him, all the earth.
32 Or, thy fame
33 Or, was
34 Or, cometh  And similarly to the end of vs. 15.
35 Hb. horns
36 Or, at his side;
37 Or, burning coals
38 Or, shook
39 Or, his ways are everlasting.
40 Or, Sworn were the chastisements (Hb. rods) of thy word. or, Seven times are the chastisements …
41 Or, were in pain;
42 Or, art come
43 Or, For salvation (or, victory) with thine anointed;
44 Or, Thou didst smite off the head from the house of the wicked man.
45 Or, hast wounded
46 Or, hast pierced
47 Or, hordes or, villages
48 Or, hast trodden
49 Or, surge
50 Or, When there shall come up against the people he that invadeth them.
The word of Jehovah which came unto 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.  

1 I will utterly consume all things from off the face of the ground, saith Jehovah.  

2 Gather yourselves together, yes, gather together, O nation that hath no shame; before the decree bring forth, before the day pass as the chaff, before the fierce anger of Jehovah come upon you, before the day of Jehovah’s anger come upon you.  

3 For Gaza shall be forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolation; they shall drive out Ashdod at noonday, and Ekron shall be rooted up.  

4 Woe unto the inhabitants of the sea-coast, the nation of the Cherethites! The word of Jehovah is against you, O Canaan, the land of the Philistines; I will destroy thee, that there should be no inhabitant.  

5 And the sea-coast shall be pastures, with cottages for shepherds and folds for flocks.  

6 And the coast shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; they shall feed their flocks therein; in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening; for Jehovah their God will visit them, and bring back their captivity.  

7 Hold thy peace before the face of the Lord Jehovah; for the day of Jehovah is at hand: for Jehovah hath prepared a sacrifice, he hath sanctified his guests.  

8 And it shall come to pass in the day of Jehovah’s sacrifice, that I will punish the princes, and the king’s sons, and all such as are clothed with foreign apparel.  

9 And in that day I will punish all those that leap over the threshold, that fill their master’s house with violence and deceit.  

10 And in that day, saith Jehovah, there shall be the noise of a cry from the fish gate, and a wailing from the second quarter, and a great crashing from the hills.  

11 Wail, ye inhabitants of Maktesh; for all the people of Canaan are undone; all they that were laden with silver are cut off.  

12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem with lamps; and I will punish the men that are settled on their lees, that say in their heart, Jehovah will not do good, neither will he do evil.  

13 And their wealth shall become a spoil, and their houses a desolation; yes, they shall build houses, but shall not inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, but shall not drink the wine thereof.  

14 The great day of Jehovah is near, it is near and hasteth greatly, even the voice of the day of Jehovah; the mighty man crieth there bitterly.  

15 That day is a day of wrath, a day of trouble and distress, a day of wasteness and desolation, a day of darkness and gloominess, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet and alarm, against the fortified cities, and against the high battlements.  

16 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk like blind men, because they have sinned against Jehovah; and their blood shall be poured out as dust, and their flesh as dung.  

17 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them in the day of Jehovah’s wrath; but the whole land shall be devoured by the fire of his jealousy: for he will make an end, yes, a terrible end, of all them that dwell in the land.

18 Or, speedy; 19 Or, coast-lands.

19 Or, all beasts of every kind;
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for he hath laid bare the cedar-work. 15 This is the joyous city that dwelt carelessly, that said in her heart, I am, and there is none besides me: how is she become a desolation, a place for beasts to lie down in! every one that passeth by her shall hiss, and wag his hand.

3 Woe to her that is rebellious and polluted! To the oppressing city! 2 She obeyed not the voice; she received not correction; she trusted not in Jehovah; she drew not near to her God. 4 Her princes are light and treacherous persons; her priests have profaned the Holy, they have done violence to the law. 5 Jehovah in the midst of her is righteous; he will not do iniquity; every morning doth he bring his light, he faileth not; but the unjust knoweth no shame.

8 Therefore wait ye for me, saith Jehovah, 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 mine indignation, even all my fierce anger; for all the earth shall be devoured with the fire of my jealousy.

9 For then I will turn to the peoples a pure language, that they may all call upon the name of Jehovah, to serve him with one consent. 10 From beyond the rivers of Ethiopia my suppliants, even the daughters of my dispersed, shall bring mine offering. 11 In that day shalt thou not be put to shame for all thy doings, wherein thou hast transgressed against me; for then I will take away out of the midst of thee thy proudly exulting ones, and thou shalt no more be haughty in my holy mountain. 12 But I will leave in the midst of thee an afflicted and poor people, and they shall take refuge in the name of Jehovah. 13 The remnant of Israel shall not do iniquity, nor speak lies; neither 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 the heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. 15 Jehovah hath taken away thy judgments, he hath cast out thine enemy; the King of Israel, even Jehovah, is in the midst of thee; thou shalt not see evil any more. 16 In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not; 20 O Zion, let not thy hands be slack. 17 Jehovah thy God is in the midst of thee, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over thee with joy; he will rest in his love; he will joy over thee with singing. 18 34 I will gather them that sorrow for the solemn assembly, who were of thee; to whom the burden upon her was a reproach. 19 Behold, at that time I will deal with all them that afflict thee; and I will save that which is lame, and gather that which was driven away; and I will make them a praise and a name, whose shame hath been in all the earth. 20 At that time will I bring you in, and at that time will I gather you; for I will make you a name and a praise among all the peoples of the earth, when I bring back your captivity before your eyes, saith Jehovah.

19 Or, drought 20 Or, instruction; 21 Or, gnaw not the bones on the morrow. 22 Hb. morning by morning 23 Or, corner towers 24 Or, instruction; 25 Or, howsoever I have punished her: 26 Hb. judgment 27 Hb. lip, 28 Hb, shoulder.
1 In the second year of Darius the king, in the sixth month, in the first day of the month, came the word of Jehovah by Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealtiel, governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, 2 Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, This people say, The time is not come for Jehovah’s house to be built. 3 Then came the word of Jehovah by Haggai the prophet, saying, 4 Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your ceiled houses, while this house lieth waste? 5 Now therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Consider your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and brought in little; ye eat, but ye have not enough; ye drink, but ye are not filled with drink; ye clothe you, but there is none warm; and ye labor in vain, every man to his own house. 7 Consider, I pray you, from this day and backward, before a stone was laid upon a foundation of Jehovah's temple, that which the ground bringeth forth, and upon men, and upon cattle, and upon all the labor of the hands. 8 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 Jehovah their God, and the words of Haggai the prophet, as Jehovah had sent a messenger in Jehovah’s message unto the people, obeyed Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people; and they came and did work on the house of Jehovah of hosts, their God, in the twenty-fourth day of the month, in the sixth month in the second year of Darius the king. 9 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Consider your ways. 10 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house; and I will take pleasure in it, and I will be glorified, saith Jehovah. 11 Yet now, saith Jehovah, do ye give him occasions to blush with you, saying, We have entered into an oath, because Jehovah will do this thing. 12 As a result of your stinginess and fornication, toil, and the work of your hands, ye shall not enter into an oath, because Jehovah will do this thing. 13 Therefore thus saith Jehovah of hosts: If one of you whom Jehovah sent in my name shall call on me; and I will answer him; and if one of you shall persecute me, I will reprove him. For my Spirit abideth on you, and my words are in your heart. 14 But if ye shall say, We will not listen to this man, what hath he done? 15 Then I will cause them to come, and they shall hear; and they shall know that I am Jehovah; and they shall be ashamed, and they shall be confounded, because they have taken their judgments of silver into the house of Jehovah, and their judgments of gold into the place of Jehovah’s altar. 16 It is no small matter that Jehovah’s house was to have their judgments of silver, and Jehovah’s altar their judgments of gold; 17 And the priests answered and said, No. 18 And Jehovah said unto Haggai, Consider, I pray you, from this day and backward, before a stone was laid upon a foundation of Jehovah’s temple, what was brought in, and what was left out? 19 This is the word of Jehovah of hosts: Consider your ways. 20 Now because your ways are wicked, and your hearts are hardened, I will declares upon you the judgment of the whole earth, and they shall rest upon all flesh. 21 Speak now to Zerubbabel, governor of Judah, saying, I am with you, saith Jehovah. Be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith Jehovah. And I am with you, saith Jehovah. Be strong, O Joshua, son of Jehozadak, the high priest; and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith Jehovah, and work: for I am with you, saith Jehovah of hosts, according to the word that I covenanted with you when ye came out of Egypt, and my Spirit abode among you: fear ye not. 6 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Yet once, it is a little while, and I will shake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; 7 and I will shake all nations; and the desired one of all nations shall come; and I will fill this house with glory, saith Jehovah of hosts. 8 The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith Jehovah of hosts. 9 The latter glory of this house shall be greater than the former, saith Jehovah of hosts; and in this place will I give peace, saith Jehovah of hosts.

1:12 Haggai exhorts to build the Temple — 1:12 Zerubbabel and Joshua obey
2:11 The People reproved — 2:22 God’s Promise
Zechariah

1:1 Jehovah reasons with the people — 1:7 The horses
1:18 Four horns — 3:1 The high priest in filthy garments

1 In the eighteenth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of Jehovah unto Zechariah the son of Berechiah, the son of Iddo, the prophet, saying, 2 Jehovah was sore displeased with your fathers. 3 Therefore say thou unto them, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Return unto me, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I will return unto you, saith Jehovah of hosts. 4 Be ye not as your fathers, unto whom the former prophets cried, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts, Return ye now from your evil ways, and from your evil doings: but they did not hear, nor hearken unto me, saith Jehovah. 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 overtake your fathers? and they turned and said, Like as Jehovah of hosts thought to do unto us, according to our ways, and according to our doings, so hath he dealt with us.

7 Upon the twenty-fourth day of the eleventh month, which is the month Shebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of Jehovah unto 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 that were in the bottom; and behind him there were horses, red, sorrel, and white. 9 Then said I, O my lord, what are these? And the angel that talked with me said unto me, I will show thee what these are. 10 And the man stood among the myrtle-trees answered and said, These are they whom Jehovah hath sent to walk to and fro through the earth. 11 And they answered the angel of Jehovah that stood among the myrtle-trees, and said, we have walked to and fro through the earth, and, behold, all the earth sitteth still, and is at rest.

12 Then the angel of Jehovah answered and said, O Jehovah of hosts, how long will thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast had indignation these seventy years? 13 And Jehovah answered the angel that talked with me with good words, even comfortable words. 14 So the angel that talked with me said unto me, Cry thou, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. 15 And I am very sore displeased with the nations that are at ease; for I was but a little displeased, and they helped forward the affliction. 16 Therefore thus saith Jehovah: I am returned to Jerusalem with mercies; my house shall be built in it, saith Jehovah of hosts, and a line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem. 17 Cry yet again, saying, Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: My cities shall yet overflow with prosperity; and Jehovah shall yet comfort Zion, and shall yet choose Jerusalem.

18 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, four horns. 19 And I said unto the angel that talked with me, What are these? And he answered me, These are the horns which have scattered Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. 20 And Jehovah showed me four smiths. 21 Then said I, What come these to do? And he spake, saying, These are the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man did lift up his head; but these are 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.

2 And I lifted up mine eyes, and saw, and, behold, a man with a measuring line in his hand. 2 Then said I, Whither goest thou? And he said unto me, To measure Jerusalem, to see what is the breadth thereof, and what is the length thereof. 3 And, behold, the angel that talked with me went forth, and another angel went out to meet him, 4 and said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying, Jerusalem shall be inhabited as villages without walls, by reason of the multitude of men and cattle therein. 5 For I, saith Jehovah, will be unto her a wall of fire round about, and I will be the glory in the midst of her.

6 Ho, ho, flee from the land of the north, saith Jehovah; for I have spread you abroad as the four winds of the heavens, saith Jehovah. 7 Ho Zion, escape, thou that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. 8 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: After glory hath he sent me unto the nations which plundered you; for he that toucheth you toucheth the apple of mine eye. 9 For, behold, I will shake my hand over them, and they shall be a spoil to those that served them; and ye shall know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me. 10 Sing and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for, lo, I come, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith Jehovah. 11 And many nations shall join themselves to Jehovah in that day, and shall be my people; and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me unto thee. 12 And Jehovah shall inherit Judah as his portion in the holy land, and shall yet choose Jerusalem. 13 Be silent, all flesh, before Jehovah; for he is waked up out of his holy habitation.

3 And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of Jehovah, and Satan standing at his right hand to be his adversary. 2 And Jehovah said unto Satan, Jehovah rebuke thee, O Satan; yes, Jehovah that hath chosen Jehovah rebuke thee; is not this a brand plucked out of the fire? 3 Now Joshua was clothed with filthy garments, and was standing before the angel. 4 And he answered and spake unto those that stood before him, saying, Take the filthy garments from off him. And unto him he said, Behold, I have caused thine iniquity to pass from thee, and I will clothe thee with rich apparel. 5 And I said, Let them set a clean mitre upon

1 Presumed to be the new-moon feast, if not otherwise specified; hence BC 520 October 27.

2 Meaning Jehovah blesses, or, Blessed of Jehovah.

3 So Massoretic, Aram., Vg. 4QXII* Sept. omit unto us.

4 Or, shady place; Variorum Bible says, the plantation (Ps 52:8; 92:13) in front of the temple, which was transferred in prophetic imagery to heaven (Is. 6:1; Ps 11:4).

5 Or, helped for evil.

6 Or, through prosperity shall yet be spread abroad; 7 Or, dwell as villages without walls;

8 Or, After the glory, he hath sent me etc.

9 Or, iris of his eye.

10 Sopherim changed to his eye.

11 That is, the Adversary. And so elsewhere.
his head. So they set a clean mitre upon his head, and clothed him with garments; and the angel of Jehovah was standing by.

6 And the angel of Jehovah protested unto Joshua, saying, 7 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then thou also shalt judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee 12 a place of access among these that stand by. 8 Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, thou and thy fellows that sit before thee; for they are men that are 14 a sign: for, behold, I will bring forth my servant the 13 Branch. 9 For, behold, the stone that I have set before Joshua; upon one stone are seven eyes: behold, I will engrave the graving thereof, saith Jehovah of hosts; and I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. 10 In that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, shall ye invite every man his neighbor under the vine and under the fig-tree.

4 And the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep. 2 And he said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have seen, and, behold, a lampstand all of gold, with its bowl upon the top of it, and its seven lamps thereon; 16 there are seven pipes to each of the lamps, which are upon the top thereof; 3 and two olive-trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. 4 And I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? 5 Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said, No, my lord. 6 Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of Jehovah unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith Jehovah of hosts.

12 Or, turban (both times)
13 Or, places to walk among
14 Or, a wonder;
15 Or, Shoot, or, Sprout. Hb. netzer
16 Sept., Vg. read and seven pipes to the lamps,
17 Or, an army,
18 Or, which by means of the two golden spouts empty
19 Hb. the gold
20 Hb. sons of the oil,
21 Or, from hence according to it (both times)
22 1 ephah = 22 liter = 0.62 U.S. bushel.
23 Hb. eye Sept., Aram. read iniquity
24 Or, round piece of lead (1 talent = 35 kg = 77 lb.)
25 Sumer, homeland of many rulers of Babylon.
26 Or, established,
27 Or, upon her own base.
28 Or, the two mountains;
29 Or, spirits Hb. ruach
30 Or, presenting themselves before the Lord
31 Aram., Gk. read red [Of the reading red, Variorum Bible says, Clerical error.]
Zechariah 7

9 And the word of Jehovah came unto me, saying, 10 Take of them of the captivity, even of 32Heldai, of Tobijah, and of Jedediah; and come thou the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephaniah, whither they are come from BABYLON; 11 take of them silver and gold, and make 33crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest; 12 and speak unto him, saying, Thus speaketh Jehovah of hosts, saying, Behold, the man 34whose name is the 35Branch: and he shall 36grow up out of his place; and he shall build the temple of Jehovah; 13 even he shall build the temple of Jehovah; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and 37he shall be a priest upon his throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between them both. 14 And the 38crowns shall be to Helem, and to Tobijah, and to Jedediah, and 39to Hen the son of Zephaniah, for a memorial in the temple of Jehovah. 15 And they that are far off shall come and build in the temple of Jehovah; and ye shall know that Jehovah of hosts hath sent me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will diligently obey the voice of Jehovah your God.

7 And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius, that the word of Jehovah came unto Zechariah in the 40fourth day of the ninth month, even in Khislev. 2 41Now they of Beth-el had sent Sharezer and Regem-melech, and their men, to entreat the favor of Jehovah, 3 and to speak unto the priests of the house of Jehovah of hosts, and to the prophets, saying, Should I weep in the fifth month, separating myself, as I thought to do evil these so many years? 4 Then came the word of Jehovah of hosts unto me, saying, 5 Speak unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, saying, When ye 42fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh month, even these seventy years, did ye at all fast unto me, even me? 6 And when ye eat, and when ye drink, do ye not ye eat for yourselves, and drink for yourselves? 7 Should ye not hear the words which Jehovah cried by the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, and the cities thereof round about her, and the South and the lowland were inhabited? 8 And the streets of Jerusalem, every street, shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. 9 Thus hath Jehovah of hosts spaken, saying, Execute true judgment, and shew kindness and compassion every man to his brother; 10 and oppress not the widow, nor the fatherless, the sojourner, nor the poor; and let none of you devise evil against his brother in your heart. 11 But they refused to hear; and 43pulled away the shoulder, and 44stopped their ears, that they might not hear. 12 Yes, they made their hearts as an adamant stone, lest they should hear the law, and the words which Jehovah of hosts had sent by his Spirit by the former prophets: therefore there came great wrath from Jehovah of hosts. 13 And it is come to pass, as he cried, and they would not hear, so they shall cry, and I will not hear, saith Jehovah of hosts; 14 but I will scatter them with a whirlwind among all the nations which they have not known. Thus the land was desolate after them, so that no man passed through nor returned: for they laid the pleasant land desolate.

8 And the word of Jehovah of hosts came to me, saying, 2 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: I am jealous for Zion with great jealousy, and I am jealous for her with great wrath. 3 Thus saith Jehovah: I am returned unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called The city of truth; and the mountain of Jehovah of hosts, The holy mountain. 4 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: There shall yet old men and old women dwell in the streets of Jerusalem, every man with his staff in his hand for very age. 5 And the streets of the city shall be full of boys and girls playing in the streets thereof. 6 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: If it be marvellous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in those days, should it also be marvellous in mine eyes? saith Jehovah of hosts. 7 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: Behold, I will save my people from the east country, and from the west country; 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 saith Jehovah of hosts: Let your hands be strong, ye that hear these days these words from the mouth of the prophets that were in the day that the foundation of the house of Jehovah of hosts was laid, even the temple, that it might be built. 10 For before those days there was no hire for man, nor any hire for beast; neither was there any peace to him that went out or came in, because of the adversary: for I set all men every one against his neighbor. 11 But now I will not be unto the remnant of this people as in the former days, saith Jehovah of hosts. 12 For there shall be the seed of peace; the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give its increase, and the heavens shall give their dew; and I will cause the remnant of this people to inherit all these things. 13 And it shall come to pass, that ye were a curse among the nations, O house of Judah and house of Israel, so will I save you, and ye shall be a blessing. Fear not, but let your hands be strong.

14 For thus saith Jehovah of hosts: As I thought to do evil unto you, when your fathers provoked me to wrath, saith Jehovah of hosts, and I repented not; 15 so again have I thought in these days to do good unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah: fear ye not. 16 These are the things that ye shall do: Speak ye every man the truth with his neighbor;
judgment of truth and peace in your gates; 17 and let none of you devise evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith Jehovah.

18 And the word of Jehovah of hosts came unto me, saying, 19 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: The fast of the 50th month, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the 10th, shall be to the house of Judah joy and gladness, and cheerful feasts; therefore love truth and peace. 20 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: It shall yet come to pass, that there shall come peoples, 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 Jehovah, and to seek Jehovah in the streets of the south. 22 Yes, many peoples and strong nations shall come to seek Jehovah in Jerusalem, and to entreat the favor of Jehovah. 23 Thus saith Jehovah of hosts: In those days it shall come to pass, that ten men shall take hold, out of all the languages of the nations, they shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, saying, We will go with you, for we have heard that God is with you.

9 The burden of the word of Jehovah upon the land of Hadrach, and Damascus shall be its resting place (for the eye of man and of all the tribes of Israel is toward Jehovah); 2 and Hamath, also, which bordereth thereon; Tyre and Sidon, because they are very wise. 3 And Tyre did build herself a stronghold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and gold as the mire of the streets. 4 Behold, Jehovah will dispossess her, and he will smite her power in the sea; and she shall be devoured with fire. 5 Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gaza also, and shall be sore pained; and Ekron, for her expectation shall be put to shame; and the king shall perish from Gaza, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. 6 And a bastard shall 60dwell 61in Ashdod, and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. 7 And I will take away his blood out of his mouth, and his abominations from between his teeth; and he also shall be a remnant for our God; and he shall be as a chieftain in Judah, and Ekron as a Jebusite.

8 And I will encamp about my house 62against the army, that none pass through or return; and no oppressor shall pass through them any more: for now have I seen with mine eyes.

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion; shout, O daughter of Jerusalem: behold, thy king cometh unto thee; he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, even upon a colt 63the 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 unto the nations: and his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the river to the ends of its land.

11 As for thee also, because of the blood of thy covenant I have set free thy prisoners from the pit wherein is no water. 12 Turn ye to the strongholds, ye prisoners of hope: even today do I declare that I will render double unto thee. 13 For I have bent Judah for me, I have filled the bow with Ephraim; and I will stir up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Greece, and will make thee as the sword of a mighty man. 14 And Jehovah shall be seen over them; and his arrow shall go forth as the lightning; and the Lord Jehovah will blow the trumpet, and will go with whirlwinds of the south. 15 Jehovah of hosts shall defend them; and they shall devour, and shall tread down the sling-stones; and they shall drink, and make a noise as through wine; and they shall be filled like bowls, like the corners of the altar. 16 And Jehovah their God will save them in that day as the flock of his people; for they shall be as the stones of a crown, lifted on high over his land.

10 Ask ye of Jehovah rain in the time of the latter rain, even of Jehovah that maketh lightnings; and he will give them showers of rain, to every one grass in the field. 2 For the teraphim have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie; and they have told false dreams, they comfort in vain: therefore they go their way like sheep, they are afflicted, because there is no shepherd. 3 Mine anger is kindled against the shepherds, and I will punish the he-goats; for Jehovah of hosts hath visited his flock, the house of Judah, and will make them as his goodly horse in the battle. 4 From him shall come forth the corner-stone, from him the nail, from him the battle bow, from him every 72ruler together. 5 And they shall be as mighty men, treading down their enemies in the mire of the streets in the battle; and they shall fight, because Jehovah 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 73bring them back; for I have mercy upon them; and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I am Jehovah their God, and I will hear them. 7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, and their heart shall rejoice as through wine; yes, their children shall see it, and rejoice; their heart shall be glad in Jehovah.

50 The walls of Jerusalem were breached in Zedekiah’s 11th year; 4th month, 9th day. Jr 39:2, 52:6.
For the 5th and 7th months, see footnote on ch. 7:5.
51 The siege of Jerusalem commenced in Zedekiah’s 9th year; 10th month, 10th day. Jr 52:4.
52 Or, great cities;
53 Or, oracle
54 Or, Jehovah hath an eye upon men and upon all the tribes of Israel)
55 Or, though
56 Hb. tsor (Tyre) ... matsor (tower, stronghold),
57 Soph'erim changed to the Lord
58 Or, the sea which is her rampart; or, her rampart into the sea;
59 Or, a bastard race shall dwell in Ashdod,
60 Or, sit as king in Ashdod,
61 Sept. reads as a garrison (or, rampart),
62 Or, exactor of taxes shall pass through
63 Hb. saved;
64 Or, victory;
65 Or, Return
66 Hb. mishneh: a repetition, a copy; a second in rank
67 Hb. Javan (from which Javania, or, Ionia)
68 Or, glittering upon high
69 Or, their (both times)
70 Or, prosperity,
71 Or, the dreamers speak falsely,
72 Or, exactor of taxes together.
73 Or, cause them to dwell;
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8 I will hiss for them, and gather them; for I have redeemed them; and they shall increase as they have increased. 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 I will bring them again also out of the land of Egypt, and gather them out of Assyria; and I will bring them into the land of Gilead and Lebanon; and place shall not be found for them. 11 And he shall pass through the sea of affliction, and will smite the waves in the sea, and all the depths of the Nile shall dry up, and the sceptre of Egypt shall depart. 12 And I will strengthen them in Jehovah; and they shall walk up and down in his name, saith Jehovah.

11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, that the fire may devour thy cedars. 2 Wail, O fir-tree, for the cedar is fallen, because the goodly ones are destroyed: wail, O ye oaks of Bashan, for the strong forest is come down. 3 A voice of the wailing of the shepherds! for their glory is destroyed: a voice of the roaring of young lions! for their glory is destroyed.

4 Thus said Jehovah my God: Feed the flock of slaughter; 5 whose buyers slay them, and hold themselves not guilty; and they that sell them say, Blessed be Jehovah, for I am rich; and their own shepherds pity them not. 6 For I will no more pity the inhabitants of the land, saith Jehovah; but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into his neighbor’s hand, and into the hand of his king: and they shall smite the land, and out of their hand I will not deliver them. 7 So I fed the flock of slaughter, truly the poor of the flock. And I took unto me two staves; the one I called Beauty, and the other I called Bands; and I fed the flock. 8 And I cut off the three shepherds in one month; for my soul was weary of them, and their soul also loathed me. 9 Then said I, I will not feed you: that which dieth, let it die; and that which is to be cut off, let it be cut off; and let them that are left eat every one the flesh of another. 10 And I took my staff Beauty, and cut it asunder, that I might break my covenant which I had made with all the peoples. 11 And it was broken in that day; and thus the poor of the flock that gave heed unto me knew that it was the word of Jehovah. 12 And I said unto them, If ye think good, give me my hire; and if not, forbear. So they weighed for my hire thirty pieces of silver. 13 And Jehovah said unto me, Cast it unto the potter, the goodly price that I was prized at by them. And I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them unto the potter, in the house of Jehovah. 14 Then I cut asunder mine other staff, even Bands, that I might break the brotherhood between Judah and Israel.

15 And Jehovah said unto me, Take unto thee yet again the instruments of a foolish shepherd. 16 For, lo, I will raise up a shepherd in the land, who will not visit those that are cut off, neither will seek those that are scattered, nor heal that which is broken, nor feed that which is sound; but he will eat the flesh of the fat sheep, and will tear their hoofs in pieces. 17 Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth the flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his right eye: his arm shall be clean dried up, and his right eye shall be utterly darkened.

12 The burden of the word of Jehovah concerning Israel. Thus saith Jehovah, who stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the breath of man within him: 2 Behold, I will make Jerusalem a cup of reeling unto all the peoples round about, and upon Judah also shall it be in the siege against Jerusalem. 3 And it shall come to pass in that day that I will make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the peoples; all that burden them shall it be in the siege against Jerusalem. 4 In that day, saith Jehovah, I will smite every horse with terror, and his rider with madness; and I will open mine eyes upon Jerusalem: 5 And I will pour upon her the spirit of grace and of supplication, and I will look upon the earth, and formeth the word of Jehovah concerning Israel.

74 Or, And though I sow them among the peoples, they shall remember me in far countries;
75 Or, the sea of waves,
76 So Massoretic, (Vg.) 4QXII Sept. read praise in Lamta says preach the good tidings of his name,
77 Or, glorious
78 Or, fortified Massoretic reads the forest of the vintage is come down.
79 Lit. acquirers
80 Or, their shepherd pityeth them not.
81 Or, the most miserable of sheep. Also in vs. 11.
82 Or, Graciousness,
83 Or, Binders; or, Union;
84 Or, that which is lost, let it be lost;
85 Or, the poor of the flock that gave heed unto me knew of a truth that it was the word of Jehovah;
86 The price of a bondservant. Ex 21:32.
87 Aram. reads into the treasury,
88 Or, miss
89 Or, lost,
90 Or, the young,
91 Hb. standeth;
92 Or, oracle
93 Or, spirit Hb. ruach: breath, wind, spirit.
94 Or, against Vg., Targ. read and Judah also shall be at the besieging of Jerusalem.
95 Or, shall it fall to be in the siege
96 Hb. her
and they shall mourn for him, as one mourneth for his only son, and shall be in bitterness for him, as one that is in bitterness for the firstborn. 11 In that day shall there be a great mourning in Jerusalem, as the mourning of Hadad-rimmon in the valley of Megiddon. 12 And the land shall mourn, every family apart; the family of the house of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; the family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives apart; the family of the Shimeites apart, and their wives apart; 14 all the families that remain, every family apart, and their wives apart.

13 In that day there shall be a fountain opened to the house of David and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, for sin and for uncleanness. 2 And it shall come to pass in that day, saith Jehovah of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out of the land, and they shall no more be remembered; and also I will cause the prophets and the unclean spirit to pass out of the land. 3 And it shall come to pass that, when any shall yet prophesy, then his father and his mother that begat him shall say unto him, Thou shalt not live; for thou speakest lies in the name of Jehovah; and his father and his mother that begat him shall thrust him through when he prophesieth. 4 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one of his vision, when he prophesieth; neither shall they wear a hairy mantle to deceive: 5 but he shall say, I am no prophet, I am a tiller of the ground; for I have been made a bondman from my youth. 6 And one shall say unto him, What are these wounds betwixt thine 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 that is my fellow, saith Jehovah of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered; and I will turn my hand upon the little ones. 8 And it shall come to pass, that in all the land, saith Jehovah, two parts therein shall be cut off and die; but the third shall be left therein. 9 And I will bring the third part into the fire, and will refine them as silver is refined, and will try them as gold is tried. They shall call on my name, and I will hear them: I will say, It is my people; and they shall say, Jehovah is my God.

14 Behold, a day of Jehovah cometh, when thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 For I will gather all nations against Jerusalem to battle; and the city shall be taken, and the houses rifled, and the women ravished; and half of the city shall go forth into captivity, and the residue of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 Then shall Jehovah go forth, and fight against those nations, as when he fought in the day of battle. 4 And his feet shall stand in that day upon the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on the east; and the mount of Olives shall be cleft in the midst thereof toward the east and toward the west, and there shall be a very great valley; and half of the mountain shall remove toward the north, and half of it toward the south. 5 And ye shall flee by the valley of the mountains; for the valley of the mountains shall reach unto Azel; yes, ye shall flee, like as ye fled from before the earthquake in the days of Uzziah king of Judah; and Jehovah my God shall come, and all the holy ones with thee. 6 And it shall come to pass in that day, that the light shall not be bright nor dark; the bright ones shall withdraw themselves: but it shall be one day which is known unto Jehovah; not day, and not night; but it shall come to pass, that towards evening time there shall be light. 8 And it shall come to pass in 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 Jehovah shall be King over all the earth: in that day shall Jehovah be one, and his name one. 10 All the land shall be made like the Arabah, from Geba to Rimmon south of Jerusalem; and she shall be lifted up, and shall dwell in her place, from Benjamin’s gate unto the place of the first gate, unto the corner gate, and from the tower of Hananel unto the king’s winepresses. 11 And men shall dwell therein, and there shall be no more curse; but Jerusalem shall dwell safely.

12 And this shall be the plague wherewith Jehovah will smite all the peoples that have warred 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 in that day, that a great tumult from Jehovah shall be among them; and they shall lay hold every one 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 round about shall be gathered together, gold, and silver, and apparel, in great abundance. 15 And so 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 those camps, as that plague.

16 And it shall come to pass, that every one that is left of all the nations that came against Jerusalem shall go up from year to year to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, and to keep the feast of booths. 17 And it shall be, that whoso of all the families of the earth goeth not up unto Jerusalem to worship the King, Jehovah of hosts, upon them there shall be no rain. 18 And if the family of Egypt go not up, and come not, that have no rain; on them there shall be the plague wherewith
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Jehovah will smite the nations that go not up to keep the feast of booths. 19 This shall be the punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the nations that go not up to keep the feast of booths. 20 In that day shall there be upon the bells of the horses, \textsc{Holy unto Jehovah}; and the pots in Jehovah’s house shall be like the bowls before the altar. 21 Yes, every pot in Jerusalem and in Judah shall be holy unto Jehovah of hosts; and all they that sacrifice shall come and take of them, and boil therein: and in that day there shall be no more a Canaanite in the house of Jehovah of hosts.

\textit{111} Egypt typically receives 10 cm of rain, or less, in an average year — too little to sustain crops. It is the Spring inundation of the Nile that leaves the land fertile for the growing season. Many people in Upper (southern) Egypt grow up never seeing rain. Sept. Aram. read upon them shall be the plague \textit{etc.}

\textit{112} Or, sin (both times)

\textit{113} A specific phrase. See Ex 28:36-38.

\textit{114} Or by extension, merchant
The burden of the word of Jehovah to Israel by Malachi.

1 I have loved you, saith Jehovah. Yet ye say, Wherein hast thou loved us? 2 Was not Esau Jacob's brother? saith Jehovah: yet I loved Jacob; 3 but Esau I hated, and made his mountains a desolation, and gave his heritage to the jackals of the wilderness. 4 Whereas Edom saith, We are beaten down, but we will return and build the waste places; thus saith Jehovah of hosts, They shall build, but I will throw down; and men shall call them The border of wickedness, and The people against whom Jehovah hath indignation forever. 5 And your eyes shall see, and ye shall say, Jehovah be magnified beyond the border of Israel.

6 A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master: if then I am a father, where is mine honor? and if I am a master, where is my fear? saith Jehovah of hosts unto you, O priests, that despise my name. And ye say, Wherein have we despised thy name? 7 Ye offer polluted bread upon mine altar. And ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say, The table of Jehovah is contemptible. 8 And when ye offer the blind for sacrifice, it is no evil! and when ye offer the lame and sick, it is no evil! Present it now unto thy governor; will he be pleased with thee? or will he accept thy person? saith Jehovah of hosts.

9 And now, I pray you, entreat the favor of God, that he may be gracious unto us: this hath been our case three times. 10 Oh that there were among you that would shut the double gates, that ye might not kindle fire on mine altar in vain! I have no pleasure in you, saith Jehovah of hosts, when ye offer your sacrifices. 11 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles: and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the Gentiles, saith Jehovah of hosts.

12 But ye profane me, in that ye say, The table of Jehovah is polluted, and the fruit thereof, even its food, is contemptible. 13 Ye say also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at me, saith Jehovah of hosts; and ye have brought that which was taken by violence, and the lame and the sick; thus ye bring the offering: should I accept this at your hand?

14 But cursed be the deceiver, who hath in his flock a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth unto Jehovah a blemished thing: for I am a great King, saith Jehovah of hosts, and my name is awesome among the Gentiles.

2 And now, O ye priests, this commandment is for you. 2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not lay it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith Jehovah of hosts, then will I send the curse upon you, and I will curse your blessings! yes, I have cursed them already, because ye do not lay it to heart.

3 Behold, I will rebuke thy seed, and will spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your feasts; and ye shall be taken away with it. 4 And ye shall know that I have sent this commandment unto you, that my covenant may be with Levi, saith Jehovah of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him of life and peace; and I gave him to make him that he might fear; and he feared me, and stood in awe of my name. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and unrighteousness was not found in his lips: he walked with me in peace and uprightness, and turned many away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of Jehovah of hosts. 8 But ye are turned aside out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble in the law; ye have corrupted the covenant of Levi, saith Jehovah of hosts. 9 Therefore have I also made you contemptible and base before all the people, according as ye have not kept my ways, but have had respect of persons in the law.

10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, profaning the covenant of our fathers? 11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination is committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the holiness of Jehovah which he loveth, and hath married the daughter of a foreign god. 12 Jehovah will cut off, to the man that doeth this, him that waketh and him that awaketh, out of the tents of Jacob, and him that offereth an offering unto Jehovah of hosts. 13 And this ye do again ye do: ye cover the altar of Jehovah with tears, with weeping, and with sighing, insomuch that he regardeth not the offering any more, neither receiveth it with good will at your hand. 14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because

1 Or, oracle 2 Or, my messenger. [Not necessarily his name.] 3 Or, Is not Esau ... yet I have loved Jacob; 4 Soncino commentary suggests, loved less, (Ge 29:31; Dt 21:15). 5 Or, Though Edom say, 6 Or, as otherwise read, impoverished, 7 Or, is great 8 Or, over 9 Hb. from your hand: 10 Or, accept any because of you? saith Jehovah 11 Or, is (three times). 12 Or, incense and a pure oblation are offered: 13 Sopherim changed to it, 14 So several mss. and Jewish tradition. Sopherim changed to it, 15 So the versions. Massoretic reads a faulty female, 16 Sopherim changed to the Lord 17 Sept., Vg., Gk read, your arm, 18 Or, unto 19 Sept., Vg. read him fear, and he feared me, 20 Several mss., Sept., Vg. read peoples, 21 Or, Holy or possibly, sanctuary 22 Or, a second time ye do: 23 So Massoretic, Aram., Vg. 4QXII reads because of troubles, doth he still regard [the offering and receive it with good will at etc]. Sept. reads because of troubles; is it worthy to regard the offering and receive it with good will at etc.
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Jehovah hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast dealt treacherously, though she is thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. 15 And did he not make one, although he had the residue of the Spirit? And wherefore one? He sought a seed of God. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. 16 For I hate putting away, saith Jehovah, the God of Israel, and him that covereth his garment with violence, saith Jehovah of hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, that ye deal not treacherously.

17 Ye have weared Jehovah with your words. Yet ye say, Wherein have we weared him? In that ye say, Every one that doeth evil is good in the sight of Jehovah, and he delighteth in them; or where is the God of justice?

3 Behold, I send my messenger, and he shall prepare the way before me: and the Lord, whom ye seek, will suddenly come to his temple; 2 and the messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire, behold, he cometh, saith Jehovah of hosts. 2 But who can abide the day of his coming? and who shall stand when he appeareth? for he is like a refiner's fire, and like fuller's soap: 3 and he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver; and they shall offer unto Jehovah offerings in righteousness.

4 Then shall the offering of Judah and Jerusalem be pleasant unto Jehovah, as in the days of old, and as in ancient 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 the false swearers, and against those that oppress the hirling in his wages, the widow, and the fatherless, and that turn aside the sojourner from his right, and fear not me, saith Jehovah of hosts. 6 For I Jehovah, change not; therefore ye, O sons of Jacob, are not consumed.

7 From the days of your fathers ye have turned aside from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith Jehovah of hosts. But ye say, Wherein shall we return? 8 Will a man rob God? yet ye rob me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and heave-offerings. 9 Ye have cursed Jehovah with your words. Yet ye say, What have we spoken against thee? 10 Ye have said, It is vain to serve God; and what profit is it that we have kept his charge, and that we have walked mournfully before Jehovah of hosts? 11 And now we call the proud happy; yes, they that work wickedness are built up; yes, they tempt God, and escape.

12 Then they that feared Jehovah spake one with another; and Jehovah hearkened, and heard, and a book of remembrance was written before him, for them that feared Jehovah, and that thought upon his name. 13 And they shall be mine, saith Jehovah of hosts, even mine own possession, in the day that I 14 make; and I will spare them, as a man spareth his own son that serveth him. 15 Then shall ye return and discern between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that serveth him not.

4 For, behold, the day cometh, it burneth as a furnace; and all the proud, and all that work wickedness, shall be stubble; and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith Jehovah of hosts, that it shall leave them neither root nor branch. 2 But unto you that fear my name shall I 33 make; and I shall not destroy them, saith Jehovah of hosts. 3 And they shall be mine, saith Jehovah of hosts, in that day when I make of all the nations a 34 stumbling-block, and all that turn aside off the paths of my people; and they shall be crushed in the midst of the seas. 35 For thus saith Jehovah, at the time that I shall gather the children of Israel out of all places, whereunto they have been dispersed, and shall be in their own land: 36 and I will make them one nation in the land, and they shall be one nation, and shall not be few: 37 and I will be unto them a God, and they shall be unto me a people. And they shall be my people, and I will be unto them a God, saith Jehovah.
APPENDIX I

Ancient Manuscripts and Versions

It has been over half a century since the first Dead Sea Scrolls were discovered near the Dead Sea. The initial scholarly enthusiasm has subsided, as no great change to the Old Testament message has resulted. Still, it has been possible to make a few scroll-supported corrections with greater confidence. So we may consider where the ancient manuscripts and versions have come from, and then what we can learn from them.

The Septuagint

Beginning in the third century BC, about seventy-two Jewish scholars in Alexandria, Egypt, were funded by Ptolemy II to translate the Hebrew Scriptures into a Greek version called the Septuagint (meaning Seventy). A century later, in the time of the Greek/Syrian kings’ (the Seleucid Dynasty, of Greek origin) conquest and subjection of Judea, the high priest’s office came to be gained by bribing the Syrian king, and even by murdering the legitimate high priest. Thus began the dissension between the Pharisees (including most scribes of the Massoretic Hebrew text of the Old Testament), who refused to accept appointment of God’s high priest by a Gentile, and the Sadducees (Zadokites), the wealthier faction headed by the high priest. (The Septuagint\(^1\) appears to have been translated from a text close to that of the later Sadducees, and not from a Massoretic text type.)

Dead Sea Scrolls

When the leaders of the Maccabean revolt against the Syrian kings deposed the high priest for not supporting the revolt, and substituted one from among their own, a portion of the priesthood and their followers withdrew from the Jewish community altogether and settled in the desert around Qumran, just west of the Dead Sea. From the Biblical and commentary scrolls, which they hid in their caves, we have today the Dead Sea Scrolls. A few more scrolls were preserved nearby at Wadi-Murabbaat, Nahal Hever, and Masada.\(^2\)

Massoretic Text

Forty years after the first Passover of Jesus’ ministry, the Romans came to Jerusalem and destroyed the Temple. The sect of the Sadducees, whose work had centered around the Temple, was destroyed with the Temple.\(^3\) From that time on, the Massoretic text has held sway.\(^4\) (\(\sim 17,000\) mss. 10th-17th century, per J. McDowell / S. Carroll.)

\(^1\) The Septuagint was quoted or paraphrased in the New Testament much in the same way the King James Version (Authorized Version) is quoted today.


\(^3\) Qumran was abandoned within three more years, just before the fall of Masada in AD 73.
Aramaic, Vulgate, and Others

The Samaritans, a people of mixed Israeli and foreign parentage, have preserved a Pentateuch in their dialect, which shows evidence of contact with the Septuagint. The Aramaic (Syriac) and Latin-Vulgate versions were translated from the Massoretic text, but later revised in several places by comparison with the Septuagint, and possibly other Hebrew texts. Owing to Jewish dissatisfaction with the Septuagint, other Greek translations were made from the Massoretic text, notably by Aquila (torturously literal), Theodotion (a revised Septuagint), and Symmachus (literary Greek). Later Greek editions of Origen and Lucian are of still less value to us today. Also, Aramaic paraphrases, called Targums, offer some early understanding of various texts. Josephus gives a history (in Greek) paralleling the historical books of the Old Testament.

Text of the Scrolls

More than two hundred fragmentary Biblical manuscripts were recovered from Qumran’s caves, in a race between Arabs and archaeologists (Arabs winning most of the time). Twenty-one manuscripts are from Isaiah, one is virtually complete (1QIsa\textsuperscript{a}, where “1” stands for Cave 1, “Q” stands for Qumran, “Isa” stands for Isaiah, and “\textsuperscript{a}” stands for the first manuscript catalogued for that book and that site; written likely in the 2nd century BC, and therefore about the oldest Dead Sea Scroll, it might have even preceded the Septuagint translation of Isaiah). Although this latter exhibits over a thousand variants from the Massoretic text, most are minor.\textsuperscript{5} In the first ten chapters of Isaiah, 1QIsa\textsuperscript{a}’s variants are singular (unsupported by any other manuscripts or versions) about 15% of the time; its variants disagree with the Massoretic text about 90% of the time, and disagree with the Septuagint about 60% of the time. (The Massoretic text and Septuagint agree with each other in about half of these variants.) On the other hand, two Cave-4 manuscripts, 4QIsa\textsuperscript{b} and 4QIsa\textsuperscript{f}, agree with the Massoretic text more than half the time; 4QIsa\textsuperscript{f} agrees with Aramaic and Latin most of the time, but not with the Septuagint. (1Isa\textsuperscript{b}, present intermittently from chapter 10 on, usually agrees with the Massoretic text. 4QIsa\textsuperscript{c} agrees with the Massoretic text in nearly half the variants. Other scrolls are more fragmentary.)

In the Psalms, 11QPs\textsuperscript{a} often varies (though not often significantly) from the Septuagint, and still more often from the Massoretic text. But from Masada, MasPs\textsuperscript{b} may be considered a Massoretic text. The situation is similar in many other books. Thus, the Dead Sea Scroll libraries represent more than just one or two text types.

Considering the origin of the Qumran community, one might have expected its scrolls to agree more with the Sadducee texts, and with their presumed-derivative Septuagint, than with the Massoretic text. But it appears Qumran had some texts of each type, not infrequently differing with each other, and none being entirely free of scribal mistakes. The hundreds of Massoretic manuscripts are much closer to one another than are the Qumran manuscripts, or even the Greek Septuagint manuscripts.\textsuperscript{6}

\textsuperscript{4} The Massoretes were charged with faithfully copying the Bible (Old Testament) possibly as early as the time of Ezra the priest after the fifth-century return from Babylonian captivity. From the small number of variants between hundreds of Massoretic manuscript copies known today, and yet written up to a thousand years apart, one may infer that the earlier Massoretes had not been any less careful. Thus, the present Massoretic text (apart from vowels) should be a good representation of the text of two thousand years ago. (Vowels were not added to the text until a thousand years later; so occasionally, there is an ambiguity in reading from the consonants alone.)

\textsuperscript{5} The most common variant is the inclusion or omission of a single letter, vav (\textdagger), most-often translated “and.” Spelling variants are also common. Isaiah has about 1291 verses, which averages about one variant per verse, no matter how trivial.

\textsuperscript{6} The Sopherim, perhaps in the time of Ezra, or perhaps as late as the first century, made around two hundred alterations in the Hebrew text thence preserved by the Massoretes, but these changes were recorded by the Massoretes in the margins of their manuscripts.
Estimated Value of the Old Testament Manuscripts and Versions

It is quite generally acknowledged that the Greek New Testament is the second-best-preserved book of antiquity, and the best-preserved is the Hebrew Old Testament. Still, some corrections can be made from the ancient manuscripts and versions (translations into other languages). It would appear that the best witnesses to the text of the Hebrew Old Testament are, in approximately decreasing order of value, as follows.

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The Hebrew Alphabet and its Alphabetic Numerics

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*Originally, א aleph likely had a very soft h sound; ע ayin a gh (aspirated) sound (compared to g, as ch is to k); פ pe as in the Scottish loch, or German mich, mish; ϑ q is pronounced from deeper in the throat than k. [Although the Greek alphabet was derived from the Canaanite/Hebrew alphabet, tsade was not retained, while \(\nu\) vau (digamma, 6), ϑ qoppa (90), and ϑ sampi (900) were later dropped. Beginning with \(\nu\) 90, the Greek alphabetic numerics are moved up one notch; so \(\rho\) 100, \(\sigma\) 200, \(\tau\) 300, \(\upsilon\) 400, \(\varphi\) 500, \(\chi\) 600, \(\psi\) 700, \(\omega\) 800, \(\lambda\) 900). ξ was often substituted for \(\nu\). Note that the Hebrew letters face left, while the Greek letters face right; each faces in the direction in which it is written.]

An example of the use of these alphabetic numerics in very ancient Hebrew manuscripts seems implied in Nu 3:28, as outlined in its footnote.
Hebrew vowels are given below, with pronunciations as given by Hebrew Student’s Manual (HSM, 19th century), and for modern Sephardic and Ashkenaz Jewry per Sol Scharfstein, A Reading and Prayer Primer; Hong Kong: Ktaz Publishing House, Inc., 1989.

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ōō is pronounced as in ooze, moon, room — ō as in corn, more. “ָ” and “ֵ” may be either long or short. The Hebrew Students Manual, pages 5-7, gives for vowels the pronunciation rules in older Hebrew.

The Hebrew alphabet was evidently already in use in Moses’ time, but the vowel points were not invented until somewhere around the seventh century AD, more than two millennia later.
APPENDIX II
Translation

Modern Hebrew is written from right to left (the opposite of most European languages). In very early times, Hebrew might be written in either direction, with the letters turned around accordingly. From left to right is better for the right-handed writer using pen and ink, as his hand is less likely to smudge the ink. From right to left is better for inscribing in stone, as it is easier for the left hand holding the stylus to space the letters correctly. Thus, it seems likely the Ten Commandments, inscribed on tablets, influenced the standardization of writing Hebrew from right to left.

Difficulties of Translation

There are fewer than 10,000 Hebrew words used in the Bible. The English language has more than 500,000 words (the most of any language in the world). Thus a single Hebrew word may correspond to any of several English words of various nuances. Moreover, Hebrew tends to distinguish nuances with different nouns, while English more often distinguishes by adding adjectives to a single noun. And both languages have words spelled the same but with different meanings. Thus, a goal of good English translation, that of uniquely preserving each Hebrew word with a unique English synonym, can only be approached in understandable English. To preserve broad meanings or ambiguities in the Hebrew wording, or to preserve meanings more specific than can be expressed in simple English, notes are added in RVIC2016.

Word separation: In earliest Hebrew, as in earliest Greek and other languages, no spaces were inserted between words. The Qumran Biblical scrolls (and Hezekiah’s Siloam inscription) exhibit spacing between words many centuries before Greek manuscripts do. In only a few scriptures is there an apparent ambiguity as to where the words should be separated. One example may be seen in Hosea 6:5, where the standard Massoretic text, ומשׁפּטיכ אָרֲאֶתָם, means “and thy judgments are as light that goeth forth.” But if the letter kaph, כ, is instead associated with the second word (to the left), it becomes a preposition (and converts the preceding י from a plural marker to the first person singular pronoun); so ומשׁפּטי כאָרֲאֶתָם means, “and my judgment is as light that goeth forth.” The Septuagint and Aramaic translators read it the latter way, as did a Jewish Targum.

Vowels: The original Hebrew manuscripts and tablets used only consonants, with no vowels. Though this practice may seem difficult to the English reader, one could nevertheless become accustomed to it. For example, consider Genesis 1:1.

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<th>Genesis 1:1 without vowels</th>
<th>Genesis 1:1 with vowels</th>
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<tr>
<td>N th bgnng Gd crtd th hvns nd th rth.</td>
<td>In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.</td>
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(1) If ancient practices of writing either direction seem strange to English readers, 20th-century Japanese may be written in either direction, or from top to bottom. Some paleo-European languages were even written in a spiral.
While the reader will find the reading on the right much easier to understand, he can nevertheless become accustomed to reading the same words on the left. There could be an ambiguity as to whether God created, or God carted, the heavens and the earth. But the ambiguity is to be resolved by ruling out absurd meanings, as is the rule in Hebrew.

Occasionally a different choice of vowel points can significantly affect the meaning of a scripture. A prime example is found in Psalms 22:16, where M. Abegg reports 5/6HevPs, Septuagint (also Aramaic and Latin Vulgate), and a few Massoretic manuscripts read, “They pierced my hands and my feet.” Most Massoretic manuscripts point it differently, so as to read, “Like a lion are my hands and my feet.” (Whereas Jewish theologians prefer to avoid the former, the Companion Bible translates the latter as, “Like a lion they break up my hands and my feet” and then compares it with John 19:37. Tregelles’ Gesenius (page 388) discusses both ways of translation.)

The Value of Punctuation

Punctuation: Hebrew manuscripts and printed texts show no punctuation marks, except for a colon (:) at the end of each verse. It is desirable in English to add punctuation, as may be demonstrated by the following extreme example:

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<th>With Punctuation</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>John where Bill had had had had had had had had had had the teacher’s approval.</td>
<td>John, where Bill had had “had had,” had had “had;” “had had” had had the teacher’s approval.</td>
</tr>
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</table>

Punctuation thus makes the incomprehensible relatively easy to understand.

Some Peculiarities of Hebrew vs. English

Users of Hebrew-English diaglotts may note some significant differences between Hebrew and its English translations.

Sentences in Biblical Hebrew commonly begin with the verb, whether VOS (verb-object-subject) or VSO word order. While this word order may seem strange to the reader of English, VOS word order does occur in English, albeit infrequently, as may be seen in the last sentence of the following example:

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<th>SVO &amp; SVO</th>
<th>SVO &amp; VOS</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jacob went to bless Pharaoh. And he did bless Pharaoh.</td>
<td>Jacob went to bless Pharaoh. And bless Pharaon he did.</td>
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The root of almost all Hebrew verbs is exactly three letters (consonants) long. The verb root is active (“Kal,” meaning All) and in the past tense. To change the tense or specie of the verb, one or two letters may be prefixed.

To change to the future tense, the letter yod (י) or tav (ת, with the dot inside the letter), or in the first person (singular or plural) aleph (א) or nun (כ), is usually prefixed.

To change to the passive (“niphal”), the letter nun (כ) is prefixed.
To change to intensive ("Piel; "Pual" for passive), a dot ("·"; Dagesh) is inserted in the middle letter.

To change to causative ("Hiphil; "Hophel" for passive), the letter he (–י) is prefixed. (For "Hiphil," י is also inserted before the last letter.)

To change to reflexive ("Hithpael"), the letters tav and he (–ת.י) are prefixed.

(There are five to ten other species of the verb, but they are used too infrequently to be mentioned here. See Hebrew Students Manual, New Wilson’s Old Testament Word Studies, or other Hebrew grammar book.) For examples of usage:

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<th>Verb Specie</th>
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<td>Kal (active)</td>
<td>he blessed</td>
<td>he will bless</td>
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<tr>
<td>Niphal (passive)</td>
<td>he was blessed</td>
<td>he will be blessed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Piel (intensive, active)</td>
<td>he diligently blessed</td>
<td>he will diligently bless</td>
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<tr>
<td>Pual (intensive, passive)</td>
<td>he was diligently blessed</td>
<td>he will be diligently blessed</td>
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<tr>
<td>Hiphil (causative, active)</td>
<td>he caused to bless</td>
<td>he will cause to bless</td>
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<td>Hophal (causative, passive)</td>
<td>he was caused to bless</td>
<td>he will be caused to bless</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Hithpael (reflexive)</td>
<td>he blessed himself</td>
<td>he will bless himself</td>
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</table>

In addition to past and future, infinitive (to bless), imperative (bless thou), and participle (blessing) forms are also used.

Tenses: Hebrew has only past and future tenses; it has no present tense. However, Hebrew uses these tenses significantly differently from English and other European languages. The “past” tense is the more common tense, but it is used to express action which may be past, present, or future in relation to the time at which it is spoken or written. The “future” tense implies action which sequentially follows a “past” tense, even if both actions are in the distant past, or both are in the far future, or the first (“past”) is present and ongoing and the second (“future”) is to follow afterwards. (They are really “anytime” and “subsequent” tenses.)

Almost all verbs in Hebrew consist of exactly three consonants (although prefixes and suffixes may be added to indicate particular tenses and moods). Thus, changing of a single letter by a copyist could substantially alter the meaning. (In principle the 22 letters of the Hebrew alphabet allow for over 10,000 verbs, but some combinations are not used. There is a total of nearly 8,700 Hebrew words and names used in the Old Testament.)

Moods: Hebrew employs only one mood, which includes both the indicative and subjunctive. Occasionally it may be uncertain which is intended, as in Job 14:15, 22:23, or Ps 139:19. Sometimes it may be unclear whether direct speech or a question is intended, as in Job 19:5, 21:17-18, Ps 22:1, 68:13, or Pr 25:8. And again it may be unclear whether an imperative is intended, as in Job 22:23, Ps 5:11, 72:2-14 (intermittently), or Pr 23:2.

Verbless: Hebrew, unlike English, may omit the verb “to be” in order to show an identity, or equality, or very close relationship. Insertion of the verb “to be” may convey the same meaning as in English or may imply metaphor; but it commonly implies a change of condition, before or after. (See Preface for examples.)
Nouns: In Hebrew, the gender of nouns is either masculine or feminine. The noun may be either singular, dual, or plural. The masculine plural is formed by suffixing –im, יים (or sometimes just –i), as hand and hands: yad יד and yadim ידים. The feminine plural suffixes –oth, עות, as river and rivers: nahar נזר and naharoth נזרות. The dual is primarily used for objects that frequently are in pairs, and it suffixes –ayim (or, –aim), יים: two hands, yadayim; two rivers, naharayim (e.g., in Ge 24:10, Aram-naharaim: Syria between the two rivers [i.e., between Euphrates and Tigris]).

Articles: The definite article, the, is formed by prefixing ה- (–ה with a dot inside the next letter, or –ה). The Hebrew word את, eth, indicates action on an object and is commonly untranslated in other versions. It has sufficient force to translate it as a definite article whenever the definite article is otherwise absent, and it is so translated here.

Italics: *Italic type* signifies words, or part of a word, that are not in the Hebrew original, but seem implied or are required for good English. Earlier RV’s retreated significantly from the AV italicizing, but RVIC2016 has restored and enhanced it. The English language uses the definite article, the, more than does Hebrew. Where Hebrew lacks the definite article, but it has been translated into English with the definite article, the article is italicized: the. Occasionally the English will show the indefinite article italicized, a, when the Hebrew itself has the definite article. The Hebrew word, eth, is treated here as a definite article. Italicization is complete as of Summer 2004, including the Aramaic sections of Ezra and Daniel. However, following a preposition, the Hebrew indicates the definite article only by choice of vowel sound, which choice is not seen in manuscripts as early as the Dead Sea Scrolls.

For most oral reading, all italics can simply be read as though not italicized. Alternatively, they may be read softly.

Prepositions: Hebrew prepositions are commonly abbreviated to a single letter and prefixed to the next word. Each preposition has a primary meaning but is also used even more broadly than in English. ב in; at, on, with, by (no motion is implied). ל towards; to, for. כ as; like, according to. מ from; out of. Use of different pointings (different from ב or מ points) may imply a definite article. Further, see the Hebrew Students Manual, page 90.

Idiom: As in every other language, some Hebrew words take on additional meanings, which other languages may not assign to them. As a significant example, the word sheba (seven) is pronounced “sheva” (from this root, stem the German word sieben, and the English seven). But šāba (to swear) is spelled with the same three consonants and is evidently derived from it.¹ Seven ewe lambs accompanied Abraham’s oath to Abimelech (Ge 21:23-31). So there is an ambiguity translating Beer sheba into English, whether it is Well of an Oath, or Seven Wells. The association of seven with the oath-bound covenant is evident in the seven days’ consecration of the priesthood (Lv 8:33-35), the seven days’ feast of unleavened bread (or, feast of passover, Ex 12:15), seven lamps in the tabernacle (Ex 25:37), sprinkling the blood in the Most Holy seven times on the Day of Atonement (Lv 16:14, 19), etc. But there is unfortunately no way to preserve this pithy ambiguity in English translation.

Alphabetic numerics: In most ancient alphabets, each successive letter was used to represent a successively larger number, from 1 to 10, then by 10’s to 100, then by 100’s to the end of the alphabet. (See Appendix 1.)

(1) The word sabbath (rest) is similarly related to it.
Transliteration: Some pairs of letters are difficult to distinguish in transliterating into English. Although most names are retained here from the American Revised Version, 1901, a few are adjusted. Teth (ת) and Tav (ת) are transliterated t and th (like a Greek θ) respectively. Samech (ם) and Shin (ש) may originally have signified s and sh respectively (e.g., Jg 12:6), but the latter now comes in two forms, ש and ש, which in turn are here transliterated s and sh. Thus, this edition does not distinguish ש from ש. Kaph (ך) and Qoph (ק) are transliterated k and q respectively. (ARV usually transliterates both by k.) Both are sounded by the back of the tongue touching the palate, but with qoph touching farther towards the throat. (Sephardic pronunciation distinguishes the two; Ashkenazic seldom does.) Further, see Appendix 1.

**Peculiarities in the English**

The eighteenth-century English of the revised versions (RV’s) preserves a very little of the verb conjugations of most other languages. Similarities may be seen in the table below.

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<td>RV English</td>
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<td>I come</td>
<td>ich komme</td>
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<td>thou comest</td>
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<td>he cometh</td>
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<td>erchometha</td>
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<tr>
<td>you come</td>
<td>ihr kommt</td>
<td>erchosthe</td>
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<tr>
<td>they come</td>
<td>sie kommen</td>
<td>erchontai</td>
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Indo-European languages have only remotely preserved the Semitic terminations.

Nouns are no longer declined in English.

Possessive pronouns retain limited declination in eighteenth-century English.

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<th>Before a Consonant</th>
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<td>my kingdom is ...</td>
<td>mine eyes have seen ...</td>
<td>mine is the kingdom</td>
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<td>thy kingdom is ...</td>
<td>thine eyes have seen ...</td>
<td>thine is the kingdom</td>
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<td>his kingdom is ...</td>
<td>his eyes have seen ...</td>
<td>his is the kingdom</td>
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<td>our kingdom is ...</td>
<td>our eyes have seen ...</td>
<td>ours is the kingdom</td>
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<td>your kingdom is ...</td>
<td>your eyes have seen ...</td>
<td>yours is the kingdom</td>
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<td>their kingdom is ...</td>
<td>their eyes have seen ...</td>
<td>theirs is the kingdom</td>
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Improvements in this edition: The Hebrew sukkāh (pl. sukkoth) is almost uniformly translated booth, which distinguishes it from mishkan, which is translated tabernacle. Thus the feast of Sukkoth, which some translate “feast of tabernacles,” is here translated “feast of booths.”
The expression, “between the two evenings” is everywhere incorporated into the text, in distinction to “at even.” Compare Ex 16:12-13.

The English word “oracle” (AV-ARV 1Ki 6:5-8:8, etc.) has now come to be associated more with inquiry of ancient Greek gods than with the Bible and its Temple. The concept of the Hebrew word “d’biyr” seems to be a place from which the authoritative word is spoken, as a (judicial) Bench, Chair of authority, seat of justice (mercy seat or judgment seat). (The root word, dābār, primarily meaning a setting in order, whence the concept of a judiciously-worded pronouncement, is commonly translated: word, thing, manner, matter.) The word “oracle” has been replaced here by the word “Word.” (“Burden” has replaced “oracle” in Pr 30:1 and 31:1, because it is from an unrelated Hebrew word.)

“Nephesh,” the Hebrew word translated “soul,” is evidently used more broadly than any single English word: it is used of breathing beings in general, of both humans and animals, and even fish (Ge 1:20-2:7), and of both living beings and dead bodies (Ge 2:7, Nu 9:6-9). In the few places where “nephesh” is translated other than “soul,” that is called to attention in the footnotes.

Limitations of this edition: Not all words have been uniformly and precisely translated.

The Hebrew word “ruach” (and the corresponding “pneuma” in Greek) is used of the invisible forces of “wind,” “breath,” and “spirit.” Without an English word of similarly broad meaning, “ruach” has been inconsistently translated, albeit according to the best estimate of its context. But let the reader know that any of the three meanings is allowable. (This difficulty is experienced also in English. For example, the word “fast”: A speedy horse is fast, but if it is tied up it is also fast; a person may eat fast, but if he does not eat it is a fast. Hence, difficulty may arise in uniformly translating a word into other languages.)

Tabernacle: The Authorized Version (AV, KJV) has fairly consistently translated several words pertaining to the tabernacle: mishkan – tabernacle; petach – door; paroketh – vail; qodesh haqadashim – most holy (lit. holy of holies); miqdash – sanctuary; but not ohel – tent or tabernacle; qodesh – holy, holy place, holiness, or sanctuary; masak – hanging or covering. The Revised Versions (1885, 1901 and RVIC2016) have endeavored to retain or improve the consistency in the first five words, while making also the latter three more concordant: ohel – tent; qodesh – Holy; masak – screen (door between Holy and court). RVIC2016 has additionally corrected candlestick to lampstand. Regrettably, RVIC2016 has not found for miqdash (sanctuary) a word cognate to Holy, to express the close connection to qodesh.

The expression, “children of Israel” (and sometimes of other nations) is retained from the AV and earlier RV’s (Revised Versions), though literally it is “bnai Yisroel,” or “sons of Israel” in each case.
APPENDIX III

Chronologies and Biblical Events

There appears to be a good fit between Old Testament events in the second millennium BC and one of the proposed sets of archaeological dates. There also appears to be a unique chronology to satisfy the chronology of the kings of Israel and Judah, including the synchronous listings in the books of kings. Unfortunately, the chronologies of the second millennium BC and of the kings in the first millennium BC appear mismatched to 1 Kings 6:1 by 170 years, and mismatched to Acts 13:19 by 70 years. Tables of both sets of chronology are given in the three pages following, but the harmony between the two still seems to be elusive.

The chronology below for the 1st Millennium BC, consists of Yigael Yadin’s “Low Chronology” in the East (e.g., Yigael Yadin, “Hazor;” New York: Random House, 1975, page 144), and the R.A. Parker chronology of Egypt, which are mutually consistent for the time between Abraham’s slaying of Ur-Nammu and Joseph’s viziership in Egypt. (Perhaps half a dozen alternative chronologies have been proposed for Sumer, and also for Egypt. Thus far, only the combination of “Very Low Chronology” of Sumer and the Manfred Bietak chronology of Egypt, is close to also being consistent with the Abraham-Joseph time line; they would lower the dates by 24 and 25 years respectively [i.e., the dates would be more recent].)

David Rice has reviewed the “Kings” table (third page following) for the first Millennium BC, but does not vouch for the Assyrian dates before Tukulti-Ninurta II (where the limmu lists begin), and is “dubious about the list from Necho I back to Osochor.” These kings and dates are shown with italics.

For the dates of Sheshonq I and the rest of the Egyptian 22nd dynasty, we are entirely dependent upon the chronology of Solomon and Rehoboam. There is little or nothing by which the 23rd-24th dynasties may be dated, but Taharqa of the 25th dynasty lost two battles (to Sennacherib, and then Esarhaddon, of Assyria); he apparently lost his life in the latter.

Dates for the kings listed under “Victories Claimed by Other Kings” are here simply uncritically copied from those listed in the “Kings” table.
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<th>Biblical Event</th>
<th>Archaeological Event</th>
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<td>2248-2224?</td>
<td>Lugal-zage-si conquers/rules Canaan</td>
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<td>2224-2082?</td>
<td>Kings of Akkad (Babel) rule Canaan</td>
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<td>2082-2053?</td>
<td>Six kings of Uruk rule Sumer (Shinar)</td>
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<td>2053-2036?</td>
<td>Ur-Nammu/Ur reigns over Sumer</td>
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<td>2050</td>
<td>Abram leaves Ur for Harran (Ge 14?)</td>
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<td>2045 Nisan 15</td>
<td>Abram and Lot go south to Canaan</td>
<td>Ur-Nammu conquers the West</td>
<td>2050</td>
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<td>2036 (+ 1)</td>
<td>Abram slays Amraphel, king of Shinar</td>
<td>Ur-Nammu dies in battle (&quot;unjustly slain&quot;)</td>
<td>2036</td>
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<td>2034</td>
<td>Ishmael born</td>
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<td>2050</td>
<td>Abram goes into Egypt</td>
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<td>2006-2010</td>
<td>Mentuhotep II reigns in Egypt (Dyn. 11)</td>
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<td>1971 (+11)</td>
<td>Isaac advised to stay away from Egypt</td>
<td>Dynasty 12 overthrows Dynasty 11</td>
<td>1991</td>
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<td>1878-1843</td>
<td>Sesostris III reigns in Egypt (Dyn. 12)</td>
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<td>1842-1797</td>
<td>Nymare Amenemes III reigns (1843 = 0 yr)</td>
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<td>1813</td>
<td>Jacob dies, buried in Canaan</td>
<td>Amenemes III a hero and still reigning</td>
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<td>1786</td>
<td>New king who knew not Joseph</td>
<td>End of 12th Dynasty, Egypt divides</td>
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<td>1786-?</td>
<td>Lesser Hyksos dynasty reigns (Dyn. 13)</td>
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<td>1720 (ca.)</td>
<td>Avaris built as capital (later called Rameses)</td>
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<td>1696</td>
<td>Moses born</td>
<td>Hyksos kings (Dyn. 13 or 15?)</td>
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<td>1656</td>
<td>Moses leaves palace, flees Egypt</td>
<td>Khian/Iannas reigns (greatest of Dyn. 15)</td>
<td>1656-1618?</td>
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<td>1617-1615</td>
<td>Moses returns to Egypt; plagues begin</td>
<td>Mayebre Sheshi/Jambres Assis reigns?</td>
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<td>1615 Nisan 15</td>
<td>Exodus from Egypt</td>
<td>Queen Hatshepsut’s (1484-1469) later inscription regarding the exodus:</td>
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<td>1615 Nisan 15</td>
<td>Rivers turned to blood</td>
<td>“I have restored that which was ruins,</td>
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<td>1615 Nisan 16</td>
<td>Frogs • Lice (or sand flies)</td>
<td>I have raised up that which was unfinished</td>
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<td>1615 Nisan 17</td>
<td>——— Israelites exempted hereafter ———</td>
<td>Since the Asiatics [Hyksos] were in the midst of Avaris [Rameses] of the Northland,</td>
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<td>1615 Nisan 18</td>
<td>Flies • Murraim (disease) on animals</td>
<td>and the barbarians [Israel] in the midst of them, Overthrowing that which was made.”</td>
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<td>1615 Nisan 21</td>
<td>Boils and sores</td>
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<td>1615</td>
<td>Hail, lightning, thunder, fire on ground</td>
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<td>1615</td>
<td>Locusts • Darkness</td>
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<td>Firstborn slain (Nisan 14)</td>
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<td>1616-1615</td>
<td>250,000 Hyksos have 500 chariots; they become the most hated kings of Egyptian</td>
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<td>1615 Nisan 15</td>
<td>to Sukkoth (holy convocation)</td>
<td>(historian Manetho).</td>
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<td>1615 Nisan 16</td>
<td>to Etham, at edge of desert</td>
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<td>to Pihahiroth</td>
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<td>Crossing the Red Sea</td>
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<td>1615 Nisan 21</td>
<td>Third day’s journey in wild. (holy conv.)</td>
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<td>1575 Spring</td>
<td>Joshua conquers, burns Jericho</td>
<td>Jericho destroyed and burned at end of Middle Bronze Age (no lengthy siege)</td>
<td>somewhere in 1580-1530?</td>
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<td>1575-1545 (ca.)</td>
<td>Joshua/Ephraim, then Nahshon/Judah, conquer much of Canaan</td>
<td>Many cities damaged/destroyed at end of Middle Bronze Age, Hazor burned</td>
<td>ditto</td>
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<td>&gt;1476?</td>
<td>Elimelech (grandson of Nahshon) and his son Mahlen die on the Plain of Moab</td>
<td>(Eglon/Moab rules 1493-1476, Midianites war in Moab 1384)</td>
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<td>1378-1339</td>
<td>Deborah/Barak and Gideon conquer Jabin’s army and Midianites; give Israel forty years of relief</td>
<td>el-Amarna letters warn Egypt of the Habiru/Apiru overrunning Canaan; Ilimilku (Elimelech) is a leader.</td>
<td>1380-1345 ca.</td>
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<td>1246-1207</td>
<td>Philistine captivity</td>
<td>Merneptah’s inscription: “Israel is laid waste, his seed [sovereign] is not”</td>
<td>1218 (±19)</td>
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<td>&gt;1119</td>
<td>King Saul begins reigning over Israel</td>
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<td>Saul 1049-1010</td>
<td>Asur-nasir-apil I 1050-1031</td>
<td>(No reliable dates BC1200-700)</td>
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<td>Ishboseth 1010-1008</td>
<td>Salmanu-asared II 1031-1019</td>
<td>Oschoh (Tanis) 985-979</td>
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<td>David 1010-970</td>
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<td><strong>Judah (2 tribes, Tishri)</strong></td>
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<td>Rehoboam 930-913</td>
<td>Tukulti-apil-Esarra II 967-935</td>
<td>Osorkon I (36 yrs.)</td>
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<td>Abijah 913-910</td>
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<td>Asa 910-869</td>
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<td>Azariah (Uz) (791-739)</td>
<td>Assur dan III 773-755</td>
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<td>(Solar eclipse, yr. 10, 763Jn15)</td>
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<td>Jotham <em>(750)</em> 731-715</td>
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* Reckoned as 1st year of reign (no accession year).

(...*) beginning of co-regency with a reigning king (where applicable).

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**Victories Claimed by Other Kings**

**Ashurnasirpal II** (BC 884-859 N)/Assyria (N designates Nisan to Nisan regnal years). He put to tribute: Tyre, Byblos, Maiza, Amurri, Sidon, Mahallata, Kaiza, and Arvad (island). (Ancient Near Eastern Texts [ANET], pages 275-276.)

**Shalmaneser III** (859-824 N)/Assyria in 1st year (BC 858 N) claims to have defeated armies from Hat-tina and allies from Adini, Carchemish, Sam’al, Que, Hilukka, Iasbuq, killing 2,900 soldiers and taking 14,600 prisoners of war, and taking tribute of the seashore kings and of a place called Gusi. In his 6th year (BC 853 N), he claims to have defeated:

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He claims earlier to have taken tribute from Carchemish, Commagene, Gusi, Melitene, Hattina, and Gurgum, but claims no tribute from 12 kings above; claims to have slain 14,000 of their soldiers and to have captured some chariots, but does not state his own losses — nor do we know of another war against Damascus for twelve more years; it seems likely that Shalmaneser had suffered still greater losses. From 1 Kings 22:3 it seems likely that Damascus/Syria had lost more than Ahab had, and with Assyria virtually beaten, Ahab felt emboldened to take Ramoth Gilead from Syria (allied with Judah, which had not been involved with Shalmaneser). Ben-hadad’s war against Israel had been three years earlier, thus apparently in BC 856 (after which he had promised to restore the cities previously taken, 1 Kings 20:34).

In the 18th year (BC 841), Shalmaneser defeated Hazael of Damascus, killing 16,000 soldiers, taking 1,121 chariots and 470 riding horses, but apparently failed in a siege of Damascus; he took tribute from Tyre, Sidon, and from Jehu, son and successor of Omri (la-ú-a mār Khu-um-ri-i).

“The tribute of Jehu (la-ú-a), son of Omri (Khu-um-ri); I received from him silver, gold, a golden saplu-bowl, a golden vase with pointed bottom, golden tumblers, golden buckets, tin, a staff for a king (and) wooden purukhti” (ANET 277-281).
Less-Precise Dating Methods for the Remote Past

What is the age of the universe? of the earth? and of man? Which hypotheses and theories can account for all we see around us today? Which ones are consistent with Genesis? Which ones are testable by the scientific method (which is necessary to qualify as science, rather than being just metaphysics or pseudo-science)?

Three illustrative approaches to estimating ages outlined below lend themselves to physical measurements and straightforward mathematical computation.

Cosmology

The equations of the theory of general relativity have been tested in a multitude of ways and have thus far passed every test. It is therefore proposed as the description of cosmology: the dynamics of the universe. The combined equation for Einstein’s theory of general relativity may be simply written:

\[
\frac{1}{R} \frac{d^2R}{dt^2} = -4\pi G \frac{\rho + \frac{p}{c^2}}{3} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} = -\frac{GM}{R^3} - 4\pi G \frac{p}{c^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3}
\]

(1a)

Where —
R is the radius of the universe (m)
t is time (sec)
G is the universal gravitational constant (6.672 × 10^{-11} m^3/kg·sec^2)
c is the speed of light (2.99792458 × 10^8 m/sec)
p is the average pressure of matter/energy throughout the universe (a variable, Nt/m^2 = kg/m·sec^2)
\rho is the large-scale average density of matter/energy in the universe (a variable; kg/m^3)
M is the entire mass of the universe (~ 5 × 10^{52} kg)
\Lambda is Einstein’s postulated cosmological constant (but about 27% smaller than Einstein’s prediction)

A second equation is —

\[
\left(\frac{1}{R} \frac{dR}{dt}\right)^2 = \frac{8\pi}{3} G\rho - \frac{K c^2}{R^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} = \frac{2GM}{R^3} - \frac{K c^2}{R^2} + \frac{\Lambda}{3} \quad \{K \approx 0\}
\]

(1b)

Equations 1 are simple to write, but more difficult to solve. However, for earliest time in the history of the universe, the pressure term would have been dominant, while for the distant future the density and pressure will become small; so the postulated \Lambda term would become dominant. For earliest time (assuming an adiabatic expansion — no heat flow to or from the universe — with \(p/\rho^{5/3}\) being constant) there is no simple solution of Equations 1. At intermediate times (after the first microsecond, with \(T \ll 3.6 \times 10^{12} \text{°K}\)) the density term dominates, and a solution is:

\[
R \approx \left[\frac{9}{2} GM\right]^{1/3} t^{2/3} \left[1 + \frac{\Lambda}{12} t^2 + \frac{\Lambda^2}{720} t^4 + \ldots\right] \approx 2.5 \times 10^{11} t^{2/3} \text{ (km)}
\]

(2a)

With the density term dominant, a present age of the universe of order \(t \sim 1^+ \times 10^{10}\) years is thereby implied. (The pressure term further decelerated the expansion, but that negligibly decreases the inferred age of the universe.)
For late times the solution would be (assuming no external intervention; e.g., from God):

\[ R \approx A e^{\sqrt{\Lambda/3} t} \]  \hspace{1cm} (2b)

where “A” is a constant (A \approx 0.753 \left[3GM/\Lambda\right]^{1/3}, or likely about 0.75 \times 10^{23} \text{ km}), and \( \Lambda \sim 1 \times 10^{-35} \text{ sec}^{-2} \approx 1 \times 10^{-20}\text{ year}^{-2} \).

Summarizing, Equation 1a predicts a rate of expansion of the universe (in percent per unit time) which initially slows down until it reaches a minimum, and then progressively increases ever after. This behavior is consistent with the recent measurements of cosmological expansion back to nearly the beginning. The imposing result of Equation 2a is that there was an origin of the universe, commonly called The Big Bang.\(^4\)

For at least the first 5 \times 10^9 years, and again from now on, the universe expands faster than the speed of light (possible in General Relativity). Thus, the optimum time to measure the history of the universe is now. Is that a mere fortuity?

“Thus saith the LORD, who stretcheth forth the heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and formeth the breath of man within him” (Zech 12:1).

Geochronology

There is more than one postulate as to the age of the Earth, which can potentially explain everything we see about us today. Consider three postulates:

**Old Earth:** If the Big Bang produced all elements, and all isotopes of those elements, then we should observe all the isotopes that have not decayed away in the history of the universe.\(^2\) Radioactive isotopes in solid materials should still be measurable after 5-10 half-lives, but after 20 half-lives they should have decayed to less than 1 part per million (1 ppm) and be virtually undetectable. For an example, consider uranium, for which all isotopes are unstable (radioactive). Nine isotopes of uranium are tabulated below, together with the half-life\(^3\) and the natural abundance of each.

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<td>(^{92}\text{U}^{240})</td>
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<td>(^{92}\text{U}^{239})</td>
<td>23.5 minutes</td>
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<td>(^{92}\text{U}^{238})</td>
<td>(4.4683 \times 10^9) years</td>
<td>99.2746</td>
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<td>(2.34 \times 10^7) years</td>
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<td>(7.0 \times 10^8) years</td>
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<td>(^{92}\text{U}^{233})</td>
<td>(1.59 \times 10^5) years</td>
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The failure to find any $^{92}\text{U}^{236}$ in natural uranium suggests that solid uranium ore is at least \((20 \times \tau_{1/2} =)\) 0.468 \times 10^9 years old. The finding of a small percentage of $^{92}\text{U}^{235}$ suggests that solid uranium ore is less than \((10 \times \tau_{1/2} =)\) 7 \times 10^9 years old.

However, the discovery of $^{92}\text{U}^{234}$ does not imply the Earth is less than \(5 \times 10^6\) years old, because $^{92}\text{U}^{238}$ decays into $^{92}\text{U}^{234}$ (via a, $\beta$-, $\beta$- decays). Equilibrium would be established after about \(2 \times 10^6\) years, resulting in a $^{92}\text{U}^{234}$ concentration of 99.2746% \((2.45 \times 10^5\text{ yr} / 4.4683 \times 10^9\text{ yr}) = 0.00544\%\), which is within the precision of the reported measurement.

If $^{92}\text{U}^{238}$ and $^{92}\text{U}^{235}$ had initially begun in equal amounts, then an age of the solid uranium ores of

\[
T = \left[\frac{1}{\tau_{235}} - \frac{1}{\tau_{238}}\right]^{-1} \log(99.2746\% / 0.72\%) / \log(2) = 5.9 \times 10^9 \text{ (years)}
\]

would be inferred. If a lesser amount of the less-stable $^{92}\text{U}^{235}$ survived the cosmic brew, then the age would be reduced, perhaps by \(\sim 10\%\) or so. (Geologists commonly suggest around \(4.55 \times 10^9\) years for the age of the solid earth.) Thusly, geochronology offers an upper-limit dating of Genesis 1:2, from which must be subtracted the time for the surface and atmosphere to (radiatively) cool from \(\sim 2500\text{°K}\) to under 1000°K (below which it would no longer be self-luminous). This delay likely required years, but in the absence of substantial volcanic eruptions might not require millennia. Further delay to Genesis 1:2 is, of course, entirely likely.

### Alternative Views

**A very young Earth:** On the other hand, philosophically one cannot disprove that we were created this morning at daybreak, complete with our memories, and everything around us exactly as we find it. Of course, when we would apply such a philosophy, we should conclude that we cannot learn any lessons from history, because there would not be any history. Thus, we discard such a philosophy.

**Young Earth:** A young earth, of six thousand years, for example (or any other age), can be postulated in the same manner as a very young Earth, yet without violating any recorded history back to Adam and Eve.

All three views above of the age of the Earth can explain how we find the material world about us just as it is. The scientific approach to resolving two or more contradictory explanations of all the data is called Occam’s Razor: Of two or more explanations which can explain all observations, choose the simplest. At present, the Old Earth approaches appear to require fewer assumptions and are therefore in the lead.

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1. A current best-estimate of the age of the universe is \(t = 13.73\) \((+0.13/-0.17) \times 10^9\) years, by David N. Spergel of Princeton University (and 21 co-authors, submitted in 2006 to Astrophysical Journal). And currently \(R \approx 1.6 \times 10^{26}\) km.

2. Most metals on earth have stable isotopes constituting 0.1% to 100% of each element. (A rare exception is $^{75}\text{Ta}^{180}$, which is only 0.0123% of all tantalum. $^{73}\text{Dy}^{158}$ is exactly 0.10% of all dysprosium.)

3. The half-life, \(\tau_{1/2}\), is defined as the time it takes to decay to half the original amount.

4. E.g., in the days of Copernicus and Kepler, the Ptolemaic theory of epicycles was still able to predict the positions of the planets. The heliocentric (Sun-centered) approach quickly displaced the Ptolemaic theory, not because anyone had disproved the latter, but because the mathematics was simpler. (William of Ockham, England, ca. 1285-1349: “Entities must not unnecessarily be multiplied.”)
DNA Dating

In the 1970s there appeared to be no way to distinguish Special Creation from Punctuated Equilibrium (Punc Eq⁵). But the sequencing of DNA since the 1980s has changed that. Rebecca Cann and two others at U. California/Berkeley in 1987 demonstrated from mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) that all women in the world are descended from one common female ancestor.⁶ Robert Dorit at Yale with two others in 1995 demonstrated from a Y-chromosome that all men in the world are descended from one common male ancestor. The latter found no differences for 729 base-pairs sequenced for 38 men selected to be representative of the world’s male population.

The most-obvious dating would be calculated as follows: Let μ be the expected mutation rate (mutation per year per base-pair, expected to be <10⁻⁶), N be the number of base-pairs sequenced in each individual, m be the number of base-pairs with a variation (polymorphism), and let W be the number of independent individuals sequenced. Then the estimated age back to the common ancestor will be⁷

\[ T = \frac{m}{2\mu N(W-1)} \]  

Those who estimate μ, do so by assuming there was a common ancestor for humans and chimpanzees (Dorit also compares with gorillas and orangutans), and that the supposed split occurred 4-6 million years ago. Results for three sequencing studies of the Y chromosome, representative of the world’s male population, are

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<th>N (base pairs)</th>
<th>W (men)</th>
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<td>R. Dorit, et. al.</td>
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<td>729</td>
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<tr>
<td>M. Hammer</td>
<td>1.9 × 10⁻⁹</td>
<td>2,600</td>
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<td>L.S. Whitfield, et. al.</td>
<td>0.9631 – 1.284 × 10⁻⁹</td>
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Combining these data sets in an appropriate modification of Equation 4, using Dorit’s hypothesis for μ,

\[ T_Y = \frac{0+1+3}{2 \times 1.35 \times 10^{-9} [729(38 - 1) + 2,600(16 - 1) + 18,300(5 - 1)]} = 10,645 \text{ years} \]  

(5) Punc Eq, proposed by Stephen Jay Gould, represents the third version of animal evolution theory, although it denies all three of Charles Darwin’s fundamental assumptions: (1) all geological and biological processes continue at a constant rate over all time, (2) each succeeding generation has more genetic variations, and (3) only the fittest survive in a food-scarce environment. For Punc Eq, most or all genetic variations were suddenly produced in one or a few calamities in the remote past (overturning assumptions #1 and #2), while only a very few animal freaks could survive at all in the ensuing food-rich environment (overturning #3).


(7) To identify differences requires more than one individual; hence the factor “(W-1),” not “W.” The factor of two (2) in the denominator of Equation 4 arises because both individuals have descended from the common ancestor. If each could be compared to DNA from the common ancestor, the factor of two would be removed from the equation.

to which the statistical range must be applied. For the commonly-reported 95% confidence, the most-recent common ancestor (MRCA) would be 4,320 to 27,255 years ago. Using Hammer’s $\mu$ value of $1.9 \times 10^{-9}$ mutation/year, the span would be reduced 29% to $= 3,070$ to $7,564$ (the mean) to $\leq 19,366$ years ago for 95% confidence (within the limits of the assumptions for the model). In either case, one may rule out times less than the recorded history of four thousand years or so.

Such times are orders of magnitude too short for any evolution theories; so to artificially inflate the times a “coalescence” model was developed, which assumes the population was small, roughly constant, and together through all but recent history. This model enables stretching by perhaps one order of magnitude, but not by the two orders, or so, that anthropologists usually desire. Dorit concludes, in footnote 15, that the necessary effective population of 7500 males “is an exceedingly small population size for this entire 300,000 year period; it is far more likely that the coalescence model, which assumes worldwide uniform mixing and a constant effective population size, is not strictly applicable.”

However, the statistics of sampling remains to be considered.

There is a certain probability of finding “$m$” mutations if the actual average is lower or higher. The probability functions are conveniently tabulated in Milton Abramowitz and Irene A. Segun, “Handbook of Mathematical Functions,” AMS-55, N.B.S. (1964). For non-zero values of the integer “$m$,” a confidence, “C” (in percent) will correspond to “Q” values $Q = 1 - C/200$ (low $m$; $m_-$) and C/200 (high $m$; $m_+$); that is, if one mutation is found, then half the time (50% confidence) it will have originated from a true average in the range 0.9613 to 2.6926, as may be found in the table below. For “$m$” values not listed in this table, or for greater precision, use the AMS-55 Table 26.8, with $\nu = 2(m + 1)$, and obtain $m_\pm$ from the tabulated values, $m_\pm = \chi^2/2$. ($m_-$ corresponds to the values in the columns of $Q > 0.5$, and $m_+$ in the columns $Q < 0.5$.) For estimating ages, 95% confidence is conventionally reported, though other confidences could be chosen.

| Table 1: Confidence that “$m$” arises from a value between $m_-$ and $m_+$ |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Confidence | 99% | 95% | 50% | 50% | 95% | 99% |
| $Q =$ |              |              |     |     |     |     |
| $m_-$ | $m_-$ | $m_-$ | $m_-$ | $m_-$ | $m_+$ | $m_+$ | $m_+$ |
| 0.01035 | 0.24221 | 0.9613 | 1 | 2.6926 | 5.572 | 7.4301 |
| 0.33786 | 0.61867 | 1.7273 | 2 | 3.9204 | 7.2247 | 9.2738 |
| 0.67221 | 1.0899 | 2.5353 | 3 | 5.1094 | 8.767 | 10.98 |
| 1.0779 | 1.6235 | 3.3686 | 4 | 6.274 | 10.242 | 12.594 |
| 1.5369 | 2.2019 | 4.2192 | 5 | 7.423 | 11.668 | 14.15 |
| 2.0373 | 2.8144 | 5.083 | 6 | 8.5585 | 13.06 | 15.66 |
| 3.1324 | 4.1154 | 6.838 | 8 | 10.802 | 15.763 | 18.58 |
| 6.893 | 8.395 | 12.239 | 14 | 17.400 | 23.490 | 26.84 |
| 10.353 | 12.217 | 16.830 | 18 | 22.808 | 29.671 | 33.38 |
| $m - 2.5758 \ m^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | $m - 1.960 \ m^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | $m - 0.6745 \ m^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | very large $m$ | $m - 0.6745 \ m^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | $m - 1.960 \ m^{\frac{1}{2}}$ | $m - 2.5758 \ m^{\frac{1}{2}}$ |
* For \( m = 0 \), the minimum value is zero; so the confidence number pertains only to the \( m_+ \) values \([i.e., Q = 0.5, 0.05, \text{or} 0.01; \text{with} \ m_+ = -\ln(0.5), -\ln(0.05), \text{or} -\ln(0.01)\]}. E.g., for Equation 4, computations of the mean simply use “\( m \”) = <1, and the age is then correspondingly < “T.”

Then, for Dorit’s data, using his \( \mu \) value, and “\( m \)” values of \( m_- \), \( m \), and \( m_+ \) for 95% confidence,

\[
T_Y = \frac{0 \to <1 \to <2.9957}{2 \times 1.35 \times 10^{-9} \times 729(38 - 1)} = 0 \to <13,731 \text{ years to} <41,134 \text{ years} \quad (4b)
\]

More recently, sequencing the Y-chromosome for microsatellites, accruing at about 0.21%/generation, is also leading to ages of order \( 10^4 \) years, rather than \( 10^5 \) or \( 10^6 \) years.

Some of the DNA studies suggest that the most recent common male ancestor is more recent than the most recent common female ancestor. That is consistent with Noah being more recent than Eve. (Note that Noah’s three sons are all descended from Noah, but the three daughters-in-law would not be descended from Noah’s wife, but from Eve, nine generations earlier.) (Noah’s age, about 4500-5000 years ago, would suggest \( \mu \approx 3 \times 10^{-9} \text{ mutation/year, not far from the range of values above.} \)

Cann’s mtDNA dating of the common female ancestor is nearly 200,000 years ago, based on an assumed populating of Australia 40,000 years ago, of New Zealand 30,000 years ago, etc. (divergence = 0.57%). If Australia were actually populated 4,000 years ago, then the age would come down to 20,000 years ago. Statistics could allow another factor of 1.5 or so. But from recently-measured mtDNA mutation rates \( (~2 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mutation/base-pair-year}) \), Gibbons observes of “‘mitochondrial Eve’ ... using the new clock, she would be a mere 6,000 years old.”

Rohde, Olson, and Chang attempt modelling population growths with varying degrees of migration. In the hypothetical example they give, the most recent common ancestor (MRCA) would be about BC 2300 — around three centuries after Noah’s sons were born — and the other-gender most recent common ancestor around BC 5000 — roughly a millennium before Eve. “Our results suggest that the most recent common ancestor for the world’s current population lived in the relatively recent past - perhaps within the last few thousand years. And a few thousand years before that... the ancestors of everyone on the earth today were exactly the same.”

Thus currently, DNA dating sides more with Genesis than with any known theory of evolution.

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(9) Ann Gibbons, “Calibrating the Mitochondrial Clock,” *Science* 279, pages 28-29 (2 January 1998). (Gibbons claims no one thinks Eve could be that recent.)

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Preface, New Testament

The ideal translation of the Bible — or any other work — should accurately preserve the words and thoughts expressed in the original languages; it should also be understandable and in as familiar working as accuracy allows. That is the goal of this edition, the Revised Version Improved and Corrected, AD 2016, or RVIC 2016.

Why another version, when there are already over one hundred New Testament translations and revisions in English? No work of man is perfect, including this edition, but this should be no excuse for not trying to approach perfection. A manifest limitation of the translator/editor is dependence, financially or otherwise, upon the group(s) with which he associates. It was recognition of this that commended waiting for others no longer and finally prompted work to begin on this edition in 1999.

How then should one proceed? Experience shows that starting Bible translation from scratch has rarely resulted in a new standard of accuracy. (Rotherham, McReynolds’ and Marshall’s diaglotts may constitute exceptions.) Therefore, it is better to select one of the most accurate translations and then improve on it.

Among the best Bibles from which to choose are Rotherham, RV (Revised Version, 1881-1885), ARV (American edition of the Revised Version, or American Standard Version, ASV, 1901) and NASB (New American Standard Bible, 1960-1971). The latter three deliberately adhere to the most familiar wording of the AV (Authorized Version, or King James Version, 1611), except where accuracy or archaism requires a change. With NASB still under copyright, it was decided to begin from the American edition of the Revised Version, altering the wording where better knowledge of the ancient manuscripts seems to require it, or, in occasional places, where original language mandates a correction. The prime manuscript evidence for change is usually given in the footnotes, along with indication of manuscript quality. Most footnotes are preserved from the ARV, with additions as appropriate, to indicate where the Greek is more specific than good English allows, or where it is more ambiguous than can be expressed simply in English. Citations of quotes from the Old Testament are also given in the footnotes. There has been little effort to update 19th century English to 21st century style; that is left to others.

As the King James translators said in their preface to the 1611 edition: “To determine of such things as the Spirit of God hath left (even in the judgment of the judicious) questionable, can be no less than presumption. ... Diversity of signification and sense in the margin, where the text is no so clear, must needs do good, yea, is necessary, as we are persuaded. They that are wise, had rather have their judgments at liberty in differences of readings, than to be captivated to one, when it may be the other.”
Notations in Footnotes

So
Where manuscripts differ significantly for English translation, a footnote attempts to give a balanced summary of the best evidence for each reading. The word So introduces the manuscript evidence for the reading in the text. After the period (.), the evidence for other readings is given. When one or two other readings are comparably well attested, readings are introduced by But ... or But ... And ...

But ... And ...

Best manuscripts (Class 1, or Category 1) and versions are shown in full-size type face (same size as text), next best (Class/Category 2) are shown in the next size smaller, etc.

a majority of lesser Gk. mss.
Where a clear majority of other Greek manuscripts (mss.) supports a particular reading, it is so indicated by “a majority of lesser Gk. mss.” If it is a much larger majority, then “the majority ...” (typically about 90-99%; 85-95% in Revelation where there are only about 200 mss.) If it is nearly all, then “most Gk. mss.”

the majority of ...

ℵ*, ℵa, ℵb, ℵ*,b
ℵ* represents the original scribe of ℵ (the Sinaitic ms. of the 4th century); ℵa represents the first corrector of ℵ (also of the 4th century, possibly the original scribe himself), ℵb represents the second corrector (not much later than “a”), all three are valuable in their readings. ℵ*,b where ℵa has a different reading, means the original scribe wrote one reading, “a” changed it, and “b” changed it back to the original reading. ℵc1,c2, ..., ℵd, and ℵe (7th century and later) are of little worth and are not cited here. (Use of ℵ*,2 in GNT [Greek New Testament, 4th edition] to represent either ℵ*,b or ℵ*,c seems confusing, as the latter carries somewhat less weight.)

( ) (( )) {} []
Where manuscripts differ slightly from the given reading, but are clearly related to it, parentheses ( ) so indicate. Other similar variations may be indicated by different parentheses/brackets.

C vid
Manuscript C is not legible here, but by “videtur” (inferred reading) there is too little or too much space for any of the alternative readings; e.g., Jude 12.

cop sa,bo,fay,meg
cop ach,ach2
Coptic versions (4th century and later, compounds of Egyptian and Greek languages) in various dialects: Sahidic (southern, often best of the Coptics), Bohairic (northern), Fayumic (Fayum district, west of the Nile, SW of Cairo), Middle Egyptian, Achmimic, and sub-Achmimic.

vg
Latin Vulgate version of ca AD 400, where vgst (Stuttgart Vulgate, 3rd edn.) and vgw (J. Woodsworth and H. White) agree.

Notations in Text

Italics
Italics are used to indicate words needed to make good sense in English, but which are not in the original language. (If the reader can understand a text without the italicized words, he is encouraged to omit them.)

17(word)
A superscript number in the Bible text refers to a footnote of the same number. The number is placed before the word or phrase to be clarified or replaced; the number is placed at the end of a word only if there is significant manuscript evidence for adding words.
Old Latin (of presumed North-African origin, in the gospels); ms. k (ca. AD 400) and ms e (5th century) are the best of the Old Latin.

Latin Vulgate plus the better part of the Old Latin.

Old Syriac (3rd or 4th century translation of the gospels), ms. s (late 4th century, discovered by Agnes Smith Lewis at Mt. Sinai) is a little better than ms. c (5th century, discovered by Wm. Cureton).

Syriac, Harkleian (h, AD 616) and Philoxenian (ph, AD 507/508) in Revelation, with h averaging a little better than ph.

Armenian (5th century) is good in the gospels and epistles.

Georgian (5th century) is good in the gospels.

Ethiopic (ca AD 500) is good in Revelation.

For a description of manuscripts given in the footnotes, e.g., p^47,75,115..., Ν, A, B, C..., 048, 0243, 0281..., 33, 81, 1611, 1739, 2053, etc., see Appendix I, especially Table II.

Alternative words to the text are footnoted in the same font style as the text, while explanations are given in italics (the reverse of the RV and ARV practice, which at times has been a source of confusion). Punctuation is often given in the footnotes to clarify which words are being substituted and which are not; similarly for extra words.

Examples

In Mt 5:22 the text reads, “every one who is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the judgment.” p^64 (a strict-text fragment of perhaps the 2nd century) is joined by the two next-best manuscripts, B and Ν*, and by the somewhat lesser-quality Latin Vulgate, vg, in this reading. The reader is referred to GNT^4 (or 1, 2, or 3) to discover that the Coptic versions (Sahidic, Middle Egyptian, and Bohairic) are the only Class-1 evidence for adding the words “without a cause” (Greek εἰκινη) after the word “brother”; 892 (Class 2) is the best Greek ms. with the addition, although most of the good early versions also add them, as do the vast majority of lesser-quality Greek mss. This passage is a classic example of quality vs. quantity. (High-quality Greek manuscripts are especially scarce in Matthew.) The GNT editors assign the letter, B, to the level of confidence that their Greek text, by excluding these words, almost certainly restores the text Matthew wrote.

1Pt 3:18 reads, “Christ also for us died for sins once,” which could as easily be translated, “Christ also died for sins for us once.” Ν* 1739 and 1852 constitute three first-class Greek manuscripts supporting this reading, plus the Bohairic (northern Coptic) version, further supported by five more good-quality (Class 2) Greek manuscripts. p^72 A and Ψ constitute an equal number of first-class Greek manuscripts, reading “... for you,” but they are supported by fewer good-quality Greek manuscripts and by a lesser early version. On the other hand, our single best Greek manuscript here is B, which reads, “Christ also suffered for sins once,” supported by a majority of lesser Greek manuscripts; yet lack of support from any other good-quality (Class 1 or 2) Greek manuscripts or good early versions is a mark against this reading. None
of these three readings can be easily dismissed. Greater weighting here in favor of manuscript quality causes the (8-9) 1739-1852 reading to be placed in the text (as did GNT\(^4\)), whereas the GNT\(^4\) committee considered Peter’s frequent use of “suffered,” and non-use of “died,” to conclude with high confidence that the B reading should be put in the text. (In a few other cases the text of this edition differs from that of GNT\(^1\) and/or 4, due to this difference in priority. Such differences — and they are not frequent — do not detract from the respect earned by GNT.)

There are a few improvements in translation. For example, Ro 5:18 minimizes italicized words. Such archaic words as “Yea,” “Nay,” and “Verily” are updated to “Yes,” “No,” and “Truly” respectively. And the Greek word “lytron” is now consistently translated “ransom.”

For further detail, see Appendix I on the use of manuscripts and Appendix II on translation issues.

Appreciation is expressed for Jason David BeDuhn, “Truth in Translation;” Lanham, MD: Univ. Press of America, 2003, for corrections in John 8:58, Romans 16:7, and thirteen others, mostly where “spirit” should probably not have been capitalized.


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Note: The English reader should find one or more of the following interlinear diaglotts useful in connection with study using GNT\textsuperscript{4}, GNT\textsuperscript{1}; Nestle-Aland\textsuperscript{26, 27 or 28}, or any other of the above references: Paul R. McReynolds (with concordance); Alfred Marshall; Concordant (universalist); Kingdom Interlinear (JW); P.W. Comfort, R.K. Brown and J.D. Douglas; and Benjamin Wilson. (The Jay Green and Bagster’s [reprinted by G.R. Berry] diaglotts are deficient in both use of the manuscripts and translation; neither is recommended here.)

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Matthew
(The Gospel recorded by Matthew)

1 The book of the generation of Jesus Christ, the son of David, the son of Abraham.

2 Abraham begat Isaac; and Isaac begat Jacob; and Jacob begat Judah and his brethren; 3 and Judah begat Perez and Zerah of Tamar; and Perez begat Hezron; and Hezron begat Ram; 4 and Ram begat Amminadab; and Amminadab begat Nahshon; and Nahshon begat Salmon; 5 and Salmon begat Boaz of Rahab; and Boaz begat Obed of Ruth; and Obed begat Jesse; 6 and Jesse begat David the king.

And David begat Solomon of her that had been the wife of Uriah; 7 and Solomon begat Rehoboam; and Rehoboam begat Abijah; and Abijah begat Asa; 8 and Asa begat Jehoshaphat; and Jehoshaphat begat Joram; and Joram begat Uzziah; 9 and Uzziah begat Jotham; and Jotham begat Ahaz; and Ahaz begat Hezekiah; 10 and Hezekiah begat Manasseh; and Manasseh begat Amon; and Amon begat Josiah; 11 and Josiah begat Jechoniah and his brethren, at the time of the carrying away to Babylon.

12 And after the carrying away to Babylon, Jechoniah begat Shealtiel; and Shealtiel begat Zerubbabel; 13 and Zerubbabel begat Abiud; and Abiud begat Eliakim; and Eliakim begat Azor; 14 and Azor begat Sadok; and Sadok begat Achim; and Achim begat Eliud; 15 and Eliud begat Matthan; and Matthan begat Jacob; 16 and Jacob begat Joseph the husband of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, who is called Christ.

17 So all the generations from Abraham unto David are fourteen generations; and from David unto the carrying away to Babylon fourteen generations; and from the carrying away to Babylon unto the Christ fourteen generations.

18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was on this wise: When his mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. 19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man, and not willing to make her a public example, was minded to put her away privily.

But when he thought on these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a dream, saying, Joseph, thou son of David, fear not to take unto thee Mary thy wife; for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. 21 And she shall bring forth a son: and thou shalt call his name JESUS; for it is he that shall save his people from their sins. 22 Now all this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, 23 Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son,

And they shall call his name Immanuel;
which is, being interpreted, God is with us. 24 And Joseph arose from his slumber, and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took unto him his wife; 25 and knew her not till she had brought forth a son: and he called his name JESUS.

2 Now when Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea in the days of Herod the king, behold, Wise-men from the east came to Jerusalem, saying, Where is he that is born King of the Jews? for we saw his star in the east and are come to worship him. 3 And when Herod the king heard it, he was troubled, and all Jerusalem with him. 4 And gathering together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Christ should be born. 5 And they said unto him, In Bethlehem of Judea: for thus it is written through the prophet, 6 And thou Bethlehem, land of Judah, Art in no wise least among the princes of Judah: For out of thee shall come forth a leader, Who shall be shepherd of my people Israel.

7 Then Herod privately called the Wise-men, and learned of them exactly what time the star appeared. 8 And he sent them to Bethlehem, and said, Go and search out exactly concerning the young child; and when ye have found him, bring me word, that I also may come and worship him. 9 And they, having heard the king, went their way; and lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. 10 And when they saw the star, they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. 11 And they came into the house and saw the young child with Mary his mother; and they fell down and worshipped him; and opening their treasures they offered unto him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. 12 And being warned of God in a dream that they should not return to Herod, they departed into their own country another way.

13 Now when they were departed, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream, saying, Arise and take the young child and his mother, and flee into Egypt, and be thou there until I tell thee: for Herod will seek the young child to destroy him. 14 And he arose and took the young child and his mother, and fled into Egypt; 15 and was there until the death of Herod: that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying, Out of Egypt did I call my son.

1 Or, The genealogy of Jesus Christ,
2 Or, birth as in vs. 18.
3 Gk. Aram
4 Gk. Asaph
5 Gk. Amos
6 Or, removal to Babylon.
7 Gk. Salathiel
8 In Hb. alphabetic numerics, 111 (David) = 14.
9 Or, generation as in vs. 1.
10 So all Greek mss. (manuscripts). Only Latin and Old Syriac mss. read of the Christ was on this wise:
11 Gk. begotten
12 Is 7:14.
13 Gk. Emmanuel;
14 Gk. Magi (Compare Esther 1:13; Dan 2:12; Ac 13:6,8).
15 Or, Where is the King of the Jews that is born?
16 Or, we saw his star while we were in the east
17 The Greek word denotes an act of reverence whether paid to a creature (see ch. 4:9, 18:26), or to the Creator (see ch. 4:10).
18 Mic 5:2.
19 Gk. Magi. See marginal note on ch. 2:1.
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16 Then Herod, when he saw that he was mocked of the Wise-men, was exceeding wroth, and sent forth, and slew all the male children that were in Bethlehem, and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he had exactly learned of the Wise-men.

17 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 21

18 A voice was heard in Ramah, Weeping and great mourning, Rachel weeping for her children; and she would not be comforted, because they are not. 22

19 But when Herod was dead, behold, an angel of the Lord appeareth in a dream to Joseph in Egypt, saying, 20 Arise and take the young child and his mother, and go into the land of Israel: for they are dead that sought the young child’s soul.

21 And he arose and took the young child and his mother, and came into the land of Israel. 22 But when he heard that Archelaus was reigning over Judea in the stead of his father Herod, he was afraid to go thither; and being warned of God in a dream, he withdrew into the parts of Galilee, 23 and came and dwelt in a city called Nazareth; that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophets, that he should be called a Nazarene.

3 And in those days cometh John the Baptist, preaching in the wilderness of Judea, saying, 2 Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand. 3 For this is he that was spoken of through Isaiah the prophet, saying, 23

The voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make ye ready the way of the Lord, Make his paths straight.

4 Now John himself had his raiment of camel’s hair, and a leathern girdle about his loins; and his food was locusts and wild honey. 5 Then went out unto him Jerusalem, and all Judea, and all the region round about the Jordan; 6 and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 7 And wild honey.

9 Then answered and said, It is written, 39 Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 10 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, 30 Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil. 2 And when he had fasted forty days and forty nights, he afterward hungered. 3 And the tempter came and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, command that these stones become bread. 4 But he answered and said, It is written, 39 Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God. 5 Then the devil taketh him into the holy city; and he set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and saith unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down: for it is written, 34 He shall give his angels charge concerning thee: and, On their hands they shall bear thee up, 35 Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

7 Jesus said unto him, Again, it is written, 39 Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God. 8 Again, the devil taketh him unto an exceedingly high mountain, and showeth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; 9 and he said unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. 10 Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, 37 Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve. 11 Then the devil leaveth him; and behold, angels came and ministered unto him. 12 Now when he heard that John was delivered up, he withdrew into Galilee; 13 and leaving Nazareth, he came and dwelt in Capernaum, which is by the sea, in the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali: 14 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, 38

15 The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, 39 Toward the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles,

16 The people that sat in darkness Saw a great light, And to them that sat in the region and shadow of death, To them did light spring up.

17 From that time began Jesus to preach, and to say, Repent ye; for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
And walking by the sea of Galilee, he saw two brethren, Simon who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. And he saith unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left the nets, and followed him. And going on from thence he saw other two brethren, James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets; and he called them. And they straightway left the boat and their father, and followed him.

And he went about in all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and disease among the people. And the report of him went forth into all Syria: and they brought unto him all that were sick, holden with divers diseases and trials, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness in them.

And when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

And the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain:

And following him great multitudes from Galilee and Decapolis and Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

5 And the multitudes, he went up into the mountain: and seeing the multitudes, he went up into the mountain:

And they when he had sat down, his disciples came unto him: and he opened his mouth and taught them, saying,

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they that hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are they that have been persecuted for righteousness’ sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye when men shall reproach you, and persecute you, and say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceedingly glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets that were before you.

Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost its savour, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thenceforth good for nothing, but to be cast out and trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a lamp, and put it under the bushel, but on the stand; and it shineth unto all that are in the house.

Even so let your light shine before men; that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.

Think not that I came to destroy the law or the prophets:

Ye have heard that it was said to them of old time, Thou shalt not kill; and whosoever shall kill shall be in danger of the judgment:

But I say unto you, that every one who is angry with his brother shall be in danger of the council:

And whosoever shall say, Lo, I am come to cast out devils, in my name; he that shall fail to cast out devils, shall be in danger of the judgment:

Be in danger of the judgment:

And every one that speaketh evil of his brother in the Spirit of anger shall be in danger of the judgment:

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But your speech shall be, Ye means yes; No means no: and whatsoever is more than these is of the evil one.

Matthew 5

40 Gk. nations and so everywhere.
41 Or, Jacob and so everywhere.
42 Most ancient mss. read Jesus Ν°*C° copb sy, but not B cop°a,mg ν* sy5.
43 Or, good tidings and so everywhere.
44 Or, demoniacs.
45 Ex 20:13, Dt 5:17.
46 Most later mss. insert without a cause (εἰκήν) But p°B B°N* 892 vg (=lat9) do not.
47 An expression of contempt, like Stupid!
48 Or, Most, a Hebrew expression of condemnation. As, Thou wretch! or, scoundrel!
49 Gk. unto or, into.
50 Or, lake of fire: and so everywhere. (Ge-henna is Greek for the Valley of Hinnom, the Jerusalem refuse dump.)
51 Ex 20:14; Dt 5:18.
52 Dt 24:1,3.
53 Lv 19:12; Nu 30:2; Dt 23:21.
54 Or, toward.
55 Almost alone, B reads. But your speech shall be
Matthew 6

38 Ye have heard that it was said, 57An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: 39 but I say unto you, Resist not him that is evil: but whatsoever smiteth thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. 40 And if any man would go to law with thee, and take away thy coat, let him have thy cloak also. 41 And whatsoever shall 58compel thee to go one mile, go with him two. 42 Give to him that asketh thee, and from him that would borrow of thee turn not thou away.

43 Ye have heard that it was said, 59Thou shalt love thy neighbor, and hate thine enemy: 44 but I say unto you, Love your enemies, and pray for them that persecute you; 45 that ye might become sons of your Father who is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sendeth rain on the just and the unjust. 46 For if ye love them that love you, what reward have ye? do not even the publicans the same? 47 And if ye salute your brethren only, what do ye more than others? do not even the Gentiles the same? 48 Ye therefore shall be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.

6 Take heed that ye do not your righteousness before men, to be seen of them: else ye have no reward with your Father who is in heaven.

2 When therefore thou doest alms, sound not a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Truly I say unto you, They have received their reward. 3 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: 4 that thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee.

5 And when ye pray, ye shall not be as the hypocrites: for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Truly I say unto you, They have received their reward. 6 But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thine inner chamber, and having shut thy door, pray to thy Father who is in secret, and thy Father who seeth in secret shall recompense thee. 7 And in praying use not vain repetitions, as the Gentiles do: for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. 8 Be not therefore like unto them: for 62your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before ye ask him. 9 After this manner therefore pray ye: Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. 10 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. 11 Give us this day 6 our daily bread. 12 And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 13 And bring us not into temptation, but deliver us from 64the evil one. 14 For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. 15 But if ye forgive not men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses.

16 Moreover when ye fast, become not, as the 65hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may be seen of men to fast. Truly I say unto you, They have received their reward. 17 But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thy head, and wash thy face; 18 that thou be not seen of men to fast, but of thy Father who is in secret: and thy Father, who seeth in secret, shall recompense thee.

18 Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon the earth, where moth and rust consume, and where thieves break through and steal: 19 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth consume, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 20 for where thy treasure is, there will thy heart be also. 21 The lamp of the body is the eye: if therefore thine eye be single, thy whole body shall be full of light. 22 But if thine eye be evil, thy whole body shall be full of darkness. If therefore the light that is in thee be darkness, how great is the darkness! 23 No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon. 24 Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your soul, what ye shall eat, 66 or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the soul more than the food, and the body than the raiment? 25 Behold the birds of the heaven, that they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; and your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are not ye of much more value than they? 26 And which of you by being anxious can add one cubit unto the measure of his life? 27 And why are ye anxious concerning raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 28 yet I say unto you, that even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 29 But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 30 Be not therefore anxious, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 31 For after all these things do the Gentiles seek: for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 32 But seek ye first his kingdom, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you. 33 Be not therefore anxious for the morrow: for the morrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.

7 Judge not, that ye be not judged. 2 For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured unto you. 3 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam out of thine own eye; 4 or how wilt thou say to thy brother, Let me extract the mote out of thine eye; and lo, the beam is in thine own eye? 5 Thou hypocrite, extract first the beam out of thine own eye; and then shalt thou see clearly to extract the mote out of thy brother’s eye.

6 Give not that which is holy unto the dogs, neither cast your pearls before the swine, lest haply they trample them under their feet, and turn and rend you.

7 Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: 8 for everyone that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 9 Or what man is there of you,
who, if his son shall ask him for a loaf, will give him a stone; 10 or if he shall ask for a fish, will give him a serpent? 11 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father who is in heaven give good things unto them that ask him? 12 All things therefore whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them: for this is the law and the prophets.

13 Enter ye in by the narrow gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter therein. 14 How narrow is the gate, and how straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it.

15 Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly are ravening wolves. 16 By their fruits ye shall know them. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? 17 Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but the corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. 18 A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. 19 Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 20 Therefore by their fruits ye shall know them. 21 Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father who is in heaven.

22 Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy by thy name and by thy name do many mighty works? 23 And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.

24 And when Jesus was come into Peter’s house, he saw his wife’s mother lying sick of a fever. 25 And when he was entered into a boat, his disciples followed him. 26 And he saith unto them, why do ye sleep? rise and pray. 27 And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Save, Lord; we perish. 28 But Jesus saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm. 29 And his disciples were afraid, and marvelled, saying one to another, What manner of man is this, that even the winds and sea obey him?

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Matthew 9

unto them, Go. And they came out, and went into the swine: and behold, the whole herd rushed down the steep slope into the sea, and perished in the waters. And they that fed them fled, and went away into the city, and told everything, and what was befallen to them that were 88possessed with demons. And behold, all the city came out to meet Jesus: and when they saw him: they besought him that he would depart from their borders.

9 And he entered into a boat, and crossed over, and came into his own city. And behold, they brought him a man sick of the palsy, lying on a bed: and Jesus seeing their faith said unto the sick of the palsy, 84Son, be of good cheer; thy sins are forgiven. And behold, certain of the scribes said within themselves, This man blasphemeth. And Jesus 85seeing their thoughts said, Wherefore think ye evil in your hearts? For which is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven; or to say, Arise, and walk? 6But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (then saith he to the sick of the palsy), Arise, and take up thy bed, and go unto thy house. And he arose, and departed to his house. 8But when the multitudes saw it, they were afraid, and glorified God, who had given such authority unto men.

9 And as Jesus passed by from thence, he saw a man, called Matthew, sitting at the place of toll: and he said unto him, Follow me. And he arose, and followed him.

10 And it came to pass, as he 86sat at meat in the house, behold, many 87publicans and sinners came and sat down with Jesus and his disciples. And when the Pharisees saw it, they said unto his disciples, Why eateth your Teacher with the 86publicans and sinners? But when he had heard it, he said, They that are strong have no need of a physician, but they that are sick. But go ye and learn what this meaneth, 89I desire mercy, and not sacrifice: for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

14 Then come to him the disciples of John, saying, Why do we and the Pharisees fast oft, but thy disciples fast not? 15And Jesus said unto them, Can the 91sons of the bride-chamber mourn, as long as the bridegroom is with them? But go and learn what this meaneth: 90I desire mercy, and not sacrifice: for I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

18 While he spake these things unto them, behold, there came 92a ruler, and 94worshipped him, saying, My daughter is even now dead: but come and lay thy hand upon her, and she shall live. 19 And Jesus arose, and followed him, and so did his disciples. 20 And behold, a woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: 21for she said within herself, If I do but touch his garment, I shall be 95made whole. 22 But Jesus turning and seeing her said, Daughter, be of good cheer; thy faith hath 96made thee whole. And the woman was 97made whole from that hour. 23And when Jesus came into the ruler’s house, and saw the flute-players, and the crowd making a tumult, 24he said, Give place: for the damsel is not dead, but sleeppeth. And they laughed him to scorn. 25 But when the crowd was put forth, he entered in, and took her by the hand; and the damsel arose. 26And 98the report thereof went forth into all that land.

27 And as Jesus passed by from thence, two blind men followed him, crying out, and saying, have mercy on us, thou son of David. 28 And when he was come into the house, the blind men came to him: and Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They say unto him, Yes, Lord. 29 Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it done unto you. 30 And their eyes were opened. And Jesus 99strictly charged them, saying, See that no man know it. 31 But they went forth, and spread abroad his report in all that land.

32 And as they went forth, behold, there was brought to him a dumb man possessed with a demon. 33 And when the demon was cast out, the dumb man spake: and the multitudes marvelled, saying, It was never so seen in Israel. 34 But the Pharisees said, 100By the prince of the demons casteth he out the demons.

35 And Jesus went about all the cities and the villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of disease and all manner of sickness. 36 But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion for them, because they were distressed and scattered, as sheep not having a shepherd. 37 Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest indeed is plenteous, but the laborers are few. 38 Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest.

10 And he called unto him his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to heal all manner of disease and all manner of sickness.

2 Now the names of the twelve apostles are these: The first, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother; James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother; 3 Philip, and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the publican; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; 4 Simon the 101Cananae-
an, and Judas Iscariot who also 102 betrayed him.

5 These twelve Jesus sent forth, and charged them, saying, Go not into any way of the Gentiles, and enter not into any city of the Samaritans: 6 but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 7 And as ye go, preach, saying, The kingdom of heaven is at hand. 8 Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons: freely ye receive, freely give. 9 Get ye no gold, nor silver, nor copper in your 103 purses; 10 no wallet for your journey, neither two coats, nor shoes, nor staff: for the laborer is worthy of his food. 11 and into whatsoever city or village ye shall enter, search out who in it is worthy; and there abide till ye go forth. 12 And as ye enter into the house salute it. 13 And if the house be worthy, let your peace come upon it: but if it be not worthy, let your peace return to you. 14 And whosoever shall not receive you, nor hear your words, as ye go forth out of that house or that city, shake off the dust of your feet. 15 Truly I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah in the day of judgement, than for that city.

16 Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: become ye therefore wise as serpents, and 104 harmless as doves. 17 But beware of men: for they will deliver you up to councils, and in their synagogues they will scourge you; 18 yes and before governors and kings shall ye be brought for my sake, for a testimony to them and to the Gentiles. 19 But when they deliver you up, be not anxious how or what ye shall speak: for it shall be given you in that hour what ye shall speak. 20 For it is not ye that speak, but the Spirit of your Father that speaketh in you. 21 And brother shall deliver up brother to death, and the father his child: and children shall rise up against parents, and cause them to be put to death. 22 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake: but he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. 23 But when they persecute you in this city, flee into the next: for truly I say unto you, Ye shall not have gone through the cities of Israel, till the Son of man be come.

24 A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a 105 servant above his lord. 25 It is enough for the disciple that he become as his teacher, and the servant as his lord. If they have called the master of the house 106 Beelzebul, how much more them of his household? 26 Fear them not therefore: for there is nothing covered, that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. 27 What I tell you in the darkness, speak ye in the light; and what ye hear in the ear, proclaim upon the house-tops. 28 And be not afraid of them that kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul: but rather fear him who is able to destroy both soul and body in 107 Gehenna. 29 Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? and not one of them shall fall on the ground without your Father permitting: 30 but the very hairs of your head are all numbered. 31 Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows. 32 Every one therefore who shall confess 109 me before men, 110 him will I also confess before my Father who is in heaven. 33 But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my Father who is in heaven.

34 Think not that I came to 111 send peace on the earth: I came not to 112 send peace, but a sword. 35 For I came to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law: 36 and a man’s foes shall be they of his own household. 37 He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. 38 And he that doth not take his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me. 39 He that 113 findeth his 114 soul shall lose it; and he that 115 loseth his soul for my sake shall find it.

40 He that receiveth you receiveth me, and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me. 41 He that receiveth a prophet in the name of a prophet shall receive a prophet’s reward: and he that receiveth a righteous man in the name of a righteous man shall receive a righteous man’s reward. 42 And whosoever shall give to drink unto one of these little ones a cup of cold water only, in the name of a disciple, truly I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward.

11 And it came to pass when Jesus had finished command ing his twelve disciples, he departed thence to teach and preach in their cities.

2 Now when John heard in the prison the works of the Christ, he sent by his disciples 3 and said unto him, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye hear and see: 5 the blind receive their sight, and the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have the gospel preached to them. 6 And blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occasion of stumbling in me.

7 And as these went their way, Jesus began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to behold? a reed shaken with the wind? 8 But what went ye out to see? a man clothed in soft raiment? Behold, they that wear soft raiment are in king’s houses. 9 116 But wherefore went ye out? to see a prophet? Yes, I say unto you, and much more than a prophet. 10 This is he, of whom it is written,

118 Behold, I send my messenger before thy face. Who shall prepare thy way before thee.

11 Truly I say unto you, Among them that are born of wom en there hath not arisen a greater than John the Baptist: yet he that is 119 but little in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.
Matthew 12

12 And from the days of John the Baptist until now the kingdom of heaven is hard-pressed, and the pressers are grasping it. 13 For all the prophets and the law prophesied until John. 14 And if ye are willing to receive it this is Elijah, that is to come. 15 He that hath ears let him hear, let him hear. 16 But whereunto shall I liken this generation? It is like unto children sitting in the marketplaces, who call unto their fellows 17 and say, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did not 18 mourn. For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, He hath a demon. 19 The Son of man came eating and drinking, and they say, Behold, a gluttonous man and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! And wisdom is justified by her works!

20 Then began he to upbraid the cities wherein most of his mighty works were done, because they repented not. 21 Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works had been done in Tyre and Sidon which were done in you, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. 22 But I say unto you, it shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the day of judgment, than for you. 23 And thou Capernaum, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? thou shalt go down unto Hades: for if the mighty works had been done in Sodom which were done in thee, it would have remained until this day. 24 But I say unto you that it shall be more tolerable for the land of Sodom in the day of judgment, than for thee.

25 At that season Jesus answered and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes: 26 yes, Father, for so it became well-pleasing in thy sight. 27 All things have been delivered unto me of my Father: and no one knoweth the Son, save the Father, neither doth any know the Father, save the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son willeth to reveal him. 28 Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

12 At that season Jesus went on the sabbath day through the grainfields; and his disciples were hungry and began to pluck ears and to eat. 2 But the Pharisees, when they saw it, said unto him, Behold, thy disciples do that which it is not lawful to do upon the sabbath. 3 But he said unto them, Have ye not read what David did, when he was hungry, and they that were with him; 4 how he entered into the house of God, and took the showbread, which was not lawful for him to eat, neither for them that were with him, but only for the priests? 5 Or have ye not read in the law, that on the sabbath day the priests in the temple profane the sabbath and are guiltless? 6 But I say unto you, that one greater than the temple is here. 7 But if ye had known what this meaneth, ye would not have condemned the guiltless. 8 For the Son of man is lord of the sabbath. 9 And he departed thence, and went into their synagogue: 10 and behold, a man having a withered hand. And they asked him, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath days? that they might accuse him. 11 And he said unto them, What man shall there be of you, that shall have one sheep, and if this fall into a pit on the sabbath day, will he not lay hold on it, and lift it out? 12 How much then is a man of more value than a sheep! Wherefore it is lawful to do good on the sabbath days. 13 Then saith he to the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and it was restored whole as the other.

14 But the Pharisees went out, and took counsel against him, how they might destroy him. 15 And Jesus perceiving it withdrew from thence: and many followed him; and he healed them all, 16 and charged them that they should not make him known: 17 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through Isaiah the prophet, saying, 18 Behold, my servant whom I have chosen; My beloved in whom my soul was well pleased: I will put my Spirit upon him.

And he shall declare judgment to the Gentiles 19 He shall not strive, nor cry aloud; Neither shall anyone hear his voice in the streets. 20 A bruised reed shall he not break, And smoking flax shall he not quench, Till he send forth judgment unto victory. 21 And in his name shall the Gentiles hope.

22 Then was brought unto him one possessed with a demon, blind and dumb: and he healed him, insomuch that the dumb man spake and saw. 23 And all the multitudes were amazed, and said, Can this be the son of David? 24 But when the Pharisees heard it, they said, This man doth not cast out demons, but by Beezlebul the prince of the demons. 25 And knowing their thoughts he said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and every city or house divided against itself shall not stand: 26 and if Satan casteth out Satan, he is divided against himself; how then shall his kingdom stand? 27 And if I by Beezlebul cast out demons, 141 by whom do your sons cast them out? therefore shall they be your judges. 28 But if I by the Spirit of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you.
29 Or how can one enter into the house of the strong man, and spoil his goods, except he first bind the strong man? and then he will spoil his house. 30 He that is not with me is against me, and he that gathered not with me scattereth. 31 Therefore I say unto you, Every sin and blasphemy shall be forgiven unto men; but the blasphemy of the spirit shall not be forgiven.

32 And whosoever shall speak a word against the Son of man, it shall be forgiven him; but whosoever shall speak against the Holy Spirit, it shall not be forgiven him, neither in this age, nor in that which is to come. 33 Either make the tree good, and its fruit good; or make the tree corrupt, and its fruit corrupt: for the tree is known by its fruit. 34 Ye offsprings of vipers, how can ye, being evil, speak good things? for out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaketh.

35 The good man out of his good treasure bringeth forth good things: and the evil man out of his evil treasure bringeth forth evil things. 36 And I say unto you, that every idle word that men shall speak, they shall give account thereof in the day of judgment.

37 For by thy words thou shalt be justified, and by thy words thou shalt be condemned.

38 Then certain of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, Teacher we would see a sign from thee. 39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; 40 for as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea-monster; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Ninevah shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and beheld, a greater than Jonah is here. 42 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, a greater than Solomon is here. 43 But the unclean spirit, when it is gone out of the man, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest, and findeth it not.

44 Then he saith, I will return into my house whence I came out; and will bring forth an unclean spirit out of the unclean man.

45 Then goeth he and taketh with him seven other spirits more evil than himself, and they enter in and dwell there: and the last state of that man becometh worse than the first. Even so shall it be also unto this evil generation.

46 While he was yet speaking to the multitudes, behold, his mother and his brethren stood without, seeking to speak to him. 47 And one said unto him, Behold, thy mother and thy brethren stand without, seeking to speak to thee. 48 But he answered and said unto them, Who is my mother? and who are my brethren? 49 And he stretched forth his hand towards his disciples, and said, Behold, my mother and my brethren! 50 For whosoever shall do the will of my Father who is in heaven, he is my brother, and sister, and mother.

13 On that day went Jesus out of the house, and sat by the sea side. And there were gathered unto him great multitudes, so that he entered into a boat, and sat; and all the multitude stood on the beach. 3 And he spake to them many things in parables, saying, Behold, the sower went forth to sow; 4 and as he sowed, some seeds fell by the way side, and the birds came and devoured them: 5 and others fell upon the rocky places, where they had not much earth: and straightway they sprang up, because they had no depth of earth: 6 and when the sun was risen, they were scorched; and because they had no root, they withered away. 7 And others fell upon the thorns; and the thorns grew up and choked them: 8 and others fell upon the good ground, and yielded fruit, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. 9 He that hath ears, let him hear.

10 And the disciples came, and said unto him, Why speakest thou unto them in parables? 11 And he answered and said unto them, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven, but to them it is not given. 12 For whosoever hath, to him shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath. 13 Therefore speak I to them in parables; because seeing they see not, and hearing they hear not, neither do they understand.

14 And unto them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah, which saith,

15 By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand; And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:

16 But blessed are your eyes, for they see: and your ears, for they hear. 17 For truly I say unto you, that many prophets and righteous men desired to see that which ye see, and saw them not; and to hear the things which ye hear, and heard them not. 18 Hear then ye the parable of the sower. 19 When anyone heareth the word of the kingdom, and understandeth it not, then cometh the evil one, and snatches away that which hath been sown in his heart. This is he that was sown by the wayside.

20 And he that was sown upon the rocky places, this is he that heareth the word, and straightway with joy receiveth it; 21 yet hath he no root in himself, but endureth for a while; and when tribulation or persecution ariseth because of the word, straightway he stumbleth.

22 And he that was sown among the thorns, this is he that heareth the word, and the care of this world, and the deceitfulness of riches, choke the word, and he becometh unfruitful. 23 And he that was sown upon the good ground, this is he that heareth the word, and understandeth it; who truly heareth fruit, and bringeth forth, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty.

24 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a man that sowed good seed in his field: 25 but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed vi.
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151 tares also among the wheat, and went away. 26 But when the blade sprang up and brought forth fruit, then appeared the tares also. 27 And the servants of the householder came and said unto him, Sir, didst thou not sow good seed in thy field? whence then hath it tares? 28 And he said unto them, 153 An enemy hath done this. And the servants say unto him, Wilt thou then that we go and gather them up? 29 But he saith, No; lest haply while ye gather up the tares, ye root up also the wheat with them. 30 Let both grow together until the harvest: and in the season of the harvest I will say to the reapers, Gather up first the tares, and bind them in bundles to burn them; but gather the wheat into my barn.

31 Another parable set he before them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: 32 which indeed is less than all seeds; but when it is grown, it is greater than the herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the heaven come and lodge in the branches thereof.

33 Another parable spake he unto them; The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found, and hid; and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

34 All these things spake Jesus in parables unto the multitudes; and without a parable spake he nothing unto them: 35 that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,

I will open my mouth in parables; I will utter things hid

156 ten from the foundation 157 of the world.

36 Then he left the multitudes, and went into the house: and his disciples came unto him, saying, Explain unto us the parable of the tares of the field. 37 And he answered and said, He that soweth the good seed is the Son of man; 38 and the field is the world; and the good seed, these are the seed of the kingdom; and the tares are the seed of the evil one; 39 and the enemy that soweth them is the devil; and the harvest is 158 the end of the age; and the reapers are angels.

40 As therefore the tares are gathered up and burned with fire; so shall it be in 159 the end of the age. 41 The Son of man shall send forth his angels, and they shall gather out of his kingdom all things that cause stumbling, and them that do iniquity, 42 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth. 43 Then shall the righteous shine forth as the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He that hath ears, let him hear.

44 The kingdom of heaven is like unto a treasure hidden in the field; which a man found, and hid; and 160 in his joy he goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field.

45 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant seeking goodly pearls: 46 and having found one pearl of great price, he went and sold all that he had, and bought it.

47 Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a 161 net, that was cast into the sea, and gathered of every kind: 48 which, when it was filled, they drew up on the beach; and they sat down, and gathered the good into vessels, but the bad they cast away. 49 So shall it be in 162 the end of the age: the angels shall come forth, and sever the wicked from among the righteous, 50 and shall cast them into the furnace of fire: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

51 Have ye understood all these things? they say unto him, Yes. 52 And he said unto them, Therefore every scribe 163 who hath been made a disciple to the kingdom of heaven is like unto a man that is a householder, who bringeth forth out of his treasure things new and old.

53 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished these parables, he departed thence.

54 And coming into his own country he taught them in their synagogue, insomuch that they were astonished, and said, Whence hath this man this wisdom and these mighty works? 55 Is not this the carpenter's son? is not his mother called Mary? and his brethren, James, and Joseph, and Simon, and Judas? 56 And his sisters, are they not all with us? Whence then hath this man all these things? 57 And they were offended with him. But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and in his own house. 58 And he did not many mighty works there because of their unbelief.

14 At that season Herod the tetrarch heard the report concerning Jesus, 2 and said unto his servants, This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead; and therefore do these powers work in him. 3 For Herod had laid hold on John, and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife. 4 For John said unto him, It is not lawful for thee to have her. 5 And when he would have put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet. 6 But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced in the midst, and pleased Herod. 7 Whereupon he promised with an oath to give her whatsoever she should ask. 8 And she, being put forward by her mother, saith, Give me here on a platter the head of John the Baptist. 9 And the king was grieved; but for the sake of his oaths, and of them that sat at meat with him, he commanded it to be given; 10 and he sent and beheaded John in the prison. 11 And his head was brought on a platter, and given to the damsel: and she brought it to her mother. 12 And his disciples came, and took up the corpse, and buried him; and they went and told Jesus.

151 Or, darnel
152 Gk. bondservants
153 Gk. A man that is an enemy hath done this.
154 Gk. bondservants
155 The word in the Greek denotes the Hebrew seah, a measure containing nearly a peck and a half, or about 13 liters (dry measure).
156 Ps. 78:2.
157 So N 892 Coptics and most mss. and versions. But B and itb (sy*2*) and itk omit of the world
158 Lit., a consummation of an age;
159 Lit., the consummation of the age.
160 Or, for joy thereof he goeth
161 Gk. drag-net,
162 Lit., the consummation of the age:
163 Gk. powers (instead of mighty works)
164 Or, Jacob,
165 Gk. caused to stumble in him.
166 Gk. powers

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13 Now when Jesus heard it, he withdrew from thence in a boat, to a desert place apart: and when the multitudes heard thereof, they followed him on foot from the cities. 14 And he came forth, and saw a great multitude, and he had compassion on them, and healed their sick. 15 And when even was come, the disciples came to him, saying, The place is a desert, and the time is already past; send the multitudes away, that they may go into the villages, and buy themselves food. 16 But Jesus said unto them, They have no need to go away; give ye them to eat. 17 And they say unto him, We have here but five loaves, and two fishes. 18 And he said, Bring them hither to me. 19 And he commanded the multitudes to sit down upon the grass; and he took the five loaves, and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake and gave the multitudes. 20 And they that were there were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

22 And straightway he constrained the disciples to enter into the boat, and to go before him unto the other side, till he should send the multitudes away. 23 And after he had sent the multitudes away, he went up into the mountain apart to pray: and when even was come, he was there alone. 24 But the boat was now in the midst of the sea, troubled with the wind; for the wind was contrary. 25 And in the fourth watch of the night he came unto them, walking upon the sea. 26 And when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 27 But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid. 28 And when they saw him walking upon the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear. 29 And he answered and said unto them, Why do ye travail, O ye of little faith, howbeit ye will have doubt? 30 But the wind) and immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and took hold of him, and saith unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt? 31 And when they were gone up into the boat, the wind ceased. 32 And they that were in the boat, worshipped him, saying, Of a truth thou art the Son of God.

34 And when they had crossed over, they came to the land, unto Gennesaret. 35 And when the men of that place knew him, they sent into all that region round about, and brought unto him all that were sick; 36 and they besought him that they might only touch the border of his garment: and as many as touched were made whole.

Then there came to Jesus from Jerusalem Pharisees and scribes, saying, 2 Why do thy disciples transgress the tradition of the elders? for they wash not their hands when they eat bread. 3 And he answered and said unto them, Why do ye also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition? 4 For God said, 179 Honor thy father and thy mother: and, 178 He that speaketh evil of father or mother, let him die the death. 5 But ye say, Whosoever shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is given to God; 6 he shall not honor his father. 7 And ye have made void the 179word of God because of your tradition. 8 Ye hypocrites, well did Isaiah prophesy of you, saying, 180

8 This people honoreth me with their lips; but their heart is far from me.
9 But in vain do they worship me, teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men.
10 And he called to him the multitude, and said unto them, Hear, and understand: 11 Not that which entereth into the mouth defileth the man; but that which proceedeth out of the mouth, this defileth the man. 12 Then came the disciples, and said unto him, Knowest thou that the Pharisees were offended, when they heard this saying? 13 But he answered and said, Every planting which my earthly Father planted shall not be rooted up. 14 Let them alone: they are blind guides. And if the blind guide the blind, both shall fall into a pit. 15 And Peter answered and said unto him, Declare unto us the parable. 16 And he said, Are ye also even yet without understanding? 17 Knowest thou that which proceedeth out of the mouth come forth out of the heart; and they defile the man. 18 For out of the heart come forth evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, railings: these are the things which defile the man; but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not the man.

21 And Jesus went out thence, and withdrew into the parts of Tyre and Sidon. 22 And beheld, a Canaanitish woman came out from those borders, and cried, saying, Have mercy on me, O Lord, thou son of David; my daughter is grievously sick with a demon. 23 But he answered her not a word. And his disciples came and besought him, saying, Send her away; for she crieth after us. 24 But he answered and said, I was not sent but unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 25 But she came and worshipped him, saying, Lord, help me. 26 And he answered and said, It is not good to take the children's bread and cast it to the little dogs. 27 But she said, Yes, Lord: for even the little dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters’ table. 28 Then Jesus answered and said unto her, O woman, great is thy faith: be it done unto thee even as thou wilt. And her daughter was healed from that hour.

29 And Jesus departed thence, and came nigh unto the sea
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of Galilee; and he went up into the mountain, and sat there. 30 And there came unto him great multitudes, having with them the lame, blind, dumb, maimed, and many others, and they cast them down at his feet; and he healed them: 31 insomuch that the multitude wondered, when they saw the dumb speaking, 183 the maimed whole, and the lame walking, and the blind seeing: and they glorified the God of Israel.

32 And Jesus called unto him his disciples, and said, I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days and have nothing more to eat: and I would not send them away fasting, lest haply they faint on the way. 33 And the disciples say unto him, Whence should we have so much bread in such a place to fill so great a multitude? 34 And Jesus saith unto them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Seven, and a few small fishes. 35 And he command ed the multitude to sit down on the ground; 36 and he took the seven loaves and the fishes; and he gave thanks and brake, and gave to the disciples, and the disciples to the multitudes. 37 And they all ate, and were filled: and they took up that which remained of the broken pieces, seven large baskets full. 38 And they that did eat were four thousand men, besides women and children. 39 And he sent away the multitudes, and came into the boat, and came into the borders of Magadan.

16 And the Pharisees and Sadducees came, and trying him asked him to show them a sign from heaven. 2 But he answered and said unto them, 184 An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of Jonah. And he left them, and departed.

5 And the disciples came to the other side and forgot to take bread. 6 And Jesus said unto them, Take heed and beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees. 7 And they reasoned among themselves, saying, We took no bread. 8 And Jesus perceiving it said, Ye of little faith, wherefore reason ye among yourselves, because ye have no bread? 9 Do ye not yet perceive, neither remember the five loaves of the five thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? 10 Neither the seven loaves of the four thousand, and how many baskets ye took up? 11 How is it that ye do not perceive that I speak not to you concerning bread? But beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

12 Then understood they that he bade them not beware of the leaven of bread, but of the teaching of the Pharisees and Sadducees.

13 Now when Jesus came into the parts of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, saying, Who do men say that the Son of man is? 14 And they said, Some say John the Baptist; some, Elijah; and others, Jeremiah, or one of the prophets. 15 He saith unto them, But who say ye that I am? 16 And Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God. 17 And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Bar-Jonah: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father who is in heaven. 18 I also say unto thee, that thou art 189 Peter, and upon this 189 rock I will build my church; and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. 19 I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth shall be 191 what has been bound in heaven; and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be 192 what has been loosed in heaven. 20 Then charged he the disciples that they should tell no man that he was the Christ.

21 From that time began Jesus 193 to show unto his disciples, that he must go unto Jerusalem, and suffer many things of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up. 22 And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him saying, 194 God have mercy on thee, Lord: this shall never be unto thee. 23 But he turned, and said unto Peter, Get thee behind me, Satan: thou art a stumbling-block unto me: for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of men. 24 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me. 25 For whosoever would save his soul shall lose it: and whosoever shall lose his soul for my sake shall find it. 26 For what shall a man be profited, if he shall gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? or what shall a man give in exchange for his soul? 27 For the Son of man shall come in the glory of his Father with his angels; and then shall he render every man according to his doing. 28 Truly I say unto you, There are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the Son of man coming in his kingdom.

17 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John his brother, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart; 2 and he was transfigured before them; and his face did shine as the sun, and his garments became white as the light. 3 And behold, there appeared unto them Moses and Elijah talking with him. 4 And Peter answered and said unto Jesus, Lord, it is good for us to be here: if thou wilt, I will make here three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. 5 While he was yet speaking, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them: and behold, a voice out of the cloud, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I was well pleased; hear ye him.

182 Or, loaf.

183 So (B) C (33) Ax and most lesser mss., cop(bo),meg (geo arm). But the maimed whole is omitted by N 892 sya.c vg it(bo), which is comparably good evidence.

184 So BN 579 copSa.meg sya.c arm. But 892 C 33, and most Gk. mss., vg it geo add When it is evening, ye say, It will be fair weather: for the heaven is red. 3 And in the morning, It will be foul weather today: for the heaven is red and gloomy [low overcast with dark clouds]. Ye know how to discern the face of the heaven; but ye cannot discern the signs of the times.

185 Gk. loaves.

186 Or, It is because we took no bread.

187 Two-gallon baskets, likely rectangular [κοφίνοις].

188 Large round baskets [σπιράς], as in Ac 9:25.

189 Gk. Petros [Πέτρος], a little stone.

190 Gk. petra [πέτρα], a great rock.

191 Gk. a thing having been bound in heaven;

192 Gk. a thing having been loosed in heaven.

193 N*B* copSa.mss,bo,meg almost alone insert Christ

194 Or, Be it far from thee,

195 Or, life. Gk. psychē [ψυχή], four times in vss. 25, 26.

196 So B 892 vg it* and most lesser Greek mss. But N* cop sy* geo and most lesser versions read works.

197 Or, Jacob.

198 Or, booths; Compare Lv 23:39-43.
the disciples heard it, they fell on their face, and were sore afraid. 7 And Jesus came and touched them and said, Arise, and be not afraid. 8 And lifting up their eyes, they saw no one, save Jesus only.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus commanded them, saying, Tell the vision to no man, until the Son of man be risen from the dead. 10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elijah must first come? 11 And he answered and said, Elijah indeed cometh, and shall restore all things: 12 but I say unto you, that Elijah is come already, and they knew him not, but did unto him whatsoever they would. Even so shall the Son of man also suffer of them. 13 Then understood the disciples that he spake unto them of John the Baptist.

14 And when they were come to the multitude, there came to him a man, kneeling to him, and saying, 15 Lord, have mercy on my son: for he is epileptic, and suffereth grievously; for oft-times he falleth into the fire, and oft-times into the water. 16 And I brought him to thy disciples, and they could not cure him. 17 And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him hither to me. 18 And Jesus rebuked him; and the demon went out of him; and the boy was cured from that hour.

19 Then came the disciples to Jesus apart, and said, Why could not we cast it out? 20 And he saith unto them, Because of your little faith: for truly I say unto you, If ye have faith as a grain of mustard seed, ye shall say unto this mountain, Remove hence to yonder place; and it shall remove; and nothing shall be impossible unto you. 200

22 And while they were gathering themselves together in Galilee, Jesus said unto them, The Son of man shall be delivered up into the hands of men; 23 and they shall kill him, and the third day he shall be raised up. And they were exceeding sorry.

24 And when they were come to Capernaum, they that received the half-shekel came to Peter, and said, Doth not your teacher pay the half-shekel? 25 He saith, Yes. And when he came into the house, Jesus spake first to him, saying, What thinkest thou, Simon? the kings of the earth, from whom do they receive toll or tribute? from their sons, or from strangers? 26 And when he said, From strangers, Jesus said unto him, Therefore the sons are free. 27 But, lest we cause them to stumble, go thou to the sea, and cast a hook, and take up the fish that first cometh up; and when thou hast opened its mouth, thou shalt find a shekel: receive that, and give unto them for me and thee.

18 In that hour came the disciples unto Jesus, saying, Who then is greatest in the kingdom of heaven? 2 And he called to him a little child, and set him in the midst of them, 3 and said, Truly I say unto you, Except ye turn, and become as little children, ye shall in no wise enter into the kingdom of heaven. 4 Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child, the same is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven.

19 And whoso shall receive one such little child in my name receiveth me: 20 but whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea.

7 Woe unto the world because of occasions of stumbling! for it must needs be that the occasions come; but woe to that man through whom the occasion cometh! 8 And if thy hand or thy foot causeth thee to stumble, cut it off, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed or halt, rather than having two hands or two feet to be cast into the eternal fire.

9 And if thine eye causeth thee to stumble, pluck it out, and cast it from thee: it is good for thee to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into the Gehenna of fire. 10 See that ye despise not one of these little ones; for I say unto you, that in heaven their angels do always behold the face of my Father who is in heaven. 12 How think ye? if any man come to have a hundred sheep, and one of them be gone astray, doth he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains, and go and seek that which was gone astray? 13 And if so be that he find it, truly I say unto you, he rejoiceth over it more than over the ninety-nine which have not gone astray. 14 Even so it is not the will of my Father who is in heaven that one of these little ones should perish.

15 And if thy brother sin against thee, go, show him his fault between thee and him alone: if he hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. 16 But if he hear thee not, take with thee one or two more, that at the mouth of two or three witnesses or three every word may be established. 17 And if he refuse to hear them, tell it unto the church: and if he refuse to hear the church also, let him be unto thee as the Gentile and the publican. 18 Truly I say unto you, What things soever ye shall bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and what things soever ye shall loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven. 19 Again I say unto you, that if two of you shall agree on earth as touching anything that they shall ask, it shall be done for them of their Father who is in heaven. 20 For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.

21 Then came Peter and said to him, Lord, how oft shall...
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my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? until seven times? 22 And Jesus saith unto him, I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but Until 219seventy times seven. 23 Therefore is the kingdom of heaven likened unto a certain king, who would make a reckoning with his 220servants. 24 And when he had begun to reckon, one was brought unto him, that owed him ten thousand 221talents. 25 But forasmuch as he had not wherewithal to pay, his lord commanded him to be sold, and his wife, and children, and all that he had, and payment to be made. 26 The 222servant therefore fell down and 223worshipped him, saying, Lord, have patience with me, and I will pay thee all. 27 And the lord of that 224servant, being moved with compassion, released him, and forgave him the 225debt. 28 But that 226servant went out, and found one of his fellow-servants, who owed him a hundred 227shillings: and he laid hold on him, and took him by the throat, saying, Pay what thou owest. 29 So his fellow-servant fell down and besought him, saying, Have patience with me, and I will pay thee. 30 And he would not: but went and cast him into prison, till he should pay that which was due. 31 So when his fellow-servants saw what was done, they were exceeding sorry, and came and told unto their lord all that was done. 32 Then his lord called unto him, and saith to him, Thou wicked 228servant, I forgave thee all that debt, because thou didst besought me: 33 shouldest not thou also have had mercy on thy fellow-servant, even as I had mercy on thee? 34 And his lord was wroth, and delivered him to the tormentors, till he should pay all that was due. 35 So shall also my heavenly Father do unto you, if ye forgive not every one his brother from your hearts.

And it came to pass when Jesus had finished these words, he departed from Galilee, and came into the borders of Judea beyond the Jordan; 2 and great multitudes followed him; and he healed them there.

And there came unto him 229Pharisees, trying him, and saying, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife for every cause? 4 and he answered and said, Have ye not read, 227that he who made them from the beginning made male and female, 5 and said, 229For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh? 6 So that they are no more two, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 7 They say unto him, 230Why then did Moses command to give a bill of divorcement, and to put her away? 8 He saith unto them, Moses for your hardness of heart suffered you to put away your wives: but from the beginning it hath not been so. 9 And I say unto you, Whosoever shall put away his wife, 231except for fornication, and shall marry another, committeth adultery. 10 The disciples say unto him, If the case of the man is so with his wife, it is not expedient to marry. 11 But he said unto them, Not all men can receive this saying, but they to whom it is given. 12 For there are eunuchs, that were so born from their mother’s womb: and there are eunuchs, that were made eunuchs by men: and there are eunuchs, that made themselves eunuchs for the kingdom of heaven’s sake. He that is able to receive it, let him receive it.

13 Then were there brought unto him little children, that he should lay his hands on them, and pray: and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But Jesus said, Suffer the little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for 232ye such belongeth the kingdom of heaven. 15 And he laid his hands on them, and departed thence.

16 And behold, one came to him and said, 234Teacher, what good thing shall I do, that I may have eternal life? 17 And he said unto him, 235Why askest thou me concerning that which is good? One there is who is good: but if thou wouldest enter into life, keep the commandments. 18 He saith unto him, Which? And Jesus said, 236Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, 19 Honor thy father and thy mother; and, 237Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 20 The young man saith unto him, All these things have I observed: what then shall I do? 21 Jesus said unto him, If thou wouldest be perfect, go, sell that which thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 22 But when the young man heard the saying, he went away sorrowful; for he was one that had great possessions.

And Jesus said unto his disciples, Truly I say unto you, It is hard for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of heaven. 23 And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

And when the disciples heard it, they were astonished exceedingly, saying, Who then can be saved? 26 And Jesus looking upon them said to them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible. 27 Then answered Peter and said unto him, Lo, we have left all, and followed thee; what then shall we have? 28 And Jesus said...
unto them, Truly I say unto you, that ye who have followed me, in the regeneration when the Son of man shall sit on the throne of his glory, ye also shall sit upon twelve thrones, judging the twelve tribes of Israel. 29 And every one that hath left houses, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, 238 or wife, or children, or lands, for my name’s sake, shall receive a hundredfold, and shall inherit eternal life. 30 But many shall be last that are first; and first that are last.

20 For the kingdom of heaven is like unto a householder, who went out early in the morning to hire laborers into his vineyard. 2 And when he had agreed with the laborers for a shilling a day, he sent them into his vineyard. 3 And he went out about the third hour, and saw others standing in the marketplace idle; 4 and to them he said, Go ye also into the vineyard, and whatsoever is right I will give you. And they went their way. 5 Again he went out about the sixth and the ninth hour, and did likewise. 6 And about the eleventh hour he went out, and found others standing; and he saith unto them, Why stand ye here all the day idle? 7 They say unto him, Because no man hath hired us. He saith unto them, Go ye also into the vineyard.

8 And when even was come, the lord of the vineyard saith unto his steward, Call the laborers, and pay them their hire, beginning from the last unto the first. 9 And when they came that were hired about the eleventh hour, they received every man a shilling. 10 And when the first came, they supposed that they would receive more; and they likewise received every man a shilling. 11 And when they received it, they murmured against the householder, saying, These last have spent their time in the marketplace idle; and whatsoever is right it shall be given them. 12 So the last shall be first, and the first last.

13 And when Jesus was going up to Jerusalem, he took the twelve disciples apart, and on the way he said unto them, 14 Behold, we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests and scribes; and they shall condemn him to death, 15 and shall deliver him unto the Gentiles to mock, and to scourg, and crucify; and the third day he shall be raised up. 16 Then came to him the mother of the sons of Zebedee with her sons, worshipping him, and asking a certain thing of him. 17 And he said unto her, What wouldest thou? She saith unto him, Command that these my two sons may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand, in thy kingdom. 18 But Jesus answered and said, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I am about to drink? They say unto him, We are able. 19 He saith unto them, My cup indeed ye shall drink: but to sit on my right hand, and on my left hand, is not mine to give; but it is for them for whom it hath been prepared of my Father. 20 And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation concerning the two brethren. 21 But Jesus called them unto him, and said, Ye know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. 22 Not so shall it be among you: but whosoever would become great among you shall be your minister; and whosoever would be first among you shall be your servant: 23 even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his soul a ransom for many.

24 And as they went out from Jericho, a great multitude followed him. 25 And behold, two blind men sitting by the way side, when they heard that Jesus was passing by, cried out, saying, Lord, have mercy on us, thou son of David. 26 And the multitude rebuked them, that they should hold their peace: but they cried out the more, saying, Lord, have mercy on us, thou son of David. 27 And Jesus stood still, and called them, and said, What wilt ye that I should do unto you? 28 They say unto him, Lord that our eyes may be opened. 29 And Jesus, being moved with compassion, touched their eyes; and straightway they received their sight, and followed him.

21 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, and came unto Bethphage, unto the mount of Olives, then Jesus sent two disciples, 2 saying unto them, Go into the village that is over against you, and straightway ye shall find an ass tied, and a colt with her: loose them, and bring them unto me. 3 And if any one say aught unto you, ye shall say, The Lord hath need of them; and straightway he will send them. 4 Now this is come to pass, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken through the prophet, saying,

5 Tell ye the daughter of Zion, Behold, thy King cometh unto thee, Meek, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass.

6 And the disciples went, and did even as Jesus appointed them, 7 and brought the ass, and the colt, and put on them his garments; and he sat thereon. 8 And the most part of the multitude spread their garments in the way; and others cut branches from the trees, and spread them in the way. 9 And the multitudes that went before him, and that followed, cried, saying, Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord; Hosanna in the highest. 10 And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was stirred, saying, Who is this? 11 And the multitudes said, This is the prophet, Jesus, from Nazareth of Galilee.

12 And Jesus entered into the temple, and cast out all them that sold and bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the money-changers, and the seats of them that sold the doves; 13 and he saith unto them, It is written, My house shall be called a house of prayer: but ye make it a den of robbers. 14 And the blind and the lame came to him
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the temple; and he healed them. 15 But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the wonderful things that he did, and the children that were crying in the temple and saying, Hosanna to the son of David; they were moved with indignation, 16 and said unto him, Hearest thou what these are saying? And Jesus saith unto them, Yes: did ye never read, Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings thou hast perfected praise? 17 And he left them, and went forth out of the city to Bethany, and lodged there.

18 Now in the morning as he returned to the city, he hungered. 19 And seeing 250 a fig tree by the way side, he came to it, and found nothing thereon, but leaves only; and he saith unto it, Let there be no fruit from thee henceforward ever. And immediately the fig tree withered away. 20 And when the disciples saw it, they marvelled, saying, How did the fig tree immediately wither away? 21 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Truly I say unto you, If ye have faith, and doubt not, ye shall not only do what is done to the fig tree, but even if ye shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea, it shall be done. 22 And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive.

23 And when he was come into the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came unto him as he was teaching, and said, By what authority doest thou these things? and who gave thee this authority? 24 And Jesus answered and said unto them, I will also ask you one question, which if ye will answer me, I will even tell you by what authority I do these things. 25 The baptism of John, whence was it? from heaven: or from men? And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If he told us from heaven, he will say unto us, Why then did ye not believe him? 26 But if we shall say, From men; we fear the multitude; for all hold John as a prophet. 27 And they answered Jesus, and said, We know not. He also said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things. 28 But what think ye? A man had two sons; and he came to the first, and said, Son, go work today in the vineyard. 29 He answered and said, Sir, I will not: but afterwards he repenteth himself, and goeth. 30 And he came to the second, and said likewise. And he answered and said, I go, sir: and went not. 31 Which of the two did the will of his father? They say, The first. Jesus saith unto them, Truly I say unto you, that the publicans and the harlots go into the kingdom of God before you. 32 For John came unto you in the way of righteousness, and ye believed him not; but the publicans and the harlots believed him: and ye, when ye saw it, did not even repent yourselves afterward, that ye might believe him.

33 Hear another parable: There was a man that was a householder, who planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a winepress in it, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country. 34 And when the season of the fruits drew near, he sent his servants to the husbandmen, to receive his fruits. 35 And the husbandman took his servants, and beat one, and killed another, and stoned another. 36 Again, he sent other servants more than the first: and they did unto them in like manner. 37 But afterward he sent unto them his son, saying, They will reverence my son. 38 But the husbandmen, when they saw the son, said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and take his inheritance. 39 And they took him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him. 40 When therefore the lord of the vineyard shall come, what will he do unto those husbandmen? 41 They say unto him, He will miserably destroy those miserable men, and will let out the vineyard unto other husbandmen, who shall render him the fruits in their seasons. 42 Jesus saith unto them, Did ye never read in the scriptures,

259 The stone which the builders rejected,
The same has become the head of the corner;
This was from the Lord,
And it is marvellous in our eyes?

43 Therefore say I unto you, The kingdom of God shall be taken away from you, and shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof. 44 And he that fell upon this stone shall be broken to pieces: but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust. 45 And when the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they perceived that he spake of them. 46 And when they sought to lay hold on him, they feared the multitudes, because they took him for a prophet.

22 And Jesus answered and spake again in parables unto them, saying, 2 The kingdom of heaven is likened unto a certain king, who made a marriage feast for his son, 3 and sent forth his servants to call them that were bidden to the marriage feast: and they would not come. 4 Again he sent forth other servants, saying, Tell them that are bidden, Be ready: for as ye have received, so shall it be judged you: and he that forsaketh this feast, shall be numbered among the wicked. 5 But when the kingdom was prepared to be received, and they would not come, he said unto his servants, Go out into the highways, and hedges, and as many as ye shall find, bid to the marriage feast. 6 And when the king came in to behold the guests, he saw there a man which had not on a wedding-garment: 7 And they said unto him, How camest thou in hither not having a wedding-garment? He was speechless. 8 Then saith he to his servants, The wedding is ready, but they that were bidden were not worthy. 9 Go ye therefore unto the highways, and gather in all as many as ye shall find, unto the marriage feast. 10 And when those servants went out into the highways, and gathered together all as many as they found, both evil and good: and the wedding was filled with guests. 11 But when the king came in to behold the guests, he saw there a man who had not on a wedding-garment: 12 and he saith unto him, Friend, how camest thou in hither not having a wedding-garment? He was speechless. 13 Then the king said to the servants, Bind him hand and foot, and cast him out into the outer darkness; there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of their teeth. 14 And again I say unto you, That every one who shall confess me before men, him shall the Son of man also confess before his Father which is in heaven. 15 But he that denieth me before men shall be denied before the Son of man.

256 See marginal note on ch. 5:46.
257 Gk. bondservants And in vss. 35, 36.
258 Or, the fruits of it
259 Ps 118:22 f.
260 So Bnz 0102 892 cop syg geo arm. But p104vid? 33 D syg it almost alone omit vs. 44.
261 Gk. bondservants And in vss. 4, 6, 8, 10.
262 Or, ministers, Gk. διακονος (diakonos), deacon.

249 Ps 8:2.
250 Or, a single
251 Lit., unto the age. or, for this age.
252 Gk. word,
253 Gk. children;
254 Gk. Child,
255 See marginal note on ch. 5:46.
teeth. 14 For many are called, but few are chosen.

15 Then went the Pharisees, and took counsel how they might ensnare him in his talk. 16 And they send to him their disciples, with the Herodians, saying, Teacher, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, andarest not for any one: for thou regardest not the person of men. 17 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness and said, Why make ye trial of me, ye hypocrites?

19 Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a 26denarius. 20 And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? 21 They say unto him, Caesar’s. Then saith he unto them, Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s. 22 And when they heard it, they marvelled, and left him, and went away.

23 On that day there came to him Sadducees, 264saying that there is no resurrection: and they asked him. 24 saying, Teacher, Moses said, 265If a man die, having no children, his brother shall marry his wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. 25 Now there were with us seven brethren: and the first married and deceased, and having no seed left his wife unto his brother; 26 in like manner the second also, and the third, unto the 267seventh. 27 And after them all, the woman died. 28 In the resurrection therefore whose wife shall she be of the seven? for they all had her. 29 But Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. 30 For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as angels in heaven. 31 But as touching the resurrection of the dead, have ye not read that which was spoken unto you by God, saying, 32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living. 33 And when the multitudes heard it, they were astonished at his teaching.

34 But the Pharisees, when they heard that he had put the Sadducees to silence, gathered themselves together.

35 And they sent from thence unto him the scribes and the Pharisees, to a certain question, saying, Teacher, we know that thou art true, and teachest the way of God in truth, and dost not regard any man: for thou makest no regard to persons. 36 Tell us therefore, What thinkest thou? Is it lawful to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? 37 But Jesus knowing their malice said, Why tempt ye me? Show me the tribute money. And they brought unto him a 40penny. 38 And Jesus said unto them, Where is the image of the king and of the year? 39 They say unto him, Upon the king’s image and the king’s year. 40 And Jesus said unto them,Render therefore unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s; and unto God the things that are God’s.

41 Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them a question, 42 saying, What think ye of the Christ? whose son is he? They say unto him, The son of David. 43 He saith unto them, How then doth David in the spirit call him Lord, saying,

44 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, Till I put thine enemies underneath thy feet?

45 If David then calleth him Lord, how is he his son? 46 And no one was able to answer him a word, neither durst any man from that day forth ask him any more questions.

23 Then spake Jesus to the multitudes and to his disciples, 2 saying, The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses’ seat: 3 all things therefore whatsoever they bid you, these do and observe: but do not ye after their works; for they say, and do not. 4 Yes, they bind heavy burdens and grievous to be borne, and lay them on men’s shoulders; but they themselves will not move them with their finger. 5 But all their works they do to be seen of men: for they make broad their phylacteries, and enlarge the borders of their garments, and love the chief place at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the marketplaces, and to be called of men, Rabbi. 8 But he that is not ye calleth Rabbi: for one is your teacher, and all ye are brethren. 9 And call no man your father on the earth: for one is your Father, even he who is in heaven. 10 Neither be ye called masters: for one is your master, even the Christ. 11 But he that is greatest among you shall be your servant. 12 And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be humbled; and whosoever shall humble himself shall be exalted.

13 But woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! because ye shut the kingdom of heaven against men: for ye enter not in yourselves, neither suffer ye them that are entering in to enter.

15 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye compass sea and land to make one proselyte; and when he is become so, ye make him a son of Gehenna, twofold more than yourselves.

16 Woe unto you, ye blind guides, that say, Whosoever shall swear by the temple, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gold of the temple, he is a debtor: 17 Ye fools and blind: for which is greater, the gold, or the temple that hath sanctified the gold? 18 And, Whosoever shall swear by the altar, it is nothing; but whosoever shall swear by the gift that...
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is upon it, he is 282a debtor. 19 Ye blind: for which is greater, the gift, or the altar that sanctifieth the gift? 20 He therefore that sweareth by the altar, sweareth by it, and by all things thereon. 21 And he that sweareth by the temple, sweareth by it, and by him that dwelleth therein. 22 And he that sweareth by the heaven, sweareth by the throne of God, and by him that sitteth thereon.

23 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye tithe mint and 283 anise and cummin, and have left undone the weightier matters of the law, justice, and mercy, and faith: but these ye ought to have done, and not to have left the other undone. 24 Ye blind guides, that strain out the gnat, and swallow the camel!

25 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter, but within they are full from extortion and excess. 26 Thou blind Pharisee, cleanseth first the inside of the cup and of the platter, that the outside thereof may become clean also.

27 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye are like unto whitened sepulchres, which outwardly appear beautiful, but inwardly are full of dead men’s bones, and of all uncleanness. 28 Even so ye also outwardly appear righteous unto men, but inwardly ye are full of hypocrisy and iniquity.

29 Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye build the sepulchres of the prophets, and garnish the tombs of the righteous, 30 and say, If we had been in the days of our fathers, we should not have been partakers with them in the blood of the prophets. 31 Wherefore ye witness to yourselves, that ye are sons of them that slew the prophets. 32 Fill ye up then the measure of your fathers. 33 Ye serpents, ye offspring of vipers, how shall ye escape the judgment of Gehenna?

34 Therefore, behold, I send unto you prophets, and wise men, and scribes: some of them shall ye kill and crucify; and some of them shall ye scourge in your synagogues, and persecute and scribes, and ye would not! 35 that upon you may come all the righteous blood shed on the earth, from the blood of Abel the righteous unto the blood of Zachariah son of Barachiah, whom ye slew between the temple and the altar. 36 Truly I say unto you, All these things shall have come upon this generation.

37 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killeth the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! 38 Behold, your house is left unto you 285 desolate. 39 For I say unto you, Ye shall not see me henceforth, till ye shall say, Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

And Jesus went out from the temple, and was going on his way; and his disciples came to him to show him the buildings of the temple. 2 But he answered and said unto them, See ye not all these things? truly I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.

3 And as he sat on the mount of Olives, the disciples came unto him privately, saying, Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign of thy presence, and of 286 the end of the age? 4 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray. 5 For many shall come in my name, saying, I am the Christ; and shall lead many astray. 6 And ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that ye be not troubled: for these things must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet. 7 For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; and there shall be famines and earthquakes in divers places. 8 But all these things are the beginning of travail. 9 Then shall they deliver you up unto tribulation, and shall kill you: and ye shall be hated of all the nations for my name’s sake. 10 And then shall many stumble, and shall 287 deliver up one another, and shall hate one another. 11 And many false prophets shall arise, and shall lead many astray. 12 And because iniquity shall be multiplied, the love of many shall wax cold. 13 But he that endureth to the end, the same shall be saved. 14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in the whole world for a testimony unto all the nations; and then shall the end be.

15 When therefore ye see the abomination of desolation, which was spoken of through Daniel the prophet, having stood in 288 the holy place (let him that readeth understand), 16 then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains: 17 let him that is on the housetop not go down to take out the things that are in his house: 18 and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak. 19 But woe unto them that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! 20 And pray ye that your flight may not be in the winter, neither on a sabbath: 21 for then shall be great tribulation, such as hath not been from the beginning of the world until now, no, nor ever shall be thereafter. 22 And except those days had been shortened, no flesh would have been saved: but for the elect’s sake those days shall be shortened. 23 Then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ, or Here; believe not. 24 For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall show great signs and wonders; so as to lead astray, if possible, even the elect. 25 Behold, I have told you beforehand. 26 If therefore they shall say unto you, Behold, he is in the wilderness; go not forth: Behold, he is in the inner chambers; believe not. 27 For as the breaking sunshine cometh forth from the east, and is seen even unto the west; so shall be the presence of the Son of man. 28 Wheresoever the carcass is, there will the 289 eagles be gathered together.

29 But immediately after the tribulation of those days the sun shall be darkened, and the moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of the heavens shall be shaken: 30 and then shall appear the sign of

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282 Or, bound by his oath.
283 Or, dill
285 So NC 892 33 cop® vg geo arm. See Jt 22:5. 
286 Lit., the consummation of the age
the Son of man in heaven: and then shall all the tribes of the earth mourn, and they shall see the Son of man coming on the clouds of heaven with power and great glory.

31 And he shall send forth his angels with a great trumpet, and they shall gather together his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

32 Now from the fig tree learn his parable: when her branch is now become tender, and puteth forth its leaves, ye know that the summer is nigh; 33 even so ye also, when ye see all these things, know ye that it is nigh, even at the doors.

34 Truly I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away till all these things be come to pass. 35 Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.

36 But of that day and hour knoweth no one, not even the angels of heaven, neither the Son, but the Father only. 37 And as were the days of Noah, so shall be the presence of the Son of man. 38 For as in those days which were before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and they knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so shall be the presence of the Son of man. 39 Then shall two be in the field; one man is taken, and one man is left: 40 two shall be grinding at the mill; one woman is taken, and one woman is left. 41 Watch therefore: for ye know not what hour your Lord cometh. 42 But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what watch the thief was coming, he would have watched, and would not have suffered his house to be broken through. 43 Therefore ye also become ready; for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

45 Who then is the faithful and wise servant, whom his lord hath set over his household, to give them his food in due season? 46 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he hath come shall find so doing. 47 Truly I say unto you, that he will set him over all that he hath. 48 But if that evil servant shall say in his heart, My lord tarryeth; 49 and shall begin to beat his fellow-servants, and shall eat and drink with the drunken; 50 the lord of that servant shall have come in a day when he expecteth not, and in an hour when he knoweth not, 51 and shall cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the hypocrites: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

Then shall the kingdom of heaven be likened unto ten virgins, who took their lamps, and went forth to meet the bridegroom. 2 And five of them were foolish, and five were wise. 3 For the foolish, when they took their lamps, took no oil with them: 4 but the wise took oil in their vessels with their lamps. 5 Now while the bridegroom tarried, they all slumbered and slept. 6 But at midnight there is a cry, Behold, the bridegroom! Come ye forth to meet him. 7 Then all those virgins arose, and trimmed their lamps. 8 And the foolish said unto the wise, Give us of your oil; for our lamps are going out. 9 But the wise answered, saying, Peradventure there will not be enough for us and you: go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves. 10 And while they went away to buy, the bridegroom came; and they that were ready went in with him to the marriage feast: and the door was shut. 11 Afterward came also the other virgins, saying, Lord, Lord, open to us. 12 But he answered and said, Truly I say unto you, I know you not. 13 Watch therefore, for ye know not the day nor the hour.

14 For it is as when a man, going into another country, called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one; to each according to his several ability; and he went on his journey. 16 Straightway he that received the five talents went and traded with them, and made other five talents. 17 In like manner he also that received the two gained other two. 18 But he that received the one went away and digged in the earth, and hid his lord’s money. 19 Now after a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and maketh a reckoning with them. 20 And he that received the five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: lo, I have gained other five talents. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 22 And he also that received the two talents came and said, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me two talents: lo, I have gained other two talents. 23 His lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will set thee over many things; enter thou into the joy of thy lord. 24 And he also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou didst not sow, and gathering where thou didst not scatter; 25 and I was afraid, and went away and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own. 26 But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter; 27 thouakest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest. 28 But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter; 29 thouakest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest. 30 And thou wouldest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest. 31 And his lord answered and said unto the bondmen, Send forth straightway the bondman out of my house, and all that he hath. 32 And cast ye out the unprofitable servant into the outer darkness: there shall be the weeping and the gnashing of teeth.

33 But when the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the angels with him, then shall he sit on the throne of his glory: 34 and before him shall be gathered all the nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as the shepherd separateth the sheep from the goats; 35 and he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. 36 Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: 37 for I was hungry, and ye gave me...
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to eat; I was thirsty, and ye gave me to drink; I was a stranger, and ye took me in; 36 naked, and ye clothed me; I was sick, and ye visited me; I was in prison, and ye came unto me. 37 Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, or athirst; or was a stranger, or was naked, or did any good for thee or to thee? 38 And when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? 40 And the King shall answer and say unto them, Truly I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it unto one of these my brethren, even these least, ye did it unto me. 41 Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire: for I was hungry, and ye gave me no drink; or was naked, and ye clothed me not; or was sick, and in prison, and ye visited me not. 44 Then shall they also answer saying, Lord, when saw we thee hungry, or athirst, or a stranger, or naked, or sick, or in prison, and did not minister unto thee? 45 Then shall he answer them, saying, Truly I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye did it not unto one of these least, ye did it not unto me. 46 And these shall go away into eternal punishment: but the righteous into eternal life.

26 And it came to pass, when Jesus had finished all these words, he said unto his disciples, 2 Ye know that after two days the passover cometh, and the Son of man is delivered up to be crucified. 3 Then were gathered together the chief priests and scribes of the people, and the elders of the people, unto the court of the high priest, which was called Caiphas; 4 And they took counsel together that they might take Jesus by subtlety, and kill him. 5 But they said, Not during the feast, lest a tumult arise among the people.

6 Now when Jesus was in Bethany, in the house of Simon the leper, 7 there came unto him a woman having an alabaster cruse of exceeding precious ointment, and she poured it upon his head, as he sat at meat. 8 But when the disciples saw it, they had indignation, saying, To what purpose is this waste? 9 For this ointment might have been sold for much, and given to the poor. 10 But Jesus perceiving it said unto them, Why trouble ye the woman? for she hath wrought a good work for me. 11 For ye have the poor always with you; but me ye have not always. 12 For in that she poured this ointment upon my body, she did it to prepare me for burial. 13 Truly I say unto you, Wheresoever this ointment shall be spread abroad in the whole world, that also which this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

14 Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went unto the chief priests, 15 and said, What are ye willing to give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they weighed unto him thirty pieces of silver. 16 And from that time he sought opportunity to deliver him unto them.

17 Now on the first day of unleavened bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying, Where wilt thou that we make ready for thee to eat the passover? 18 And he said, Go into the city to such a man, and say unto him, The Teacher saith, My time is at hand; I keep the passover at thy house with my disciples. 19 And the disciples did as Jesus appointed them; and they made ready the passover.

20 Now when even was come, he was sitting at meat with the twelve, 21 and as they were eating, he said, Truly I say unto you, that one of you shall betray me. 22 And they were exceeding sorrowful, and began to say unto him every one, Is it I, Lord? 23 And he answered and said, He that dipped his hand with me in the dish, the same shall betray me. 24 The Son of man goeth, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! good were it for that man if he had not been born. 25 And Judas, who betrayed him, answered and said, Is it I, Rabbi? He saith unto him, Thou hast said.

26 And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed, and brake it; and he gave to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. 27 And he took a cup, and gave thanks, and gave to them, saying, Drink ye all out of it; 28 for this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for many unto remission of sins. 29 But I say unto you, I shall not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father’s kingdom.

30 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives.

31 Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended in me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad. 32 But after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee. 33 But Peter answered and said unto him, If all shall be offended, I will never be offended. 34 Jesus said unto him, Truly I say unto thee, that this night, before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. 35 Peter saith unto him, Even if I must die with thee, yet will I not deny thee. Likewise also said all the disciples.

36 Then cometh Jesus with them unto a place called Gethsemane, and saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I go and pray. 37 And he took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be sorrowful and sore troubled. 38 Then saith he unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful, even unto death: abide ye here, and watch with...
39 And he went forward a little, and fell on his face, and prayed, saying, My Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass away from me: nevertheless not as I will, but as thou wilt. 40 And he cometh unto the disciples, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? 41 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 42 Again a second time he went away, and prayed, saying, My Father, if this cannot pass away, except I drink it, thy will be done. 43 And he came again and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. 44 And he left them again, and went away, and prayed a third time, saying again the same words. 45 Then cometh he to the disciples, and saith unto them, Sleep on now, and take your rest: behold, the hour is at hand, and the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 46 Arise, let us be going: behold, he is at hand that betrayeth me.

47 And while he yet spake, lo, Judas, one of the twelve, came, and with him a great multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and elders of the people. 48 Now he that betrayed him gave them a sign, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he: take him. 49 And straightway he came to Jesus, and said, Hail, Rabbi; and smote him. 50 And Jesus said unto him, Friend, do that which thou art come. Then they came and laid hands on Jesus, and took him. 51 And behold, one of them that were with Jesus stretched out his hand, and drew his sword, and smote the 52-servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear. 52 Then saith Jesus unto him, Put up again thy sword into its place: for all they that take the sword shall perish with the sword. 53 Or thinkest thou that I cannot pray unto my Father, and he shall even now send me more than twelve legions of angels? 54 How then should the scriptures be fulfilled, that thus it must be? 55 In that hour said Jesus to the multitude, Are ye come out as against a robber with swords and staves to seize me? I sat daily in the temple teaching, and ye took me not. 56 But all this is come to pass, that the scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled. Then all the disciples left him, and fled.

57 And they that had taken Jesus led him away to the house of Caiaphas the high priest, where the scribes and the elders were gathered together. 58 But Peter followed him afar off, unto the court of the high priest, and entered in, and sat with the attendants to see the end. 59 Now the chief priests and the whole council sought false witness against Jesus, that they might put him to death; 60 and they found it not, though many false witnesses came. But afterward came two, 61 and said, This man said, I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days. 62 And the high priest stood up, and said unto him, Answerest thou nothing? what is it which these witness against thee? 63 But Jesus held his peace. And the high priest said unto him, I adjure thee by the living God, that thou tell us whether thou art the Christ, the Son of God. 64 Jesus saith unto him, Thou hast said rightly: nevertheless I say unto you, Henceforth ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven. 65 Then the high priest rent his garments, saying, He hath spoken blasphemously: what further need have we of witnesses? behold, now ye have heard the blasphemy: 66 what think ye? They answered and said, He is 335-worthy of death. 67 Then did they spit in his face and buffet him: and some smote him with the palms of their hands, 68 saying, Prophesy unto us, thou Christ: who is he that struck thee?

69 Now Peter was sitting without in the court: and a maid came unto him, saying, Thou also wert with Jesus of Galilee. 70 But he denied before them all, saying, I know not what thou sayest. 71 And when he was gone out into the porch, another maid saw him, and saith unto them that were there, This man also was with Jesus of Nazareth. 72 And again he denied with an oath, I know not the man. 73 And after a little while they that stood by came and said to Peter, Of a truth thou also art one of them; for thy speech maketh thee known. 74 Then began he to curse and to swear, I know not the man. And straightway the cock crew. 75 And Peter remembered the word which Jesus had said, Before the cock crow, thou shalt deny me thrice. And he went out, and wept bitterly.

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27 Now when morning was come, all the chief priests and the elders of the people took counsel against Jesus to put him to death: 2 and they bound him, and led him away, and delivered him up to Pilate the governor.

3 Then Judas who betrayed him, when he saw that he was condemned, repented himself, and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and elders, 4 saying, I have sinned in that I 333-betrayed innocent blood. But they said, What is that to us? see thou to it. 5 And he cast down the pieces of silver into the 334-temple, and departed; and he went away and hanged himself. 6 And the chief priests took the pieces of silver, and said, It is not lawful to put them into the 335-treasury, since it is the price of blood. 7 And they took counsel and bought with them the potter’s field, to bury strangers in. 8 Wherefore that field was called, The field of blood, unto this day. 9 Then was fulfilled that which was spoken through Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 338 And they took the thirty pieces of silver, the price of him that was priced, 339-certain of the children of Israel did price; 10 and 339-they gave them for the potter’s field, as the Lord appointed me.

11 Now Jesus stood before the governor: and the governor asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And Jesus said unto him, Thou sayest. 12 And when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he answered nothing. 13 Then saith Pilate unto him, Hearest thou not how many things they witness against thee? 14 And he gave him no answer, not even to one word: insomuch that the governor marvelled greatly.

15 Now at a feast the governor was wont to release unto the multitude one prisoner, whom they would. 16 And they had...
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then a notable prisoner, called Barabbas. 17 When therefore they were gathered together, Pilate said unto them, Whom will ye that I release unto you? Barabbas, or Jesus who is called Christ? 18 For he knew that for envy they had delivered him up. 19 And while he was sitting on the judgment-seat, his wife sent unto him, saying, Have thou nothing to do with that righteous man; for I have suffered many things this day in a dream because of him. 20 Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the multitudes that they should ask for Barabbas, and destroy Jesus. 21 But the governor answered and said unto them, Which of the two will ye that I release unto you? And they said, Barabbas. 22 Pilate saith unto them, What then shall I do unto Jesus who is called Christ? They all say, Let him be crucified. 23 And he said, Why, what evil hath he done? But they cried out exceedingly, saying, Let him be crucified.

24 So when Pilate saw that he prevailed nothing, but rather that a tumult was arising, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, I am innocent of the blood of this righteous man: see ye it. 25 And all the people answered and said, His blood be on us, and on our children. 26 Then released he unto them Barabbas; but Jesus he scourged and delivered to be crucified.

27 Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the 340 Praetorium, and gathered unto him the whole 341 band. 28 And they 342 stripped him, and put on him a scarlet robe. 29 And they platted a crown of thorns and put it upon his head, and a reed in his right hand; and they kneeled down before him, and mocked him, saying, Hail, King of the Jews! 30 And they spat upon him, and took the reed and smote him on the head. 31 And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the robe, and put on him his garments, and led him away to crucify him.

32 And as they came out, they found a man of Cyrene, Simon by name: him they compelled to go with them, that he might bear his cross.

33 And when they were come unto a place called Golgotha, that is to say, The place of a skull, 34 they gave him wine to drink mingled with gall: and when he had tasted it, he would not drink. 35 And when they had crucified him, they parted his garments among them, casting lots; 36 and they sat and watched him there. 37 And they set up over his head his accusation written, THIS IS JESUS THE KING OF THE JEWS. 38 Then are there crucified with him two robbers, one on the right hand and one on the left. 39 And they that passed by railed on him, wagging their heads, 40 and saying, Thou that destroyest the 344 temple, and buildest it in three days, save thyself; if thou art the Son of God, come down from the cross. 41 In like manner also the chief priests mocking him, with the scribes and elders, said, 42 He saved others; himself he cannot save. He is the King of Israel; let him now come down from the cross, and we will believe on him. 43 He trusteth on God; let him deliver him now, if he desireth him: for he said, I am the Son of God. 44 And the robbers also that were crucified with him cast upon him the same reproach.

45 Now from the sixth hour there was darkness over all the 347 land until the ninth hour. 46 And about the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani? that is, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 47 And some of them that stood there, when they heard it, said, This man calleth Elijah. 48 And straightway one of them ran, and took a sponge, and filled it with vinegar, and put it on a reed, and gave him to drink. 49 And the rest said, Let him be; let us see whether Elijah cometh to save him. 50 And Jesus cried again with a loud voice, and gave up his breath. 51 And behold, the veil of the 352 temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom; and the earth did quake; and the rocks were rent; and the tombs were opened; and many bodies of the saints that had fallen asleep were 353 awakened; 52 and coming forth 354 out of the tombs after his resurrection they entered into the holy city and appeared unto many. 53 Now the centurion, and they that were with him watching Jesus, when they saw the earthquake, and the things that came to pass, feared exceedingly, saying, Truly this was 355 a son of God. 54 And many women were there beholding from afar, who had followed Jesus from Galilee, ministering unto him: 55 among whom was Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of 356 James and Joses, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

57 And when even was come, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who also himself was Jesus’ disciple: 58 this man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. Then Pilate commanded it to be given up. 59 And Joseph took the body, and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth, 60 and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn out in the rock: and he rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb, and departed. 61 And Mary Magdalene was there, and the other Mary, sitting over against the sepulchre.

62 Now on the morrow, which is the day after the Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees were gathered together unto Pilate, 63 saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said when he was yet alive, After three days I rise again. 64 Command therefore that the sepulchre be made sure until the third day, lest haply his disciples come and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: and the last error will be worse than the first. 65 Pilate said unto them, Ye have a guard: go, make it sure as ye can. 66 So they went, and made the sepulchre sure, sealing the stone, the

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340 So N 892 33 copbo,mea vg arm. B O D with few others, sy*, read of this blood: see ye etc.
341 Or, palace. See Mk 15:16.
342 Or, cohort.
343 So N B 892 and almost all, copbo vg geo arm. But BN* (sy*) read clothed
344 Gk. impressed
345 Or, sanctuary,
346 Or, can he not save himself?
347 Or, earth
348 Ps 22:1.
349 Or, why didst thou forsake me?
350 So 892 33 and most lesser Greek mss., copsa,bo sy* vg geo arm. BNC copmen* add Another took a spear and pierced his side, and there came out water and blood. See John 19:34.
351 Or, the spirit. or, the wind.
352 Or, sanctuary
353 Or, raised;
354 Or, out from the tombs after His resurrection
355 Or possibly, the Son of God.
356 Or, Jacob and Joseph,
357 Or, Take a guard:
358 Or, make it sure, as ye know.
Now late on the sabbath day, as it began to dawn toward the first day of the week, came Mary Magdalene and the other Mary to see the sepulchre. And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled away the stone, and sat upon it. His appearance was as bright light, and his raiment white as snow: and for fear of him the watchers did quake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye; for I know that ye seek Jesus, who hath been crucified. He is not here; for he was raised, even as he said. Come, see the place where he lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples, He was raised from the dead; and lo, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you. Then saith Jesus unto them, Fear not: go tell my brethren that they depart into Galilee, and there shall they see me.

11 Now while they were going, behold, some of the guard came into the city, and told unto the chief priests all the things that were come to pass. And when they were assembled with the elders, and had taken counsel, they gave much money unto the soldiers, saying, Say ye, His disciples came by night, and stole him away while we slept. And if this come to the governor's ears, we will persuade him, and rid you of care. So they received the money, and did as they were taught: and this saying was spread abroad among the Jews, and continueth until this day.

16 But the eleven disciples went into Galilee, unto the mountain where Jesus had appointed them. And when they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, All authority hath been given unto me in heaven and on earth. Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit: teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I commanded you: and lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the age.

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359 Gk. lightning (but not so used in Matthew and Luke)
360 So BN 892* 33 cop sy* ita arm. C most lesser Greek mss., vg, read where the Lord lay.
361 See marginal note on ch. 2:2.
362 Or, come to a hearing before the governor,
363 Gk. all the days,
364 Lit., the consummation of the age.
Mark
(The Gospel recorded by Mark)

1 The beginning of the gospel of Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

2 Even as it is written in Isaiah the prophet, "Behold, I send my messenger before thy face, who shall prepare thy way; 3 the voice of one crying in the wilderness, make ye ready the way of the Lord, make his paths straight; 4 John came, who baptized in the wilderness and preached the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins. 5 And there went out unto him all the country of Judea, and all they of Jerusalem; and they were baptized of him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. 6 And John was clothed with camel's hair, and had a leathern girdle about his loins, and did eat locusts and wild honey. 7 And he preached, saying, There cometh after me one that is mightier than I, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to stoop down and unloose. 8 I baptized you in water; but he shall baptize you in the Holy Spirit. 9 And it came to pass in those days, that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee, and was baptized of John in the Jordan. 10 And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens rent asunder, and the Spirit as a dove descending on him: 11 and a voice came out of the heavens, Thou art my beloved Son, in thee I am well pleased. 12 And straightway the Spirit driveth him forth into the wilderness. 13 And he was in the wilderness forty days tempted of Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels ministered unto him. 14 Now after John was delivered up, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, The season is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent ye, and believe in the gospel. 15 And passing along by the sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. 16 And Jesus said unto them, Come ye after me, and I will make you to become fishers of men. 17 And straightway they left their nets and followed him. 18 And going on a little further, he saw James the son of Zebedee, and John his brother, who also were in the boat mending the nets. 19 And straightway he called them: and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants, and went after him. 20 And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue and taught. 21 And they were astonished at his teaching: for he taught them as having authority, and not as the scribes. 22 And straightway there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit; and he cried out, saying, What have we to do with thee, Jesus thou Nazarene? art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 23 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. 24 And the unclean spirit, tearing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. 25 And they were all amazed, insomuch that they questioned among themselves, saying, What is this? A new teaching with authority! He commandeth even the unclean spirits, and they obey him. 26 And the report of him went out straightway everywhere into all the region of Galilee round about. 27 And straightway, when they were come out of the synagogue, they came into the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. 28 Now Simon's wife's mother lay sick of a fever; and straightway they told him of her: 29 and he came and took her by the hand, and raised her up; and the fever left her, and she ministered unto them. 30 And at even, when the sun did set, they brought unto him all that were sick, and them that were possessed with demons. 31 And all the city was gathered together at the door. 32 And he healed many that were sick with diverse diseases, and cast out many demons; and he suffered not the demons to speak, because they knew him. 33 And in the morning, a great while before day, he rose up and went out, and departed into a desert place, and there prayed. 34 And Simon and they that were with him followed after him; 35 and they found him, and say unto him, All are seeking thee. 36 And he saith unto them, Let us go elsewhere into the next towns, that I may preach there also; for to this end came I forth. 37 And he went into their synagogues throughout all Galilee, preaching and casting out demons. 38 And there cometh to him a leper, beseeching him, and falling on the knees saying to him, If thou wilt, thou canst make..."
And he arose and followed him. 15 And it came to pass, that he was sitting at meat in his house, and many publicans and sinners sat down with Jesus and his disciples: for there were many, and he followed him, even scribes of the Pharisees. 16 And when they saw that he was eating with the sinners and publicans, they said unto his disciples, 17 "How is it that he eateth and drinketh with the publicans and sinners? "And when Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, That they are 18 whole have no need of a physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.

19 And John’s disciples and the Pharisees were fasting: and they come and say unto him, Why do John’s disciples and the disciples of the Pharisees fast, but thy disciples fast not? 20 And Jesus said unto them, The Son of man is not come to destroy men’s lives, but to save them. Therefore if they fast not, they are not in danger. But ye, why do ye with fasting? 21 For there is none fasting but them which are outwardly unclean, and sorry for their sins: 22 but the Son of man is come eating and drinking with publicans and sinners, for this cause I have come. 23 But he said unto them, Can the rest of the sons of the bride’s family eat the bride’s meat, being not invited? 24 But they when they had heard it, said, He must go to a festival. 25 And he went forth again by the sea side, and came, and sat down, and his disciples were come unto him. 26 And there were scribes and Pharisees that sat there, and watching him, whether he would heal on the sabbath. 27 And they saw that he had had meat in his mouth. 28 And his disciples were come, and stood before him. 29 And the scribes said unto the Pharisees, Why do ye thus? 30 For the sabbath day is made for man, and not man for the sabbath: 31 for even the Son of man is lord of the sabbath.

32 And it came to pass, that he was going on the sabbath day through the grainfields; and his disciples and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. as they went abreast of the corn, began to pluck up the ears of corn. 33 But the scribes said unto him, Behold, why do they on the sabbath day that which is not lawful? 34 And he said unto them, Have ye never read what David did, when he had need, and was hungry, he, and they that were with him? 35 And how he entered into the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the showbread, which it was not lawful to eat save for the priests, and gave also to them that were with him? 36 And he said unto them, The sabbath was made for man, and not man for the sabbath: 37 so that the Son of man is lord even of the sabbath.

38 And he entered again into the synagogue; and there was a man there who had his hand withered. 39 And as he passed by, he saw Levi the son of Alphaeus sitting at the place of toll, and he saith unto him, Follow me. And he arose and followed him.

19 Or, sternly
20 Lv 13:49; 14:2ff.
21 Gk. word,
22 Gk. he
23 Or possibly, the city,
24 Or, at home.
25 So p\textsuperscript{88}vid\textsuperscript{1}BNL 2422 892 (33) cop\textsuperscript{bo} vg. p\textsuperscript{84}vid\textsuperscript{1} AC 1342 579 and the majority of lesser Greek mss., it\textsuperscript{6} geo arm read come nigh unto him
26 Or, pallet And so in vss. 11, 12.
27 So B 2422 1342 33 vg it\textsuperscript{e}. But p\textsuperscript{88}NL 892 C 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., geo arm read have been forgiven.
28 So BN 2422 1342 vg it\textsuperscript{e}. L 892 AC 33 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., geo arm read have been forgiven;
29 That is, collectors or renters of Roman taxes. And so everywhere.
30 So p\textsuperscript{88}vid\textsuperscript{1}NL (2422\textsuperscript{1} Δ) 33. cop\textsuperscript{bo} (geo read ... the scribes and the Pharisees ... B almost alone reads they followed him.
31 Or, Eateth with publicans and sinners! So B 2422 it\textsuperscript{e}. p\textsuperscript{88} 892 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., read How is it that he eateth and drinketh with 1241 geo arm read How is it that ye eat and drink with N 1342 read How is it that your Teacher eateth with L Δ cop\textsuperscript{bo} vg read How is it that your Teacher eateth and drinketh with
32 Or, healthy Gk. strong
33 That is, companions of the bridegroom
34 That is, skins used as bottles (slightly stretchable)
35 So p\textsuperscript{88}B 2422 892 cop\textsuperscript{bo} it\textsuperscript{e} reads the wine and the wineskins perish: N AC 1342 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop\textsuperscript{sa} sy\textsuperscript{v} vg geo arm read the wine is poured out, and the wineskins perish: (L omits perish)
36 So BN\textsuperscript{e} alone. But p\textsuperscript{88}NL 892 AC 1342 33 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg arm read but new wine must be put into fresh wineskins. w sy\textsuperscript{e} it\textsuperscript{v} geo read but they put new wine into fresh wineskins. 2422 omits this clause.
37 Gk. began to make their way plucking.
38 Isa 21:6.
had his hand withered, or Stand forth. 4 And he saith unto them, Is it lawful on the sabbath days to do good, or to do harm? To save a soul, or to kill? But they held their peace. 5 And when he had looked round about on them with anger, being grieved at the hardening of their heart, he saith unto the man, Stretch forth thy hand. And he stretched it forth; and his hand was restored. 6 And the Pharisees went out, and straightway with the Herodians gave counsel against him, how they might destroy him.

7 And Jesus with his disciples withdrew to the sea: and a great multitude from Galilee followed; and from Judea, and from Jerusalem, and from Idumea, and beyond the Jordan, and about Tyre and Sidon, a great multitude, hearing what great things he did, came unto him. 8 And he spake to his disciples, that a little boat should wait on him because of the crowd, lest they should throng him: 9 for he had healed many; insomuch that as many as had plagues pressed upon him that they might touch him. 10 And the unclean spirits, whenever they beheld him, fell down before him, and cried, saying, Thou art the Son of God. 11 And he charged them much that they should not make him known.

12 And he goeth up into the mountain, and calleth unto him whom he himself would; and they went unto him. 13 And he appointed twelve, which he named apostles, that they might be with him, and that he might send them forth to preach, and to have authority to cast out demons: 14 And he said unto them, Go not among the Gentiles, neither enter into any city of the Samaritans, but go unto the lost sheep of the house of Israel. 15 And he said to his disciples, Whosoever shall lose himself for my sake shall find himself; 16 and whosoever shall deny me before men shall deny him before his Father which is in heaven.

17 He said also unto his disciples, That whosoever shall have lost or gained one soul in the kingdom of heaven, shall receive manyfold more in this present time, and in the world to come life everlasting. 18 And he appointed the twelve, and Simon he surnamed Peter; and James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; 19 and James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddeus; 20 and Simon the Cananean, and Judas Iscariot, who also betrayed him.

And cometh into a house. 20 And the multitude cometh together again, so that they could not so much as eat bread. 21 And when his friends heard it, they went out to lay hold on him: for they said, He is beside himself. 22 And the scribes that came down from Jerusalem said, He hath betrayed him. 23 And when his friends heard it, they sent unto him, calling him.

And these in like manner are they that are sown upon the rocky places, who, when they have heard the word, immediately receive it with joy; 24 and when he was alone, they that were about him with the twelve asked of him the parables. 25 And he said unto them, Unto you is given the mystery of the kingdom of God: but unto them that are without, all things come in parables; 26 that seeing they may see, and not perceive; and hearing they may hear, and not understand; lest haply they should turn again, and it should be forgiven them. 27 And he saith unto them, Know ye not this parable? And how shall ye understand any other parable? 28 And they answered and said unto him, Whereunto then shall we compare the parables? And to whom shall we compare them? 29 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall hear the word of the kingdom, and shall not comprehend, is like unto a man without understanding, who setteth up a mustard seed upon the ground; 30 which indeed is the least of all seeds: 31 but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.

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39 Gk. Arise into the midst.
40 Or, all the things that he did,
41 Gk. scourges
42 Gk. fell
43 So BN (C*) cop he. But L 1342 892 1342 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., syv vg ita arm omit which he named apostles, See Lk 6:13; Compare ch. 6:30.
44 So BN A (1342) 579. But L 1342 892 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop syn vg geo arm omit he appointed the twelve,
45 Or, Jacob And so everywhere else.
46 Or, Zealot. See Lk 6:15; Ac 1:13.
47 Or, delivered him up.
48 So BN* 1342 syv (ita*). L 892 AC 33 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg geo read they come
49 Or, home.
50 Gk. Beelzebul (Hb. Baal-zebul) Lord of filth, or, of idolatry. Or possibly, (Baal-zebub) Lord of flies (Cf. 2Ki 1:2.) See Thayer’s lexicon.
51 Or, In
52 So BNL 892* Δ. C* syv ita arm read sin: 1342 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., read judgment
53 A and many lesser Gk. mss. add and thy sisters
54 So B 1342 geo [NL 892 AC 579 (cop*)]. 1342 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., (syv) vg arm read their hearts.
of the word, straightway they stumble. 18 And others are they that are sown among the thorns; these are they that have heard the word, 19 and the cares of the world, and the deceitfulness of riches, and the lusts of other things entering in, choke the word, and it becometh unfruitful. 20 And those are they that were sown upon the good ground; such as hear the word, and accept it, and bear fruit, thirtyfold, and sixtyfold, and a hundredfold.

21 And he said unto them, Is the lamp brought to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not to be put on the lampstand? 22 For there is nothing hid, save that it should be manifested; neither was anything made secret, but that it should come to light. 23 If any man hath ears to hear, let him hear. 24 And he said unto them, Take heed what ye hear: with what measure ye mete it shall be measured unto you; 56 and more shall be given unto you. 25 For he that hath, to him shall be given: and he that hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he hath.

26 And he said, So is the kingdom of God, as if a man should cast seed upon the earth; 27 and should sleep and rise night and day, and the seed should spring up and grow, he knoweth not how. 28 The earth 58 beareth fruit of herself; first the blade, then the ear, and then the full grain in the ear. 29 But when the fruit is ripe, straightway he 60 putteth forth the sickle, because the harvest is come.

30 And he said, How shall we liken the kingdom of God? Or in what parable shall we set it forth? 31 61 It is like a grain of mustard seed, which, when it is sown upon the earth, though it be less than 55 all the seeds that are upon the earth, 32 yet when it is sown, groweth up, and becometh greater than 56 all the herbs, and putteth out great branches; so that the birds of the heaven can lodge under the shadow thereof.

33 And with many such parables spake he the word unto them, as they were able to hear it; 34 and without a parable spake he not unto them: but privately to his own disciples he expounded all things.

35 And on that day, when even was come, he saith unto them, Let us go over unto the other side. 36 And leaving the multitude, they take him with them, even as he was, in the boat. And other boats were with him. 37 And there arose a great storm of wind, and the waves beat into the boat, insomuch that the boat was now filling. 38 And he himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion: and they awaked him, and say unto him, Teacher, carest thou not that we perish? 39 And he awoke, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there came a great calm.

40 And he said unto them, 62 Why are ye fearful? Have ye not yet faith? 41 And they feared exceedingly, and said one to another, Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?

5 And they came to the other side of the sea, into the country of the 63 Gerasenes. 2 And when he was come out of the boat, straightway there met him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, 3 who had his dwelling in the tombs: and no man could any more bind him, no, not with a chain; 4 because that he had been often bound with fetters and chains, and the chains had been rent asunder by him, and the fetters broken in pieces: and no man had strength to tame him. 5 And always, night and day, in the tombs and in the mountains, he was crying out, and cutting himself with stones. 6 And when he saw Jesus from afar, he ran and 64 worshipped him; and crying out with a loud voice, he saith, What have I to do with thee, Jesus, thou Son of the Most High God? I adjure thee by God, put me not to the test. 8 For he was said unto him, Come forth, thou unclean spirit, out of the man. 9 And he asked him, What is thy name? And he saith unto him, My name is Legion; for we are many. 10 And he besought him much that he would not send them away out of the country. 11 Now there was there on the mountain side a great herd of swine feeding.

12 And they besought him, saying, Send us into the swine, that we may enter into them. 13 And he gave them leave. And the unclean spirits came out, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep slope into the sea, 14 number about two thousand; and they were drowned in the sea. 15 And they that fed them fled, and told it in the city, and in the country. And they came to see what it was that had come to pass. 16 And they came to Jesus, and beheld 65 him that was possessed with demons sitting, clothed, and in his right mind, even him that had the legion: and they were afraid. 17 And they that saw it declared unto them how it befell him that was possessed with demons, and concerning the swine. 18 And they began to beseech him to depart from their borders. 19 And as he was entering into the boat, he that had been possessed with demons besought him that he might be with him. 19 And he suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go to thy house unto thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and how he had mercy on thee. 20 And he went his way, and began to publish in Decapolis how great things Jesus had done for him: and all men marvelled.

21 And when Jesus had crossed over again 66 in the boat unto the other side, a great multitude was gathered unto him; and he was by the sea. 22 And there cameh one of the synagogue rulers, Jairus by name; and seeing him, he fell at his feet, 23 and beseecheth him much, saying, My little daughter is at the point of death: I pray thee, that thou come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be 67 made whole, and live.

55 Gk. age,
56 So BNL 2427 892 AC vg. 1342 (33) and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., geo (arm) read and more shall be given unto you that hear. 57 Or perhaps, hath gained, (two times, or all three)
58 Or, yieldeth
59 Or, alloweth,
60 Or, sendeth forth
61 Or, As unto
62 So BNL 2427 892 1342 cop 86,bo vg. it* reads Why are ye fearful? Do ye have faith? P 45 arm read Why are ye thus fearful? C 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read Why are ye thus fearful? How is it ye have not faith?
63 So BN*, 2427 cop 86 vg it*. L 892 579 cop 86 bo geo arm read Gergesenes. C 1342 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read Gadarenes.
64 The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature (see Mt 4:9; 18:26) or to the Creator (see Mt 4:10).
65 Or, the demoniac And so in vss. 16, 18.
66 So (B 2427) NL 892 AC 1342 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop 86 bo. p 45 86 sy* it* geo arm omit in the boat
67 Or, saved or, healed And so in vs. 28.
24 And he went with him; and a great multitude followed him, and they thronged him.

25 And a woman, who had an issue of blood twelve years, and had suffered many things of many physicians, and had spent all that she had, and was nothing bettered, but rather grew worse, 26 having heard the things concerning Jesus, came in the crowd behind, and touched his garment. 27 For she said, If I touch but his garments, I shall be made whole.

28 And straightway the fountain of her blood was dried up; and she felt in her body that she was healed of her 68 plague.

29 And straightway Jesus, perceiving in himself that the power proceeding from him had gone forth, turned him about in the crowd, and said, Who touched me? 30 And his disciples said unto him, Thou seest the multitude thronging thee, and sayest thou, Who touched me? 31 And he looked round about to see her that had done this thing. 32 But the woman fearing and trembling, knowing what had been done to her, came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

33 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace, and be whole of thy plague.

34 While he yet spake, they came from the synagogue ruler’s house, saying, Thy daughter dieth, why troublest thou the Teacher any further? 35 But Jesus overheard the word spoken, saith unto the synagogue ruler, Fear not, only believe. 36 And he was entered in, he saith unto them, Why make ye a tumult and weep? The child is not dead, but sleepeth.

37 And the disciples came and fell down before him, and told him all the truth.

38 And straightway Jesus, perceiving in himself that the power thereof was gone from him, came and took her by the hand, and said unto her, Arise, 39 and she arose straightway. And when he had cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

6 And he went out from thence; and he cometh into his own country; and his disciples follow him. 2 And when the sabbath was come, he began to teach in the synagogue: and many hearing him were astonished, saying, Whence hath this man these things? and, What is the wisdom that is given unto this man, and what mean such mighty works coming by his hands? 3 Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary, and the brother of James, and Joses, and Judas, and Simon? And are not his sisters here with us? And they were offended in him.

4 And Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honor, save in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house. 5 And he could there do no mighty work, save that he laid his hands upon a few sick folk, and healed them. 6 And he marvelled because of their unbelief.

And he went round about the villages teaching.

7 And he calleth unto him the twelve, and began to send them forth by two and two; and he gave them authority over the unclean spirits; 8 and he charged them that they should take nothing for their journey, save a staff, no bread, no money in their purse; 9 but to go shod with sandals: and, said he, put not on two coats. 10 And he said unto them, Wheresoever ye enter into a house, there abide till ye depart thence. 11 And whatsoever place shall not receive you, and they hear you not, as ye go forth thence, shake off the dust that is under your feet for a witness against them. 12 And they went out, and preached that men should repent.

13 And they cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many that were sick, and healed them.

14 And king Herod heard thereof; for his name had become known: and 78 he said, John the Baptist is risen from the dead, and therefore do these powers work in him. 15 But others said, It is Elijah. And others said, It is a prophet, even as one of the prophets.

16 But Herod, when he heard thereof, said, John, whom I beheaded, he was raised. 17 For Herod himself had sent forth and laid hold upon John, and bound him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip’s wife; 18 for he had married her. 19 For John said unto Herod, It is not lawful for thee to have thy brother’s wife. 20 And Herodias set herself against him, and desired to kill him; and she could not; 21 for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and kept him safe. And when he heard him, 80 he was much perplexed; and he heard him gladly. 22 And when a convenient day was come, that Herod on his birthday made a supper to his lords, and the high captains, and the chief men of Galilee; 23 and when his daughter of Herodias came in and danced, 83 she pleased Herod and them that sat at meat with him; and the king said unto the damsel, Ask of me whatsoever thou wilt, and I will give it thee. 24 And 84 he

68 Gk. scourge. And in vs. 34.

69 Or, saved thee; or, healed thee;

70 So BN* 1342 cop 89 89a 84 bo geo arm read But Jesus heard arm read But Jesus heard arm read But Jesus heard

71 Or, Jacob (both times, and everywhere else)

72 Hb. א₁א (Arise) ננה (Damsel); thus, the implied words, I say unto thee, are supplied.

73 So BN* 1342 892 1342 (579) cop 89 84 bo geo arm read what mean such and such mighty works being wrought C* arm read what mean it that mighty works may be wrought 1241 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. vg it* read what mean the mighty works that are wrought

74 Gk. powers Similarly in vs. 5.

75 (p 84 89) [579] it* read the son of the carpenter and of Mary, 68...Gk. scourge. And in vs. 34. 69...or, healed thee;

70...But Jesus heard...But Jesus heard...But Jesus heard arm read But Jesus heard arm read But Jesus heard arm read But Jesus heard

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74...Gk. powers Similarly in vs. 5.

75 (p 84 89) [579] it* read the son of the carpenter and of Mary,
saw them going, and many of his disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he and brake the loaves; and he gave to them to eat. 86 And they saw that some of his disciples ate their bread with defiled, that is, unwashen, hands. 87 Or, by land 88 Or, their hands 89 Lit. being rubbed on a touchstone or, put to the test 90 Or, common And so in vs. S. 91 Or, up to the elbow, Gk. with the fist, So 0274 BL 892 1342 33 (579) and the majesty of lesser Gk. mss., and with the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg add beyond measure 92 Or, virtually alone read they sprinkle or, except they sprinkle what is from the marketplace, they do not eat it. 93 Lit. and arrived before them, and came together unto him. 94 Or, apparition, Gk. phantasm 95 892 1342 (579) and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg add and arrived before them. 96 Or, diligently, eat not, holding the tradition of the elders; 4 and when they come from the marketplace, except they bathe themselves, they eat not; and many other things there are, which they have received to hold, washings of cups, and pots, and copper vessels. 97 Lit. And after he had taken leave of them, he departed into the mountain to pray. 47 And when even was come, the boat was in the midst of the sea, and he alone on the land. 48 And seeing them sorely tried in rowing, for the wind was contrary unto them, about the fourth watch of the night he cometh unto them, walking on the sea; and he would have passed by them; 49 but they, when they saw him walking on the sea, supposed that it was a ghost, and cried out; 50 for they all saw him, and were troubled. But he straightway spake with them, and saith unto them, Be of good cheer: it is I; be not afraid. 51 And he went up unto them into the boat; and the wind ceased: and they were sore amazed in themselves; 52 for they understood not concerning the loaves, but their heart was hardened. 53 And when they had crossed over, they came to the land unto Gennesaret, and moored to the shore. 54 And when they were come out of the boat, straightway the people knew him, and ran round about that whole region, and began to carry about on the sea; 55 and ran round about that whole region, and began to carry about on the sea; 56 And wheresoever he entered, into villages, or into cities, or into the country, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and besought him that they might touch if it were the border of his garment: and as many as touched him were made whole. 57 And there are gathered together unto him the Pharisees, and certain of the scribes, who had come from Jerusalem, and had seen that some of his disciples ate their bread with defiled, that is, unwashen, hands. 58 Or, by land 59 Or, have ye? go and see. And when they knew, they say, Five, and two fishes. 60 And he commanded them that all should sit down by companies upon the green grass. 61 And they sat down in ranks, by hundreds, and by fifties. 62 And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed, and brake the loaves, and gave to the disciples to set before them; and the two fishes divided he among them all. 63 And they all ate, and were filled. 64 And they took up broken pieces, twelve basketsful, and also of the fishes. 65 And they that ate the loaves were five thousand men.
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walk not thy disciples according to the tradition of the elders, but eat their bread with defiled hands? 6 And he said unto them, Well did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written,

107 This people honoreth me with their lips, But their heart is far from me.
7 But in vain do they worship me, Teaching as their doctrines the precepts of men

8 Ye leave the commandment of God, and hold fast the tradition of men. 9 And he said unto them, Full well do ye reject the commandment of God, that ye may keep your tradition.
10 For Moses said, 109 Honor thy father and thy mother; and, He that speaketh evil of father or mother, let him die the death: 11 but ye say, If a man shall say to his father or his mother, That wherewith thou mightest have been profited by me is Corban (that is to say, Given to God); 12 ye no longer suffer him to do aught for his father or his mother; 13 making void the word of God by your tradition, which ye have delivered: and many such like things ye do. 14 And he called to him the multitude again, and said unto them, Hear me all of you, and understand: 15 there is nothing from without the man, that, going into him, can defile him; but the things which proceed out of the man are those that defile the man. 16 And when he was entered into the house from the multitude, his disciples asked of him the parable. 18 And he saith unto them, Are ye so without understanding also? Perceive ye not, that whatsoever from without goeth into the man, it cannot defile him; 19 because it goeth not into his heart, but into his belly, and goeth out into the body: that which proceedeth out of the mouth of man is that which defileth the man. 20 And he said, That which proceedeth out of the man are those that defile the man. 21 For from within, out of the heart of men, evil thoughts proceed, fornications, thefts, murders, adulteries, covetings, wickednesses, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, railing, pride, foolishness: 22 all these evil things proceed from within, and defile the man.

24 And from thence he arose, and went away into the borders of Tyre and Sidon. And he entered into a house, and would have no man know it; and he could not be hid. 25 But straightway a woman, whose little daughter had an unclean spirit, having heard of him, came and fell down at his feet. 26 Now the woman was a Greek, a Syrophoenician by race. And she besought him that he would cast forth the demon out of her daughter. 27 And he said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not good to take the children’s bread and cast it to the little dogs. 28 But she answered and saith unto him, Yes, Lord; even the little dogs under the table eat of the children’s crumbs. 29 And he said unto her, For this saying go thy way; the demon is gone out of thy daughter. 30 And she went away unto her house, and found the child lain upon the bed, and the demon gone out.

31 And again he went out from the borders of Tyre, and came through Sidon unto the sea of Galilee, through the midst of the borders of Decapolis. 32 And they bring unto him one that was deaf, and had an impediment in his speech; and they beseech him to lay his hand upon him. 33 And he took him aside from the multitude privately, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat, and touched his tongue; 34 and looking up to heaven, he sighed, and saith unto him, Ephphatha, that is, Be opened. 35 And his ears were opened, and the bond of his tongue was loosed, and he spake plainly. 36 And he charged them that they should tell no man: but the more he charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it. 37 And they were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; he maketh even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

8 In those days, when there was again a great multitude, and they had nothing to eat, he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, 2 I have compassion on the multitude, because they continue with me now three days, and have nothing to eat: 3 and if I send them away fasting to their home, they will faint on the way; and some of them are come from far. 4 And his disciples answered him, Whence shall one be able to fill these men with bread here in a desert place? 5 And he asked them, How many loaves have ye? And they said, Five. And he said, Give ye me the two fishes also. And they said, There are two. 6 And he commanded the multitude to sit down on the ground: and he took the seven loaves, and having given thanks, he brake, and gave to his disciples, to set before the multitude. 7 And his disciples charged them, so much the more a great deal they published it. 8 And they were beyond measure astonished, saying, He hath done all things well; he maketh even the deaf to hear, and the dumb to speak.

105 So BBNL A Δ 1342 cop. 892 33 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg geo arm add, and couches. sy* omits , and copper vessels
107 So BBNL A Δ 1342 cop a,b. 892 (1342) 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg add , as the washing of pots and cups: and many other such like things ye do. sy* omits vs. 8.
108 So NL 892 Δ 1342 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop a,b. (B 2427 alone put the verb in the 2nd Aorist tense, rather than in 1st Aorist, but the translation is the same.) sy* omits read establish.
109 Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16; Ex 21:17; Lv 20:9.
110 Or, surely die:
111 Hb. הֵלֵכָה, an offering
112 So BBNL A Δ 1342. 892 33 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy* vg geo arm add straightway
113 Or, the draught? This he said, making all meats clean. 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read the draught, it purging all the foods?
114 Gk. thoughts that are evil proceed,
115 L Δ sy* omit and Sidon
116 Or, Gentile,
117 Or, loaf
118 Or, puppies. And so in vs. 28.
119 p46 sy* arm omit Yes,
120 Hb. וֹתַנָּה, imperative of Hithpael (reflexive) of the word open. See Thayer’s lexicon.
121 So BBNL A Δ 1342 33 579 cop. 892 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy* vg geo arm add straightway
122 Gk. loaves
13 And he left them, and again entering into the boat departed to the other side.

14 And they forgot to take bread; and they had not in the boat with them more than one loaf. 15 And he charged them, saying, Take heed, beware of the leaven of the Pharisees and of Herod. 16 And they reasoned one with another, saying, He hath a spirit, and is mad. 17 And Jesus perceiving it saith unto them, Why reason ye, because ye have no bread? do ye not yet perceive, neither understand? have ye yet your heart hardened? 18 Having eyes, see ye not? and having ears, hear ye not? and do ye not remember? 19 When I brake the five loaves among the five thousand, how many baskets of broken pieces took ye up? They say unto him, Twelve. 20 And when the seven among the four thousand, how many large baskets of broken pieces took ye up? And they say unto him, Seven. 21 And he said unto them, Do ye yet not understand?

22 And they come unto Bethsaida. And they bring to him a blind man, and beseech him to touch him. 23 And he took hold of the blind man by the hand, and brought him out of the village; and when he had spit on his eyes, and laid his hands upon him, he asked him, Seest thou aught? 24 And he looked up, and said, I see men; for I behold them as trees, walking. 25 Then again he laid his hands upon his eyes; and he looked steadfastly, and was restored, and saw all things clearly. 26 And he sent him away to his home, saying, Do not even enter into the village.

27 And Jesus went forth, and his disciples, into the villages of Caesarea Philippi: and on the way he asked his disciples, saying unto them, Who do men say that I am? 28 And they told him, saying, John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; but others, One of the prophets. 29 And he asked them, But who say ye that I am? 30 And he charged them that they should tell no man of him.

31 And he began to teach them, that the Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders, and of the chief priests, and of the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. 32 And he spake the saying openly. And Peter took him, and began to rebuke him. 33 But he turning about, and seeing his disciples, rebuked Peter, and saith, Get thee behind me, Satan; for thou mindest not the things of God, but the things of man. 34 And he called unto him the multitude with his disciples, and said unto them, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow me.

35 For whosoever would save his life shall lose it; and whosoever shall lose his life for my sake and the gospel’s shall save it. 36 For what doth it profit a man, to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul? 37 For what should a man give in exchange for his soul? 38 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my Father in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of man also shall be ashamed of him, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

9 And he said unto them, Truly I say unto you, There are some here of them that stand by, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God having come in power.

2 And after six days Jesus taketh with him Peter, and James, and John, and bringeth them up into a high mountain apart by themselves: and he was transfigured before them; 3 and his garments became glistening, exceeding white, so as no fuller on earth can whiten them. 4 And there appeared unto them Elijah with Moses: and they were talking with Jesus. 5 And Peter answered and said to Jesus, Rabbi, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah. 6 For he knew not what to answer; for they became sore afraid. 7 And there came a cloud overshadowing them: and there came a voice out of the cloud, This is my beloved Son: hear ye him. 8 And suddenly looking round about, they saw no one any more, save Jesus only with themselves.

9 And as they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them that they should tell no man what things they had seen, save when the Son of man should have risen again from the dead. 10 And they kept the saying, questioning among themselves what the rising again from the dead should mean. 11 And they asked him, saying, How is it that the scribes say that Elijah must first come? 12 And he said unto them, Elijah indeed cometh first, and restoreth all things: and how is it written of the Son of man, that he should suffer many things and be set at nought? 13 But I say unto you, that Elijah is come, and they have also done unto him whatsoever they would, even as it is written of him.

14 And when they came to the disciples, they saw a great multitude about them, and scribes questioning with them. 15 And straightway all the multitude, when they saw him, were greatly amazed, and running to him saluted him. 16 And he asked them, What question ye with them? 17 And one of the multitude answered him, Teacher, I brought unto thee my son, who hath a dumb spirit; 18 and wheresoever it taketh him, it dasheth him down: and he foameth, and grindeth his teeth, and pineth away: and I spake to thy disciples that they should cast it out; and they were not able. 19 And he answered them, O faithless generation, how long shall I be with you? how long shall I bear with you? bring him unto me. 20 And they brought him unto him: and when he saw him, straightway the spirit tare him grievously; and he fell on the ground, and wallowed foaming.

130 See marginal note on ch. 1:1.
131 So B 24:27 982 1342 33 579 and most, vg 579 arm read things.
132 So B 24:27 982 1342 33 579 and most, vg 579 arm.
133 Or, Jacob.
134 Or, The scribes say that Elijah must first come.
135 So B 24:27 982 1342 33 579 and most, vg 579 arm.
136 Or, rendeth him: See Mt 7:6.
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How long time is it since this hath come unto him? And he said, From a child. 22 And oft-times it hath cast him both into the fire and into the waters, to destroy him: but if thou canst do anything, have compassion on us, and help us. 23 And Jesus said unto him, 139 The “if thou canst” all things are possible to him that believeth. 24 Straightway the father of the child cried out, and said 139, I believe; help thou mine unbelief. 25 And when Jesus saw that a multitude came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying unto him, Thou dumb and deaf spirit, I command thee, come out of him, and enter no more into him. 26 And having cried out, and torn him much, he came out: and the boy became as one dead; insomuch that the more they said, He is dead. 27 But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up: and he arose. 28 And when he was come into a house, his disciples asked him privately, How is it that we could not cast it out? 29 And he said unto them, This kind can come out by nothing, save by prayer and fasting. 30 And they went forth from thence, and passed through Galilee; and he would not that any man should know it. 31 For he taught his disciples, and said unto them, The Son of man is delivered up into the hands of men, and they shall kill him; and when he is killed, after three days he shall rise again. 32 But they understood not the saying, and were afraid to ask him. 33 And they came to Capernaum: and when he was in the house he asked them, What were ye reasoning on the way? 34 But they held their peace: for they had disputed one with another on the way, who was the greatest. 35 And he sat down, and called the twelve; and he said unto them, If any man would be first, he shall be last of all, and servant of all. 36 And he took a little child, and set him in the midst of them: and taking him in his arms, he said unto them, 37 Whosoever should receive one of such little children in my name, that believe on me, the same shall in no wise lose his reward. 38 But Jesus took him by the hand, and raised him up; and he arose. 39 And he said to them, Wherefore could we not cast it out? 40 For he that is not against us is for us. 41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink, by reason of Christ’s, truly I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. 42 And whosoever shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it were better for him if a great millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. 43 And if thy hand cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, rather than having thy two hands to go into Gehenna, the unquenchable fire. 44 And if thy foot cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life halt, rather than having thy two feet to be cast into Gehenna. 45 And if thine eye cause thee to stumble, cast it out: it is good for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into Gehenna; 46 where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 47 For every one shall be salted with fire. 48 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another.

2 And there came unto him Pharisees, and asked him, Is it lawful for a man to put away his wife? 3 And he answered and said unto them, 155 What did Moses command you? 4 And they said, Moses suffered to write a bill of divorcement, and to put away his wife. 5 But Jesus said unto them, For your hardness of heart he wrote you this commandment. 6 But from the beginning of the creation, Male and female made he them. 7 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: 8 and the two shall become one flesh: so that they are no more two, but one flesh. 9 What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 10 And in the house the disciples asked him again not follow us. 39 But Jesus said, Forbid him not: for there is no man who shall do a mighty work in my name, and be able quickly to speak evil of me. 40 For he that is not against us is for us. 41 For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink, because ye are Christ’s, truly I say unto you, he shall in no wise lose his reward. 42 And whosoever shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it were better for him if a great millstone were hanged about his neck, and he were cast into the sea. 43 And if thy hand cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life maimed, rather than having thy two hands to go into Gehenna, the unquenchable fire. 45 And if thy foot cause thee to stumble, cut it off: it is good for thee to enter into life halt, rather than having thy two feet to be cast into Gehenna. 47 And if thine eye cause thee to stumble, cast it out: it is good for thee to enter into the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes to be cast into Gehenna; 48 where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. 49 For every one shall be salted with fire. 50 Salt is good: but if the salt have lost its saltiness, wherewith will ye season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace one with another. 51 And Jesus said unto him, Why didst thou bring her to me? 52 And he said, Because I desired to hear it from thy mouth. 53 And he said unto the disciples, It is not meet to give dogs bread, neither to cast pearls before swine. 54 And they say unto him, Then shall we do what? 55 And he saith unto them, What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder. 56 For whosoever shall put away his wife, save for the cause of fornication, and then receiveth her again, committeth adultery: and whosoever shall marry her that is put away cometh to commit adultery. 57 But if she depart from her husband, let her be unmoved: but if she be not taken, let her be freed. 58 For the husband is not for a woman, but woman for a husband. 59 Neither let the woman despise her husband, but be in subjection to her husband. 60 But I say unto you, That whosoever shall put away his wife, saving for the cause of fornication, and shall marry another woman, committeth adultery: and whosoever shall marry a woman, whosoever was put away, committeth adultery. 61 For he that marrieth a woman is not one, but twain; and he that joineth her together to his wife, saith the Lord, Becomes one flesh: so that they are no more two, but one flesh. 62 Therefore what God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.”

138 So B*N* 2427 892 (L C* 579) Δ it* geo. p* reads If thou canst, Ψ 1342 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., (σα υγιοί) read If thou canst believe.
139 So p*BN*LΨ 2427 Δ C* 579 892 1342 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg insert with tears
140 So 0274 BN* 2427 it*. p* LNΨ 892 ΔC 1342 33 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo,geo arm. read by prayer and fasting. sy* reads at by fasting and prayer.
141 See ch. 3:19.
142 Gk. greater.
143 Or, minister or, deacon
144 Gk. it (both times)
145 So 0274 BN* 2427 ΔΨ 892 he doth not follow us. L he doth not follow with us.) Δ sy* C 1342 579 cop sa,bo,geo arm. read and we did forbid him, because he doth not follow us. 1241 vg (it*) geo arm who doth not follow us; and we did forbid him. A and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., read who doth not follow us; and we did forbid him, because he doth not follow us.
146 Gk. a power in my name.
147 Gk. in name that ye are of Christ, Ν (Δ) cop sa,bo,fay-vind vg it* reads in my name that ...
148 So BLΨ 2427 892 1342 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo,fay sy* vg geo arm. N* ΔC* it* omit on me
149 Gk. a millstone turned by an ass
150 Lit. The Valley of Hinnom, the Jerusalem refuse dump, where the consuming fire was kept burning.
151 So BNLΨ 2427 892 ΔC 579 892 1342 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg add vs. 44 where their worm dieth not, and the fire is not quenched. [Identical to vs. 48.]
152 So BNLΨ 2427 892 ΔC 579 892 1342 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg geo add vs. 46 [Identical to vs. 48. See above footnote.]
153 So 0274 BL Δ 579 579 cop sa,bo,geo arm [Ν 1342 ... in fire.]. (Ψ) [(2427)] 892 (C) and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., [vg] add., and every sacrifice will be salted with salt. it* reads 49 All their substance will be consumed.
154 So 0274 BNLΨ 2427 892 C* cop sa,bo,geo arm. Δ 1342 579 sy* vg it* geo arm read beyond the Jordan: A and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read by the further side of the Jordan:
155 Dt 24:1, 3.
156 So BNL 2427 Δ 1342 579 cop sa,bo,geo arm. w it* reads God made them. Ψ 892 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., geo arm read God made them.
157 So (L ΔC 1342 579) e and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo,fay vg geo arm. But B*Ψ 2427 892 sy* omit and cleave to his wife;
of this matter. 11 And he saith unto them, Whosoever shall put away his wife, and marry another, committeth adultery against her: 12 and if she herself shall put away her husband, and marry another, she committeth adultery.

13 And they were bringing unto him little children, that he should touch them: and the disciples rebuked them. 14 But when Jesus saw it, he was moved with indignation, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me; for of such is the kingdom of God.

15 Truly I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein. 16 And he took them in his arms, and blessed them, laying his hands on them.

17 And as he was going forth, into the way, there ran one to him, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Teacher, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? 18 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? None is good save one, even God. 19 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not kill, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, 20 Do not defraud, Honor thy father and mother. 21 And he said unto him, Teacher, all these things have I observed from my youth. 22 And Jesus looking upon him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 But his countenance fell at the saying, and he went away sorrowful: for he was one that had great possessions.

24 And Jesus looked round about, and saith unto his disciples, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25 And the disciples were amazed at his words. But Jesus answereth again, and saith unto them, Chil-kingdom of God! 26 But Jesus looking upon them saith, With men it is impossible, but not with God: for all things are possible with God. 27 Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel's sake, 28 but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this season, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come eternal life. 29 But many that are first shall be last; and the last first.

30 And they came near unto him James and John, the sons of Zebedee, saying unto him, Teacher, we would that thou shouldest do for us whatsoever we shall ask of thee. 31 And he said unto them, What wish ye me that I should do for you? 32 They said unto him, Grant unto us that we may sit, one on thy right hand, and one on thy left hand, in thy glory. 33 But Jesus said unto them, Ye know not what ye ask. Are ye able to drink the cup that I drink? Or to be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with? 34 And they said unto him, We are able. And Jesus said unto them, The cup that I drink ye shall drink; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized: 35 But so shall it not be to you.

36 And there came near unto him a blind man, Bartimaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the way side. 37 And when he heard that it was Jesus the Nazarene, he began to cry out, and say, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. 38 And many rebuked him, that he should hold his peace: but he cried out the more, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me.

39 And he said unto them, Blind Bartimaeus, the Son of David, have mercy on me. 40 And he began to exclaim, and say, Jak of Nazareth, have mercy on me. 41 And they ran to rebuke him: but he answered, and said, Why do ye rebuke me, and give me no grace? 42 Do not call me, Good Teacher, and, Son of God, but, Son of man.

43 And he said unto them, It is easier for a camel to go through the needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

44 And Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee. 45 Jesus said, Truly I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or mother, or father, or children, or lands, for my sake, and for the gospel’s sake, 46 but he shall receive a hundredfold now in this season, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the age to come eternal life.

158 So B Y 892 Δ 1342 579 copbo it. 1241 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy vg geo arm read rebuked those that presented them. 159 Or, of such is the kingdom of God.

160 Or, on his way,

161 So 0274 K Y 892 C 1342 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., copab bo vg it. 1342 A Δ 579 sy vg geo arm omit Do not defraud.

162 So 0274 B Y 892 Δ 1342 579 copbo vg it. 1241 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read come, follow me, taking up the cross. w (sy) (arm) read taking up your cross, come, follow me.

163 So B Y Δ copbo it almost alone. 1242 892 C 1342 579 (o) and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy vg geo arm insert for those who trust in riches

164 So B Y Δ copbo 892 Δ copbo. 1342 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., (sy) (arm) geo (geo?) read to themselves, it (geo?) read to one another.

165 See marginal note on ch. 1:1.

166 So B Y 892 Δ 1342 579 copbo it. Θ and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy vg geo arm read on the third day he shall rise again.

167 Or, Jacob And so everywhere.

168 B 1342 C 579 copbo insert two

169 So B N W Y almost alone. L 1242 892 579 (1342 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss.) read What wish ye me to do C (vg arm) read What wish ye that I should do Δ reads What wish ye me to do

170 So B Y Δ Δ copbo vg it. 892 1342 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., geo arm read But so shall it not be among you:

171 Gk. diakonos (διακονος), deacon, or, servant

172 Gk. doulos (δουλος), bondservant

173 Or, instead of many.
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his peace: but he cried out the more a great deal, Thou son of David, have mercy on me. 49 And Jesus stood still, and said, Call ye him. And they call the blind man, saying unto him, Be of good cheer: rise, he calleth thee. 50 And he, casting away his garment, sprang up, and came to Jesus. 51 And Jesus answered him, and said, What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And the blind man said unto him, Rabboni, that I may receive my sight. 52 And Jesus said unto him, Go thy way; thy faith hath made thee whole. And straightway he received his sight, and followed him in the way.

11 And when they drew nigh unto Jerusalem, unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount of Olives, he sendeth two of his disciples, 2 and saith unto them, Go your way into the village that is over against you: and straightway as ye enter it, ye shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever sat: loose it, and bring it. 3 And if any one say unto you, Why do ye this? Say ye, The Lord hath need of it; and straightway he sendeth it bither. 4 And they went away, and found a colt tied at the door without in the open street; and they loose it. 5 And certain of them that stood there said unto them, What do ye, loosing the colt? 6 And they said unto them even as Jesus had said: and they let them go. 7 And they bring the colt unto Jesus, and cast on it their garments; and he sat upon it. 8 And many spread their garments upon the way; and others 178branches, which they had cut from the fields. 9 And they that went before, and they that followed, cried, Hosanna; Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: 10 Blessed be the coming kingdom of our father David: Hosanna in the highest.

11 And he entered into Jerusalem, into the temple; and when he had looked round about upon all things, it being now eventide, he went out unto Bethany with the twelve.

12 And on the morrow, when they were come out from Bethany, he hungrily. 13 And seeing a fig tree afar off having leaves, he came, if haply he might find anything thereon: and when he came to it, he found nothing but leaves; for it was not the season of figs. 14 And he answered and said unto it, No man eat fruit from thee henceforward for ever. And his disciples heard it.

15 And they come to Jerusalem: and he entered into the temple, and began to cast out those that sold them that bought in the temple, and overthrew the tables of the moneychangers, and the seats of them that sold the doves; 16 and he would not suffer that any man should carry a vessel through the temple. 17 And he taught, and said unto them, Is it not written, 179My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations? But 180ye have made it a den of robbers. 18 And the chief priests and the scribes heard it, and sought how they might destroy him: for they feared him, for all the multitude was astonished at his teaching.

19 And 181every evening he went forth out of the city.

20 And as they passed by in the morning, they saw the fig tree withered away from the roots. 21 And Peter calling to remembrance saith unto him, 182Rabbi, behold the fig tree which thou cursedst is withered away. 22 And Jesus answering saith unto them, Have the faith of God. 23 Truly I say unto you, Whosoever shall say unto this mountain, Be thou taken up and cast into the sea; and shall not doubt in his heart, but shall believe that what he saith cometh to pass; he shall have it. 24 Therefore I say unto you, All things whatsoever ye pray and ask for, believe that ye have as good as received it, and ye shall have it. 25 And whosoever ye stand praying, forgive, if ye have ought against any one; that your Father also who is in heaven may forgive you your trespasses.

26 And they come again to Jerusalem: and as he was walking in the temple, there came to him the chief priests, and the scribes, and the elders; 28 and they said unto him, By what authority doest thou these things? Or who gave thee this authority to do these things? 29 And Jesus said unto them, I will ask of you one question, and answer me, and I will tell you by what authority I do these things. 30 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? Answer me. 31 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; he will say, Why then did ye not believe him? 32 But should we say, From men – they feared the people: 33 for all truly held John to be a prophet.

34 And he began to speak unto them in parables. A man planted a vineyard, and set a hedge about it, and digged a pit for the winepress, and built a tower, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country. 2 And at the season he sent to the husbandmen a 190servant, that he might receive from the husbandmen of the fruits of the vineyard. 3 And they took him, and beat him, and sent him away empty. 4 And again he sent unto them another servant; and him they wounded in the head, and handled shamefully. 5 And he sent another; and him they killed: and many others; beating some

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175 Or, saved thee. Or, made thee healthy.
176 So N L (B כֶּלִּים 892 [א omit it] [C read] 579. A majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy v arm read send it hither.
177 Gk. layers of leaves,
178 Heb. וַיהָשִׁישָּׁה יִשְׁחָךְ, hoshiah na, Save, I pray; And so in vs. 10. E.g., see Companion Bible, Ps 118:25.
179 Is 56:7.
180 Jt 7:11.
181 Gk. whenever evening came he went
182 So N 892 C 1342 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop b b sy v arm it. But BΨ 1442 147 a (arm) read they went forth
183 Great Teacher, See Hebrew Students Manual, p. 239 of lexicon, or see Thayer’s lexicon.
184 So B LΨ 1442 892 Δ 1342 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop b b sy v arm it. N sy v arm read If ye have the faith of God, 23 truly I say unto you
185 So B N LΨ 1442 892 Δ 1342. 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop b b read ye receive it, v it geo read ye are received.
186 So B N LΨ 1442 892 Δ 1342 cop b b sy v arm it. C 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg add vs. 26. But if ye do not forgive, neither will your Father who is in heaven forgive your trespasses. Compare Mz 6:15; 18:35.
187 Gk. word.
188 Or, But shall we say, From men?
189 Or, for all held John to be a prophet indeed.
190 Gk. bondservant, and in vs. 4.
and killing some. 6 He had yet one, a beloved son: he sent him last unto them, saying, They will reverence my son. 7 But those husbandmen said among themselves, This is the heir; come, let us kill him, and the inheritance shall be ours. 8 And they took him, and killed him, and cast him forth out of the vineyard. 9 What therefore will the lord of the vineyard do? he will come and destroy the husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. 10 Have ye not read even this scripture:

David sat down over against the treasury, and beheld into the windows, how the poor women that were in miseries cast in. 11 For a certain poor widow cast in there of her worth, all she had, two mites. 12 And he sat down over against the treasury, and beheld into the windows, how the rich men cast in. 13 And when he saw it, he was angry with them, and said unto them, Ye men of barely; do ye not even the scripture, that God is love? 14 But the unwise men cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living.

For when they shall rise from dead, they shall be判断 me. 15 But many lesser Gk. mss. insert when they shall rise, or sy* vg (and many other Gk. mss.) insert then, when they shall rise, 892 (33 579) insert therefore, 16 Ex 3:6. 17 Dt 6:4ff. 18 Or, The Lord is our God; the Lord is one. 19 Gk. from (all four times). 20 Lv 19:18. 21 So B Y 2427 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo.

But NL 892 D 1342 33 579 sy* vg it* arm omit him, 22 Ps 110:1.

Or, I make thine enemies... So B cop sa,bo sy*. But NL Y 1342 33 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg it* arm read I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet. 23 Or, the great multitude heard him gladly. 24 Or, even while for a pretense they make 25 Or, he sat down opposite So NL (B Y 2427) 892 D 1342 cop bo say it*. (33 579) and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read Jesus sat down and against sy* ge arm read Jesus stood over against 26 Gk. copper or brass 27 Gk. one poor widow, 28 Gk. lepton 128 leptons = 1 denarius, which was the typical wage of a day laborer. Thus, 2 leptons would be equivalent to about 10 minutes pay.

191 Ps 118:22f.
192 Gk. face of men.
193 See marginal note on ch. 6:37. There was separate money, the shekel, for support of the temple.
194 Dt 25:5.
195 So BNL Y 2427 AC* 1342 (cop bo) it*. But many lesser Gk. mss. insert when they shall rise, or sy* vg (and many other lesser Gk. mss.) insert therefore, when they shall rise, 892 (33 579) insert therefore, 196 Ex 3:6. 197 Dt 6:4ff.
198 Or, The Lord is our God; the Lord is one: or, The Lord our God is one Lord.
199 Gk. from (all four times).
200 Lv 19:18.
201 So B Y 2427 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo.
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13 And as he went forth out of the temple, one of his disciples saith unto him, Teacher, behold, what manner of stones and what manner of buildings! 2 And Jesus said unto him, Seest thou these great buildings? There shall not be left here one stone upon another, which shall not be thrown down. 3 And as he sat on the mount of Olives over against the temple, Peter and James and John and Andrew asked him privately, 4 Tell us, when shall these things be? and what shall be the sign whenever these things are all about to be accomplished? 5 And Jesus began to say unto them, Take heed that no man lead you astray. 6 Many shall come in my name, saying, I am he; and shall lead many astray. 7 And when ye shall hear of wars and rumors of wars, be not troubled; these things must needs come to pass; but the end is not yet. 8 For nation shall be raised against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there shall be earthquakes in diverse places; 9 and famines: these things are the beginning of travail. 10 But take ye heed that ye be not troubled, for these things must needs come to pass; but the end is not. 14 But when ye see the abomination of desolation having stood where he ought not (let him that readeth understand), then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains; 15 and let him that is on the housetop not go down, nor enter in, to take anything out of his house: 16 and let him that is in the field not return back to take his cloak. 17 But woe unto them that are with child, and to them that give suck in those days! 18 And pray ye that it be not in the winter. 19 For those days shall be tribulation, such as there hath not been the like from the beginning of the creation which God created unto now, and never shall be thereafter. 20 And except the Lord had shortened the days, no flesh would have been saved; but for the elect’s sake, whom he chose, he shortened the days. 21 And then if any man shall say unto you, Lo, here is the Christ; or, Lo, there; believe not: 22 for there shall arise false Christs and false prophets, and shall show signs and wonders, that they may lead astray, if possible, the elect. 23 But take ye heed: behold, I have told you all things beforehand.

14 Now after two days was the feast of the passover and the unleavened bread: and the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might take him with subtlety, and kill him: 2 for they said, Not during the feast, lest haply there shall be a tumult of the people. 3 And while he was in Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, as he sat at meat, there came a woman having an alabaster cruse of ointment of pure nard very costly; and she hath anointed my body beforehand for the burying. 4 But there were some that had indignation among themselves, saying, Why was this ointment poured out? 5 For it might have been sold for three hundred shillings, and given to the poor. And they murmured against her. 6 But Jesus said, Let her alone; why trouble ye her? she hath wrought a good work on me. 7 For ye have the poor always with you, and whenever ye will ye can do them good: but me ye have not always. 8 She hath done what she could; she hath anointed my body beforehand for the burying. 9 And truly I say unto you, Wheresoever the gospel shall be preached throughout the whole world, that also shall this woman hath done shall be spoken of for a memorial of her.

210 Or, Jacob
211 Compare identical Greek (hotan mêllē) in Rv 10:7.
212 So BL*Ψ 2427 (579) copböm. vg it* read and famines: (892) Δ 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., (geo) read and there shall be famines and troubles:
213 Gk. birth-pangs.
214 See marginal note on ch. 1:1.
215 See ch. 3:19.
216 Or, put them to death.
217 Or, him not.
218 Or, he But it seems to be required by the parallel to kingdom of God in Lk 21:31.
219 So B 2427 copbHom. But ΝΠ΄Ψ 892 Α 1342 579 syg vg arm read watch and pray: φ copbHom geo read and watch and pray:
220 Gk. bondservants
221 Or, a flask of ointment
222 Or, liquid nard
223 Gk. above three hundred denarii about one year’s wages for a day laborer. See marginal note on ch. 6:37. syg it* omit above
224 See marginal note on ch. 1:1.
225 Gk. the one of the twelve,
226 See ch. 3:19. Also in vs. 11.
unto them. 11 And they, when they heard it, were glad, and promised to give him money. And he sought how he might conveniently deliver him unto them.

12 And on the first day of unleavened bread, when they sacrificed the passover, his disciples say unto him, Where wilt thou that we go and make ready that thou mayest eat the passover? 13 And he sendeth two of his disciples, and saith unto them, Go into the city, and there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water: follow him; 14 and wheresoever he shall enter in, say to the master of the house, The Teacher saith, Where is my guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? 15 And he will himself show you a large upper room furnished and ready: and there make ready for us. 16 And the disciples went forth, and came into the city, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

17 And when it was evening he cometh with the twelve. 18 And as they 227 reclined and were eating, Jesus said, Truly I say unto you, One of you shall 228 betray me, even he that eateth with me. 19 They began to be sorrowful, and to say unto him one by one, Is it I? 20 And he said unto them, It is one of the twelve, he that dippeth with me in the dish. 21 For the Son of man goeth, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man through whom the Son of man is betrayed! Good 229 of man goeth, even as it is written of him: but woe unto that man if he had not been born.

22 And as they were eating, he took 230 bread, and when he had blessed, he brake it, and gave to them, and said, Take ye: 23 this is my body. 23 And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave to them: and they all drank out of it. 24 And he said unto them, This is my blood 232 of the covenant, which is poured out for many. 25 Truly I say unto you, I shall no more drink of the fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God.

26 And when they had sung a hymn, they went out unto the mount of Olives.

27 And Jesus saith unto them, All ye shall be 233 offended: for it is written, 234 I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep shall be scattered abroad. 28 Howbeit, after I am raised up, I will go before you into Galilee. 29 But Peter said unto him, Although all shall be offended, yet shall not I. 30 And Jesus saith unto him, Truly I say unto thee, that thou today, even this night, before 235 the cock crow twice, shalt deny me thrice. 31 But he spake exceeding vehemently, If I must die with thee, I will not deny thee. And in like manner also said they all.

32 And they came unto a place which was named Gethsemane: and he saith unto his disciples, Sit ye here, while I pray. 33 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly amazed, and sore troubled. 34 And he saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful even unto death: abide ye here, and watch. 35 And he went forward a little, and fell on the ground, and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass away from him. 36 And he said, Abba, Father, all things are possible unto thee; remove this cup from me: howbeit not what I will, but what thou wilt. 37 And he cometh, and findeth them sleeping, and saith unto Peter, Simon, sleepest thou? Couldst thou not watch one hour? 38 Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak. 39 And again he went away, and prayed, saying the same words. 40 And again he came, and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they knew not what to answer him. 41 And he cometh the third time, and saith unto them, 236 Sleep on now, and take your rest: it is enough, the hour is come; behold, the Son of man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. 42 Arise, let us be going: behold, he that betrayeth me is at hand.

43 And straightway, while he yet spake, cometh Judas, one of the twelve, with a multitude with swords and staves, from the chief priests and the scribes and the elders. 44 Now he that betrayed him had given them a token, saying, Whomsoever I shall kiss, that is he; take him, and lead him away safely. 45 And when he was come, straightway he came to him, and saith, 241 Rabbi; and 242 kissed him. 46 And they laid hands on him, and took him. 47 But a certain one of them that stood by drew his sword, and smote the 243 servant of the high priest, and struck off his ear. 48 And Jesus answered and said unto them, Are ye come out, as against a robber, with swords and staves to seize me? 49 I was daily with you in the temple teaching, and ye took me not: but 235 this is done that the scriptures might be fulfilled. 50 And they all left him, and fled.

51 And a certain young man followed with him, having a linen cloth cast about him, over his naked body: and they lay hold on him; 52 but he left the linen cloth, and fled naked.

53 And they led Jesus away to the high priest: and there came together with him all the chief priests and the elders and the scribes. 54 And Peter had followed him afar off, even within, into the court of the high priest; and he was sitting with the attendants, and warming himself in the light of the fire. 55 Now the chief priests and the whole council sought witness against Jesus to put him to death; and found it not. 56 For many bare false witness against him, and their witness agreed not together. 57 And there stood up certain, and bare false witness against him, saying, 58 We heard him say, I will...
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destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another made without hands. 59 And not even so did their witness agree together. 60 And the high priest stood up in the midst, and asked Jesus, saying, Answerest thou nothing? What is it which these witnesses against thee? 61 But he held his peace, and answered nothing. Again the high priest asked him, and saith unto him, Art thou the Christ, the Son of the Blessed? 62 And Jesus said, I am: and ye shall see the Son of man sitting at the right hand of Power, and coming with the clouds of heaven. 63 And the high priest rent his clothes, and saith, What further need have we of witnesses? 64 Ye have heard the blasphemy; what think ye? And they all condemned him to be worthy of death. 65 And some began to spit on him, and to cover his face, and to buffet him, and to say unto him, Prophesy: and the attendants received him with blows of their hands.

66 And as Peter was beneath in the court, there cometh one of the maids of the high priest; 67 and seeing Peter warming himself, she looked upon him, and saith, Thou also wast with the Nazarene, even Jesus. 68 But he denied, saying, Neither know I what thou sayest. 69 And the maid saw him, and began again to say to them that stood by, This is one of them. 70 But he again denied it. And after a little while again they that stood by said to Peter, Of a truth thou art one of them; for thou art a Galilean. 71 But he began to curse, and to swear, I know not this man of whom ye speak. 72 And straightway a second time the cock crew. And Peter remembered how that Jesus said unto him, Before the cock crow twice, thrice shalt thou deny me. 73 And when he thought thereon, he wept.

15 And straightway in the morning the chief priests with the elders and scribes, and the whole council, held a consultation, and bound Jesus, and carried him away, and delivered him up to Pilate. 2 And Pilate asked him, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answering saith unto him, Thou sayest. 3 And the chief priests accused him of many things.

6 Now at a feast he used to release unto them one prisoner, whom they asked of him. 7 And there was one called Barabbas, lying bound with them that had made insurrection, men who in the insurrection had committed murder. 8 And the multitude went up and began to ask him to do as he was wont to do unto them. 9 And Pilate answered them, saying, Will ye that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 10 For he perceived that for envy the chief priests had delivered him up. 11 But the chief priests stirred up the multitude, that he should rather release Barabbas unto them. 12 And Pilate again answered and said unto them, What then shall I do unto him? 13 Whom ye call the King of the Jews? 14 And they cried out again, Crucify him. 15 And Pilate, wishing to content the multitude, released unto them Barabbas, and delivered Jesus, when he had scourged him, to be crucified.

16 And the soldiers led him away within the court, which is the Praetorium; and they called together the whole band. 17 And they clothed him with a purple robe, and plating a crown of thorns, they put it on him; 18 and they began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! 19 And they smote his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. 20 And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the purple robe, and put on him his garments. And they lead him out to crucify him.

21 And they compel one passing by, Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, the father of Alexander and Rufus, to go with them, that he might bear his cross.

22 And they bring him unto the place Golgotha, which is, being interpreted, The place of a skull. 23 And they offered him wine mingled with myrrh: but he received not. 24 And when they had mocked him, they took the reed, and began to salute him, Hail, King of the Jews! And they smote his head with a reed, and spat upon him, and bowing their knees worshipped him. 25 And when they had mocked him, they took off from him the purple robe, and put on him his garments. And they lead him out to crucify him.

26 So BNV* 2427 892 cop⁸ bo vg. Δ¹ 1342 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy⁵ geo arm read Prophesy unto us, thou Christ, Who is he that smote thee? Compare Mt 26:68. 27 Or, strokes of rods.

28 Or, I neither know, nor understand: thou, what sayest thou? 29 So BNLW* 2427 892 579 cop⁸ sy⁵. Δ¹ 1342 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg it⁸ geo arm read the porch; and a cock crew.

250 Gk. forecourt.

251 So BY 2427 892 Δ 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop⁸ bo (sy⁵) vg it⁸ geo arm. NL C⁸⁰⁰ 579 omit a second time. 1342 reads twice

252 N Δ C⁸⁰⁰ (579) omit twice

253 Or, And he began to weep.

254 Or perhaps, Just as thou sayest.

255 So BNV* 2427 892 cop⁸ bo vg. Δ¹ 1342 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy⁵ geo arm read the multitude crying aloud began to it⁸ reads the whole multitude began to weep.

256 So BNV* 2427 892 Δ 1342 33 cop⁸ geo. 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy⁵ it⁸ (arm) read What will ye that I shall do unto him

257 B 2427 alone omit whom θ cop⁸ sy⁵ vg it⁸ geo arm omit whom ye call

258 Or, palace;

259 Or, cohort.

260 See marginal note on ch. 5:6.

261 Gk. impress.

262 Hb. גולゴלת, gulgoleth, skull. Gk. κρανιον, cranium (cogitate cranium) Latin Calvary, from calva, the scalp.

263 So BNV* 2427 C cop⁸ sy⁵ it⁸. L 892 Δ 1342 33 083 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg geo arm add vs. 28 And the Scripture was fulfilled, which saith, And he was numbered with the transgressors.

264 Or, temple house (vocas) or, sanctuary
he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast (9) proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.

And when the sixth hour was come, there came darkness over the whole 261 land until the ninth hour. 34 And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, 262 Elohi, Elohi, lama sabachthani? which is, being interpreted, My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? 35 And some of them that stood by, when they heard it, said, Behold, he calleth Elijah. 36 And one ran, and filling a sponge full of vinegar, put it on a reed, and gave him to drink, saying, Let be; let us see whether Elijah cometh to take him down. 37 And Jesus uttered a loud voice, and gave up the breath. 38 And the veil of the temple was rent in two from the top to the bottom. 39 And when the centurion, who stood by over against him, saw that 269 he so gave up the breath, he said, Truly this man was 270 the Son of God. 40 And there were also women beholding from afar: among whom were both Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joses, and Salome; 41 who, when he was in Galilee, followed him, and ministered unto him; and many other women that came up with him unto Jerusalem.

And when even was now come, because it was the first 271 day of the week, they came to the tomb when the sun was risen. 3 And they were saying among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb? 4 And looking up, they see that the stone is rolled back: for it was exceeding great. 5 And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, arrayed in a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he saith unto them, Be not amazed: ye seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who hath been crucified: he was raised; he is not here: behold, the place where they laid him! 7 But go, tell his disciples, even Peter, He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. 8 And they went out, and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them: and they said nothing to any one; for they were afraid. 214

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And when the sabbath was past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, bought spices, that they might come and anoint him. 2 And very early on the first day of the week, they come to the tomb when the sun was risen. 3 And they were saying among themselves, Who shall roll us away the stone from the door of the tomb? 4 And looking up, they see that the stone is rolled back: for it was exceeding great. 5 And entering into the tomb, they saw a young man sitting on the right side, arrayed in a white robe; and they were amazed. 6 And he saith unto them, Be not amazed: ye seek Jesus, the Nazarene, who hath been crucified: he was raised; he is not here: behold, the place where they laid him! 7 But go, tell his disciples, even Peter, He goeth before you into Galilee: there shall ye see him, as he said unto you. 8 And they went out, and fled from the tomb; for trembling and astonishment had come upon them: and they said nothing to any one; for they were afraid. 214

265 Or, can he not save himself?
266 Or, earth
267 Hb. יָלי אֵל אִלּוֹ הָמִיתָל, ָאָלי אֵל בֵּית לֵבֶן. Elohi, God of-me (singular of Elohim, שבָּאָלַי) [duplicated]; lamah, Why?; (a)zabachthani, to forsake (Kal = active voice), past tense, 2nd person singular subject, 1st person singular object. See Ps 22:1.
268 Or, why didst thou forsake me?
269 So B, C, D, and L 892 cop. 8809 by (bo). But 2427 AC 1342 33 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read he so cried out, and gave up the breath, 270 Os sy 2 geo arm read he cried out, and gave up the breath.
270 Or, a son of God.
271 Or, Jacob
272 Gk. the little
273 So L, P, 892 C 37 33 579 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop 8809. B 2427 1342 vg tbg geo arm read were already dead.
274 So BN (3 mss. total) sy. "vb adds a “short ending’’"
275 (9) But they told Peter and those with him all that they had been commanded. But after these things Jesus himself sent out through them, from east to west, the sacred and incorruptible proclamation of eternal salvation. Amen.
276 2427 892 AC 1342 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. {1602 mss. total}, cop 8809 sy 2 geo arm add with variants a “long ending’’
277 (9) Now when he was risen early on the first day of the week, he appeared first to Mary Magdalene, from whom he had cast out seven demons. (10) She went and told them that had been with him, as they mourned and wept. (11) And they, when they heard that he was alive, and had been seen of her, disbelieved. (12) And after these things he was manifested in another form unto two of them, as they walked, on their way into the country. (13) And they went away and told it unto the rest: neither believed they them.
278 (14) And afterward he was manifested unto the eleven themselves as they sat at meat; and he upbraided them with their unbelief and hardness of heart, because they believed not them that had seen him after he was risen. (15) And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to the whole creation. (16) He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned. (17) And these signs shall accompany them that believe: in my name shall they cast out demons; they shall speak with [new] tongues; (18) they shall take up serpents, and if they drink any deadly thing, it shall in no wise hurt them; they shall lay hands on the sick, and they shall recover.
279 (19) So then the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken unto them, was received up into heaven, and sat down at the right hand of God. (20) And they went forth, and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word by the signs that followed. [Amen.]
280 L 892 038 579 {5 mss. total} add the short ending followed by the long ending.
281 f’1 17 mss. total: describe, or mark, vss. 9-20 as of doubtful authenticity.

For the rationale to conclude that neither of these endings was part of the text written by Mark, see Bruce M. Metzger, “A Textual Commentary on the Greek New Testament,” 2nd edition.; Stuttgart: Deutsche Bibelgesellschaft, 1994; pp. 102-106. [This is a companion volume to GNT4.]
Luke
(The Gospel recorded by Luke)

1 Forasmuch as many have taken in hand to draw up a narrative concerning those matters which have been fulfilled among us, 2 even as they delivered them unto us, who from the beginning became eye-witnesses and attendants of the word, 3 it seemed good to me also, having traced the course of all things accurately from the first, to write unto thee in order, most excellent Theophilus; 4 that thou mightest know the certainty concerning the things wherein thou wast instructed.

5 There came to be in the days of Herod, king of Judea, a certain priest named Zachariah, of the course of Abijah: and he had a wife of the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elisabeth. 6 And they were both righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless. 7 And they had no child, because that Elisabeth was barren, and they both were now well stricken in years.

8 Now it came to pass, while he executed the priest’s office before God in the order of his course, 9 according to the custom of the priest’s office, his lot was to enter into the temple of the Lord and burn incense. 10 And the whole multitude of the people were praying without at the hour of incense. 11 And there appeared unto him an angel of the Lord standing on the right side of the altar of incense. 12 And Zachariah was troubled when he saw him, and fear fell upon him. 13 But the angel said unto him, Fear not, Zachariah: because thy supposition is heard, and thy wife Elisabeth shall bear thee a son, and thou shalt call his name John. 14 And thou shalt have joy and gladness; and many shall rejoice at his birth.

15 For he shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and he shall drink no wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Spirit, even from his mother’s womb. 16 And many of the sons of Israel shall he turn unto the Lord their God.

17 And he shall go before the face of the Lord in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn the hearts of the fathers to the children, and the disobedient to walk in the wisdom of the just; to make ready for the Lord a people prepared for him. 18 And Zachariah said unto the angel, Whereby shall I know this? For I am an old man, and my wife well stricken in years. 19 And the angel answering said unto him, I am Gabriel, that stand be before God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to bring thee these good tidings.

20 And he said, Wherefore then am I now stricken, and my wife barren? 21 For I am Gabriel, that stand be before God; and I was sent to speak unto thee, and to bring thee these good tidings. 22 And when he came out, he could not speak unto men: and they perceived that he had seen a vision in the temple: and he continued making signs unto them, and remained dumb. 23 And it came to pass, when the days of his ministration were fulfilled, he departed unto his house.

24 And after these days Elisabeth his wife conceived; and she hid herself five months, saying, 25 Thus hath the Lord done unto me in the days wherein he looked upon me, to take away my reproach among men.

26 Now in the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent from God unto a city of Galilee, named Nazareth, 27 to a virgin betrothed to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin’s name was Mary. 28 And he came in unto her, and said, Hail, thou that art highly favored, the Lord is with thee. 29 But she was greatly troubled at the saying, and cast in her mind what manner of salutation this might be. 30 And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favor with God. 31 And behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and shalt call his name Jesus. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Most High: and the Lord God shall give unto him the throne of his father David: 33 and he shall reign over the house of Jacob for ever; and of his kingdom there shall be no end. 34 And Mary said unto the angel, How shall this be, seeing I know not a man? 35 And the angel answered and said unto her, 36The Holy Spirit shall come upon thee, and the power of the Most High shall overshadow thee: wherefore also the holy thing which is begotten shall be called Son of God. 37 And behold, Elisabeth thy kinswoman, she is advanced in her days, and is before thee in years. 38 For according to that which was spoken of thee of the Lord, these things are accomplished in thee.

39 And Mary arose in these days, and went into the hill country with haste, into a city of Judah; 40 and entered into the house of Zachariah and saluted Elisabeth. 41 And it came to pass, when Elisabeth heard the salutation of Mary, the babe leaped in her womb; and Elisabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit; 42 and she lifted up her voice with a loud cry, and said,
Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb. 43 And whence is this to me, that the mother of my Lord should come unto me? 44 For behold, when the voice of thy salutation came into mine ears, the babe leaped in my womb for joy. 45 And blessed is she that 23 believed; for there shall be a fulfilment of the things which have been spoken to her from the Lord. 46 And Mary said,

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
47 And my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
48 For he hath looked upon the low estate of his handmaid: For behold, from henceforth all generations shall call me blessed.
49 For he that is mighty hath done to me great things; And holy is his name.
50 And his mercy is unto generations and generations
On them that fear him.
51 He hath showed strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud
24 in the imagination of their heart.
52 He hath put down princes from their thrones, And hath exalted them of low degree.
53 The hungry he hath filled with good things; And the rich he hath sent empty away.
54 He hath given help to Israel his servant, That he might remember mercy
55 (As he spake unto our fathers)
Toward Abraham and his seed for ever.
56 And Mary abode with her about three months, and returned unto her house.
57 Now Elisabeth’s time was fulfilled that she should be delivered; and she brought forth a son. 58 And her neighbors and her kinsfolk heard that the Lord had magnified his mercy towards her; and they rejoiced with her. 59 And it came to pass on the eighth day, that they came to circumcise the child; and they would have called him Zachariah, after the name of his father. 60 And his mother answered and said, Not so; but he shall be called John. 61 And they said unto her, There is none of thy kindred that is called by this name. 62 And they made signs to his father, what he would have him called.
63 And he asked for a writing tablet, and wrote, saying, His name is John. And they marvelled all. 64 And his mouth was opened immediately, and his tongue loosed, and he spake, blessing God. 65 And fear came on all that dwelt round about them: and all these sayings were noised abroad throughout all the hill country of Judea. 66 And all that heard them laid them up in their heart, saying, What then shall this child be? For the hand of the Lord was with him.
67 And his father Zachariah was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying,

68 Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; For he hath visited and wrought ransoming for his people, 69 And hath raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of his servant David 70 (As he spake by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old), 71 Salvation from our enemies, and from the hand of all that hate us; 72 To show mercy towards our fathers, And to remember his holy covenant; 73 The oath which he sware unto Abraham our father, 74 To grant unto us that we being delivered out of the hand of our enemies Should serve him without fear, 75 In holiness and righteousness before him all our days. 76 Yes and thou, child, shalt be called a prophet of the Most High: For thou shalt go before the face of the Lord to make ready his ways; 77 To give knowledge of salvation unto his people In the remission of their sins, 78 Because of the tender mercy of our God, Whereby the sunrising from on high 28 shall visit us, 79 To shine upon them that sit in darkness and the shadow of death; To guide our feet into the way of peace.
80 And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the desert till the days of his showing unto Israel.

2 Now it came to pass in those days, there went out a decree from 26 Caesar Augustus, that all the Roman world should be 23 enrolled. 2 This was the first enrolment made when 28 Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And all went to enrol themselves, every one to his own city. 4 And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David; 5 to enrol himself with Mary, who was betrothed to him, being great with child.
6 And it came to pass, while they were there, the days were fulfilled that she should be delivered. 7 And she brought forth her firstborn son; and she wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn.
8 And there were shepherds in the same field abiding in the field, and keeping watch by night over their flock. 9 And an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. 10 And the angel said unto them, Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which shall be to all the people: 11 for there is born to you this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is 30 Christ the Lord. 12 And this is the sign unto you: Ye shall find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, and lying in a manger. 13 And suddenly there was with the angel

23 Or, believed that there shall be 24 Or, by
25 So BN(L) 0177 cop sa,bo sy'e, 040 579 R 33 vg ite read hath visited us,
26 Octavian Augustus Caesar (BC 27 - AD 14).
27 May imply both swearing allegiance and paying tax. Tax years: Augustus' list Others
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28 Governors of Syria:
ca. 9 BC M. Titius
7 or 6-4 Quintilius Varus (Herod demoted, BC 4)
4-2 C. Sentius Saturninus (interim Quirinius?)
2-BC 1 AD P. Quintilius Varus (Herod d. BC 1 Jan. 28)
1-4 AD Caius Caesar (tutored by Quirinius)
4-5 L. Volusius Saturninus
6/7 P. Sulpicius Quirinius
29 So BNL 040 579 geo arm. 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo vg read And behold an angel cop sa,bo sy'e ite read An angel
a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying,

14 Glory to God in the highest,
  And on earth peace among men in whom he is well pleased.

15 And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

16 And they came with haste, and found both Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in the manger. 17 And when they saw it, they made known concerning the saying which was spoken to them about this child. 18 And all that heard it wondered at the things which were spoken unto them by the shepherds. 19 But Mary kept all these sayings, pondering them in her heart.

20 And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, even as it was spoken unto them.

21 And when eight days were fulfilled for circumcising him, his name was called JESUS, which was so called by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

22 And when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord, 23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, 24 Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord), 24 and to offer a sacrifice according to that which is said in the law of the Lord, 25 A pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons. 26 And behold, there was a man in Jerusalem, whose name was Simeon; and this man was righteous and devout, looking for the consolation of Israel: and a holy spirit was upon him. 27 And it came to pass, when the angels went away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us.

28 And there was a righteous and devout man, looking for the consolation of Israel: and a holy spirit was upon him. 29 And it came to pass, when the days of their purification according to the law of Moses were fulfilled, they brought him up to Jerusalem, to present him to the Lord, 30 According to thy word, in peace;

31 For mine eyes have seen thy salvation, 32 Which thou hast prepared before the face of all peoples; 33 A light for revelation to the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.

34 And his father and mother were marveling at the things which were spoken concerning him; 35 and Simeon blessed them, and said unto Mary his mother, Behold, this child is set for the falling and the rising of many in Israel; and for a sign which is spoken against; 36 and a sword shall pierce through thine own soul; that thoughts out of many hearts may be revealed. 37 And there was one Anna, a prophetess, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher (she was of a great age, having lived with a husband seven years from her virginity, 38 and she had been a widow even unto eighty-four years), 39 who departed not from the temple, worshipping with fastings and supplications night and day. 40 And coming up at that very hour she gave thanks unto God, and spake of him to all them that were looking for the ransoming of Jerusalem. 41 And when they had accomplished all things that were according to the law of the Lord, they returned into Galilee, to their own city Nazareth.

42 And the child grew, and waxed strong, 43 filled with wisdom: and the grace of God was upon him. 44 And his parents went every year to Jerusalem at the feast of passover. 45 And when he was twelve years old, they went up after the custom of the feast; 46 and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and his parents knew it not; 47 but supposing him to be in the company, they went a day's journey; and they sought for him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance: 48 and when they found him not, they returned to Jerusalem, seeking for him. 49 And it came to pass, after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both hearing them, and asking them questions: 50 and all that heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. 51 And when they saw him, they were astonished; and his parents knew it not. 52 And in Jerusalem he advanced in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and men.
of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, 2 in the high priesthood of 53 Annas and 54 Caiaphas, the word of God came unto John the son of Zachariah in the wilderness. 3 And he came into all the region round about the Jordan, preaching the baptism of repentance unto remission of sins; 4 as it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

55 The voice of one crying in the wilderness,
Make ye ready the way of the Lord,
Make his paths straight.
5 Every valley shall be filled,
And every mountain and hill shall be brought low;
And the crooked shall become straight,
And the rough ways smooth;
6 And all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

7 He said therefore to the multitudes that went out to be baptized of him, Ye offspring of vipers, who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? 8 Bring forth therefore fruits worthy of repentance, and begin not to say within yourselves, We have Abraham to our father: for I say unto you, that God is able of these stones to raise up children unto Abraham. 9 And even now the axe also lieth at the root of the trees: every tree therefore that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. 10 And the multitudes asked him, saying, What then must we do? 11 And he answered and said unto them, He that hath two coats, let him impart to him that hath none; and he that hath food, let him do likewise.

12 And he said unto them, Go your way, hear the word of God, and watch over the doors. 13 And Jesus answered and said unto them, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word of God.

4 And Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan, 65 and was led in the Spirit in the wilderness 2 during forty days, being tempted of the devil. And he did eat nothing in those days: and when they were completed, he hungered. 3 And the devil said unto him, If thou therefore wilt worship before me, it shall all be thine. 4 And Jesus answered unto him, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone. 5 And he led him up, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time. 6 And the devil said unto him, To thee will I give all this authority, and the glory of them: 7 if thou therefore wilt worship me, I will give it. 8 And Jesus answered and said unto him, It is written, thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt...
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thou serve. 9 And he led him to Jerusalem, and set him on the pinnacle of the temple, and said unto him, If thou art the Son of God, cast thyself down from hence: 10 for it is written,

70 He shall give his angels charge concerning thee, to guard thee: 11 and, On their hands they shall bear thee up, Lest haply thou dash thy foot against a stone.

12 And Jesus answering said unto him, It is said, 71 Thou shalt not make trial of the Lord thy God.
13 And when the devil had completed every temptation, he departed from him 72 for a season.
14 And Jesus returned in the power of the Spirit into Galilee: and a fame went out concerning him through all the region round about. 15 And he taught in their synagogues, being glorified of all.
16 And he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up: and he entered, as his custom was, into the synagogue on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. 17 And there was delivered unto him the 73 book of the prophet Isaiah. And he opened the book, and found the place where it was written,

18 74 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, 75 Because he anointed me to preach good tidings to the poor;
He hath sent me 77 to proclaim release to the captives,
And recovering of sight to the blind,
To set at liberty them that are bruised,
19 To proclaim an acceptable year of the Lord.
20 And he closed the 78 book, and gave it back to the attendant, and sat down: and the eyes of all in the synagogue were fastened on him. 21 And he began to say to them, Today hath this scripture been fulfilled in your ears.
22 And he was teaching them on the sabbath day, and stood up to read. And two of them which were unclean spirits departed from him.
23 And there came a great famine over all the land; 24 and unto Nazareth, in the land of Sidon, unto a woman that was a widow: 25 And there were many lepers in Israel in the time of Elisha the prophet: and none of them was cleansed, but only Naaman the Syrian. 26 And they were all filled with wrath in the synagogue, as they heard these things; 27 and they rose up, and cast him forth out of the city, and led him unto 28 the brow of the hill whereon their city was built, that they might throw him down headlong. 29 But he passing through the midst of them went his way.

31 And he came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee. And he was teaching them on the sabbath day: 32 and they were astonished at his teaching; for his word was with authority.
33 And in the synagogue there was a man, that had a spirit of an unclean demon; and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 80 Ah! What have we to do with thee, Jesus thou Nazarene? Art thou come to destroy us? I know thee who thou art, the Holy One of God. 35 And Jesus rebuked him, saying, Hold thy peace, and come out of him. And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst, he came out of him, having done him no hurt. 36 And amazement came upon all, and they spake together, one with another, saying, What is this word? For with authority and power he commandeth the unclean spirits, and they come out. 37 And there went forth a rumor concerning him into every place of the region round about.
38 And he rose up from the synagogue, and entered into the house of Simon. And Simon’s wife’s mother was holden with a great fever; and they besought him for her. 39 And he stood over her, and rebuked the fever: and it left her: and immediately she rose up and ministered unto them.
40 And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto him; and he laid his hands on every one of them, and healed them. 41 And demons also came out from many, crying out, and saying, Thou art the Son of God. And rebuking them, he suffered them not to speak, because they knew that he was the Christ.
42 And when it was day, he came out and went into a desert place: and the multitudes sought after him, and came unto him, and would have stayed him, that he should not go from them. 43 But he said unto them, I must preach the good tidings of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for therefore was I sent.
44 And he was preaching in the synagogues of 83 Judea.

5 Now it came to pass, while the multitude pressed upon him and heard the word of God, that he was standing by the lake of Gennesaret; 2 and he saw two boats standing by the lake: but the fishermen had gone out of them, and were washing their nets. 3 And he entered into one of the boats, which was Simon’s, and asked him to put out a little from the land. 4 And when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Put out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. 5 And Simon answered and said, Master, we toiled all night, and took nothing: but at thy word I will let down the nets. 6 And when they had done this, they enclosed a great multitude of fishes; and their nets were breaking: 7 and they beckoned unto their partners in the other boat, that they should come and help them. And they came, and filled both the boats, so that they began to sink. 8 But Simon Peter, when he saw it, fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord. 9 For he was amazed, and all

70 Ps 91:11-12.
71 Dt 6:16.
72 Or, until
73 Or, scroll, (both times)
74 Is 61:1f.
75 Or, Wherefore
76 Or, the gospel
77 So BN L 040 579 33 cop95b,8c sy8 vg arm. 0102 1241 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., geo add to heal the brokenhearted,
78 Or, scroll,
79 Gk. Sarepta,
80 Or, Let alone!
81 Or, this word, that with authority ... come out?
82 Or, the gospel
83 So BBL 579 1241 R cop95a sy8. 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg it8 geo arm read Galilee.
that were with him, at the draught of the fishes which they had taken; 10
and so were also 84 James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. And Jesus said unto Simon, Fear not; from henceforth thou shalt 85 catch men. 11 And when they had brought their boats to land, they left all, and followed him.

12 And it came to pass, while he was in one of the cities, behold, a man full of leprosy: and when he saw Jesus, he fell on his face, and besought him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 13 And he stretched forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou made clean. And straightway the leprosy departed from him. 14 And he charged him to tell no man: but go thy way, and show thyself to the priest, and offer for thy cleansing, 86 according as Moses commanded, for a witness unto them. 15 But so much the more went abroad the report concerning him: and great multitudes came together to hear, and to be healed of their infirmities. 16 But he withdrew himself in the deserts, and prayed.

17 And it came to pass on one of those days, that he was teaching: and there were Pharisees and doctors of the law sitting by, who were come out of every village of Galilee and Judea and Jerusalem: and the power of the Lord was with him 87 to heal. 18 And behold, men bring on a bed a man that was palsied: and they sought to bring him in, and to lay him before him. 19 And not finding by what way they might bring him in because of the multitude, they went up to the house top, and let him down through the tiles with his couch into the midst before Jesus. 20 And seeing their faith, he said, Man, thy sins are forgiven thee. 21 And the scribes and the Pharisees began to reason, saying, Who is this that speaketh blasphemies? Who can forgive sins, but God alone? 22 But Jesus perceiving their 88 reasonings, answered and said unto them, 89 Why reason ye in your hearts? 23 Which is easier, to say, Thy sins are forgiven thee; or to say, Arise and walk? 24 But that ye may know that the Son of man hath authority on earth to forgive sins (he said unto him that was palsied), I say unto thee, Arise, and take up thy bed. 25 And immediately he rose up before them, and took up that whereon he lay, and departed to his house, glorifying God. 26 And amazement took hold on all, and they glorified God; and they were filled with fear, saying, We have seen strange things today.

27 And after these things he went forth, and beheld a 90 publican, named Levi, sitting at the place of toll, and said unto him, Follow me. 28 And he forsook all, and rose up and followed him.

29 And Levi made him a great feast in his house: and there was a great multitude of publicans and of others that were sitting at meat with them. 30 And 91 the Pharisees and their scribes murmured against his disciples, saying, Why do ye eat and drink with the publicans and sinners? 31 And Jesus answering said unto them, They that are 92 in health have no need of a physician; but they that are sick. 32 I am not come to call the righteous but sinners to repentance.

33 And they said unto him, 93 The disciples of John fast often, and make supplications; likewise also the disciples of the Pharisees; but thine eat and drink. 34 And Jesus said unto them, Can ye make the 94 sons of the bride-chamber fast, while the bridegroom is with them? 35 But 95 the days will come; and when the bridegroom shall be taken away from them, then will they fast in those days. 36 And he spake also a parable unto them: No man rendeth a piece from a new garment and putteth it upon an old garment; else it will rend the new, and also the piece from the new will not agree with the old. 37 And no man putteth new wine into old 96 wine-skins; else the new wine will burst the skins, and itself will be spilled, and the skins will perish. 38 But new wine must be put into fresh 96 wine-skins. 39 And no man having drunk old wine desireth new; for he saith, The old is 97 good.

6 Now it came to pass on 98 another sabbath, that he was going through the grainfields; and his disciples plucked the ears, and did eat, rubbing them in their hands. 2 But certain of the Pharisees said, Why do ye that which is not lawful to do on the sabbath days? 3 And Jesus answering them said, Have ye not read even this, what David did, when he was hungry, he, and they that were with him; 4 how he entered into the house of God, and took and ate the shewbread, and gave also to them that were with him; which it is not lawful to eat save for the priests alone? 5 And he said unto them, The Son of man is lord 99 of the sabbath.

6 And it came to pass on another sabbath, that he entered into the synagogue and taught; and there was a man there, and his right hand was withered. 7 And the scribes and the Pharisees watched him, whether he would heal on the sabbath; that they might find how to accuse him. 8 But he knew their thoughts; and he said to the man that had his hand withered, Rise up, and stand forth in the midst. And he arose and stood forth. 9 And Jesus said unto them, I ask you, is it lawful to do good, or to do harm? To save a soul, or to destroy it? 10 And he looked round about on them all, and said unto him, Stretch forth thy hand. And he did so: and his hand was restored. 11 But they were filled with 100 madness;
and communed one with another what they might do to Jesus.

12 And it came to pass in these days, that he went out into the mountain to pray; and he continued all night in prayer to God. 13 And when it was day, he called his disciples; and he chose from them twelve, whom also he named apostles: 14 Simon, whom he also named Peter, and Andrew his brother, and 101James and John, and Philip and Bartholomew, 15 and Matthew and Thomas, and James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon who was called the Zealot, 16 and Judas the brother of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor; 17 and he came down with them, and stood on a level place, and a great multitude of his disciples, and a great number of the people from all Judea and Jerusalem, and the sea coast of Tyre and Sidon, who came to hear him, and to be healed of their diseases; 18 and they that were troubled with unclean spirits were healed. 19 And all the multitude sought to touch him; for power came forth from him, and healed them all.

20 And he lifted up his eyes on his disciples, and said, Blessed are ye poor: for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are ye that hunger now: for ye shall be filled. Blessed are ye that weep now: for ye shall laugh. 22 Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man’s sake. 23 Rejoice in that day, and leap for joy; for behold, your reward is great in heaven; for in the same manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

24 But woe unto you that are rich! For ye have received your consolation. 25 Woe unto you, ye that are full now! For ye shall hunger. Woe unto you, ye that laugh now! For ye shall mourn and weep. 26 Woe unto you, when all men shall speak well of you! For in the same manner did their fathers unto the prophets.

27 But I say unto you that hear, Love your enemies, do good to them that hate you, 28 bless them that curse you, pray for them that spitefully use you. 29 To him that smiteth thee on the one cheek offer also the other; and from him that taketh away thy cloak withhold not thy coat also. 30 Give to every one that asketh thee, and from him that taketh away thy goods ask them not again. 31 And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye103 to them likewise. 32 And if ye love them that love you, what thank have ye? For even sinners love those that love them. 33 And if ye do good to them that do good to you, what thank have ye? For even sinners do the same. 34 And if ye lend to them of whom ye hope to receive, what thank have ye? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive again as much. 35 But love your enemies, and do them good, and lend, 104 nothing despairing; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be sons of the Most High: for he is kind toward the unthankful and evil. 36 Become merciful, even as your Father is merciful. 37 And judge not, and ye shall not be judged: and condemn not, and ye shall not be condemned: release, and ye shall be released: 38 give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, shall they give into your bosom. For with what measure ye mete it shall be measured to you again.

39 And he spake also a parable unto them, Can the blind guide the blind? Shall they not both fall into a pit? 40 The disciple is not above his teacher: but every one when he is perfected shall be as his teacher. 41 And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother’s eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye? 42 Or how canst thou say to thy brother, Brother, let me cast out the mote that is in thine eye, when thou thyself beholdest not the beam that is in thine own eye? Thou hypocrite, cast out first the beam out of thine own eye, and then shalt thou see clearly to cast out the mote that is in thy brother’s eye. 43 For there is no good tree that bringeth forth corrupt fruit; nor again a corrupt tree that bringeth forth good fruit. 44 For each tree is known by its own fruit. For of thorns men do not gather figs, nor of a bramble bush gather they grapes. 45 The good man out of the good treasure of his heart bringeth forth that which is good; and the evil man out of the evil treasure bringeth forth that which is evil: for out of the abundance of the heart his mouth speaketh.

46 And why call ye me, Lord, Lord, and do not the things which I say? 47 Every one that cometh unto me, and heareth my words, and doeth them, I will show you to whom he is like: 48 he is like a man building a house, who digged and went deep, and laid a foundation upon the rock: and when a flood arose, the river brake against that house, and could not shake it: 49 because it had been well builded. 50 But he that heareth, and doeth not, is like a man that built a house upon the earth without a foundation; against which the river brake, and straightway it fell in; and the ruin of that house was great.

7 After he had ended all his sayings in the ears of the people, he entered into Capernaum.

2 And a certain centurion’s 107 servant, who was dear unto him, was sick and at the point of death. 3 And when he heard concerning Jesus, he sent unto him elders of the Jews; asking him that he would come and save his servant. 4 And they, when they came to Jesus, besought him earnestly, saying, He is worthy that thou shouldest do this for him; 5 for he loveth our nation, and himself built us our synagogue. 6 And Jesus went with them. And when he was now not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to him, saying unto him, Lord, trouble not thyself; for I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: 7 wherefore neither thought I myself worthy to come unto thee: but say the word, and 108 let my servant be healed. 8 For I also am a man set under authority, having under myself soldiers; and I say to this one, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 9 And when Jesus heard these things, he marvelled at him, and turned and said unto the multitude that followed him, I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 10 And they that were sent, returning to the house, found the servant whole.
And it came to pass on the next day, that he went to a city called Nan; and his disciples went with him, and a great multitude. Now when he drew near to the gate of the city, behold, there was carried out one that was dead; and the only son of his mother, and she was a widow: and much people of the city was with her. And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not. And he came nigh and touched the bier: and the bearers stood still. And he said, Young man, I say unto thee, Arise. And he that was dead sat up, and began to speak. And he gave him to his mother. And fear took hold on all: and they glorified God, saying, A great prophet is arisen among us: and, God hath visited his people. And this report went forth concerning him in the whole of Judea, and all the region round about.

And the disciples of John told him of all these things. And John calling unto him two of his disciples sent them to the Lord, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? John the Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? And when the men were come unto him, they said, John the Baptist hath sent us unto thee, saying, Art thou he that cometh, or look we for another? In that hour he cured many of diseases and plagues and evil spirits; and on many that were blind he bestowed sight. And he answered and said unto them, Go and tell John the things which ye have seen and heard; the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, the dead are raised up, the poor have good tidings preached to them. And blessed is he, whosoever shall find no occasion of stumbling in me.

And when the messengers of John were departed, he began to say unto the multitudes concerning John, What went ye out into the wilderness to behold? A reed shaken with the wind? But what went ye out to see? A prophet? Yea, I say unto you, and much more than John. The kingdom of God is greater than all the house of Israel.

And one of the Pharisees desired him that he would eat with him. And he entered into the Pharisee’s house, and sat down to meat. And behold, a woman who was in the city, a sinner; and when she knew that he was sitting at meat in the Pharisee’s house, she brought an alabaster cruse of ointment, and standing behind at his feet, weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears, and wiped them with the hair of her head, and kissed his feet, and anointed them with the ointment. Now when the Pharisee that had bidden him saw it, he spake within himself, saying, This man, if he were a prophet, would have perceived who and what manner of woman this is that toucheth him, that she is a sinner. And Jesus answering said unto him, Simon, I have somewhat to say unto thee. And he saith, Teacher, say on. A certain lender had two debtors: the one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. When they had not where with to pay, he forgave them both. Which of them therefore will love him most? Simon answered and said, He, I suppose, to whom he forgave the most. And he said unto him, Thou hast rightly judged. And turning to the woman, he saith unto Simon, Seest thou this woman? I entered into thy house, thou gavest me no water for my feet: but she hath wetted my feet with her tears, and wiped them with her hair. Thou gavest me no kiss: but she, since the time I came in, hath not ceased to kiss my feet. My head with oil thou didst not anoint: but she hath anointed my feet with ointment. Wherefore I say unto thee, Her sins, which are many, are forgiven; for she loved much: but to whom little is forgiven, the sameloveth little. And he said unto her, Thy sins are forgiven. And they that are sat at meat with him began to say among themselves, Who is this that even forgiveth sins?

Among them that are born of women there is none greater than John: yet he that is from heaven little in the kingdom of God is greater than he. And all the people when they heard, and the publicans, justified God, being baptized with the baptism of John. But the Pharisees and the lawyers rejected for themselves the counsel of God, being not baptized of him. Whereunto then shall I liken the men of this generation, and to what are they like? They are like unto children that sit in the market-place, and call one to another; who say, We piped unto you, and ye did not dance; we wailed, and ye did not weep. For John the Baptist is come eating no bread nor drinking wine; and ye say, He hath a demon. The Son of man is come eating and drinking; and ye say, Behold, a gluttonous man, and a winebibber, a friend of publicans and sinners! And wisdom is justified of all her children.

See marginal note on ch. 3:12. Also in vs. 34.

Or, having been

Or, not having been

So BNL 040 1241 cop® arm read vgl 579 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. sy° arm. 579 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy° read wailed to you,

Gk. was justified

So B(N*) 579 (040 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss.). 579 1241 sy° geo arm omit all

Or, reclined at the table.

Or, a flask

Gk. kissed much

B* 040 205 read the prophet. See Jo 1:21, 25.

The word in the Greek, denarius, denotes a Roman coin worth the wage of a day laborer.

L° 157 vgl it° geo read she came in,

Gk. kiss much

Gk. reclined with him
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And it came to pass soon afterwards, that he went about through cities and villages, preaching and bringing the good tidings of the kingdom of God, and with him the twelve, and certain women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary that was called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna the wife of Chuzas Herod’s steward, and Susanna, and many others, who ministered unto them of their substance.

And when a great multitude came together, and they of every city resorted unto him, he spake by a parable: The sower went forth to sow his seed: and as he sowed, some fell by the way side; and it was trodden under foot, and the birds of the heaven devoured it. And other fell on the rock; and as soon as it grew, it withered away, because it had no moisture. And other fell amongst the thorns; and the thorns grew with it, and choked it. And other fell into the good ground, and grew, and brought forth fruit a hundredfold.

13 And he said, Unto you it is given to know the mysteries of the kingdom of God: but to the rest in parables; that see they may not see, and hearing they may not understand.

14 And when they had heard, received the word he that hath ears to hear, let him hear. And his disciples asked him what this parable might be.

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16 And no man, when he hath lighted a lamp, covereth it with a vessel, or putteth it under a bed; but putteth it on a lampstand, that they that enter in may see the light. 17 For nothing is hid, that shall not become manifest: nor anything secret, that shall not be known and come to light.

18 Take heed therefore how ye hear: for whosoever hath, to him shall be given; and whosoever hath not, from him shall be taken away even that which he thinketh he hath.

19 And there came to him his mother and brethren, and they could not come up to him for the crowd. And it was told him, Thy mother and thy brethren stand without desiring to see thee. But he answered and said unto them, My mother and my brethren are these that hear the word of God, and do it.

20 Now it came to pass on one of those days, that he entered into a boat, himself and his disciples; and he said unto them, Let us go over unto the other side of the lake: and they launched forth. And as they sailed he fell into slumber: and there came down a storm of wind on the lake; and they were driving with water, and were in jeopardy. And they came to him, and awoke him, saying, Master, master, we perish. And he awoke, and rebuked the wind and the raging of the water: and they ceased, and there came a calm. And he said unto them, Where is your faith? And being afraid they marvelled, saying one to another, Who then is this, that he commandeth even the winds and the water, and they obey him?

21 And they arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. And when he was come forth upon the land, there met him a certain man out of the city, who had demons; and for a long time he had worn no clothes, and abode not in any house, but in the tombs. And when he saw Jesus, he cried out, and fell down before him, and with a loud voice said, What have ye to do with me, Son of the Most High God? I beseech thee, do not put me to the test.

22 For he was commanding the unclean spirit to come out from the man. For oftentimes it had seized him: and he was kept under guard, and bound with chains and fetters; and breaking the bands asunder, he was driven of the demon into the deserts.

23 And Jesus asked him, What is thy name? And he said, Legion; for many demons were entered into him. And they entreated him that he would not command them to depart into the abyss.

24 Now there was there a herd of many swine feeding on the mountain: and they entreated him that he would give them leave to enter into them. And he gave them leave. 25 And the demons came out from the man, and entered into the swine: and the herd rushed down the steep slope into the lake, and were drowned. 26 And when they that saw it told it in the city and in the country, they went out to see what had come to pass; and they came to Jesus, and found the man, from whom the demons were gone out, sitting, clothed, and in his right mind, at the feet of Jesus: and they were afraid.

27 And they that saw him told them how he that was possessed with demons was made whole. 28 And all the people of the country of the Gerasenes round about asked him to depart from them; for they were holden with great fear: and he entered into a boat, and returned. 29 But the man from whom the demons were gone out prayed him that he might be with him: but he sent him away, saying, Return to thy house, and declare how great things God hath done for thee. And he went his way, proclaiming throughout the whole city how great things Jesus had done for him.

30 And as Jesus returned, the multitude welcomed him; for they were all waiting for him.

135 Or, within  The Greek preposition en (εν) means both within and among; Of course, for just one person the mean- ing would be limited to within.

136 Or, gospel

137 So B w sy c vg (it sa) But NL 579 1241 33 cop a geo arm read unto him

138 Can mean either air or outer space; here it is air.

139 Or, steadfastness.

140 Or, seemeth to have.

141 So p 75B cop a geo arm read Gerasenes, R and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy c read Gadarenes, Cf. vs. 37. On the east or southeast of the Sea of Galilee.

142 Lit. do not rub me on a touchstone. Primarily a severe test for genuineness; when applied to animate objects it may imply torture.

143 Or, of a long time

144 Or, healed. or, saved. Cf. vss. 48, 50.

145 So B 579 cop a geo arm read Gerasenes, B 75B 1241 33 cop 75B geo arm read Gergesenes, R and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., sy c read Gadarenes, Cf. vs. 26.

146 So L 579 1241 33 and the majority of lesser mss.
man named Jairus, and he was a ruler of the synagogue: and he fell down at Jesus’ feet, and besought him to come into his house; 42 for he had an only daughter, about twelve years of age, and she was dying. But as he went the multitudes thronged him.

43 And a woman having an issue of blood twelve years, 146who had spent all her living upon physicians, and could not be healed of any, 44 came behind him, and touched the border of his garment: and immediately the issue of her blood stopped. 45 And Jesus said, Who is it that touched me? And when all denied, Peter said, 147Master, the multitudes press thee and crush against thee. 46 But Jesus said, Some one did touch me; for I perceived that power had gone forth from me. 47 And when the woman saw that she was not hid, she came trembling, and falling down before him declared in the sight of all the people for what cause she touched him, and how she was healed immediately. 48 And he said unto her, Daughter, thy faith hath made thee whole; go in peace.

49 While he yet spake, there cometh one from the synagogue ruler’s house, saying, Thy daughter is dead; 150trouble the Teacher no more. 50 But Jesus hearing it, answered him, Fear not: only believe, and she shall be made whole. 51 And when he came to the house, he suffered not any man to enter in with him, save Peter, and John, and James, and the father of the maiden and her mother. 52 And all were weeping, and bewailing her: but he said, Weep not; for she is not dead, but sleepeth. 53 And they laughed him to scorn, knowing that she was dead. 54 But he, taking her by the hand, called, saying, Maiden, arise. 55 And her spirit returned, and she rose up immediately: and he commanded that something be given her to eat. 56 And her parents were amazed: but he charged them to tell no man what had come to pass.

9 And he called the twelve 153together, and gave them power and authority over all demons, and to cure diseases. 2 And he sent them forth to preach the kingdom of God, and to heal 154the sick. 3 And he said unto them, Take nothing for your journey, neither staff, nor wallet, nor bread, nor money, 155nor have two coats. 4 And into whatsoever house ye enter, there abide, and thence depart. 5 And as many as receive you not, when ye depart from that city, shake off the dust from your feet for a testimony against them. 6 And they departed, and went throughout the villages, preaching the gospel, and healing everywhere.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard of all that was done: and he was much perplexed, because that it was said by some, that John was risen from the dead; 8 and by some, that Elijah had appeared; and by others, that one of the old prophets was risen again. 9 And Herod said, John I beheaded: but who is this, about whom I hear such things? And he sought to see him.

10 And the apostles, when they were returned, declared unto him what things they had done. And he took them, and withdrew apart to 157a city called Bethsaida. 11 But the multitudes perceiving it followed him: and he welcomed them, and spake to them of the kingdom of God, and them that had need of healing he cured. 12 And the day began to wear away; and the twelve came, and said unto him, Send the multitude away, that they may go into the villages and country round about, and lodge, and get provisions: for we are here in a desert place. 13 But he said unto them, Give ye them to eat. And they said, We have no more than five loaves and two fishes; except we should go and buy food for all this people.

14 For they were about five thousand men. And he said unto his disciples, Make them sit down in companies, about fifty each. 15 And they did so, and made them all sit down. 16 And he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake; and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude. 17 And they ate, and were all filled: and there was taken up that which remained over to them of broken pieces, twelve baskets.

18 And it came to pass, as he was praying apart, the disciples were with him: and he asked them, saying, Who do the multitudes say that I am? 19 And they answering said, John the Baptist; but others say, Elijah; and others, that one of the old prophets is risen again. 20 And he said unto them, But who say ye that I am? 21 And Peter answering said, 159The Christ of God. 22 But he charged them, and commanded them to tell this to no man; 23 saying, The Son of man must suffer many things, and be rejected of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and the third day be raised up. 23 And he said unto all, If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. 24 For whosoever would save his soul shall lose it; but whosoever shall lose his soul for my sake, the same shall save it. 25 For what is a man profited, if he gain the whole world, and lose or forfeit his own soul? 26 For whosoever shall be ashamed of me and of my words, of him shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in his own glory, and the glory of the Father, and of the holy angels. 27 But I tell you of a truth, There are some of them that stand here, who shall in no wise taste of death, till they see the kingdom of God.

157 Or, spirit
158 Or, recline Also in vs. 15.
160 Or, life (both times). Gk. psyche (ψυχή).
28 And it came to pass about eight days after these sayings, that he took with him Peter and John and James, and went up into the mountain to pray. 29 And as he was praying, the fashion of his countenance was altered, and his raiment became white and dazzling. 30 And behold, there talked with him two men, who were Moses and Elijah; 31 who appeared in glory, and spake of his departure which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. 32 Now Peter and they that were with him were heavy with slumber: but when they were fully awake, they saw his glory, and the two men that stood with him. 33 And it came to pass, as they were parting from him, Peter said unto Jesus, Master, it is good for us to be here: and let us make three tabernacles; one for thee, and one for Moses, and one for Elijah: not knowing what he said. 34 And while he said these things, there came a cloud, and overshadowed them: and they feared as they entered into the cloud. 35 And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, This is my Son, my chosen: hear ye him. 36 And when the voice was found alone. And they held their peace, and told no man in those days any of the things which they had seen. 37 And it came to pass, on the next day, when they were come down from the mountain, a great multitude met him. 38 And behold, a man from the multitude cried, saying, T eacher, I beseech thee to look upon my son; for he is mine only child: 39 I beseech thee to look upon my son; for he is mine only child: and behold, a spirit taketh him, and he suddenly crieth out; and afterward, he dasheth him down, and he dasheth him down, and rent him, and convulseth him grievously. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying, Be thou silent, and come out of him. 40 And the unclean spirit, convulseth him, and rendeth him, and bringeth him into convulsions, and almost spareth not: for he saith, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 41 And he said unto him, Why, wilt thou, Lord, destroy this generation? 42 And I besought thy disciples to cast it out; and they could not. 43 And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with you? Bring hither thy son. 44 And he said, Lord, I have brought him to thee; and he knoweth not: for he is against me with a great resistance. 45 And Jesus answered and said, O faithless and perverse generation, how long shall I be with you, and bear with you? Bring hither thy son. 46 And as he was praying, the demon dashed him down, and rent him, and convulseth him grievously. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, saying, Be thou silent, and come out of him. 47 And the unclean spirit, convulseth him, and rendeth him, and bringeth him into convulsions, and almost spareth not: for he saith, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 48 And he said unto them, Whosoever shall receive this little child in my name receiveth me: and whosoever shall receive me receiveth him that sent me: for he that is least among you all, the same is greatest.

50 And John answered and said, Master, we saw one casting out demons in thy name; and we forbade him, because he followeth not with us. 51 But Jesus said unto him, Forbid him not: for he that is not against you is for you.

52 And it came to pass, when the days were well-nigh come that he should be received up, he stedfastly set his face to go to Jerusalem, 53 and sent messengers before his face: and they went, and entered into a village of the Samaritans, to make ready for him. 53 And they did not receive him, because his face was set towards going to Jerusalem. 54 And when his disciples James and John saw this, they said, Lord, wilt thou that we bid fire to come down from heaven, and consume them? 55 But he turned, and rebuked them. 56 And they went to another village.

57 And as they went on the way, a certain man said unto him, I will follow thee withersoever thou goest. 58 And Jesus said unto him, The foxes have holes, and the birds of the heaven nests; but the Son of man hath not where to lay his head. 59 And he said unto another, Follow me. But he said, Lord, suffer me first to go and bury my father. 60 But he said unto him, Leave the dead to bury their own dead; but go thou and publish abroad the kingdom of God. 61 And another also said, I will follow thee, Lord; but first suffer me to bid farewell to them that are at my house. 62 But Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plow, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.

10 Now after these things the Lord appointed seventy-two others, and sent them two and two before his face into every city and place, whither he himself was about to come. 2 And he said unto them, The harvest indeed is plentiful, but the laborers are few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he send forth laborers into his harvest. 3 Go your ways; behold, I send you forth as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no purse, no wallet, no shoes; and salute no man on the way. 5 And into whatsoever house ye shall enter, first say, Peace be to this house. 6 And if a son of peace be there, your peace shall rest upon him; and if not, it shall turn to you again. 7 And in that same house remain, 161 Or, decease (Gk. exodus) 162 Or, having remained awake, 163 Or, booths Compare Lv 23:33, 39-43. 164 So p(B,N,L) 404 579 1241 cop b a, sy arm. R 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., geo arm. 165 Or, was past, 166 Or, convulseth 167 Or, rent him, 168 Or, convulsed 169 Or, betrayed into 170 Or, questioning And in vs. 47. 171 Gk. greater. 172 So L(N) 404 579 1241 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., geo arm. But BN cop b a arm knew 173 Gk. it 174 Gk. lesser 175 Gk. were being fulfilled that he 176 w and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. add Even as Elijah did? 177 So p(B,N,L) 040 1241 33 cop b a sy. (579) θ and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. (<75%), sy it add And he said, Ye know not what manner of spirit ye are of, for the Son of man came not to destroy men’s souls but to save them. Compare Jo 3:17; 12:47. 178 Gk. lodging-places; 179 B* d sy almost alone omit Lord, 180 p(B,N,L) 0181 geo arm omit him 181 p(B,N,L) 0181 geo arm read the hand 182 So p(B,N,L) 0181 cop b a sy it geo arm. But NL 040 579 1241 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., geo arm. See also vs. 17. 183 Or, enter first, say 184 Or possibly, him:
eating and drinking such things as they give: for the laborer is worthy of his hire. Go not from house to house. And into whatsoever city ye enter, and they receive you, eat such things as are set before you: and heal the sick that are therein, and say unto them, The kingdom of God is come nigh unto you. But into whatsoever city ye shall enter, and they receive you not, go out into the streets thereof and say, Even the dust from your city, that cleaveth to our feet, we wipe off to you: nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God is come nigh. I say unto you, It shall be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon in the judgment, than for you. And thou, Capernaum, shalt thou be exalted unto heaven? 188 Thou shalt be brought down unto Hades. He that heareth you heareth me; and he that rejecteth you rejecteth me; and he that rejecteth me rejecteth him that sent me.

And the seventy-two returned with joy, saying, Lord, even the demons are subject unto us in thy name. And he said unto them, I beheld Satan as a bright shining from heaven. Behold, I have given you authority to tread upon serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall in any wise hurt you. Nevertheless in this rejoice not, that the spirits are subject unto you; but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.

In that same hour he rejoiced in the Holy Spirit, and said, I thank thee, O Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that thou didst hide these things from the wise and understanding, and didst reveal them unto babes: Y es, Father; thou didst hide these things from them, and didst reveal them unto babes: Y es, Father; and whatsoever thou sparest more, I, when I come back again, will repay thee. Which of these three, thinkst thou, proved neighbor unto him that fell among the robbers? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; Give us day by day our needful bread. And forgive us our sins; for we ourselves also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And bring us not into temptation.

And it came to pass, as he was praying in a certain place, that when he ceased, one of his disciples said unto him, Lord, teach us to pray, even as John also taught his disciples. And he said unto them, When ye pray, say, Father, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Give us day by day our needful bread. And forgive us our sins; for we ourselves also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And bring us not into temptation.

And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a friend, and shall go unto him at midnight, and say to him, Friend,
lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine is come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him; 7 and he from within shall answer and say, Trouble me not: the door is now shut, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot rise and give thee? 8 I say unto you, Though he will not rise and give him because he is his friend, yet because of his importunity he will arise and give him. 9 And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. 10 For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. 11 And of which of you is that a father shall his son ask a fish, and will he for a fish give him a serpent? 12 Or if he shall ask an egg, will he give him a scorpion? 13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall the heavenly Father give a holy spirit to them that ask him?

14 And he was casting out a demon that was dumb. And it came to pass, when the demon was gone out, the dumb man spake; and the multitudes marvelled. 15 But some of them said, 200 By Beelzebub the prince of the demons casteth he out demons. 16 And others, trying him, sought of him a sign from heaven. 17 But he, knowing their thoughts, said unto them, Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation; and a house divided against a house falleth. 18 And if Satan also is divided against himself, how shall his kingdom stand? because ye say that I cast out demons by Beelzebub. 19 And if I by Beelzebub cast out demons, by whom do your sons cast them out? Therefore shall they be your judges. 20 But if I by the finger of God cast out demons, then is the kingdom of God come upon you. 21 When the strong man fully armed guardeth his own court, his goods are in peace: 22 but when one stronger than he shall come upon him, and overcome him, he taketh from him his whole armor wherein he trusted, and divideth his spoils. 23 He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth. 24 The unclean spirit when he is gone out, passeth through waterless places, seeking rest, and finding none, is against himself; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth.

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29 And when the multitudes were gathering together unto him, he began to say, This generation is an evil generation: it seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it but the sign of Jonah. 30 For even as Jonah became a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation. 31 The queen of the south shall rise up in the judgment with the men of this generation, and shall condemn them: for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, one greater than Solomon is here. 32 The men of Nineve shall stand up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, one greater than Jonah is here. 33 No man, when he hath lighted a lamp, putteth it in a cellar, but on the lampstand, that they which enter in may see the light. 34 The lamp of thy body is thine eye: when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when it is evil, thy body also is full of darkness. 35 Look therefore whether the light that is in thee be not darkness. 36 If therefore thy whole body be full of light, having no part dark, it shall be wholly full of light, as when the lamp with its bright shining doth give thee light.

37 Now as he spake, a Pharisee asketh him to dine with him: and he went in, and sat down to meat. 38 And when the Pharisee saw it, he marvelled that he had not first bathed himself before dinner. 39 And the Lord said unto him, Now ye the Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the platter; but your inward part is full of extortion and wickedness. 40 Ye foolish ones, did not he that made the outside make the inside also? 41 But give for alms those things which are within; and behold, all things are clean unto you. 42 But woe unto you Pharisees! For ye tithe mint and rue and every herb, and pass over justice and the love of God: these ought ye to have done, and not to 43 neglect the other. 44 Woe unto you Pharisees! For ye love the chief seats in the synagogues, and the salutations in the marketplaces. 45 Woe unto you! For ye are as the tombs which appear not, and the men that walk over them know it not.

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that the blood of all the prophets, which was shed from the foundation of the world, may be required of this generation; 51 from the blood of Abel unto the blood of Zacharias, who perished between the altar and the temple house: yes, I say unto you, it shall be required of this generation. 52 Woe unto you lawyers! For ye took away the key of knowledge: ye entered not in yourselves, and them that were entering in ye hindered.

And when he was come out from thence, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press upon him vehemently, and to provoke him to speak of many things; laying wait for him, to catch something out of his mouth.

In the mean time, when many thousands of the multitude were gathered together, innsomuch that they trod one upon another, he began to say unto his disciples first of all, Beware ye of the leaven of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. 2 But there is nothing covered up that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known. 3 Wherefore whatsoever ye have said in the darkness shall be heard in the light; and what ye have spoken in the ear in the inner chambers shall be proclaimed upon the housetops. 4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. 5 But I will warn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, who after he hath killed hath 223 power to cast into Gehenna; yes, I say unto you, Fear him. 6 Are not five sparrows sold for two pence? And not one of them is forgotten in the sight of God. 7 But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not: ye are of more value than many sparrows. 8 And I say unto you, Every one who shall confess me in the midst of aliens, shall the Son of man confess him and give you the kingdom.

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35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning; and be ye yourselves like unto men looking for their lord, when he shall return from the marriage feast; that, when he cometh and knocketh, they may straightway open unto him. 36 Blessed are those servants, whom the lord when he cometh shall find watching: truly I say unto you, that he shall come in an unexpected hour, and find him watching: and that the master of the house shall have put on his girdle, and shall eat and drink in his own place, and shall lay his head on his pillow, and shall not at all consider that the servant cometh in; but he shall be made to minister to him. 37 And if he shall come in the second, or in the third watch, and find him so doing, blessed is that servant. 38 And this is a certain truth, that the lord of the house shall have put on his girdle, and shall eat and drink in his own place, and shall lay his head on his pillow, and shall not at all consider that the servant cometh in; but he shall be made to minister to him. But there is nothing covered up that shall not be revealed; and hid, that shall not be known.

50 And he said unto them, Take heed, and keep yourselves from every covetousness: for a man's life consisteth not in the abundance of that which he possesses.

12 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: 13 and he reasoned within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have not where to bestow my fruits? 14 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my grain and my goods. 15 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, be merry. 16 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee; and the things which thou hast prepared, whose shall they be? 17 And he said, So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.

22 And he said unto his disciples, Therefore I say unto you, Be not anxious for your soul, what ye shall eat; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. 23 For the soul is more than food, and the body more than raiment. 24 Consider the raven, that they sow not, neither reap; which have no store-chamber nor barn; and God feedeth them: of how much more value are ye than the birds! 25 And which of you by being anxious can add a cubit unto his stature? 26 If then ye are not able to do even that which is least, why are ye anxious concerning the rest?

27 Consider the lilies, how they grow: they toil not, neither do they spin; yet I say unto you, Even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 28 But if God doth so clothe the grass of the field, which today is, and tomorrow is cast into the oven; how much more shall he clothe you, O ye of little faith? 29 And seek ye not what ye shall eat, and what ye shall drink, neither be ye of doubtful mind. 30 For all these things do the nations of the world seek after: but your Father knoweth that ye have need of these things. 31 Yet seek ye his kingdom, and these things shall be added unto you.

32 Fear not, little flock; for it was your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell that which ye have, and give alms; make for yourselves purses which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief draweth near, neither moth destroyeth. 34 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

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have left his house to be broken through. 40 Ye also become ready: for in an hour that ye think not the Son of man cometh.

41 And Peter said, Lord, speakest thou this parable unto us, or even unto all? 42 And the Lord said, Whoso then is faithful and wise steward, whom his lord shall set over his household, to give them their portion of food in due season? 43 Blessed is that servant, whom his lord when he cometh shall find so doing. 44 Of a truth I say unto you, that he will set him over all that he hath. 45 But if that servant shall say in his heart, My lord delayeth his coming; and shall begin to beat the menservants and the maidservants, and to eat and drink, and to be drunken; 46 the lord of that servant shall have come in a day when he expected not, and in an hour when he knew not, and shall 47 cut him asunder, and appoint his portion with the unfaithful. 48 And that servant who knew his lord’s will, and made not ready, nor did according to his will, shall be beaten with many stripes; 49 but he that knew not, and did things worthy of stripes, shall be beaten with few stripes. And to whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required: and to whom they commit much, of him will they ask the more.

49 I came to cast fire upon the earth; and 50 what do I desire, if it is already kindled? 50 But I have a baptism to be baptized with; and how am I straitened till it be accomplished?

51 Think ye that I am come to give peace in the earth? I tell you, No: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

6 And he spake this parable; A certain man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came seeking fruit thereon, and found none. 7 And he said unto the vine dresser, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and find none: so cut it down; why doth it also cumber the ground? 8 And he answering saith unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it; 9 and if it bear fruit thenceforth, well; but if not, thou shalt cut it down.

10 And he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath day. 11 And behold, a woman that had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years; and she was bowed together, and could in no wise lift herself up. 12 And when Jesus saw her, he called her to him, and said to her, Woman, thou art loosed from thine infirmity. 13 And he laid his hands upon her: and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 And the synagogue ruler, being moved with indignation because Jesus had healed on the sabbath, answered and said to the multitude, There are six days in which men ought to work: in them therefore come and be healed, and not on the day of the sabbath. 15 But the Lord answered him, and said, Ye hypocrites, doth not each one of you on the sabbath loose his ox or his ass from the 16stall and lead it away to watering?

16 And ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan had bound, lo, these eighteen years, to have been loosed from this bond on the day of the sabbath? 17 And as he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame: and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that came by him.

18 He said therefore, Unto what is the kingdom of God like? And whereunto shall I liken it? 19 It is like unto a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his own garden; and it grew, and became a tree; and the birds of the air came by him.

20 And he went on his way through cities and villages, teaching and journeying on unto Jerusalem. 21 And one said unto him, Lord, are they few that are saved? And he said unto them, Strive to enter in by the narrow door: for many, I say unto you, shall seek to enter in, and shall not be able.

22 When once the master of the house is risen up, and hath shut the door, and ye begin to stand without, and knock at the door saying, Lord, open to us; and he shall answer and say to you, Go away, I tell you, that ye are workers of iniquity.

23 Now there were some present at that very season who told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. 24 And he answered and said unto them, Think ye that these Galileans became sinners above all the Galileans, because they have suffered these things? 25 I tell you, No: but, except ye repent, ye shall all in like manner perish. 26 Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and killed them, think ye that they became offenders above all the men that dwell in Jerusalem? 27 I tell you, No: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish.

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238 Or, the faithful steward, the wise man whom etc.
239 Gk. bondservant, And in vss. 45, 46, 47.
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245 Gk. exactor (both times)
246 Gk. debtors
247 Gk. manger
248 The word in the Greek, saton, denotes the Hebrew seakh, a measure containing nearly a peck and a half. [1 saton = 1/3 ephah ≈ 13 liter]
249 Or, able, 25 when once etc.
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31 In that very hour there came certain Pharisees, saying to him, Get thee out, and go hence: for Herod wisheth to kill thee. 32 And he said unto them, Go and say to that fox, Behold, I cast out demons and perform cures today and tomorrow, and the third day. 33 Nevertheless I must go on my way today and tomorrow and the day following: for it cannot be that a prophet perish out of Jerusalem. 34 O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, that killest the prophets, and stoneth them that are sent unto her! how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her own brood under her wings, and ye would not! 35 Behold, your house is left unto you desolate: and I say unto you, Ye shall not see me, until the time come when I shall come in the name of the Lord.

14 And it came to pass, when he went into a house of one of the rulers of the Pharisees on a sabbath to eat bread, that they were watching him. 2 And there was before him a certain man that had the dropsy. 3 And Jesus answering spake unto the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, Is it lawful to heal on the sabbath, or not? 4 But they held their peace. And he took him, and healed him, and let him go. 5 And he said unto them, Which of you shall have a son or an ox fallen into a well, and will not straightway draw him up on a sabbath day? 6 And they could not answer again unto these things.

7 And he spake a parable unto those that were bidden, when he marked how they chose out the chief seats; saying unto them, 8 When thou art bidden of any man to a marriage feast, sit not down in the chief seat; lest haply he may have a more honorable man than thou be bidden of him, 9 and he that bade thee and him shall come and say to thee, Give this man place; and then thou shalt begin with shame to take the lowest place. 10 But when thou art bidden, go and sit down in the lowest place; that when he that hath bidden thee cometh, he may say to thee, Friend, go up higher: then shalt thou have glory before all that sit at meat with thee. 11 For every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; and he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

12 And he said to him also that had bidden him, When thou makest a dinner or a supper, call not thy friends, nor thy brethren, nor thy kinsmen, nor rich neighbors; lest haply they also bid thee again, and a recompense come to thee. 13 But when thou makest a feast, bid the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind: 14 and thou shalt be blessed; because they have not wherewith to recompense thee: for thou shalt be recompensed in the resurrection of the just.

15 And when one of them that sat at meat with him heard these things, he said unto him, Blessed is he that shall eat bread in the kingdom of God. 16 But he said unto him, A certain man made a great supper; and he bade many: 17 and he sent forth his servant at supper time to say to them that were bidden, Come; for all things are now ready. 18 And they all with one consent began to make excuse. The first said unto him, I have bought a field, and I must needs go out and see it; I pray thee have me excused. 19 And another said, I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to prove them; I pray thee have me excused. 20 And another said, I have married a wife, and therefore I cannot come. 21 And the servant came, and told his lord these things. Then the master of the house being angry said to his servant, Go out quickly into the streets and lanes of the city, and bring in hither the poor and maimed and blind and lame. 22 And the servant said, Lord, what thou didst command is done, and yet there is room. 23 And the lord said unto the servant, Go out into the highways and hedges, and constrain them to come in, that my house may be filled. 24 For I say unto you, that none of those men that were bidden shall taste of my supper.

25 Now there went with him great multitudes: and he turned, and said unto them, 26 If any man cometh unto me, and hateth not his father, and mother, and wife, and brethren, and sisters, yes, and his own soul also, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whosoever doth not bear his own cross, and come after me, cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you desiring to build a tower, doth not first sit down and count the cost, whether he have wherewith to complete it? 29 Lest haply, when he hath laid a foundation, and is not able to finish, all that begin to mock him, saying, This man began to build, and was not able to finish. 30 Or what king, as he goeth to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet that king that cometh against him with twenty thousand? 31 Or else, while the other is yet a great way off, he sendeth an ambassage, and asketh conditions of peace. 32 So therefore whosoever he be of you that renounceth not all that he hath, he cannot be my disciple. 33 Salt therefore is good: but if even the salt have lost its savor, wherewith shall it be seasoned? 34 It is fit neither for the land nor for the dunghill: men cast it out. He that hath ears to hear, let him hear.

15 Now all the publicans and sinners were drawing near unto him to hear him. 2 And both the Pharisees and the scribes murmured, saying, This man receiveth sinners, and eateth with them.
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3 And he spake unto them this parable, saying, 4 What man of you, having a hundred sheep, and having lost one of them, doth not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? 5 And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. 6 And when he cometh home, he calleth together his friends and his neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep which was lost. 7 I say unto you, that even so there shall be joy in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety-nine righteous persons, who need no repentance.

8 Or what woman having ten Drachmas of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a lamp, and sweep the house, and seek diligently until she find it? 9 And when she hath found it, she calleth together her friends and neighbors, saying, Rejoice with me, for I have found the piece which I had lost. 10 Even so, I say unto you, there cometh to be joy before the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.

11 And he said, A certain man had two sons: 12 And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of thy living that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living. 13 And not many days after, the younger son gathered all together and took his journey into a far country; and there he wasted his substance with riotous living. 14 And when he had spent all, there arose a strong famine in that country; and he began to be in want. 15 And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into the fields to feed swine. 16 And he would gladly have fed on husks that the swine did eat: and no man gave unto him. 17 But when he had come to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish here with hunger!

18 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; and is found, and is made merry with my friends: 19 But when his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, he arose, and came to his father. But while he was yet afar off, his father saw him, and was moved with compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and 20 kissed him. 21 And the father said unto him, Son, thy sins are forgiven thee. 22 But the father said to his servants, Bring forth quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet: 23 And bring the fatted calf, and kill it, and let us eat, and make merry: 24 For this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry. 25 Now his elder son was in the field: and as he came and drew nigh to the house, he heard music and dancing. 26 And he called to him one of the young servants, and inquired what things these might be. 27 And he said unto him, Thy brother is come; and thy father hath killed the fatted calf, because he hath received him safe and sound. 28 But he was angry, and would not go in: and his father came out, and entreated him. 29 But he answered and said to his father, Lo, these many years do I serve thee, and I never transgressed a commandment of thee; and yet thou never gavest me a kid, that I might make merry with my friends: 30 But when this thy son came, who hath devoured thy living with harlots, thou killedst for him the fatted calf. 31 And he said unto him, Son, thou art ever with me, and all that is mine is thine. 32 But it was meet to make merry and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.

16 And he said also unto the disciples, There was a certain rich man, who had a steward; and the same was accused unto him that he was wasting his goods. 2 And he called him, and said unto him, What is this that I hear of thee? Render the account of thy stewardship; for thou canst be no longer steward. 3 And the steward said within himself, What shall I do, seeing that my lord taketh away the stewardship from me? I have not strength to dig: to beg I am ashamed. 4 I am resolved what to do, that, when I am put out of the stewardship, they may receive me into their houses. 5 And calling to him each one of his lord's debtors, he said to the first, How much owest thou? 6 And he said, A hundred Talents. 7 And he said to him, Take thy talent, and sit down quickly and write fifty. 8 Then he said to another, And how much owest thou? And he said, A hundred. 9 And he said to him, Take thy talent, and sit down quickly and write fifty. 10 But the self-same man, having anv ill four talents, went and hid them in the earth; 11 And at the expiration of that time, his lord came, and reckoned with him. 12 And he said unto him, Wast not I merciful to thee, saying, Give me bread? 13 But he answered and said, Lord, thy servant earned not so much. 14 But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked servant, I was not thou? And thou didst not know that I was a man that took thou profit by thine own? 15 And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends by means of mammon, that when thou fail, they may receive you into eternal tabernacles. 16 But the Pharisees, who were lovers of money, heard all these things: and they scoffed at him. 17 And he said unto them, Ye are they that justify yourselves in the sight of men;
but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God. 16 The law and the prophets were until John: from that time the gospel of the kingdom of God is preached, and every man is pressing himself into it. 17 But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away, than for one tittle of the law to fall.

18 Every one that putteth away his wife, and marrieth another, committeth adultery: and he that marrieth another that is put away from a husband committeth adultery.

19 Now there was a certain rich man, and he was clothed in purple and fine linen, and dined sumptuously every day: 20 and a certain beggar named Lazarus was laid at his gate, full of sores, and desiring to be fed with the crumbs that fell from the rich man's table; yes, even the dogs came and licked his sores. 21 And it came to pass, that the beggar died, and that he was carried away by the angels into Abraham's bosom: and the rich man also died, and was buried. 22 And in Hades he lifted up his eyes, being in torment, and seeth Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. 23 And he cried and said, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus, that he may dip the tip of his finger in water, and cool my tongue; 24 for I am in anguish in this flame. 25 But Abraham said, Son, remember that thou in thy lifetime receivedst thy good things: 26 and Lazarus also in his sores, and in torments, hath been sent to Abraham as sent to thee. 27 But now he is comforted, and thou art in anguish. 28 And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, that they which would pass from hence to you may not be able, and that none may cross over from thence to us. 29 And he said, I pray thee therefore, father, that thou wouldest send him to my father's house; 30 for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them. 31 And Abraham said, If they hear not Moses and the prophets, neither will they hear them. 32 And he said, Abraham, Father Abraham, in anguish and torment hast thou sent one to show them the way? And he said, Abraham, they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 33 And he said, If they will not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they hear for I have five brethren; that he may testify unto them. 34 And Abraham said, Abraham, Father Abraham, in anguish and torment hast thou sent one to show them the way? And he said, Abraham, they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 35 And he said, If they will not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they hear them. 36 And he said, Abraham, Father Abraham, in anguish and torment hast thou sent one to show them the way? And he said, Abraham, they have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them. 37 And he said, If they will not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they hear them.

17 And he said unto his disciples, It is impossible that there should be an occasion of stumbling; but woe unto him through whom comes he! 2 It was for him if a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he was thrown into the sea; 3 Take heed to yourselves: if thy brother sin, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. 4 And if he who is against thee seven times in the day, and seven times turn again to thee, saying I repent; thou shalt forgive him.

5 And the apostles said unto the Lord, Increase our faith. 6 And he said, If a grain of mustard seed, ye would say unto this sycamine tree, Be thou rooted up, and be thou planted in the sea; and it would obey you. 7 But who is there of you, having a servant plowing or keeping sheep, that will say unto him, when he is come in from the field, Come straightway and sit down to meat: 8 and will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken: and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? 9 Doth he thank the servant because he did the things that were commanded? 10 Even so ye also, when ye shall have done all things that are commanded, say we are unprofitable servants; we have done that which it was our duty to do.

11 And it came to pass, as they were on the way to Jerusalem, that he was passing along the midst of Samaria and Galilee. 12 And as he entered into a certain village, there met him ten men that were lepers, who stood afar off: 13 and they lifted up their voices, saying, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. 14 And when he saw them, he said unto them, Go and show yourselves unto the priests. And it came to pass, as they went, they were cleansed. 15 And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, with a loud voice glorifying God; 16 and he fell upon his face at his feet, giving him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. 17 And Jesus answering said, Were not the ten cleansed? But where are the nine? 18 There none found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger? 19 And he said unto him, Arise, and go thy way: thy faith hath made thee whole.

20 And being asked by the Pharisees, when the kingdom of God cometh, he answered them and said, The kingdom of God cometh not with observation: 21 neither shall they say, Lo, here! or, There! For lo, the kingdom of God is in the midst of you.

22 And he said unto the disciples, The days will come, when ye shall desire to see one of the days of the Son of man, and ye shall not see it. 23 And they shall say to you, Lo, there! or, Lo, here! Go not away, nor follow after them: 24 for as the Son of man is breaking his breaking darkness, when it breaketh out of the one part under the heaven, shineth unto the other part under heaven; 25 and the Son of man shall be in his day. 26 But first must he...
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suffer many things and be rejected of this generation. 26 And as it came to pass in the days of Noah, even so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. 27 They ate, they drank, they married, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noah entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. 28 Likewise even as it came to pass in the days of Lot; they ate, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they built; 29 but in the day that Lot went out from Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all: 30 after the same manner shall it be in the day that the Son of man is revealed. 31 In that day, he that shall be on the housetop, and his goods in the house, let him not go down to take them away: and let him that is in the field likewise not return back. 32 Remember Lot’s wife. 33 Whosoever shall seek to preserve his soul shall lose it: but whosoever shall lose his soul shall save it alive. 34 I say unto you, In that night there shall be two on one bed; the one shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 35 There shall be two grining together; the one woman shall be taken, and the other shall be left. 36 And they answering say unto him, Where, Lord? And he said unto them, Where the body is, therewith will the eagles also be gathered together.

18 And he spake a parable unto them to the end that they ought always to pray, and not to faint; 2 saying, There was in a city a judge, who feared not God, and regarded not man; 3 and there was a widow in that city; and she came oft unto him, saying, 4 Avenge me of mine adversary. 5 And he would not for a while: but afterward he said within himself, Though I fear not God, nor regard man; 6 yet because this widow troubleth me, I will avenge her, lest she wear me out. 7 And the Lord said, Hear what the unjust judge saith. 8 And shall not God avenge his elect, that cry to him day and night, yet he shutteth them in prison: 9 I say unto you, That when the righteous呼声 is long-suffering over them; 8 I say unto you, that he will avenge them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of man cometh, shall he find faith on the earth?

9 And he spake also this parable unto certain who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and set at nought all others at nought: 10 Two men went up into the temple to pray; the one a Pharisee, and the other a publican. 11 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as the Pharisee, and the other a publican. 12 The Pharisee stood and prayed thus with himself, God, I thank thee, that I am not as the rest of men, extortioners, unjust, adulterers, or even as this publican. 13 I fast twice in the week; I give tithes of all that I get. 14 But the publican standing afar off, would not lift up so much as his eyes unto heaven, but smote his breast, saying, God, be thou merciful to me a sinner. 15 I say unto you, This man went down to his house justified rather than the other: for every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled; but he that humbleth himself shall be exalted.

15 And they were bringing unto him also their babes, that he should touch them: but when the disciples saw it, they rebuked them. 16 But Jesus called them unto him, saying, Suffer the children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for to such belongeth the kingdom of God. 17 Truly I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall in no wise enter therein.

And a certain ruler asked him, saying, Good Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 19 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? None is good, save one, even God. 20 Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Honor thy father and mother. 21 And he said, All these things have I observed from my youth up. 22 And when Jesus heard it, he said unto him, One thing thou lackest yet: sell all that thou hast, and distribute unto the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, follow me. 23 But when he heard these things, he became exceeding sorrowful; for he was very rich. 24 And Jesus seeing him said, How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God! 25 For it is easier for a camel to enter in through a needle’s eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. 26 And they that heard it said, Then who can be saved? 27 But he said, The things which are impossible with men are possible with God. 28 And Peter said, Lo, we have left all and followed thee. 29 And he said unto them, Truly I say unto you, There is no man that hath left house, or wife, or brethren, or parents, or children, for the kingdom of God’s sake, who shall not receive manifold more in this time, and in the age to come eternal life.

31 And he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all the things that are written through the prophets shall be accomplished unto the Son of man. 32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and shamefully treated, and spit upon: 33 and they shall scourge and kill him; and the third day he shall rise again. 34 And they understood none of these things; and this saying was hid from them, and they perceived not the things that were said.

35 And it came to pass, as he drew nigh unto Jericho, a certain blind man sat by the way side begging: 36 and hearing a multitude going by, he inquired what this meant. 37 And they told him, that Jesus of Nazareth passeth by. 38 And he cried, saying, Jesus, thou son of David, have mercy on me. 39 And they that went before rebuked him, that he should hold his peace; but he cried out the more a great deal, Jesus son of David, have mercy on me. 40 And Jesus stood, and commanded...
him to be brought unto him: and when he was coming near, he asked him, 41 What wilt thou that I should do unto thee? And he said, Lord, that I may receive my sight. 42 And Jesus said unto him, Receive thy sight: thy faith hath made thee whole. 43 And immediately he received his sight, and followed him, glorifying God: and all the people, when they saw it, gave praise unto God.

19 And he entered and was passing through Jericho. 2 And behold, a man called Zacchaeus; and he was a chief publican, and he was rich. 3 And he sought to see Jesus who he was, because he was little of stature. 4 And he ran on before, and climbed up into a sycamore tree to see him: for he was to pass that way. 5 And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up, and said unto him, Zacchaeus, make haste, and come down; for today I must abide at thy house. 6 And he made haste, and came down, and received him joyfully. 7 And when they saw it, they all murmured, saying, He is gone in to lodge with a man that is a sinner. 8 And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord, Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor, and if I have wrongfully exacted aught of any man, I restore fourfold. 9 And Jesus said unto him, Today is salvation come to this house, forasmuch as he also is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost.

11 And as they heard these things, he added and spake a parable, because he was nigh to Jerusalem, and because they supposed that the kingdom of God was about to appear. 12 He said therefore, A certain nobleman went into a far country to receive for himself a kingdom, and to return. 13 And he called ten servants, and gave unto each of them ten pounds, and said unto them, Trade ye here with it till I come. 14 But his citizens hated him, and sent an ambassage after him, saying, We will not that this man reign over us. 15 And it came to pass, when he was come back again, having received the kingdom, that he commanded these servants, unto whom he had given the money, to be called to him, that he might know what they had gained by trading. 16 And the first came before him, saying, Lord, thy pound hath made ten pounds more. 17 And he said unto him, Well done, thou good servant: because thou wast faithful in a very little, have thou authority over ten cities. 18 And the second came, saying, Thy pound, Lord, hath made five pounds. 19 And he said unto him also, Be thou also over five cities. 20 And another came, saying, Lord, behold, here is thy pound, which I kept laid up in a napkin: 21 for I feared thee, because thou art an austere man: thou takest up that which thou didst not lay down, and reapest that which thou didst not sow. 22 He saith unto him, Out of thine own mouth will I judge thee, thou wicked servant. Thou knewest that I was an austere man, taking up that which I laid not down, and reaping that which I did not sow; 23 then wherefore gavest thou not my money into the bank, and at my coming should have exacted it with interest? 24 And he said unto them that stood by, Take away from him the pound, and give it unto him that hath the ten pounds. 25 And they said unto him, Lord, he hath ten pounds. 26 And he said, Say unto him, that unto every one that hath gained shall be given; but from him that hath not gained, even that which he hath shall be taken away from him. 27 But these mine enemies, that would not that I should reign over them, bring hinther, and slay them before me.

28 And when he had thus spoken, he went on before, going up to Jerusalem.

29 And it came to pass, when he drew nigh unto Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, Go your way into the village over against you; in which as ye enter ye shall find a colt tied, whereon no man ever yet sat: loose him, and bring him. 31 And if any one ask you, Why do ye loose him? Thus shall ye say, The Lord hath need of him. 32 And they that were sent went away, and found even as he had said unto them. 33 And as they were loosing the colt, the owners thereof said unto them, Why loose ye the colt? 34 And they said, The Lord hath need of him. 35 And they brought him to Jesus: and they threw their garments upon the colt, and set Jesus thereon. 36 And as he went, they spread their garments in the way. 37 And as he was now drawing nigh, even at the descent of the mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works which they had seen; 38 saying, Blessed is he that cometh, in the name of the Lord, peace in heaven, and glory in the highest. 39 And some of the Pharisees from the multitude said unto him, Teacher, rebuke thy disciples. 40 And he answered and said, I tell you that, if these shall hold their peace, the stones will cry out.

41 And when he drew nigh, he saw the city and wept over it, 42 saying, If thou hadst known, even thou, the things which belong unto thy peace! But now they are hid from thine eyes. 43 For the days shall have come upon thee, when thine enemies shall cast up a bank about thee, and compass thee round, and keep thee in on every side, 44 and shall dash thee to the ground, and thy children within thee; and they shall not leave in thee one stone upon another; because thou knewest not the time of thy visitation.

45 And he entered into the temple, and began to cast out them that sold, 46 saying unto them, It is written, 

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316 Gk. bondservants  Similarly in vss. 15-22.
317 Gk. minas, here translated pounds, each equal to one hundred drachmas. See ch. 15:8.
318 Gk. while I am coming.
319 So BNL 579 copab, bo, sy, syh, ita geo. (1241) R 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., (vg) arm read what anyone had gained by trading.
320 Gk. the other came,
321 Or, I should have gone and required
322 W D syh, ita almost alone omit vs. 26.
323 Or, ahead;
324 Gk. powers which they had seen;
325 So L 1241 R and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg geo. B almost alone reads the King. [syh support either of the above two readings.] N* almost alone omits a King,
326 Or, O that thou hadst known
327 So BNL 579. d copab (ita) (geo) read , even thou, in this day the things R and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read , even thou, at least in this thy day, the things
328 So BNL 579 copab. 1241 R and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., copbo syh, geo arm (157 vg ita) read thy peace [Cf. Jerusalem: “Habitation of peace”]
329 Gk. palisade
331 Jr 7:11.
Luke 20

47 And he was teaching daily in the temple. But the chief priests and the scribes and the principal men of the people sought to destroy him: 48 and they could not find what they might do; for the people all hung upon him, listening.

20 And it came to pass, on one of the days, as he was teaching the people in the temple, and preaching the gospel, there came upon him the chief priests and the scribes with the elders; 2 and they spake, saying unto him, Tell us: By what authority doest thou these things? Or who is he that gave thee this authority? 3 And he answered and said unto them, I also will ask you a question; and tell me: 4 The baptism of John, was it from heaven, or from men? 5 And they reasoned with themselves, saying, If we shall say, From heaven; all the people will stone us: for they persuaded that John was a prophet. 6 But if we shall say, From men; all the people will take hold of his speech, so he answered them, saying, What then is this that is written, the stone which the builders rejected, the same is become the head of the corner? 7 Every one that falleth on that stone shall be broken to pieces; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust.

9 And he began to speak unto the people this parable: A man planted a vineyard, and let it out to husbandmen, and went into another country for a long time. 10 And at the season he sent unto the husbandmen a servant, that they should give him of the fruit of the vineyard: but the husbandmen beat him, and sent him away empty. 11 And he sent yet another servant: and him also they beat, and handled him shamefully, and sent him away empty. 12 And he sent yet a third: and him also they wounded, and cast him forth. 13 And the lord of the vineyard said, What shall I do? I will send my son, that it may be he receive the inheritance. 14 But when the husbandmen saw him, they reasoned one with another, saying, This is the heir; let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. 15 And they cast him forth out of the vineyard, and killed him. 16 He will come and destroy these husbandmen, and will give the vineyard unto others. And when they heard it, they said, May it not come to pass. 17 But he looked upon them, and said, What then is this that is written, The stone which the builders rejected, The same is become the head of the corner? 18 Every one that falleth on that stone shall be broken to pieces; but on whomsoever it shall fall, it will scatter him as dust.

19 And the scribes and the chief priests sought to lay hands on him in that very hour; and they feared the people: for they perceived that he spake thisparable against them. 20 And they watched him, and sent forth spies, who feigned themselves to be righteous, that they might take hold of his speech, so as to deliver him up to the governor. 21 And they asked him, saying, Teacher, we know that thou sayest and teachest rightly, and acceptest not the person of any, but of a truth teachest the way of God: 22 Is it lawful for us to give tribute unto Caesar, or not? 23 But he perceived their craftiness, and said unto them, Show me a denarius. Whose image and superscription hath it? And they said, Caesar’s. 24 And he said unto them, Then render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and unto God the things that are God’s. 25 And they were not able to take hold of the saying before the people: and they marvelled at his answer, and held their peace.

27 And there came to him certain of the Sadducees, they that say that there is not to be a resurrection; 28 and they asked him, saying, Teacher, Moses wrote unto us, that if a man’s brother die, having a wife, and he be childless, his brother should take the wife, and raise up seed unto his brother. 29 There were therefore seven brethren: and the first took a wife, and died childless; 30 and the second: and the third took her; and likewise the seven also left no children, and died. 31 Afterward the woman also died. 32 In the resurrection therefore whose wife of them shall she be? For the seven had her to wife. 33 And Jesus said unto them, Neither tell I you by what authority I do these things.

34 And they answered, saying, Why did ye not believe him? 35 And they answered, saying, This is the heir; let us kill him, that the inheritance may be ours. 36 But that the dead are raised, even Moses showed, in the stone concerning the Bush, when he calleth the Lord the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. 37 Now he is not God of the dead, but of the living: for all to him live.

38 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand, 39 Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet.

40 David therefore calleth him Lord, and how is he his son? 41 And in the hearing of all the people he said unto his disciples, Beware of the scribes, who desire to walk in long robes, and love salutations in the marketplaces, and chief seats in the synagogues, and chief places at the feasts; 42 who devour widows’ houses, and for a pretence make long prayers: these shall receive greater condemnation.

21 And he looked up, and saw the rich men that were casting their gifts into the treasury. 2 And he saw a certain poor widow casting in thither two mites. 3 And he said, Of a truth I say unto you, This poor widow cast more than they all: 4 for all these did of their superfluity cast in unto the gifts; but she of her want did cast in all the living that she had.

5 And as some spake of the temple, how it was adorned with goodly stones and offerings, he said, 6 As for these things

332 Or, good tidings, Compare ch. 3:18.
333 Gk. word;
334 So BNL 579 R 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. ms., copharm. vg, 1241 sy. geo arm read A certain man
335 Gk. bondservant, And in vs. 11.
336 Ps 118:22.
337 Or, ruling power

338 See marginal note on ch. 7:41.
339 So BNL 579 1241 33 copharm. it.e., w and a majority of lesser ms., vg geo arm read they that contradict, saying that there is not to be a resurrection;
341 Ps 110:1.
342 So BNL 579 1241 (copharm.) sy. geo. 0102rd 33 and a
which ye behold, the days will come, in which there shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down. 7 And they asked him, saying, Teacher, when therefore shall these things be? And what shall be the sign when these things are about to come to pass? 8 And he said, Take heed that ye be not led astray: for many shall come in my name, saying, I am he; and, The time is at hand: go ye not after them. 9 And when ye shall hear of wars and tumults, be not terrified: for these things must needs come to pass first; but the end is not immediately.

10 Then said he unto them, Nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; 11 and there shall be great earthquakes, and in divers places famines and pestilences; and there shall be terrors and great signs from heaven. 12 But before all these things, they shall lay their hands on you, and shall persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, bringing you before kings and governors for my name’s sake. 13 It shall turn out unto you for a testimony. 14 Settle it therefore in your hearts, not to meditate beforehand how to answer: 15 for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to withstand or to gainsay. 16 But ye shall be delivered up even by parents, and brethren, and kinsfolk, and friends; and some of you shall they cause to be put to death. 17 And ye shall be hated of all men for my name’s sake. 18 And not a hair of your head shall perish. 19 In your patience gain ye your souls.

20 But when ye see Jerusalem compassed with armies, then know that her desolation is at hand. 21 Then let them that are in Judea flee unto the mountains; and let them that are in the midst of her depart out; and let not them that are in the country enter therein. 22 For these are days of vengeance, that all things which are written may be fulfilled. 23 Woe unto you that are with child and to them that give suck in those days! For there shall be great distress upon the land, and wrath unto this people. 24 And they shall fall by the edge of the sword, and by billows; 25 And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for sword, and shall be led captive into all the nations: and Jerusalem shall be trodden down of the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles be fulfilled.

26 And there shall be signs in sun and moon and stars; and upon the earth distress of nations, in perplexity for the roaring of the sea and the billows; 27 men fainting for fear, and for expectation of the things which are coming on the inhabited earth: for the powers of the heavens shall be shaken. 28 And then shall they see the Son of man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. 29 But when these things begin to come to pass, look up, and lift up your heads; because your redemption draweth nigh.

30 And he spake to them a parable: Behold the fig tree, and all the trees: 31 when they now shoot forth, ye see it and know of your own selves that the summer is now nigh. 32 Even so ye also, when ye see these things coming to pass, know ye that the kingdom of God is nigh. 33 Truly I say unto you, This generation shall not pass away, till all things be come to pass.

34 Heaven and earth shall pass away: but my words shall not pass away.

35 But take heed to yourselves, lest haply your hearts be overcharged with surfeiting, and drunkenness, and cares of this life, and that day come on you suddenly as a snare: 36 for so shall it come upon all them that dwell on the face of all the earth. 37 But watch ye at every season, making supplication, that ye may prevail to escape all these things that shall come to pass, and to stand before the Son of man.

38 And every day he was teaching in the temple; and every night he went out, and lodged in the mount that is called Olivet. 39 And all the people came early in the morning to him in the temple, to hear him.

22 Now the feast of unleavened bread drew nigh, which is called the Passover. 2 And the chief priests and the scribes sought how they might put him to death; for they feared the people.

3 And Satan entered into Judas who was called Iscariot, being of the number of the twelve. 4 And he went away, and communed with the chief priests and captains, how he might deliver him unto them. 5 And they were glad, and coveted to give him money. 6 And he consented, and sought opportunity to deliver him unto them in the absence of the multitude.

7 And the day of unleavened bread came on which the passover lamb must be sacrificed. 8 And he sent Peter and John, saying, Go and make ready for us the passover, that we may eat. 9 And they said unto him, Where wilt thou that we make ready? 10 And he said unto them, Behold, when ye are entered into the city, there shall meet you a man bearing a pitcher of water; follow him into the house whereinto he goeth. 11 And ye shall say unto the master of the house, The

majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg ita arm read gifts of God;

343 Gk. you being brought
344 Or, betrayed
345 Or, shall they put to death.
346 Or, steadfastness
347 So NL 579 1241 R and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. But B 33 copa vg ita geo arm read ye shall gain
348 Or, lives. Gk. psyche (ψυχή).
349 Or, earth,
350 Lit. seasons Cf. vs. 8; ch. 12:42, 56; Rv 12:14.
351 Or, expiring
352 Gk. the inhabited earth:
353 Or, betray And in vs. 6.
354 Or possibly, without tumult.
Luke 22

Teacher saith unto thee, Where is the guestchamber, where I shall eat the passover with my disciples? 12 And he will show you a large upper room furnished: there make ready. 13 And they went, and found as he had said unto them: and they made ready the passover.

14 And when the hour was come, he sat down, and the apostles with him. 15 And he said unto them, With desire I have desired to eat this passover with you before I suffer:

16 For I say unto you, I shall 356 not eat it, until it be fulfilled in the kingdom of God. 17 And he received a cup, and when he had given thanks, he said, Take this, and divide it among yourselves: 18 for I say unto you, I shall not drink from henceforth of the fruit of the vine, until the kingdom of God shall come. 19 And he took 358 bread, and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and gave to them, saying, 369 This is my body which is given for you: this do in remembrance of me.

20 And the cup in like manner after supper, saying This cup is the new covenant in my blood, even that which is poured out for you. 21 But behold, the hand of him that 369 betrayeth me is with me on the table. 22 For the Son of man indeed goeth, as it hath been determined: but woe unto that man through whom he is betrayed! 23 And they began to question among themselves, which of them it was that should do this thing.

24 And there also a contention among them, which of them was accounted to be 369 greatest. 25 And he said unto them, The kings of the Gentiles have lordship over them; and they that have authority over them are called Benefactors.

26 But ye shall not be so: but he that is the greater among you, let him become as the younger; and he that is leader, as he that is serveth. 27 For which is greater, he that sitteth at meat, or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? But I am in the midst of you as he that serveth. 28 But ye are they that have continued with me in my temptations; 29 and I 369 appoint unto you a kingdom, even as my Father appointed unto me, 30 that ye may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom; and ye shall sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 369 Simon, Simon, behold, Satan 369 asked to have you, that he might sift you as wheat: 32 but I made supplication for thee, that thy faith fail not; and do thou, when thou hast turned again, establish thy brethren. 33 And he said unto him, Lord, with thee I am ready to go both to prison and to death.

34 And he said, Tell thee, Peter, the cock shall not crow this day, until thou shalt thrice deny that thou knowest me.

35 And he said unto them, When I sent you forth without purse, and wallet, and shoes, lacked ye anything? And they said Nothing. 36 And he said unto them. But now, he that hath a purse, let him take it, and likewise a wallet; 369 and he that hath none, let him sell his cloak, and buy a sword. 37 For I say unto you, that this which is written must be fulfilled in me, And he was reckoned with transgressors: for that which concerneth me hath 367 fulfillment. 38 And they said, Lord, behold, here are two swords. And he said unto them, It is enough.

39 And he came out, and went, as his custom was, unto the mount of Olives; and the disciples also followed him. 40 And when he was at the place, he said unto them, Pray that ye enter not into temptation. 41 And he was parted from them about a stone’s throw; and he kneeled down and prayed,

42 saying, Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done. 368 45 And when he rose up from his prayer, he came unto the disciples, and found them sleeping for sorrow, 46 and said unto them, Why sleep ye? rise and pray, that ye enter not into temptation.

47 While he yet spake, behold, a multitude, and he that was called Judas, one of the twelve, went before them; and he drew near unto Jesus to kiss him. 48 But Jesus said unto him, Judas, 369 betrayest thou the Son of man with a kiss? 49 And when they that were about him saw what would follow, they said, Lord, shall we smite with the sword? 50 And a certain one of them smote the 370 servant of the high priest, and struck off his right ear. 51 But Jesus answered and said, Suffer ye 369 them thus far. And he touched his ear, and healed him. 52 And Jesus said unto the chief priests, and captains of the temple, and elders, that were come against him, Are ye come out, as against a robber, with swords and staves? 53 When I was daily with you in the temple, ye stretched not forth your hands against me: but this is your hour, and the authority of darkness.

54 And they seized him, and led him away, and brought him into the high priest’s house. But Peter followed afar off. 55 And when they had kindled a fire in 56 the midst of the court, and had sat down together, Peter sat in the midst of them.

56 And a certain maid seeing him as he sat in the light, looked stedfastly upon him, said, This 57 man also was with him. 58 But he denied, saying, Woman, I know him not. 59 And after a little while another saw him, and said, Thou also art one of them. But Peter said, Man, I am not. 60 And after the space of about one hour another confidently affirmed, saying, Of a truth this 5 man also was with him; for he is a Galilean. 61 But Peter said, Man, I know not what thou sayest. And immediately, while he yet spake, the cock crew. 62 And the Lord turned, and looked upon Peter. And Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how that he said unto

356 So p75BNL 579 1241 cop sa4 bo, w and a majority of lesser mss., vg ita arm (geo) read not any more eat it.

357 sy, sy, and ita have each revised vss. 17-19, but in different ways. See GNT.

358 Or, a loaf.

359 More precisely, This represents my body. See note on Mt 26:26.

360 Or, delivereth up Similarly in vs. 22. See vs. 4.

361 Gk. greater.

362 Gk. reclineth (both times)

363 Or, I appoint unto you, even as my Father appointed unto me a kingdom, that ye may eat and drink at my table etc.

364 So p75BL T 1241 cop sa4 bo sy arm. N 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., (sy) vg (ita) arm read But the Lord said, Simon, Simon, behold, etc.

365 Or, obtained you by asking.

366 Or, and he that hath no sword, let him sell his cloak, and buy one.

367 Gk. end.

370 Gk. bondservant.
him. Before the cock crow this day thou shalt deny me thrice.

62 And he went out, and wept bitterly.

63 And the men that held Jesus mocked him, and beat him.

64 And they blindfolded him, and asked him, saying, Prophesy: who is he that struck thee? 65 And many other things spake they against him, reviling him.

66 And as soon as it was day, the assembly of the elders of the people was gathered together, both chief priests and scribes; and they led him away into their council, saying, 67 If thou art the Christ, tell us. But he said unto them, If I tell you, ye will not believe: 68 and if I ask you, ye will not answer. 69 But from henceforth shall the Son of man be seated at the right hand of the power of God. 70 And they all said, Art thou then the Son of God? And he said unto them, Ye say that I am. 71 And they said, What further need have we of witness? for we ourselves have heard from his own mouth.

23 And the whole company of them rose up, and brought him before Pilate. 24 And they began to accuse him, saying, We found this man perverting our nation, and forbidding to give tribute to Caesar, and saying that he himself is Christ a king. 3 And Pilate asked him, saying, Art thou the King of the Jews? And he answered him and said, Thou sayest. 4 And Pilate said unto the chief priests and the multitudes, I find no fault in this man. 5 But they were more urgent, saying, He stirreth up the people, teaching throughout all Judea, and beginning from Galilee even unto this place. 6 But when Pilate heard it, he asked whether the man were a Galilean. 7 And when he knew that he was of Herod’s jurisdiction, he sent him unto Herod, who himself also was at Jerusalem in these days.

8 Now when Herod saw Jesus, he was exceeding glad: for he was of a long time desirous to see him; and he hoped to see some miracle come by him. 9 And he questioned him in many words; but he answered him nothing. 10 And the chief priests and the scribes stood, vehemently accusing him. 11 And Herod with his soldiers set him at nought, and mocked him, and arraying him in gorgeous apparel sent him back to Pilate. 12 And Herod and Pilate became friends with each other that very day: for before they were at enmity between themselves.

13 And Pilate called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people, and said unto them, Ye brought unto me this man, as one that perverteth the people: and behold, I, having examined him before you, found no fault in this man touching those things whereof ye accuse him: 15 no, nor yet Herod: for he sent him back unto us; and behold, nothing worthy of death hath been done by him. 16 I will therefore chastise him, and release him. 18 But they cried out all together, saying, Do away with this man, and release unto us Barabbas: – 19 one who for a certain insurrection made in the city, and for murder, was cast into prison. 20 And Pilate spake unto them again, desiring to release Jesus; 21 but they shouted, saying, Crucify, crucify him. 22 And he said unto them the third time, Why, what evil hath this man done? I have found no cause of death in him: I will therefore chastise him and release him. 23 But they were urgent with loud voices, asking that he might be crucified. And their voices prevailed. 24 And Pilate gave sentence that what they asked for should be done. 25 And he released him that for insurrection and murder had been cast into prison, whom they asked for; but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

26 And when they led him away, they laid hold upon one Simon of Cyrene, coming from the country, and laid on him the cross, to bear it after Jesus.

27 And there followed him a great multitude of the people, and of women who bewailed and lamented him. 28 But Jesus turning unto them said, Daughters of Jerusalem, weep not for me, but weep for yourselves, and for your children. 29 For behold, the days are coming in which they shall say, Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bare, and the breasts that never gave suck. 30 Then shall they begin to say to the mountains, Fall on us; and to the hills, Cover us. 31 For if they do these things in the green tree, what shall be done in the dry?

32 And there were also two others, malefactors, led with him to be put to death.

33 And when they came unto the place which is called Skull, there they crucified him, and the malefactors, one on the right hand and the other on the left. 34 And parting his garments among them, they cast lots. 35 And the people stood beholding. And the rulers also scoffed at him, saying, He saved others; let him save himself, if this is the Christ of God, his chosen. 36 And the soldiers also mocked him, coming to him, offering him vinegar, and saying, If thou art the King of the Jews, save thyself. 37 And there was also a superscription over him, This is the King of the Jews.

38 And one of the malefactors that were hanged blasphemed him, saying, Art not thou the Christ? save thyself and us. 40 But the other answered, and rebuking him said, Dost thou not even fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? 41 And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our voices.

371 So p[BNL T 1241 copbo] 579 copsa read answer me. w and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., syv wave ite geo arm read answer me, nor let me go.

372 Or, Ye say it, because I am.

373 Or perhaps, It is just as thou sayest.

374 Gk. sign

375 So p[BNL T 1241 copbo] w and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg ite read I sent you to him; syv wave ite arm read I sent him to him;

376 So p}[070 T 1241 copbo] N (579) and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg ite geo arm add 17 Now he must needs release unto them at the feast one prisoner.

377 So p}[070 T 1241 copbo] vg ite. 579 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., syv wave ite geo arm add and the chief priests’ voices.

378 Or possibly, crossbar.

379 Or, Fall over us;

380 According to the Latin, Calvary, which has the same meaning.

381 So p[BNL 070 579 1241 copbo] syv. 15 mss. total. N S L 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., syv wave ite geo arm insert And Jesus said, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do. {about 1630 mss.}

382 Or, his elect.

383 So p[BNL 070 1241 R 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., (vg) ite geo arm add written in letters of Greek and Latin and Hebrew.
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deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss. 42 And he said, Jesus, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom. 43 And he said unto him, Truly I say unto thee, thou shalt be with me in Paradise.

44 And it was now about the sixth hour, and a darkness came over the whole land until the ninth hour, 45 the sun’s light failing: and the veil of the temple rent in the midst. 46 And Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said, Father, into thy hands I commit my breath: and having said this, he gave up the breath. 47 And when the centurion saw what came to pass, he glorified God, saying, Certainly this was a righteous man. 48 And all the multitudes that came together to this sight, when they beheld the things that came to pass, returned smiting their breasts. 49 And all his acquaintance, and the women that followed with him from Galilee, stood afar off, seeing these things.

50 And behold, a man named Joseph, who was a councillor, a good and righteous man 51 (he had not consented to their counsel and deed), a man of Arimathea, a city of the Jews, who was looking for the kingdom of God: 52 this man went to Pilate, and asked for the body of Jesus. 53 And he took it down, and wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid him in a tomb that was hewn in stone, where never man had yet lain. 54 And it was the day of the Preparation, and the sabbath drew on. 55 And the women, who had come with him out of Galilee, followed after, and beheld the tomb, and how his body was laid. 56 And they returned, and prepared spices and ointments. And on the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came unto the tomb, bringing the spices which they had prepared. 2 And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb. 3 And they entered in, and found not the body of the Lord Jesus. 4 And it came to pass, while they were perplexed thereabout, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel: 5 and as they became fearful and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye living among the dead? 6 He is not here, but was raised: remember how he spake unto you when he was yet in Galilee, 7 saying, The Son of man must be delivered up into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and the third day rise again. 8 And they remembered his words, 9 and returned from the tomb, and told all these things to the eleven, and to all the rest. 10 Now they were Mary Magdalene, and Joanna, and Mary the mother of James: and the other women with them told these things unto the apostles. 11 And these words appeared in their sight as idle talk: and they disbelieved them. 12 But Peter arose, and ran unto the tomb; and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths by themselves; and he departed to his home, wondering at that which was come to pass.

13 And behold, two of them were going that very day to a village named Emmaus, which was sixty furlongs from Jerusalem. 14 And they communed with each other of all these things which had happened. 15 And it came to pass, while they communed and questioned together, that Jesus himself drew near, and went with them. 16 But their eyes were holden that they should not know him. 17 And he said unto them, What communications are these that ye have one with another, as ye walk? 18 And they stood still, looking sad. 19 And one of them, named Cleopas, answering said unto him, Dost thou alone sojourn in Jerusalem and know not the things which are come to pass there in these days? 20 And he said unto them, What things? And they said unto him, The things concerning Jesus the Nazarene, who became a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people: 21 how our priests and our rulers delivered him up to be condemned to death, and crucified him. 22 But we hoped that it was he who should ransom Israel. 23 Yes and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things came to pass. 24 Moreover certain women of our company amazed us, having come early at the tomb; 25 and when they found not his body, they came, saying, that they had also seen a vision of angels, who said that he is alive. 26 And certain of them that were with us went to the tomb, and found it even so as the women had said: but him they saw not. 27 And he said unto them, O foolish men, and slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have spoken!

Behooved it not the Christ to suffer these things, and to enter into his kingdom? 28 And beginning from Moses and from all the prophets, he interpreted to them in all the scriptures concerning himself. 29 And they drew nigh unto the village, whither they were going: and he made as though he would go further. 30 And they constrained him, saying, Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is now far spent. And he went in to abide with them. 31 And it came to pass,
when he had sat down with them to meat, he took the 402 bread and blessed, and breaking it he gave it to them. 31 And their eyes were opened, and they knew him; and 403 he vanished out of their sight. 32 And they said one to another, Was not our heart 404 burning within us, while he spake to us in the way, while he opened to us the scriptures? 33 And they rose up that very hour, and returned to Jerusalem, and found the eleven gathered together, and them that were with them, 34 saying, The Lord was raised indeed, and hath appeared to Simon. 35 And they rehearsed the things that happened in the way, and how he was known of them in the breaking of the bread.

36 And as they spake these things, he himself stood in the midst of them, 405 and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 37 But they were terrified and became fearful, and supposed that they beheld a spirit. 38 And he said unto them, Why are ye troubled? And wherefore do questionings arise in your heart? 39 See my hands and my feet, that it is I myself: handle me, and see; for a spirit hath not flesh and bones, as ye behold me having. 40 406 And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. 41 And while they still disbelieved for joy, and wondered, he said unto them, Have ye here anything to eat? 42 And they gave him a piece of a broiled fish 407. 43 And he took it, and ate before them.

44 And he said unto them, These are my words which I spake unto you, while I was yet with you, that all things must needs be fulfilled, which are written in the law of Moses, and the prophets, and the psalms, concerning me. 45 Then opened he their mind, that they might understand the scriptures; 46 and he said unto them, Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer, and rise again from the dead the third day; 47 and that repentance 408 unto remission of sins should be preached in his name unto all the 409 nations, beginning from Jerusalem. 48 Ye are witnesses of these things. 49 410 And behold, I send forth the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city, until ye be clothed with power from on high.

50 And he led them out until they were over against Bethany: and he lifted up his hands, and blessed them. 51 And it came to pass, while he blessed them, he parted from them, 411 and was carried up into heaven. 52 And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy: 53 and were continually in the temple blessing God. 412

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402 Or, loaf
403 Gk. he became invisible from them.
404 So NL 579 1241 33 and most, cop 405 it nearly alone read burning while he spake to us in the way,
406 D it 407 it and most alone omit , and saith unto them, Peace be unto you
408 So p75BN cop 409 it Sy 410 and most, vg 411 read And I send forth
409 Or, nations. Beginning from Jerusalem, ye are witnesses
411 So p75BL 579 1241 33 and most, cop 412 it and was carried up into heaven
412 So p75BNL cop it 413 Sy 414 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg arm add praising and
413 So p75NL 33 cop it Sy 414 geo. 579 1241 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., add Amen.
1 In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God; the Word also was God. 2 The same was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him; and without him nothing came into being that hath come into being. 4 In him was life; and the life was the light of men. 5 And the light shineth in the darkness; and the darkness apprehended it not.

6 There came a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 The same came for witness, that he might bear witness of the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not that light, but came that he might bear witness of the light. 9 There was the true light, even the light which lighteth every man, coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, and the world knew him not. 11 He came unto his own, and they that were his own received him not. 12 But as many as received him, to them gave he the right to become children of God, even to them that believe on his name: 13 who were begotten, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. 14 And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us (and we beheld his glory, glory as of the only begotten from the Father), full of grace and truth. 15 John beareth witness of him, and crieth, saying, 16 This was he of whom I said, He that cometh after me is become before me: for he was before me. 17 For of his fulness we all received, and grace for grace. 18 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 19 No man hath seen God at any time; 20 an only begotten god, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

21 And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent unto him from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who art thou? 22 And he confessed, and denied not; and he confessed, I am not the Christ. 23 And they asked him, What then? Art thou Elijah? 24 And he saith, I am not. Art thou the prophet? 25 And he answered, No. 26 They said therefore unto him, Who art thou? 27 He saith unto them, I am the voice of one crying in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord, as saith Isaiah the prophet. 28 And they had been sent from the Pharisees. 29 And they asked him, and said unto him, Why then baptized thou, if thou art not the Christ, neither Elijah, neither the prophet? 30 John answered them, saying, I baptize in water: in the midst of you standeth one whom ye know not, 31 even he that cometh after me, the latchet of whose shoe I am not worthy to unloose. 32 These things came about in Bethany beyond the Jordan, where John was baptizing.

33 On the morrow he seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God! 34 And this is the witness of John, when the Jews sent unto him from Jerusalem priests and Levites to ask him, Who art thou? 35 Again on the morrow John was standing, and two of his disciples; 36 and he looked upon Jesus as he walked, and saith, Behold, the Lamb of God! 37 And the two disciples heard him speak, and they followed Jesus. 38 And Jesus turned, and beheld them following, and saith unto them, What seek ye? 39 And they said unto him, Rabbi (which is to say, Teacher), where abidest thou? 40 He saith unto them, Come, and ye shall see. They came therefore and saw where he abode; and they abode with him that day: it was about the tenth hour. 41 One of the two that heard John speak, and followed him, was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. 42 He findeth first his own brother Simon, and saith unto him, We have found the Messiah (which is, being interpreted, Christ). 43 He brought him unto Jesus. Jesus looked upon him, and said, Thou art Simon the son of [John: thou shalt be called Cephas (which is by interpretation, Peter). 44 On the morrow he was minded to go forth into Galilee, and he found Philip: and Jesus saith unto him, Follow me. 45 Now Philip was from Bethsaida, of the city of Andrew and Peter. 46 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph. 47 And Nathanael asked him, Art thou he that shall come? or is there yet one greater than he? 48 And how knowest thou me, Philip? before Philip called me Cephas, thou knowest me not. 49 Jesus knew him that it was of the Holy Spirit, and he beheld him following, and saith unto him, Follow me. 50 Philip answereth him, Lord, how know we that we shall follow, and see where thou wilt go? 51 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 52 And we have believed and known that thou art the Holy One of God. 53 Jesus answered, Have not I chosen you twelve, and one is risen up unto you, and is greater than Moses, and the prophets? 54 Is it not said of thee, Whom shall I send, and who shall go for us? but we have found him, even Jesus the Nazarene, the Son of David? 55 Art thou he that shall come? or is there yet one greater than he? 56 Jesus answered them, The blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, the poor have the gospel preached to them. 57 And I say unto you, That among them which are written in the prophets, concerning the time of refreshment, whereby the Holy Spirit was promised, 58 this was I set forth to do. 59 And they were two that heard John speak, and followed him. 60 And they asked him, Rabbi, what shall we do? 61 And he said unto them, He that hath two coats, let him share with him that hath none. And he that hath food, let him do likewise. 62 Then there came to him a publican, and said, Rabbi, what shall I do to inherit eternal life? 63 And he saith unto him, Go and do thou the commandments. 64 He saith unto him, Which? And Jesus said, Thou shalt do no murder, thou shalt do no adultery, thou shalt do no theft, thou shalt do no false witness, thou shalt do no defilement, thou shalt do no covetousness. 65 But he answered and said, One thing I lack: say unto me, what is it? 66 And Jesus said unto him, Why callest thou me good? none is good but one, the God. 67 But if thou wilt do thy commandments, thou shalt be perfect. 68 He saith unto him, Master, all these I keep; what then do I yet lack? 69 Jesus saith unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go, sell that thou hast, and give to the poor; and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me. 70 The young man went away sorrowful; for he had great possessions. 71 Then said Jesus unto his disciples, Verily I say unto you, That a publican is not risen up among you, and that an harlot is not risen up among you, but such as are in the city, they will hear the king’s word. 72 For many are called, but few are chosen.
el said unto him, Can any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see. 47 Jesus saw Nathanael coming to him, and saith of him, Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile! 48 Nathanael saith unto him, Whence knowest thou me? Jesus answered and said unto him, Before Philip called thee, when thou wast under the fig tree, I saw thee. 49 Nathanael answered him, Rabbi, thou art the Son of God; thou art King of Israel. 50 Jesus answered and said unto him, Because I said unto thee, I saw thee underneath the fig tree, believest thou? thou shalt see greater things than these. 51 And he saith unto him, Truly, truly, I say unto you, Ye shall see the heaven opened, and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of man.

2 And the third day there was a marriage in Cana of Galilee; and the mother of Jesus was there: 2 and Jesus also was bidden, and his disciples, to the marriage. 3 And when the wine failed, the mother of Jesus saith unto him, They have no wine. 4 And Jesus saith unto her, Woman, what have I to do with thee? mine hour is not yet come. 5 His mother saith unto the servants, Whatsoever he saith unto you, do it. 6 Now there were six waterpots of stone set there after the Jews’ manner of purifying, containing two or three firkins apiece. 7 Jesus saith unto them, Fill the waterpots with water. And they filled them up to the brim. 8 And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the ruler of the feast. And they bare it. 9 And when the ruler of the feast tasted the water now become wine, and knew not whence it was (but the servants which had drawn the water knew), the ruler of the feast calleth the bridegroom, 10 and saith unto him, Every man setteth on first the good wine; and when men have drunk freely, then that which is worse: thou hast kept the good wine until now. 11 This beginning of signs did Jesus in Cana of Galilee, and manifested his glory; and his disciples believed on him.

12 After this he went down to Capernaum, he, and his mother, and his brethren, and his disciples; and there they abode not many days.

13 And the passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 And he found in the temple those that sold oxen and sheep and doves, and the changers of money sitting: 15 and he made a scourge of cords, and cast all out of the temple, both the sheep and the oxen; and he poured out the changers’ money, and overthrew their tables; 16 and to them that sold doves he said, Take these things hence, Make not my Father’s house a house of merchandise. 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, 30 Zeal for thy house shall eat me up. 18 The Jews therefore answered and said unto him, What sign showest thou unto us, seeing that thou doest these things? 19 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 20 The Jews therefore said, Forty-six years was this temple in building, and wilt thou raise it up in three days? 21 But he spake of the temple of his body. 22 When therefore he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he spake this; and they believed the scripture, and the word which Jesus had said.

23 Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, during the feast, many believed on his name, beholding his signs which he did. 24 But Jesus did not trust himself unto them, for that he knew all men. 25 and because he needed not that any one should bear witness concerning man; for he himself knew what was in man.

3 Now there was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews: 2 the same came unto him by night, and said to him, Rabbi, we know that thou art a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that thou dost, except God be with him. 3 Jesus answered and said unto him, Truly, truly, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 4 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can a man be born when he is old? can he enter a second time into his mother’s womb, and be born? 5 Jesus answered, Truly, truly, I say unto thee, Except one be born of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. 6 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 7 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again, from above, the wind bloweth where it will, and thou hearest the voice thereof, but knowest not whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit. 8 Nicodemus answered and said unto him, How can these things come to be? 9 Jesus answered and said unto him, Art thou the teacher of Israel, and understandest not these things? 10 If I told you earthly things and ye believe not, how shall ye believe if I tell you heavenly things? 11 And no one hath ascended into heaven, but he that descended out of heaven, even the Son of man. 12 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up; 13 that whosoever believeth in him may have eternal life.

14 For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth on him should not perish, but have eternal life. 15 For God so loved the world to judge the world; but that the world should be saved through him. 16 He that believeth on him is not judged: he that believeth not hath been judged already, because he hath not believed on the name of the only begotten Son of God. 17 And this is the judgment, that the light is come into the world, and men loved the darkness rather than the light; for their works were evil. 18 For every one that doeth evil hateth...
the light, and cometh not to the light, lest his works should be reproved. 21 But he that doeth the truth cometh to the light, that his works may be made manifest, 4that they have been wrought in God.

22 After these things came Jesus and his disciples into the land of Judea; and there he tarried with them, and baptized. 23 And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was much water there: and they came, and were baptized. 24 For John was not yet cast into prison. 25 There arose therefore a questioning on the part of John’s disciples with a Jew about purifying. 26 And they came unto John, and said to him, Rabbi, he that was with thee beyond the Jordan, to whom thou hast borne witness, behold, the same baptizeth, and all men come to him. 27 John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it have been given him from heaven. 28 Ye yourselves bear me witness, that I said, I am not the Christ, but, that I am sent before him. 29 He that hath the bride is the bridgroom: but the friend of the bridgroom, which standeth and heareth him, rejoiceth greatly because of the bridgroom’s voice: this my joy therefore is made full. 30 He must increase, but I must decrease.

31 He that cometh from above is above all: he that is of the earth is earthly, and of the earth he speaketh: 4he that cometh from heaven is above all. 32 What he hath seen, and heard, of that he beareth witness; and no man receiveth his witness. 33 He that hath received his witness hath set his seal to this, that God is true. 34 For he whom God hath sent speaketh the words of God: for he giveth not the Spirit by measure. 35 The Father loveth the Son, and hath given all things into his hand. 36 He that believeth on the Son hath the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. 37 The woman saith unto him, 58 Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: whence then hast thou this living water? 38 Art thou greater than our father Jacob, who gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his sons, and his cattle? 39 Jesus answered and said unto her, Every one that drinketh of this water shall thirst again: 40 but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall become in him a well of water springing up unto eternal life. 41 The woman saith unto him, 58 Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come all the way hither to draw. 42 Jesus saith unto her, Go, call thy husband, and come hither. 43 The woman answered and said unto him, I have no husband. Jesus saith unto her, Thou saidst well, I have no husband: 44 for thou hast had five husbands; and he whom thou now hast is not thy husband: this hast thou said truly. 45 The woman saith unto him, 58 Sir, I perceive that thou art a prophet. 46 Our fathers worshipped in this mountain; and ye say, that in Jerusalem is the place where men ought to worship. 47 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, believe me, the hour cometh, when neither in this mountain, nor in Jerusalem, shall ye worship the Father. 48 Ye worship that which ye know not: we worship that which we know: for salvation is from the Jews. 49 But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and truth: 50 for such doth the Father seek such to be his worshippers. 51 God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship in spirit and truth. 52 The woman saith unto him, I know that Messiah cometh (he is called Christ): when he is come, he will declare unto us all things. 53 Jesus saith unto her, I speak unto thee am he.

48 Gk. spring And so in vs. 14, but not in vss. 11, 12
49 Or, as he was by the well. Compare ch. 13:25.
50 So p66,75 B L 892 copbbo,fay (p66 omits that cometh). 892 and the majority of lesser ms., sy(s) add and before what (in vs. 32). p75 (N*) cop58 (sy5 arm) read he that cometh from heaven — what he hath seen and heard, of that he beareth witness.
46 Or, believeth not
47 So p66,75 B L 892 083 and a majority, cop58 sya geo. N copbbo,fay syc ita vg read Jesus knew for such the Father also seeketh
56 Or, God is spirit:
57 Or, white unto harvest already. 36 He that ...
38 I sent you to reap that whereof ye have not labored, and ye are entered into their labor.

39 And from that city many of the Samaritans believed on him because of the word of the woman, who testifie, He told me all things that ever I did. 40 So when the Samaritans came unto him, they besought him to abide with them: and he abode there two days. 41 And many more believed because of his word; 42 and they said to the woman, Now we believe, not because of thy speaking: for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Savior of the world.

43 And after the two days he went forth from thence into Galilee. 44 For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honor in his own country. 45 So when he came into Galilee, the Galileans received him, having seen all the things that he did in Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.

46 He came therefore again unto Cana of Galilee, where he made the water into wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down and heal his son; for he was at the point of death. 48 Jesus therefore said unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will in no wise believe.

49 The nobleman saith unto him, 50 Sir, come down ere my child die. 51 Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. The man believed the word that Jesus spake unto him, and he went his way. 52 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, saying, that his son lived. 53 So he inquired of them the hour when he began to amend. They said therefore unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. 54 So the father knew that it was at that hour in which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth; and he himself believed, and his whole house. 55 This is again the second sign that Jesus did, having come out of Judea into Galilee.

5 After these things there was a feast of the Jews; and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

2 Now there is in Jerusalem by the sheep gate a pool, which is called in Hebrew Bethzatha, having five porches. 3 In these lay a multitude of them that were sick, blind, halt, withered. 4 And a certain man was there, who had been thirty-eight years in his infirmity. 5 When Jesus saw him lying, and knew that he had been now a long time in that case, he saith unto him, Wouldest thou be made whole? 6 The sick man answered him, Sir, I have no man, when the water is troubled, to put me into the pool: but while I am coming, another steppeth down before me. 7 Jesus saith unto him, Arise, take up thy bed, and walk. 8 And straightway the man became whole, and took up his bed and walked.

Now it was the sabbath on that day. 10 So the Jews said unto him that was cured, It is the sabbath, and it is not lawful for thee to take up thy bed. 11 But he answered them, He that made me whole, the same said unto me, Take up thy bed, and walk. 12 They asked him, Who is the man that said unto thee, Take up thy bed, and walk? 13 But he that was healed knew not who it was; for Jesus had conveyed himself away, a multitude being in the place. 14 Afterward Jesus findeth him in the temple, and said unto him, Behold, thou art become whole: sin no more, lest a worse thing come to thee. 15 The man went away, and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him whole. 16 And for this cause the Jews persecuted Jesus, because he did these things on a sabbath. 17 But Jesus answered them, My Father worketh even until now, and I work. 18 For this cause therefore the Jews sought more to kill him, because he not only brake the sabbath, but also called God his own Father, making himself equal to God.

19 Jesus therefore answered and said unto them, Truly, truly, I say unto you, The Son can do nothing of himself, but what he seeth the Father doing: for what things soever he doeth, these the Son also doeth in like manner. 20 For the Father loveth the Son, and sheweth him all things that himself doeth: and greater works than these will he show him, that ye may marvel. 21 For as the Father raiseth the dead and giveth them life, even so the Son also giveth life to whom he will. 22 For neither doth the Father judge any man, but he hath given all judgment unto the Son: 23 that all may honor the Son, even as they honor the Father. 24 He that honoreth not the Son honoreth not the Father that sent him. 25 Truly, truly, I say unto you, He that heareth my word, and believeth him that sent me, hath eternal life, and cometh not into judgment, but is passed from death into life. 26 Truly, truly, I say unto you, The hour cometh, and now is, when the dead shall hear the voice of the Son of God; and they that hear shall live. 27 For as the Father hath life in himself, even so gave he to the Son also to have life in himself: 28 and he gave him authority to execute judgment, because he is a son of man. 29 Marvel not at this: for the hour cometh, in which all that are in the tombs shall hear his voice, and shall come forth; they that have done good, unto a resurrection of life; and they that have done evil unto a resurrection of judgment.

30 I can of myself do nothing: as I hear, I judge; and my judgment is righteous; because I seek not mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 31 If I bear witness of myself, my witness is not true. 32 It is another that beareth witness of me; and I know that the witness which he witnesseth of me is true. 33 Ye have sent unto John, and he hath borne witness unto the truth. 34 But the witness which I receive is not from man: howbeit I say these things, that ye may be saved. 35 He was the lamp that burneth and shineth; and ye were willing to rejoice for a season in his light. 36 But the witness which I have is greater than that of John; for the works which the...
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Father hath given me to accomplish, the very works that I do, bear witness of me, that the Father hath sent me. 37 And the Father that sent me, he hath borne witness of me. Ye have neither heard his voice at any time, nor seen his form. 38 And ye have not his word abiding in you; for whom he sent, him ye believe not. 39 Ye search the scriptures, because ye think that in them ye have eternal life; and these are they which bear witness of me; 40 and ye will not come to me, that ye may have life. 41 I receive not glory from men. 42 But I know you, that ye have not the love of God in yourselves. 43 I am come in my Father’s name, and ye receive me not: if another shall come in his own name, him ye will receive. 44 How can ye believe, when he who receiveth glory one of another, and the glory that cometh from the only God ye seek not? 45 I think not that I will accuse you to the Father: there is one that accuseth you, even Moses, on whom ye have set your hope. 46 For if ye believed Moses, ye would believe me; for he wrote of me. 47 But if ye believe not his writings, how shall ye believe my words?

6 After these things Jesus went away to the other side of the sea of Galilee, which is the sea of Tiberias. 2 And a great multitude followed him, because they beheld the signs which he did on them that were sick. 3 And Jesus went up into the mountain, and there he sat with his disciples. 4 Now the passover, the feast of the Jews, was at hand. 5 Jesus therefore lifting up his eyes, and seeing that a great multitude cometh unto him, saith unto Philip, Whence are we to buy bread for these people to eat?

15 Jesus therefore perceiving that they were about to come and take him by force, to make him a king, withdrew again into the mountain himself alone.

16 And when evening came, his disciples went down unto the sea; 17 and they entered into a boat, and were going over the sea unto Capernaum. And it was now dark, and Jesus had not yet come to them. 18 And the sea was rising by reason of a great wind that blew. 19 When therefore they had rowed about twenty-five or thirty furlongs, they beheld Jesus walking on the sea, and coming nigh unto the boat: and they were afraid. 20 But he saith unto them, I am he; be ye not afraid. 21 They were willing therefore to receive him into the boat: and straightway the boat came to be at the land whither they were going.

22 On the morrow the multitude that stood on the other side of the sea saw that there was no other boat there, save one, and that Jesus entered not with his disciples into the boat, but that his disciples went away alone. 23 (Howbeit there came boats from Tiberias nigh unto the place where they ate the bread after the Lord had given thanks): 24 when the multitude therefore saw that Jesus was not there, neither his disciples, they themselves got into the boats and came to Capernaum seeking Jesus. 25 And when they found him on the other side of the sea, they said unto him, Rabbi, when cameest thou hither? 26 Jesus answered them and said, Truly, truly, I say unto you, Ye seek me, not because ye saw signs, but because ye ate of the loaves, and were filled. 27 Work not for the food which perisheth, but for the food which abideth unto eternal life, which the Son of man shall give unto you: for him the Father, even God, hath sealed. 28 They said therefore unto him, What must we do, that we may work the works of God? 29 Jesus answered and said unto them, This is the work of God, that ye believe on him whom he hath sent. 30 They said therefore unto him, What then doest thou for a sign, that we may see, and believe thee? what workest thou? 31 Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread out of heaven to eat. 32 Jesus therefore said unto them, Truly, truly, I say unto you, It was not Moses that gave you the bread out of heaven; but my Father giveth you the true bread out of heaven. 33 For the bread of God is that which cometh down out of heaven, and giveth life unto the world.

34 They said therefore unto him, Lord, evermore give us this bread. 35 Jesus said unto them, I am the bread of life: he that cometh to me shall not hunger, and he that believeth on me shall never thirst. 36 But I say unto you, That ye have seen me, and yet believeth not. 37 All that which the Father giveth me shall have come unto me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out. 38 For I am come down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me. 39 And this is the will of him that sent me, that of all that which he hath given me I should lose nothing, but should raise it up in the last day. 40 For this is the will of my Father, that every one that beholdeth the Son, and believeth on him, should have eternal life; and I will raise him up in the last day.

41 The Jews therefore murmured concerning him, because he said, I am the bread which came down out of heaven. 42 And they said, Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? how doth he now say, I am come down out of heaven? 43 Jesus answered and said unto them, Murmur not among yourselves.

44 No man can come to me, except the Father that sent me draw him: and I will

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69 Or, practised
70 Or, Search the scriptures
71 So N L 922 and most, sy c it* vg. But p66,75 B cop sa pbo ach read the only One.
72 Gk. loaves,
73 Gk. denarius the typical wage of a day laborer.
74 Gk. loaves
75 So N cop sa pbo ach2 sy*c vg. p75 B but few others read signs.
76 Gk. little boat
77 Gk. little boats And in vs. 24.
78 Ne 9:15; Ex 16:4, 15; Ps 78:24; 105:40.
79 So p66,75 B cop. N sy*c it* almost alone omit me
80 Or, that I should raise him up
raise him up in the last day. 45 It is written in the prophets, 81And they shall all be taught of God. Every one that hath heard from the Father, and hath learned, cometh unto me. 46 Not that any man hath seen the Father, save he that is from God, he hath seen the Father. 47 Truly, truly, I say unto you, He that believeth hath eternal life. 48 I am the bread of life. 49 Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. 50 This is the bread which cometh down out of heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die. 51 I am the living bread which came down out of heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live forever: yes and the bread which I will give is my flesh, for the life of the world.

52 The Jews therefore strove one with another, saying, How can this man give us 82his flesh to eat? 53 Jesus therefore said unto them, Truly, truly, I say unto you, Except ye eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, ye have not life in yourselves. 54 He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood hath eternal life; and I will raise him up in the last day. 55 For my flesh is 83meat indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. 56 He that eateth my flesh and drinketh my blood abideth in me, and I in him. 57 As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father; so he that eateth me, he also shall live because of me. 58 This is the bread which cometh down out of heaven: not as the fathers ate, and died; and he that eateth this bread shall live for ever. 59 These things said he in a synagogue, as he taught in Capernaum.

60 Many therefore of his disciples, when they heard this, said, This is a hard saying; who can hear it? 61 But Jesus knew in himself that his disciples murmured at this, said unto them, Doth this cause you to stumble? 62 What then if ye should behold the Son of man ascending where he was before? 63 It is the spirit that giveth life; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I have spoken unto you are spirit, and are life. 64 But there are some of you that believe not. For Jesus knew from the beginning who they were that believed 85not, and who it was that should 86betray him. 65 And he said, For this cause have I said unto you, that no man can come unto me, except it be given unto him of the Father.

66 Upon this many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him. 67 Jesus said therefore unto the twelve, Would ye also go away? 68 Simon Peter answered him, Lord, to whom shall we go? thou hast the words of eternal life. 69 And we have believed and know that thou art the Holy One of God. 70 Jesus answered them, Did not I choose you the twelve, and one of you is a devil? 71 Now he spake of Judas son of Simon Iscariot, for he was about to betray him, being even one of the twelve.

And after these things Jesus walked in Galilee: for he would not walk in Judæa, because the Jews sought to kill him. 2 Now the feast of the Jews, the feast of tabernacles, was at hand. 3 His brethren therefore said unto him, Depart hence, and go into Judæa, that thy disciples also may behold thy works which thou dost. 4 For no man doeth anything in secret, and himself seeketh to be known openly. If thou doest these things, manifest thyself to the world. 5 For even his brethren did not believe on him. 6 Jesus therefore saith unto them, My time is not yet present; but your time is always ready. 7 The world cannot hate you; but me it hateth, because I testify of it, that its works are evil. 8 Go ye up unto the feast: I go not up unto this feast; because my time is not yet fulfilled. 9 And having said these things unto them, he abode still in Galilee.

10 But when his brethren were gone up unto the feast, then went he also up, not publicly, but as it were in secret. 11 The Jews therefore sought him at the feast, and said, Where is he? 12 And there was much murmuring among the multitudes concerning him: some said, He is a good man; others said, Not so, but he leadeth the multitude astray. 13 Yet no man spake openly of him for fear of the Jews.

14 But when it was now in the midst of the feast Jesus went up into the temple, and taught. 15 The Jews therefore marvelled, saying, How knoweth this man letters, having never learned? 16 Jesus therefore answered them, and said, My teaching is not mine, but his that sent me. 17 If any man willeth to do his will, he shall know of the teaching, whether it is of God, or 18 whether I speak from myself. 18 He that speaketh from himself seeketh his own glory: but he that seeketh the glory of him that sent him, the same is true, and no unrighteousness is in him. 19 Did not Moses give you the law, and yet none of you doeth the law? Why seek ye to kill me? 20 The multitude answered, Thou hast a demon: who seeketh to kill thee? 21 Jesus answered and said unto them, I did one work, and ye all marvel because thereof. 22 Moses hath given you circumcision (not that it is of Moses, but of the fathers); and on a sabbath ye circumcise a man. 23 If a man receiveth circumcision on a sabbath, that the law of Moses may not be broken; are ye wroth with me because I made 90a man every whit whole on the sabbath? 24 Judge not according to appearance, but judge righteous judgment.

25 Some therefore of them of Jerusalem said, Is not this he whom they seek to kill? 26 And I, he speaketh openly, and they say nothing unto him. Can it be that the rulers indeed know that this is the 91Christ? 27 Howbeit we know this man whence he is; but when Christ cometh, no one knoweth whence he is. 28 Jesus therefore cried in the temple, teaching and saying, Ye both know me, and know whence I am; and I am not come of myself, but he that sent me is true, whom ye know not. 29 I know him; because I am from him, and he sent me. 30 They sought therefore to take him: and no man laid his hand on him, because his hour was not yet come. 31 But of the multitude many believed on him; and they said, When the Christ shall come, will he do more signs than those which this man hath done? 32 The Pharisees heard the multitude murmuring these things concerning him; and the chief priests and the Pharisees sent attendants to take him. 33 Jesus therefore said, Yet a little while am I with you, and I go unto him that

81 Is 54:13, (Jr 31:34?).
82 So p66 B T 892 cop and most versions.
83 Gk. true meat, and my blood is true drink.
84 Or, him
85 So p66 B L T 892 cop and most. N vg omit not p66c sy* c it* omit that believed not
86 Or, deliver him up.
87 Or, hast words
88 Or, deliver him up.
89 Or, not with you or, not yet The Greek in N is ambiguous; it is supported by cop15 br vgeo. But p66,75 B 1 T 70 892 and most Gk. ms., cop15 br specifically read not yet
90 Gk. a whole man sound
sent me. 34 Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me: and where I am, ye cannot come. 35 The Jews therefore said among themselves, Whither will this man go that we shall not find him? will he go unto the Dispersion among the Greeks, and teach the Greeks? 36 What is this word that he said, Ye shall seek me, and shall not find me; and where I am, ye cannot come?

37 Now on the last day, the great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me and drink. 38 He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, 93 from within him shall flow rivers of living water. 39 But this spake he of the spirit, which they that believed on him were to receive: for the 94 spirit was not yet given; because Jesus was not yet glorified. 40 Some of the multitude therefore, when they heard these words, said, This is of a truth the prophet. 41 Others said, This is the Christ. But some said, What, doth the Christ come out of Galilee? 42 95 Hath not the scripture said that the Christ cometh of the seed of David, and from Bethlehem, the village where David was? 43 So there arose a division in the multitude because of him. 44 And some of them would have taken him; but no man laid hands on him.

45 The attendants therefore came to the chief priests and Pharisees; and they said unto them, Why did ye not bring him? 46 The attendants answered, Never man so spake. 47 The Pharisees therefore answered them, Are ye also led astray? 48 Hath any of the rulers believed on him, or of the Pharisees? 49 But this multitude that knoweth not the law are accursed. 50 Nicodemus saith unto him (he that came to him before, being one of them), 51 Doth our law judge the man except it first hear from him and know what he doeth? 52 They answered and said unto him, Art thou also of Galilee? Search, and 96 see that out of Galilee ariseth no prophet. 53

8 12 Again therefore Jesus spake unto them, saying, I am the light of the world: he that followeth me shall not walk in the darkness, but shall have the light of life. 13 The Pharisees therefore said unto him, Thou bearest witness of thyself: thy witness is not true. 14 Jesus answered and said unto them, Even if I bear witness of myself, my witness is true; for I know whence I came, and whither I go; but ye know not whence I come, or whither I go. 15 Ye judge after the flesh; I judge no man. 16 Yes and if I judge, my judgment is true; for I am not alone, but I and the Father that sent me. 17 Yes and in your law it is written, 99 that the witness of two men is true. 18 I am he that beareth witness of myself, and the Father that sent me beareth witness of me. 19 They said therefore unto him, Where is thy Father? Jesus answered, Ye know neither me, nor my Father: if ye knew me, ye would know my Father also.

20 These words spake he in the treasury, as he taught in the temple: and no man took him; because his hour was not yet come.

21 He said therefore again unto them, I go away, and ye shall seek me, and shall die in your sin: whither I go, ye cannot come. 22 The Jews therefore said, Will he kill himself, that he saith, Whither I go, ye cannot come? 23 And he said unto them, Ye are from beneath; I am from above: ye are of this world; I am not of this world. 24 I said therefore unto you, that ye shall die in your sins: for except ye believe that I am he, ye shall die in your sins. 25 They said therefore unto him, Who art thou? Jesus said unto them, 99 Even that which I have also spoken unto you from the beginning. 26 I have many things to speak and to judge concerning you: howbeit he that sent me is true; and the things which I heard from him, these speak I unto the world. 27 They perceived not that he spake to them of the Father. 28 Jesus therefore said, When ye have lifted up the Son of man, then shall ye know that I am he, and that I do nothing of myself, but as the Father taught me, I speak these things. 29 And he that sent me is with me; he hath not left me alone; for I do always the things that are pleasing to him. 30 As he spake these things, many believed on him.

31 Jesus therefore said to those Jews that had believed him, If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples; 32 and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free. 33 They answered unto him, We are Abraham’s seed, and have never yet been in bondage to any man: how sayest thou, Ye shall become free? 34 Jesus answered them, Truly, truly, I say unto you, Every one that committeth sin is the bondservant of sin. 35 And the bondservant abideth not in the house forever: the son abideth for ever. 36 If therefore the Son shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. 37 I know that ye are Abraham’s seed: yet ye seek to kill me, because my word hath not free course in you. 38 I speak the things which I have seen with my Father: and ye also do the things which ye heard from your father. 39 They answered and said unto him, Our father is Abraham. 40 Jesus saith unto them, If ye were Abraham’s children, ye would do the works of Abraham. 40 But now ye seek to kill me, a man that hath told you the truth, which I heard from God: this did not Abraham. 41 Ye do the works of your father. They said unto him, We were not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God. 42 Jesus said unto them, If God were your Father, ye would love me: for I came forth and am come from God; for neither have I come of myself, but he sent me. 43 Why do ye not understand my speech? Even because ye cannot hear any other New Testament writer, whether their account is true or not.

91 Gk. Anointed (= Hb. Messiah).
92 Gk. of
93 Gk. out of his belly
94 So p66,75 N T arm. But B it read Holy Spirit was not yet given;
95 2Sa 7:12ff; Mic 5:2.
96 Or, see: for out of Galilee etc. [Cf. 2Ki 14:25.]
97 Vss. 7:53-8:11 are not added by p66,75 B N LT cop sa,pbo,ach vsy geo. Twelve verses (about a woman taken in adultery and uncondemed by Jesus) are added here by 892 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. it vg. Vss. 8:3-11 alone are added by other lesser Gk. mss. after Lk 21:38, 24:53, Jo 7:36, or 21:25, sometimes marked as of doubtful authenticity. It is evident these verses were not written by the Apostle John or any other New Testament writer, whether their account is true or not.
99 Or, Altogether that which I also speak unto you. Or, Why indeed do I speak to you at all?
100 Or, I am he: and I do
101 Gk. unto the age (both times)
102 Or, hath no place in you.
103 Or, the Father: do ye also therefore the things which ye heard from the Father.
104 Gk. are
105 So p75 N 070 (L 892) it vg but few others read ye do the works of Abraham.
106 Or, know

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my word. 44 Ye are of your father the devil, and the lusts of your father it is your will to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and stoodeth not in the truth, because there is no truth in him. 107 When he speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for he is a liar, and the father thereof. 45 But because I say the truth, ye believe me not. 46 Which of you convinceth me of sin? If I say a truth, why do ye not believe me? 47 He that is of God heareth the words of God: for this cause ye hear them not, because ye are not of God. 48 The Jews answered and said unto him, Say we not well that thou art a Samaritan, and hast a demon? 49 Jesus answered, I have not a demon; but I honor my Father, and ye dishonor me. 50 But I seek not mine own glory: there is one that seeketh and judgeth.

51 Truly, truly, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, was hidden, and went out of the temple. 52 The Jews therefore said unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 53 Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that he should see age? 54 Some therefore of the Pharisees said, This man is not from our father Abraham, and hast thou seen Abraham? 55 The Jews therefore said unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 56 Your father Abraham rejoiced to see my day; and he saw it, and was glad. 57 The Jews therefore said unto him, Thou art not yet fifty years old, and hast thou seen Abraham? 58 Jesus said unto them, Truly, truly, I say unto you, Before Abraham was, was hidden, and went out of the temple.

9 And as he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. 2 And his disciples asked him, saying, Rabbi, who sinned, this man, or his parents, that he should be born blind? 3 Jesus answered, Neither did this man sin, nor his parents: but that he should see thine eyes? And he said, He is a prophet.

11 They bring to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. 12 And they said unto him, Where is he? He saith, I know not.

13 They bring to the Pharisees him that aforetime was blind. 14 Now it was the sabbath on the day when Jesus made the clay, and opened his eyes. 15 Again therefore the Pharisees also asked him how he received his sight. And he said unto them, He put clay upon mine eyes, and I washed, and I see. 16 Some therefore of the Pharisees said, This man is not from God, because he keepeth not the sabbath. But others said, How can a man that is a sinner do such signs? And there was a division among them. 17 They say therefore unto the blind man again, What sayest thou of him, in that he opened thine eyes? And he said, He is a prophet. 18 The Jews therefore did not believe concerning him, that he had been blind, and had received his sight, until they called the parents of him that had received his sight, 19 and asked them, saying, Is this you son, who ye say was born blind? how then doth he now see? 20 His parents answered and said, We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind: 21 but how he now seeth, we know not; or who opened his eyes, we know not: ask him: he is of age; he shall speak for himself. 22 These things said his parents, because they feared the Jews: for the Jews had agreed already, that if any man should confess him to be Christ, he should be put out of the synagogue. 23 Therefore said his parents, He is of age; ask him. 24 So they called a second time the man that was blind, and said unto him, Give glory to God: we know that this man is a sinner. 25 He therefore answered, Whether he is a sinner, I know not: one thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see. 26 They said therefore unto him, What did he to thee? how opened he thine eyes? 27 He answered them, I told you even now, and ye did not hear; wherefore would ye hear it again? 28 And ye also would become his disciples? 29 And they reviled him, and said, Thou art a disciple of that man; but we are disciples of Moses. 30 We know that God hath spoken unto Moses: but as for this man, we know not whence he is. 31 The man answered and said unto them, Who is he? why, herein is the marvel, that ye know not whence he is, and yet he opened mine eyes. 32 We know that God heareth not sinners: but if any man be a worshipper of God, and do his will, him he heareth. 33 Since the world began it was never heard that any one opened the eyes of a man born blind. 34 If this man were not from God, he could do nothing. 35 They answered and said unto him, Thou wast altogether born in sins, and dost thou teach us? And they cast him out. 36 Jesus heard that they had cast him out; and finding him, he said, Dost thou believe on the Son of man? 37 He answered and said, And who is he, Lord, that I may believe on him? 38 Jesus said unto him, Thou hast both seen him, and yet he opened thine eyes. 39 And Jesus said, For

107 Or, When one speaketh a lie, he speaketh of his own: for his father also is a liar.

108 Lit. not see death unto the age. Similarly in vs. 52.

109 Or, that he should see

110 Gk. εἶχον ἐπὶ τὴν ὅρασιν, twice in Ex 3:14 Sept. Or, I have been, since before Abraham came to be. [J. BeDuhn.]

111 Or, was hidden, and went out etc.

112 So p66,75 BN* cop sa, pbo, ach = sy v. 109, vg arm. N 9 ab L 070 892, most lesser Gk. mss., cop bo add and going through the midst of them went his way and so passed by.

113 So p66,75 BN* L. 070 D read me. N 892 and most mss. and versions read the verse I must work the works of him that sent me,

114 Or, and with the clay thereof anointed his eyes,

115 Or perhaps, would ye even

116 So p66,75 BN cop sa, pbo, ach = sy. L 070 892, and most Gk. mss., cop bo it v geo arm read Son of God.

117 p66 B L 070 892 and most. P 75*N* cop ach 20 almost alone omit vs. 38 and And Jesus said, in vs. 39

118 The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature (as here) or to the Creator (see ch. 4:20).
condemnation came I into this world, that they that see not may see; and they that see may become blind. 40 Those of the Pharisees who were with him heard these things, and said unto him, Are we also blind? 41 Jesus said unto them, If ye were blind, ye would have no sin: but now ye say, We see: your sin remaineth.

10 Truly, truly, I say unto you, He that entereth not by the door into the fold of the sheep, but climbeth up some other way, the same is a thief and a robber. 2 But he that entereth in by the door is a shepherd of the sheep. 3 To him the porter openeth; and the sheep hear his voice: and he calleth his own sheep by name, and leadeth them out. 4 When he hath put forth all his own, he goeth before them, and the sheep follow him: for they know his voice. 5 And a stranger will they not follow, but will flee from him: for they know not the voice of strangers. 6 This 119 parable spake Jesus unto them: but they understood not what things they were which he spake unto them.

7 Jesus therefore said unto them again, Truly, truly, I say unto you, I am the door of the sheep. 8 All that came before me are thieves and robbers: but the sheep did not hear them. 9 I am the door: by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and go out, and shall find pasture. 10 The thief cometh not, but that he may steal, and kill, and destroy: I came that they may have life, and may have it abundantly. 11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd layeth down his soul for the sheep. 12 He that is a hireling, and not a shepherd, whose own is not the sheep, he taketh it away from me, and careth not for the sheep. 14 I am the good shepherd; and I know mine own, and mine own know me, 15 even as the Father knoweth me, and I know the Father; and I lay down my soul for the sheep. 16 And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring, and they shall hear my voice; and 122 they shall become one flock, even as one shepherd. 17 Therefore doth the Father love me, because I lay down my soul, that I may receive it again. 18 No one taketh it away from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have authority to lay it down, and I have authority to receive it again. This commandment received I from my Father.

19 There arose a division again among the Jews because of these words. 20 And many of them said, He hath a demon, and is mad; why hear ye him? 21 Others said, These are not the sayings of one possessed with a demon. Can a demon open the eyes of the blind?

22 At that time came the feast of dedication at Jerusalem: 23 it was winter; and Jesus was walking in the temple in Solomon's porch. 24 The Jews therefore came round about him, and said unto him, How long dost thou hold us in suspense? If thou art the Christ, tell us plainly. 25 Jesus answered them, I told you, and ye believe not: the works that I do in my Father's name, these bear witness of me. 26 But ye believe not, because ye are not of my sheep. 27 My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: and I give unto them eternal life; and they shall not perish forever, and no one shall snatch them out of my hand. 29 That which my Father hath given unto me is greater than all; and no one is able to snatch out of the Father's hand. 30 And the Father are one. 31 The Jews took up stones again to stone him. 32 Jesus answered them, Many good works have I showed you from the Father; for which of those works do ye stone me? 33 The Jews answered him, For a good work we stone thee not, but for blasphemy; and because that thou, being a man, makest thyself a god. 34 Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, 35 If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came (and the scripture cannot be broken), 36 say ye of him, Whom the Father sanctified and sent into the world, Thou blasphemest; because I said, 37 I am the son of God? 38 If I do not the works of my Father, believe me not. 39 But if I do them, though ye believe not me, believe the works: that ye may know and continue knowing that the Father is in me, and I in the Father. 40 They sought again to take him: and he went forth out of their hand. 41 And he went away again beyond the Jordan into the place where John was at the first baptizing; and there he abode. 42 And many came unto him; and they said, John indeed did no sign: but all things whatsoever John spake of this man were true. 43 And many believed on him there.

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121 Or, have abundance.
122 Or, lead
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125 Or, right or, power (both times).
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Lazarus is fallen asleep; but I go, that I may awake him out of slumber. 12 The disciples therefore said unto him, Lord, if he is fallen asleep, he will recover. 13 Now Jesus had spoken of his death: but they thought that he spake of the falling asleep in slumber. 14 Then Jesus therefore said unto them plainly, Lazarus died. 15 And I am glad for your sakes that I was not there, to the intent ye may believe; nevertheless let us go unto him. 16 Thomas therefore, who is called Didymus, said unto his fellow-disciples, Let us also go, that we may die with him.

17 So when Jesus came, he found that he had been in the tomb four days already. 18 Now Bethany was nigh unto Jerusalem, about fifteen furlongs off; 19 and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary, to console them concerning their brother. 20 Martha therefore, when she heard that he was coming, went and met him: but Mary sat still in the house. 21 Martha therefore said unto Jesus, Lord, if thou hadst been here, my brother had not died. 22 And even now I know that, whatsoever thou shalt ask of God, God will give thee. 23 Jesus saith unto her, Thy brother shall rise again. 24 Martha saith unto him, I know that he shall rise again in the resurrection in the last day. 25 Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth on me, though he die, yet shall he live; 26 and whosoever liveth and believeth on me shall not die for ever. Believeth thou this? 27 She saith unto him, Yes, Lord: I have believed that thou art the Christ, the Son of God, even he that cometh into the world.

28 And when she had said this, she went away, and called Mary her sister secretly, saying, The Teacher is here, and calleth thee. 29 And she, when she heard it, arose quickly, and went unto him. 30 (Now Jesus was not yet come into the village, but was still in the place where Martha met him.) 31 The Jews then who were with her in the house, and were consoling her, when they saw Mary, that she rose up quickly and went out, followed her, supposing that she was going unto the tomb to weep there. 32 Mary therefore, when she came where Jesus was, and saw him, fell down at his feet, saying unto him, Lord, if thou hadst been there, my brother had not died. 33 When Jesus therefore saw her weeping, and the Jews also weeping who came with her, he groaned in the spirit, and was troubled. 34 And said, Where have ye laid him? They say unto him, Lord, come and see. 35 Jesus wept. 36 The Jews therefore said, Behold how he loved him! 37 But some of them said, Could not this man open who opened the eyes of him that was blind, have caused that this man also should not die? 38 Jesus therefore again groaning in himself went to the tomb. 39 Now it was a cave, and a stone lay against it. 40 Jesus saith, Take ye away the stone. Martha, the sister of him that was dead, saith unto him, Lord, by this time it decayeth; for he hath been dead four days. 41 Jesus saith unto her, Said I not unto thee, that, if thou believest, thou shalt see the glory of God? 42 So they took away the stone. And Jesus lifted up his eyes, and said, Father, I thank thee that thou hearest me. 42 And I knew that thou hearest me always: because of the multitude that stoodeth around I said it, that they may believe that thou didst send me. 43 And when he had thus spoken, he cried with a loud voice, Lazarus, come forth. 44 He that was dead came forth, bound hand and foot with grave-clothes; and his face was bound about with a napkin. Jesus saith unto them, Loose him, and let him go.

45 Many therefore of the Jews, who came to Mary and beheld the things which he did, believed on him. 46 But some of them went away to the Pharisees, and told them the things which Jesus had done.

47 The chief priests therefore and the Pharisees gathered a council, and said, What do we? for this man doeth many signs. 48 If we let him thus alone, all men will believe on him: and the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation. 49 But a certain one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said unto them, Ye know nothing at all, nor do ye take account that it is expedient for you that one man should die for the people, and that the whole nation perish not. 50 Now this he said not of himself: but being high priest that year, he prophesied that Jesus was about to die for the nation: 52 and not for the nation only, but that he might also gather together into one the children of God that are scattered abroad. 53 So from that day forth they took counsel that they might put him to death.

54 Jesus therefore walked no more openly among the Jews, but departed thence into the wilderness, into a city called Ephraim; and there he tarried with the disciples. 55 Now the passover of the Jews was at hand: and many went up to Jerusalem out of the country before the passover, to purify themselves. 56 They sought therefore for Jesus, and spake one with another, as they stood in the temple, What think ye? That he will not come to the feast? 57 Now the chief priests and the Pharisees had given commandment, that, if any man knew where he was, he should show it, that they might take him.

12 Jesus therefore six days before the passover came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus raised from the dead. 2 So they made him a supper there: and Martha served; but Lazarus was one of them that sat at meat with him. 3 Mary therefore took a pound of ointment of pure nard, very precious, and anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped his feet with her hair; and the house was filled with the odor of the ointment. 4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples, that should betray him, said, 5 Why was not this ointment sold for three hundred shillings, and given to the poor? 6 Now this he said, not because he cared for the poor; but because he was a thief, and having the bag took away what was put therein. 7 Jesus therefore said, Suffer her to keep it against the day of my burying. 8 For the poor ye have always with you; but me ye have not always.
9 The great multitude therefore of the Jews learned that he was there: and they came, not for Jesus’ sake only, but that they might see Lazarus also, whom he had raised from the dead. But the chief priests took counsel that they might put Lazarus also to death; 11 because that by reason of him many of the Jews went away, and believed on Jesus.

12 On the morrow the great multitude that had come to the feast, when they heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, took the branches of the palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried out, Hosanna: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel. 14 And Jesus, having found a young ass, sat thereon; as it is written,

15 Fear not, daughter of Zion: behold, thy King cometh, sitting on an ass’s colt.

16 These things understood not his disciples at the first: but when Jesus was glorified, then remembered they that these things were written of him, and that he had done these things unto him. 17 The multitude therefore that was with him when he called Lazarus out of the tomb, and raised him from the dead, bare witness. 18 For this cause also the multitude went met him, for that they heard that he had done this sign.

19 The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, Behold how ye prevail nothing: the world is gone after him.

20 Now there were certain Greeks among those that went up to worship at the feast: 21 these therefore came to Philip, who was of Bethsaida of Galilee, and asked him, saying, Sir, we would see Jesus. 22 Philip cometh and telleth Andrew: Andrew cometh, and Philip, and they tell Jesus. 23 And Jesus answereth them, saying, The hour is come, that the Son of man should be glorified.

24 Truly, truly, I say unto you, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God. 25 That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. 26 Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again.

27 Not every one that saith unto thee, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven.

28 This is the will of him that sent me, even that every one who believeth on him should not perish, but should have everlasting life.

29 And for this cause came I unto this hour.

30 He that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself to him. 31 Now is my soul troubled; and what shall I say? Father, save me from this hour? But for this cause came I unto this hour. 28 Father, glorify thy name. There came a voice out of heaven, saying, This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. 29 The multitude therefore, that stood by, and heard, said among themselves, This is the voice of God, and what of this Son of God? 30 Then saith Jesus in answer, Let not him that cometh unto me believe that I am he which sends me. 31 But these things I have told you, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. 32 Then saith the multitude, What sign sheweth thou to us, seeing that thou doest these things? 33 Jesus answered and said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 34 Then said the Sadducees, What man is this, that he saith, Ye shall see me before ye die? 35 The multitude therefore answered, We have heard of no wise man: neither is any man like this, speaking thus. 36 Jesus therefore said unto them, Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up. 37 Then the Pharisees said among themselves, What sign will he shew to us, seeing that he saith such things? 38 So Jesus said in answer, The hour is come, that every man that is of the Father shall hear of me. 39 And this saying was the same day. 40 For as he was saying these things, the days of his being revealed were accomplished. 41 These things said Isaiah, because he saw his glory; and he spake of him. 42 Nevertheless even of the rulers many believed on him; but because of the Pharisees they did not confess. lest they should be put out of the synagogue: 43 for they loved the glory that is of men more than the glory that is of God.

44 And Jesus cried and said, He that believeth on me, believeth not on me, but on him that sent me. 45 And he that beholdeth me beholdeth him that sent me. 46 I am come a light into the world, that whosoever believeth on me may not abide in darkness. 47 And if any man hear my sayings, and keep them not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world. 48 He that rejecteth me, and receiveth not my sayings, hath one that judgeth him: the word that I have spoken will be a testimony against him. 49 And after I am raised up from among the dead, I will be a testimony against them. 50 And I know of his commandment, that the things which I speak, even as the Father hath said unto me, even so I speak.

13 Now before the feast of the passover, Jesus knowing that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own that were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

1 And during supper, the devil having already put into the heart of Judas, son of Simon Iscariot, to betray him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he came forth from God, and goeth unto God, 4 riseth up from supper, and layeth aside his garments; and he took a towel, and girded himself. 5 Then he poureth water into the basin, and began to wash the disciples’ feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded. 6 So he cometh to Simon Peter. He saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet? 7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt understand hereafter. 8 Peter saith unto him,
Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me. 9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head. 10 Jesus saith to him, He that is bathed needeth not 167 save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all. 11 For he knew him that should 188 betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So when he had washed their feet, and taken his garments, and 169 sat down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? 13 Ye call me, Teacher, and, Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. 14 If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, have washed your feet, ye also ought to wash one another’s feet. 15 For I have given you an example, that ye also should do as I have done to you. 16 Truly, truly, I say unto you, A 179 servant is not greater than his lord; neither 171 one that is sent greater than he that sent him. 17 If ye know these things, blessed are ye if ye do them. 18 I speak not of you all: I know whom I 172 have chosen: but that the scripture may be fulfilled, 173 He that eateth 15 my bread lifted up his heel against me. 19 From henceforth I tell you before it come to pass, that when it is come to pass, ye may believe that I am he. 20 Truly, truly, I say unto you, He that receiveth whomsoever I send receiveth me; and he that receiveth me receiveth him that sent me.

21 When Jesus had thus said, he was troubled in the spirit, and testified, and said, Truly, truly, I say unto you, that one of you shall 179 betray me. 22 The disciples looked one on another, doubting of whom he spake. 23 There was at the table reclining in Jesus’ bosom one of his disciples, whom Jesus loved. 24 Simon Peter therefore beckoneth to him, and saith unto him, Tell us who it is of whom he speaketh. 25 He leaning back, as he was, on Jesus’ breast saith unto him, Lord, who is it? 26 Jesus therefore answereth, He is for whom I shall dip the 179 sop and give it to him. 27 So when he had dipped the sop, he 179 taketh and giveth it to Judas, the son of Simon Iscariot. 28 And after the sop, then entered Satan into him. Jesus therefore saith unto him, What thou doest, do quickly. 29 For some thought, because Judas had the 179 bag, that Jesus said unto him, Buy what things we have need of for the feast; or that he should give something to the poor. 30 He then having received the sop went out straightway: and it was night.

31 When therefore he was gone out, Jesus saith, Now 179 is the Son of man glorified, and God is glorified in him; 32 and God shall glorify him in 184 himself, and straightway shall he glorify him. 33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say unto you. 34 A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; even as I have loved you, that ye also love one another. 35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

36 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, whither goest thou? Jesus answered, Whither I go, thou canst not follow me now; but thou shalt follow afterwards. 37 Peter saith unto him, Lord, why cannot I follow thee even now? I will lay down my 182 soul for thee. 38 Jesus answereth, Wilt thou lay down thy 183 soul for me? Truly, truly, I say unto thee, The cock shall not crow, till thou hast denied me thrice.

14 Let not you heart be troubled: believe in God, believe also in me. 2 In my Father’s house are many 184 mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you: for I go to prepare a place for you. 3 And if I go and prepare a place for you, I come again, and will receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also. 4 And 185 whither I go, ye know the way. 5 Thomas saith unto him, Lord, we know not whither thou goest; how know we the way? 6 Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, and the truth, and the life: no one cometh unto the Father, but 186 by me. 7 If ye had known me, ye would have known my Father also: from henceforth ye know him. 8 Philip saith unto him, Lord, show us the Father, and it sufficeth us. 9 Jesus saith unto him, Have I been so long time with you, and dost thou not know me, Philip? he that hath seen me hath seen the Father; how sayest thou, Show us the Father? 10 Believeth thou not that I am in the Father, and the Father in me? the words that I say unto you I speak not from myself: but the Father abideth in me doeth his works. 11 Believe me that I am in the Father, and the Father in me: or else believe me for the very works’ sake. 12 Truly, truly, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater works than these shall he do; because I go unto the Father. 13 And whatsoever ye shall ask in my name, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14 If ye shall ask 181 me anything in my name, that will I do. 15 If ye love me, ye will keep my commandments. 16 And I will 188 pray the Father, and he shall give you another 180 Comforter, that 180 he may be with you for ever, even the spirit of truth: which the world cannot receive: for the world behold-
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eth it not, neither knoweth it: ye know it; for it abideth with you, and shall be in you. 18 I will not leave you "Gk. desolate: I come unto you. 19 Yet a little while, and the world beholdeth me no more; but ye behold me: because I live, ye shall live also. 20 In that day ye shall know that I am in my Father, and ye in me, and I in you. 21 He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he is that loveth me: and he that loveth me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him, and will manifest myself unto him. 22 Judas (not Iscariot) saith unto him, Lord, what is come to pass that thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world? 23 Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my word: and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him, and make our abode with him. 24 He that loveth me not keepeth not my words: and the word which ye hear is not mine, but the Father’s words that sent me.

25 These things have I spoken unto you, while ye abiding with me. 26 But the "Gk. Comforter, even the Holy Spirit, which the Father will send in my name, that one will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I said unto you. 27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be fearful. 28 Ye heard how I said to you, I go away, and I come unto you. If ye love me, ye would have rejoiced, because I go unto the Father: for the Father is greater than I. 29 And now I have told you before it come to pass, that, when it is come to pass, ye may believe. 30 I will no more speak much with you, for the prince of the world cometh: and he hath nothing in me; 31 but that the world may know that I love the Father, and as the Father gave me power, even so I do. Arise, let us go hence.

15 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman. 2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit, he taketh it away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he cleanseth it, that it may bear more fruit. 3 Already ye are clean because of the word which I have spoken unto you. 4 Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me. 5 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same beareth much fruit: for apart from me ye can do nothing. 6 If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned. 7 If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatsoever ye will, and it shall be done unto you. 8 Herein is my Father glorified, that ye "Gk. bear much fruit; and so shall ye become my disciples. 9 Even as the Father hath loved me, I also have loved you: abide ye in my love. 10 If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father’s commandments, and abide in his love. 11 These things have I spoken unto you, that your joy may be in you, and that your joy may be made full. 12 This is my commandment, that ye love one another, even as I have loved you. 13 Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his soul for his friends. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you. 15 No longer do I call you "Gk. bondservants; for the "Gk. servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known unto you. 16 Ye did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17 These things I command you, that ye may love one another. 18 If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, A "Gk. servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no "Gk. excuse for their sin. 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But this cometh to pass, that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. 26 But when the "Gk. Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the spirit of truth, which "Gk. proceedeth from the Father, that one shall bear witness of me. 27 and ye also bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

16 These things have I spoken unto you, that ye should not be caused to stumble. 2 They shall put you out of the synagogues: yes, the hour cometh, that whosoever killeth you shall think that he offereth service unto God. 3 And these things will they do, because they have not known the Father, nor me. 4 But these things have I spoken unto you, that when their hour is come, ye may remember them, how that I told you. And these things I said not unto you from the beginning, because I was with you. 5 But now I go unto him that sent me; and none of you asketh me, Whither goest thou? 6 But because I have spoken these things unto you, sorrow hath filled your heart. 7 Nevertheless I tell you the truth: It is expedient for you that I go away; for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I go, I will send him unto you. 8 And that one, when he is come, will convict the world in respect of sin, and of righteousness, and of judgment: 9 of sin, because they believe not on me; 10 of righteousness, because I go to the Father, and ye behold me no more: 11 of judgment, because the prince of this world hath been judged. 12 I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now. 13 Howbeit when that one, the spirit of truth, is come, 204 it shall guide you into all the truth: for it shall not speak from itself; but what things soever it shall hear, these shall it speak: and it shall declare unto you the things that are to be. 14 Ye are my friends, if ye do the things which I command you. 15 No longer do I call you "Gk. bondservants; for the "Gk. servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I heard from my Father I have made known unto you. 16 Ye did not choose me, but I chose you, and appointed you, that ye should go and bear fruit, and that your fruit should abide: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. 17 These things I command you, that ye may love one another. 18 If the world hateth you, ye know that it hath hated me before it hated you. 19 If ye were of the world, the world would love its own: but because ye are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. 20 Remember the word that I said unto you, A "Gk. servant is not greater than his lord. If they persecuted me, they will also persecute you; if they kept my word, they will keep yours also. 21 But all these things will they do unto you for my name’s sake, because they know not him that sent me. 22 If I had not come and spoken unto them, they had not had sin: but now they have no "Gk. excuse for their sin. 23 He that hateth me hateth my Father also. 24 If I had not done among them the works which none other did, they had not had sin: but now have they both seen and hated both me and my Father. 25 But this cometh to pass, that the word may be fulfilled that is written in their law, They hated me without a cause. 26 But when the "Gk. Comforter is come, whom I will send unto you from the Father, even the spirit of truth, which "Gk. proceedeth from the Father, that one shall bear witness of me. 27 and ye also bear witness, because ye have been with me from the beginning.

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come. 14 That one shall glorify me: for he shall take of mine, and shall declare it unto you. 15 All things whatsoever the Father hath are mine: therefore said I, that he taketh of mine, and shall declare it unto you. 16 A little while, and ye behold me no more; and again a little while, and ye shall see me. 17 Some of his disciples therefore said one to another, What is this that he saith unto us, A little while, and ye behold me not; and again a little while, and ye shall see me: and, Because I go to the Father? 18 They said therefore, What is that which he saith, A little while? We know not what he saith. 19 Jesus perceived that they were desirous to ask him, and he said unto them, Do ye inquire among yourselves concerning this, that I said, A little while, and ye behold me not, and again a little while, and ye shall see me? 20 Truly, truly, I say unto you, that ye shall weep and lament, but the world shall rejoice: ye shall be sorrowful, but your sorrow shall be turned into joy. 21 A woman when she is in travail hath sorrow, because her hour is come: but when she is delivered of the child, she remembereth no more the anguish, for the joy that a man is born into the world. 22 And ye therefore now have sorrow: but I will see you again, and your heart shall rejoice, and your joy no one taketh away from you. 23 And in that day ye shall ask me nothing. Truly, truly, I say unto you, If ye shall ask anything of the Father, he will give it you in your name. 24 Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be made full.

25 These things have I spoken unto you in 206 dark sayings: the hour cometh, when I shall no more speak unto you in dark sayings, but shall tell you plainly of the Father. 26 In that day ye shall ask in my name: and I say not unto you, that I will 26 pray the Father for you; 27 for the Father himself loveth you, because ye have loved me, and have believed that I came forth from 206 God. 28 I came out of the Father, and am come into the world: again, I leave the world, and go unto the Father. 29 His disciples say, Lo, now speakest thou plainly, and speakest no 206 dark saying. 30 Now know we that thou knowest all things, and needest not that any man should ask thee: by this we believe that thou camest forth from God. 31 Jesus answered them, Do ye now believe? 32 Behold, the hour cometh, yes, is come, that ye shall be scattered, every man to his own, and shall leave me alone: and ye are not alone, because the Father is with me. 33 These things have I spoken unto you, that in me ye may have peace. In the world ye have tribulation: but the peace which I give unto you, is above all peace. Let your heart be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

22 When Jesus had spoken these words, he went forth with his disciples over the 210 brook 211 Kidron, where was a garden, into which he entered, himself and his disciples. 2 Now Judas also, who 218 betrayed him, knew the place: for

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Jesus oft-times resorted thither with his disciples. 3 Judas then, having received the 219 band of soldiers, and 220 attendants from the chief priests and the Pharisees, cometh thither with lanterns and torches and weapons. 4 Jesus therefore, knowing all the things that were coming upon him, went forth, and saith unto them, Whom seek ye? 5 They answered him, Jesus of Nazareth. Jesus saith unto them, I am he. And Judas also, who betrayed him, was standing with them. 6 When therefore he said unto them, I am he, 222 they went backward, and fell to the ground. 7 Again therefore he asked them, Whom seek ye? And they said, Jesus of Nazareth. 8 Jesus answered, I told you that I am he; if therefore ye seek me, let these go their way: 9 that the word might be fulfilled which he spake, Of those whom thou hast given me I lost not one. 10 Simon Peter therefore having a sword drew it, and struck the high priest's 224 servant, and cut off his right ear. Now the 225 servant's name was Malchus. 11 Jesus therefore said unto Peter, Put up the sword into the sheath: the cup which the Father hath given me, shall I not drink it?

12 So the 226 band and the 227 chief captain, and the attendants of the Jews, seized Jesus and bound him, 13 and led him to 228 Annas first; for he was father in law to Caiaphas, who was high priest that year. 14 Now Caiaphas was he that gave counsel to the Jews, that it was expedient that one man should die for the people.

15 And Simon Peter followed Jesus, and so did another disciple. Now that disciple was known unto the high priest, and entered in with Jesus into the court of the high priest; 16 but Peter was standing at the door without. So the other disciple, who was known unto the high priest, went out and spake unto her that kept the door, and brought in Peter. 17 The maid therefore that kept the door saith unto Peter, Art not thou also one of this man's disciples? He saith, I am not. 18 Now the 227 servants and the attendants were standing there, having made 228 a fire of coals; for it was cold; and they were warming themselves: and Peter also was with them, standing and warming himself.

19 The high priest therefore asked Jesus of his disciples, and of his teaching. 20 Jesus answered him, I have spoken openly to the world; I ever taught in the temple, where all the Jews come together; and in secret spake I nothing. 21 Why askest thou me? ask them that have heard me, what I spake unto them: behold, these know the things which I said. 22 And when he had said this, one of the attendants standing by struck Jesus 230 with his hand, saying, Answerest thou the high priest so? 23 Jesus answered him, If I have spoken evil, bear witness of the evil: but if well, why smitest thou me? 24 Annas therefore sent him bound unto Caiaphas the high priest.

25 Now Simon Peter was standing and warming himself. They said therefore unto him, Art not thou also one of his disciples? He denied, and said, I am not. 26 One of the servants of the high priest, being a kinsman of him whose ear Peter had cut off, saith, Didst thou not know him, that thou hast been with him? 27 Peter therefore denied again: and straightway the cock crew.

28 They lead Jesus therefore from Caiaphas into the Praetorium: and it was early; and they themselves entered not into the Praetorium, that they might not be defiled, but might eat the passover. 29 Pilate therefore went out unto them, and saith, What accusation bring ye against this man? 30 They answered and said unto him, If this man were not an evil-doer, we should not have delivered him up unto thee. 31 Pilate therefore said unto them, Take him yourselves, and judge him according to your law. 32 The Jews said unto him, It is not lawful for us to put any man to death: 33 that the word of Jesus might be fulfilled, which he spake, signifying by what manner of death he was about to die.

34 Pilate therefore entered again into the Praetorium, and called Jesus, and said unto him, Art thou the King of the Jews? 35 Jesus answered, Sayest thou this of thyself, or did others tell it thee concerning me? 36 Pilate answered, Am I a Jew? Thine own nation and the chief priests delivered thee unto me: what hast thou done? 37 Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, 233 Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end have I been born, and to this end am I come into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice. 38 Pilate saith unto him, What is truth?

And when he had said this, he went out again unto the Jews, and saith unto them, I find no crime in him. 39 But ye have a custom, that I should release unto you one at the passover; will ye therefore that I release unto you the King of the Jews? 40 They cried out therefore again, saying, Not this man but Barabba. Now Barabbas was a robber.

19 Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. 2 And the soldiers platted a crown of thorns, and put it on his head, and arrayed him in a purple garment; and they came unto him, and said, Hail, King of the Jews! and they struck him with their hands. 4 And Pilate went out again, and saith unto them, Behold, I bring him out to you, that ye may know that I find no crime in him. 5 Jesus therefore came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple garment. And Pilate saith unto them, Behold, the man! 6 When therefore the chief priests and the attendants saw him, they cried out,

219 Or, cohort, (perhaps 600 soldiers)
220 Or, officers And so in vss. 12, 18, 22, 36.
221 Or perhaps, they stepped back and knelt on the ground in military readiness.
222 Gk. bondservant,
223 Gk. bondservant’s
224 Or, cohort
225 Or, military tribune, Gk. chiliarch.
226 High priests: Annas AD 6-15, Joseph Caiaphas 18-36.
227 Gk. bondservants
228 Gk. a fire of charcoal;
229 Gk. synagogue,
230 Or, with a rod,
231 Or, palace (both times, and in vs. 33)
232 The Talmud says, “On the eve of the Passover Yeshu was hanged ... because he has practised sorcery and enticed Israel to apostacy.” Sanhedrin ch. vi, 43a. Neither was a crime under Roman law; so to Pilate Jesus was accused of sedition.
233 Or, officers as in vss. 3, 12, 18, 22 above.
234 Lit. on this side (of death?).
235 Or, Thou sayest it, because I am a king.
saying, Crucify him, crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Take him yesternight, and crucify him: for I find no crime in him. 7 The Jews answered him, We have a law, and by that law he ought to die, because he made himself the Son of God. 8 When Pilate therefore heard this saying, he was the more afraid; 9 and he entered into the Praetorium again, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave no answer. 10 Pilate therefore saith unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to release thee, and have power to crucify thee? 11 Jesus answered him, Thou wouldest have no power against me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he that delivered me unto thee hath greater sin. 12 Upon this Pilate sought to release him: but the Jews cried out, saying, If thou release this man, thou art not Caesar’s friend: every one that maketh himself a king saith that the scripture might be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 13 When Pilate therefore heard these words, he was almost out, saying, If thou release this man, thou are not Caesar’s friend: every one that maketh himself a king. 14 Now it was the preparation of the passover: it was about the sixth hour. And he saith unto the Jews, Behold your King! 15 They therefore cried out, Away with him, away with him, crucify him! Pilate saith unto them, Shall I crucify your King? The chief priests answered, We have no king but Caesar. 16 Then therefore he delivered him unto them to be crucified. 17 They took Jesus therefore: and they went out, bearing the cross for himself, unto the place called The place of a skull, which is called in Hebrew Golgotha: 18 where they crucified him, and with him two others, on either side one, and Jesus in the midst. 19 And Pilate wrote a title also, and put it on the cross. And there was written, JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. 20 This title therefore read many of the Jews, for the place where Jesus was crucified was nigh to the city; and it was written in Hebrew, and in Latin, and in Greek. 21 The chief priests of the Jews therefore said to Pilate, write not, The King of the Jews; but, that he said, I am King of the Jews. 22 Pilate answered, What have I written I have written. 23 The soldiers therefore, when they had crucified Jesus, took his garments and made four parts, to every soldier a part; and also the coat: now was there no seamless cloth, woven from the top throughout. 24 They said therefore one to another, Let us not rend it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be: that the scripture might be fulfilled, They parted my garments among them, and upon my vesture did they cast lots. 25 These things therefore the soldiers did. But there were standing by the cross of Jesus his mother, and his mother’s sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. 26 When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple whom he loved, he saith unto his mother, Woman, behold thy son! 27 Then saith he to the disciple, Behold, thy mother! And from that hour the disciple took her unto his own home.

28 After this Jesus, knowing that all things are now finished, that the scripture might be accomplished, saith, I thirst. 29 There was set there a vessel full of vinegar: so they put a sponge full of vinegar upon hyssop, and brought it to his mouth. 30 When Jesus therefore had received the vinegar, he said, It is finished: and he bowed his head, and gave up the breath.

31 The Jews therefore, because it was the Preparation, that the bodies should not remain on the cross upon the sabbath (for of the day that sabbath was a high day), asked of Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. 32 The soldiers therefore came, and brake the legs of the first, and of the other that was crucified with him: 33 but when they came to Jesus, and saw that he was dead already, they brake not his legs: 34 howbeit one of the soldiers with a spear pierced his side, and straightway there came out blood and water. 35 And he that hath seen hath borne witness, and his witness is true: and he knoweth that he saith true, that ye also may believe. 36 For these things came to pass, that the scripture might be fulfilled, A bone of him shall not be broken. 37 And again another scripture saith, They shall look to him whom they pierced.

38 And after these things Joseph of Arimathaea, being a disciple of Jesus, but secretly for fear of the Jews, asked of Pilate that he might take away the body of Jesus: and Pilate gave him leave. He came therefore, and took away his body. 39 And there came also Nicodemus, he who at the first came to him by night, bringing a mixture of myrrh and aloes, about a hundred pounds. 40 So they took the body of Jesus, and bound it in linen cloths with the spices, as the custom of the Jews is to bury. 41 Now in the place where he was crucified there was a garden; and in the garden a new tomb wherein Jews is to bury.

42 There then because of the Jews’ Preparation day (for the tomb was nigh at hand) they laid Jesus.

20 Now on the first day of the week cometh Mary Magdalene early, while it was yet dark, unto the tomb; and seeth the stone taken away from the tomb. 2 She runneth therefore, and cometh to Simon Peter, and to the other disciple whom Jesus loved, and saith unto them, They have taken away the Lord out of the tomb, and we know not where they have laid him. 3 Peter therefore went forth, and the other disciple, and they went toward the tomb. 4 And they ran both together: and the other disciple outran Peter, and came first to the tomb; 5 and stooping and looking in, he seeth the linen cloths lying: yet entered he not in. 6 Simon Peter therefore also cometh, following him, and entered into the tomb; and he beholdeth the linen cloths lying: 7 and the napkin, that was upon his head, not lying with the linen cloths, but rolled up in

236 Or, palace
237 Or, authority (both times, and in vs. 11)
238 Or, opposeth Caesar.
239 Or, for the place of the city where Jesus was crucified was nigh at hand;
240 Or, tunic (both times).
241 So p66\* L cop\* co\-arm. BN cop\* 30\* sch 2 it\* geo almost alone omit which saith
242 Ps 22:18.
243 Or, mother’s sister Mary Cf Mk 15:40, Mt 27:56.
244 Ps 69:21.
245 Or, spirit. or, wind.
246 Ex 12:46; Nu 9:12; Ps 22:17, 34:20.
247 Or, crushed.
248 Zc 12:10. (Greek like Theodotian, not Septuagint.)
249 A Roman pound of nearly 12 ounces.
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a place by itself. 8 Then entered in therefore the other disciple also, who came first to the tomb, and he saw, and believed. 9 For as yet they knew not the scripture, that he must rise again from the dead. 10 So the disciples went away again unto their own home.

11 But Mary was standing without at the tomb weeping; so, as she wept, she stooped and looked into the tomb; 12 and she beheld two angels in white sitting, one at the head, and one at the feet, where the body of Jesus had lain. 13 And they say unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? She saith unto them, Because they have taken away my Lord, and I know not where they have laid him. 14 When she had thus said, she turned herself back, and beheld him standing, and knew not that it was Jesus. 15 Jesus saith unto her, Woman, why weepest thou? whom seest thou? She, supposing him to be the gardener, saith unto him, Sir, if thou hast borne him hence, tell me where thou hast laid him, and I will take him away. 16 Jesus saith unto her, Mary. She turneth herself, and saith unto him in Hebrew, Rabboni; which is to say, Teacher. 17 Jesus saith to her, Touch me not; for I am not yet ascended unto my Father and your Father, even my God and your God. 18 Mary Magdalene cometh and telleth the disciples, I have seen the Lord; and he saith to them, Go and tell my brethren, and the disciples, which are not written in this book:

19 When therefore it was evening, on that day, the first day of the week, and when the doors were shut where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in the midst, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 20 And when he had said this, he showed unto them his hands and his side. The disciples therefore were glad, when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus therefore said to them again, Peace be unto you: as the Father hath sent me, even so send I you. 22 And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye a holy spirit: 23 whose soever sins ye forgive, they have been forgiven unto them; whose soever sins ye retain, they have been retained.

24 But Thomas, one of the twelve, called Didymus, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 The other disciples therefore said unto him, We have seen the Lord. But he said unto them, Except I shall see in his hands the print of the nails, and in his feet the print of the spear, I will not believe.

26 And after eight days again his disciples were within, and Thomas with them. Jesus cometh, the doors being shut, and saith unto them, Peace be unto you. 27 Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger, and see my hands; and reach hither thy hand, and put it into my side: and be not faithless, but believing. 28 Thomas answered and said unto him, My Lord and my God. 29 Jesus saith unto him, Because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.

30 Many other signs therefore did Jesus in the sight of his disciples, which are not written in this book: 31 but these are written, that ye may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye may have life in his name.

21 After these things Jesus manifested himself again to the disciples at the sea of Tiberias; and he manifested himself on this wise. 2 There were together Simon Peter, and Thomas called Didymus, and Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, and the sons of Zebedee, and two other of his disciples. 3 Simon Peter saith unto them, I go a fishing. They say unto him, We also come with thee. They went forth, and entered into the boat; and that night they took nothing. 4 But when day was now breaking, Jesus stood on the beach; yet the disciples knew not that it was Jesus. 5 Jesus therefore saith unto them, Children, have ye any meat to eat? They answered him, No. 6 And he said unto them, Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and ye shall find. They cast therefore, and now they were not able to draw it for the multitude of fishes. 7 That disciple therefore whom Jesus loved saith unto Peter, It is the Lord. 8 Simon Peter therefore went up, and drew the net to land, full of great fishes, a hundred and fifty three: and for all there were so many, yet the net was not rent.

9 Jesus saith unto them, Come and break your fast. And none of the disciples durst inquire of him, Who art thou? knowing that it was the Lord. 10 Jesus cometh, and taketh the bread; and giveth them, and the fish likewise. 11 This is the third time that Jesus was manifested to the disciples, after that he was risen from the dead.

15 So when they had broken their fast, Jesus saith to Simon Peter, Simon, son of St Peter, Lovest thou me more than these? He saith unto him, Yes, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Feed my lambs. 16 He saith unto him again a second time, Simon, son of John, Lovest thou me? He saith unto him, Yes, Lord; thou knowest that I love thee. He saith unto him, Tend my little sheep. 17 He saith unto him the third time, Simon, son of John, Lovest thou me? Peter was grieved because he said unto him the third time, lovest thou me? And he said unto him, Lord, thou knowest all things; thou knowest that I love thee. Jesus saith unto him, Feed my little sheep. 18 Truly, truly, I say unto thee, When thou wast young, thou girdedst thyself, and walkedst whithersoever thou wouldest; but when thou shalt be old, thou shalt stretch forth thy hands, and another shall gird thee, and carry thee whither thou wouldest not. 19 Now this he spake, signifying by what
manner of death he should glorify God. And when he had spoken this, he saith unto him, Follow me. 20 Peter, turning about, seeth the disciple whom Jesus loved following; who also leaned back on his breast at the supper, and said, Lord, who is he that betrayeth thee? 21 Peter therefore seeing him saith to Jesus, Lord, 263 and what shall this man do? 22 Jesus saith unto him, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? follow thou me. 23 This saying therefore went forth among the brethren, that that disciple should not die: yet Jesus said not unto him, that he should not die; but, If I will that he tarry till I come, what is that to thee? 24 This is the disciple that beareth witness of these things, and wrote these things: and we know that his witness is true. 25 264 And there are also many other things which Jesus did, which if they should be written every one, I suppose that even the world itself would not contain the books that should be written.

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262 *Or*, delivereth thee up?

263 *Gk.* but this man, what?

264 *N* (but not N*) almost alone omits vs. 25.
The former treatise I made, O Theophilus, concerning all that Jesus began both to do and to teach, until the day in which he was received up, after that he had given commandment through the Holy Spirit unto the apostles whom he had chosen: to whom he also showed himself alive after his passion by many proofs, appearing unto them by the space of forty days, and speaking the things concerning the kingdom of God: and being assembled together with them, he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father, which, said he, ye heard from me: for John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized in the Holy Spirit not many days hence.

They therefore, when they were come together, asked him, saying, Lord, dost thou at this time restore the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know times or seasons, which the Father hath set within his own authority. But ye shall receive power, when the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be my witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth. And when he had said these things, as they were looking, he was taken up; and a cloud received him out of their sight. And while they were looking steadfastly into heaven as he went, behold two men stood by them in white apparel; who also said, Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye looking into heaven? this Jesus, who was received up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye beheld him going into heaven.

Then returned they unto Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is nigh unto Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey off. And when they were come in, they went up into the upper chamber, where they were abiding: both Peter and John, and James and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James the son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas the brother of James. These all with one accord continued stedfastly in prayer, with the women, and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brethren.

And in these days Peter stood up in the midst of the brethren, and said (and there was a multitude of persons gathered together, about a hundred and twenty), brethren, it is needful that the scripture should be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit spake before by the mouth of David concerning Judas, who became guide to them that took Jesus. For he was numbered among us, and received his reward with the reward of his iniquity; and falling headlong, he burst asunder in the midst, and all his bowels gushed out. And it became known to all the dwellers at Jerusalem; insomuch that in their language that field was called Akeldama, that is, The field of blood.) For it is written in the book of Psalms, Let his habitation become desolate, And let no man dwell therein: and, His office let another receive.

Of the men therefore that have companied with us all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and went out among us, beginning from the baptism of John, unto the day that he was received up from us, of these must one become a witness with us of his resurrection. And they put forward two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was surnamed Justus, and Matthias. And they prayed and said, Thou, Lord, who knowest the hearts of all men, show of these two the one whom thou hast chosen, to receive the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas fell away, that he might go to his own place. And they gave lots for them; and the lot fell upon Matthias; and he was numbered with the eleven apostles.

And when the day of Pentecost was now come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly there came from heaven a sound as of the rushing of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. And there appeared unto them tongues parting among them, like as of fire; and it sat upon each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Now there were dwelling at Jerusalem Jews, devout men, from every nation under heaven. And when this sound came about, the multitude came together, and were confounded, because that every man heard them speaking in his own language. And they were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying, Behold, are not all these that speak Galileans? And how hear we, every man in our own language wherein we were born? But Parthians and Medes and Elamites, and the dwellers in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, in Pontus and Asia, in Phrygia and Pamphylia, in Egypt and the parts of Libya about Cyrene, and strangers of Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians, we hear them speak in our tongues the mighty works of God. And they were all amazed, and were perplexed, saying one to another, What meaneth this? But others mocking said, They are filled with new wine.

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and spake forth unto them, saying, Ye men of Judea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and give ear unto my words. For these are not drunken, as ye suppose; seeing it is but the third hour of the day; but this is that which hath been spoken through the prophet Joel:

 sweetheart, to be a present.
25 And it shall be in the last days, saith God, I will pour forth of my Spirit upon all flesh: And your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, And your young men shall see visions, And your old men shall dream dreams:

18 Yes and on my servants and on my handmaidens in those days Will I pour forth of my Spirit; and they shall prophesy. And I will show wonders in the heaven above And signs on the earth beneath; Blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke:

20 The sun shall be turned into darkness, And the moon into blood, Before the day of the Lord come, That great and illustrious day:

21 And it shall be, that whatsoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved.

22 Ye men of Israel, hear these words: Jesus of Nazareth, a man approved of God unto you by mighty works and wonders and signs which God did by him in the midst of you, even as ye yourselves know; 23 him, being delivered up by the determinate counsel and foreknowledge of God, ye by the hand of lawless men did crucify and slay: 24 whom God raised up, having loosed the pangs of death: because it was not possible that he should be holden of it. 25 For David saith concerning him,

22 I beheld the Lord always before my face; For he is on my right hand, that I should not be moved:

26 Therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; Moreover my flesh also shall dwell in hope;

27 Because thou wilt not leave my soul unto Hades, Neither wilt thou give thy Holy One to see corruption.

28 Thou madest known unto me the ways of life;

29 Brethren, I may say unto you freely of the patriarch David, that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us unto this day. 30 Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins he would set one upon his throne; 31 he foreseeing this spake of the resurrection of the Christ, that neither was he left unto Hades, nor did his flesh see corruption. 32 This Jesus did God raise up, wherein we all are witnesses:

27 The Lord said unto my Lord, Sit thou on my right hand,

35 Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet.

36 Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly, that God hath made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom ye crucified.

37 Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and the rest of the apostles, Brethren, what shall we do? 38 And Peter said unto them, Repent ye, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ unto the remission of your sins; and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. 39 For to you is the promise, and to your children, and to all that are afar off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call unto him. 40 And with many other words he testified and exhorted them, saying, Save yourselves from this crooked generation. 41 They then received his word were baptized: and there were added unto them in that day about three thousand souls. 42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread and the prayers.

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs came to be done through the apostles. 44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common; 45 and they sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all, according as any man hath need. 46 And day by day, continuing steadfastly with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread at home, they took their food with gladness and singleness of heart, 47 praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day those that are being saved.

3 Now Peter and John were going up into the temple at the hour of prayer, being the ninth hour. 2 And a certain man that was lame from his mother’s womb was carried, whom they laid daily at the door of the temple which is called Beautiful, to ask alms of them that entered into the temple; 3 who seeing Peter and John about to go into the temple, asked to receive an alms. 4 And Peter, fastening his eyes upon him, with John, said, Look on us. 5 And he gave heed unto them, expecting to receive something from them. 6 But Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but what I have, that give I thee. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk. 7 And he took him by the right hand, and raised him up: and immediately his feet and his ankle-bones received strength. 8 And leaping up, he stood, and began to walk; and he entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God: 9 And all the people saw him walking and praising God: 10 and they took knowledge of him, that it was he that sat for alms at the Beautiful Gate of the temple; and they were filled with wonder and amazement at that which had happened unto him.

11 And as he held Peter and John, all the people ran together unto them in the porch that is called Solomon’s, greatly wondering. 12 And when Peter saw it, he answered unto the
people. Ye men of Israel, why marvel ye at this man? or why fasten ye your eyes on us, as though by our own power or godliness we had made him to walk? 13 The God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob, the God of our fathers, hath glorified his Servant Jesus; whom ye delivered up, and denied before the face of Pilate, when he had determined to release him. 14 But ye denied the Holy and Righteous One, and asked for a murderer to be granted unto you, and killed the Prince of life; whom God raised from the dead; 15 whereof we are witnesses. 16 And by faith in his name hath his name made this man strong, whom ye behold and know: yes, the faith which is through him hath given him this perfect soundness in the sight of you all. 17 And now, brethren, I know that in ignorance ye did it, as did also your rulers. 18 But the things which God foreshadowed by the mouth of all the prophets, that his Christ should suffer, he thus fulfilled. 19 Repent ye therefore, and turn around, that your sins may be blotted out, that so there may come seasons of refreshing from the face of the Lord; 20 and that he may send the Christ who hath been appointed for you, even Jesus: 21 whom the heaven must receive until the times of his restoration of all things, whereof God spake by the mouth of his holy prophets that have been from of old. 22 Moses indeed said, A prophet shall the Lord God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me; to him shall ye hearken in all things whatsoever he shall speak unto you. 23 And it shall be, that every soul that shall not hearken to that prophet, shall be utterly destroyed from among the people. 24 Yes and all the prophets from Samuel and them that followed after, as many as have spoken, they also told of these days. 25 Ye are the sons of the prophets, and of the covenant which God made with your fathers, saying unto Abraham, And in thy seed shall all the families of the earth be blessed. 26 Unto you first God, having raised up his Servant, sent him to bless you, in turning away every one of you from your iniquities.

And as they spake unto the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, being sore troubled because they taught the people, and proclaimed in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. 3 And they laid hands on them, and put them in ward unto the morrow: for it was eventide. 4 But many of them that heard the word believed; and the number of the men came to be about five thousand.

And it came to pass on the morrow, that their rulers and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; and elders and scribes were gathered together in Jerusalem; and the high priest was there, and Caiaaphas, and John, and Alexander, and as many as were of the kindred of the high priest. 7 And when they had set them in the midst, they inquired, By what power, or in what name, have ye done this? 8 Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said unto them, Ye rulers of the people, and elders, if we this day are examined concerning a good deed done to an impotent man, 9 by what means this man is made whole; 10 be it known unto you all, and to all the people of Israel, that in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom ye crucified, whom God raised from the dead, even in this name doth this man stand here before you whole. 11 He is the stone which was set at nought of you the builders, which came to be the head of the corner. 12 And in none other is there salvation: for neither is there any other name under heaven, that is given among men, wherein we must be saved.

13 Now when they beheld the boldness of Peter and John, and had perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus. 14 And seeing the man that was healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. 15 But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the city, they conferred among themselves, 16 saying, What shall we do to these men? for that indeed a notable miracle hath come to be through them, is manifest to all that dwell in Jerusalem; and we cannot deny it. 17 But that it spread no further among the people, let us threaten them, that they speak henceforth to no man in this name. 18 And they called them, and charged them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it is right in the sight of God to hearken unto you rather than unto God, judge ye: 20 for we cannot but speak the things which we saw and heard. 21 And they, when they had further threatened them, let them go, finding nothing how they might punish them, because of the people: for all men glorified God for that which had come to be done. 22 For the man was more than forty years old, on whom this miracle of healing had come to be done.

And being let go, they came to their own company, and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said unto them. 24 And they, when they heard it, lifted up their voice to God with one accord, and said, O Lord, 25 who didst make the heaven and the earth, and the sea, and all that is in them is: 26 by the Holy Spirit, by the mouth of our father David thy servant, didst say,
Ps 2:1-2.
60 Gk. nations And in vs. 27.
61 Or, meditate
63 Or, Child See marginal note on ch. 3:13.
64 Gk. bondservants
65 Or, Child See marginal note on ch. 3:13.
66 So pØ (B) and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., copSa.
1739 ((NA 1175)) (cop*88) add Christ
67 Or, consolation See Lk 2:25; Ac 9:31; 15:31; 2Co 1:3-7;
68 Or, deceive
69 Or, spirit: (pneuma, πνεῦμα). And so elsewhere.
70 Gk. younger
71 Or, portico.
72 Or, and there were the more added to them, believing on the Lord,
73 Or, palleis, 
74 Or, at
75 Gk. sayings;

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59 Why did the Gentiles rage, and the peoples imagine vain things? 26 the kings of the earth set themselves in array, and the rulers were gathered together, against the Lord, and against his Anointed:

27 for of a truth in this city against thy holy Servant Jesus, whom thou didst anoint, both Herod and Pontius Pilate, with the Gentiles and the peoples of Israel, were gathered together, to do whatsoever thy hand and thy counsel foreordained to come to pass. 28 And now, Lord, look upon their threatenings: and grant unto thy servants to speak thy word with all boldness, while thou stretchest forth thy hand to heal; and that signs and wonders may come to be done through the name of thy holy Servant Jesus. 31 And when they had prayed, the place was shaken wherein they were gathered together; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spake the word of God with boldness.

32 And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and soul: and not one of them said that aught of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common. 33 And with great power gave the apostles their witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all. 34 For neither was there among them any that lacked: for as many as were possessors of houses or lands sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles’ feet: and distribution was made unto each, according as any one had need.

36 And Joseph, who by the apostles was surnamed Barnabas (which is, being interpreted, Son of consolation), a Levite, a man of Cyprus by race, having a field, sold it, and brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

5 But a certain man named Ananias, with Sapphira his wife, sold a possession, 2 and kept back part of the price, his wife also being privy to it, and brought a certain part, and laid it at the apostles’ feet. 3 But Peter said, Ananias, why hast thou Satan filled thy heart to lie to the Holy Spirit, and to thy wife also being privy thereto? 4 While it remained, did it not remain thine own? and after it was sold, was it not in thy power? 5 And Ananias hearing these words fell down and gave up the breath: and great fear came upon all that heard it.

7 And it came about the space of three hours after, when his wife, not knowing what had come to pass, came in. 8 And Peter answered unto her, Tell me whether ye sold the land for so much. And she said, Yes, for so much. 9 But Peter said unto her, How is it that ye have agreed together to try the Spirit of the Lord? behold, the feet of them that have buried thy husband are at the door, and they shall carry thee out. 10 And she fell down immediately at his feet, and gave up the breath: and the young men came in and found her dead, and they carried her out and buried her by her husband.

11 And great fear came upon the whole church, and upon all that heard these things.

12 And by the hands of the apostles came to be many signs and wonders among the people: and they were all with one accord in Solomon’s porch. 13 But of the rest durst no man join himself to them: howbeit the people magnified them; 14 and believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women: 15 insomuch that they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and couches, that, as Peter came by, at least his shadow might overshadow some one of them. 16 And there also came together the multitude from the cities round about Jerusalem, bringing sick folk, and them that were vexed with unclean spirits: and they were healed every one.

17 But the high priest rose up, and all they that were with him (which is the sect of the Sadducees), and they were filled with jealousy, and laid hands on the apostles, and put them in public ward. 18 But an angel of the Lord by night opened the prison doors, and brought them out, and said, 20 Go ye, and stand and speak in the temple to the people all the words of this Life. 21 And when they heard this, they entered into the temple about daybreak, and taught. But the high priest came, and they that were with him, and called the council together, and all the senate of the sons of Israel, and sent to the prison-house to have them brought. 22 But the officers that came found them not in the prison; and they returned, and told, saying, The prison-house we found shut in all safety, and the keepers standing at the doors: but when we had opened, we found no man within. 24 Now when the captain of the temple and the chief priests heard these words, they were much perplexed concerning them whereunto this may become. 25 And there came one and told them, Behold, the men whom ye put in the prison are in the temple standing and teaching the people. 26 Then went the captain with the officers, and brought them, but without violence; for they feared the people, lest they should be stoned. 27 And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest asked them, saying, We strictly charged you not to teach in this name: and behold, ye have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and intend to bring this man’s blood upon us. 29 But Peter and the apostles answered and said, We must obey God rather than men. 30 The God of our fathers raised up Jesus, whom ye slew, hanging him on a tree.

31 Him did God exalt with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, to give repentance to Israel, and remission of sins. 32 And we are witnesses of these things: and so is the Holy Spirit,
which God hath given to them that obey him.

33 But they, when they heard this, were cut to the heart, and were minded to slay them. 34 But there stood up one in the council, a Pharisee, named Gamaliel, a doctor of the law, had in honor of all the people, and commanded to put the men forth a little while. 35 And he said unto them, ye men of Israel, take heed to yourselves as touching these men, what ye are about to do. 36 For before these days rose up Theudas, giving himself out to be somebody; to whom a number of men, about four hundred, joined themselves: who was slain; and all, as many as obeyed him, were dispersed, and came to nought. 37 After this man rose up Judas of Galilee in the days of the enrolling, and drew away some of the people after him: he also perished; and all, as many as obeyed him, were scattered abroad. 38 And now I say unto you, Refrain from these men, and let them alone: for if this counsel or this work be of men, it will be overthrown: 39 but if it be of God, ye will not be able to overthrow them: lest haply ye be found even by the people to be fools concerning this matter. 40 And to him they agreed: and when they had called the apostles unto them, they beat them and charged them not to speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. 41 They therefore departed from the council, rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer dishonor for the Name. 42 And every day, in the temple and at home, they ceased not to teach and to preach Jesus as the Christ.

6 Now in these days, when the number of the disciples was multiplied, there arose a murmuring of the Grecian Jews against the Hebrews, because their widows were neglected in the daily ministration. 2 And the twelve called the multitude of the disciples unto them, and said, It is not fitting that we should forsake the word of God, to serve tables. 3 But, brethren, look ye out from among you seven men of good report, full of the Holy Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business. 4 But we will continue stedfastly in prayer, and in the ministry of the word. 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch; 6 whom they set before the apostles: and when they had prayed, they laid their hands upon them.

7 And the word of God increased; and the number of the disciples multiplied in Jerusalem exceedingly; and a great company of the priests were obedient to the faith.

8 And Stephen, full of grace and power, wrought great wonders and signs among the people. 9 But there arose certain of them that were of the synagogue called the synagogue of the Libertines, and of the Cyrenians, and of the Alexandri- ans, and of them of Cilicia and Asia, disputing with Stephen. 10 And they were not able to withstand the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spake. 11 Then they suborned men, who said, We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses, and against God. 12 And they stirred up the people, and the elders, and the scribes, and came upon him, and seized him, and brought him into the council, and set up false witnesses, who said, This man ceaseth not to speak against this holy place, and the law: 13 for we have heard him say, that this Jesus of Nazareth shall destroy this place, and shall change the customs which Moses delivered unto us. 15 And all that sat in the council, fastening their eyes on him, saw his face as it had been the face of an angel.

7 And the high priest said, Are these things so? 2 And he said, Brethren and fathers, hearken: The God of glory appeared unto our father Abraham, when he was in Mesopotamia, before he dwelt in Haran, and said unto him, Get thee out of thy land, and from thy kindred, and come into the land which I shall show thee. 3 Then came he out of the land of the Chaldaeans, and dwelt in Haran: and from thence, when his father was dead, God removed him into this land, wherein ye now dwell: 4 and he gave him none inheritance in it, no, not so much as to set his foot on: and he promised that he would give it to him in possession, and to his seed after him, when as yet he had no child. 5 And God spake on this wise, that his seed should sojourn in a strange land, and that they should bring them into bondage, and treat them ill, four hundred years. 7 And the nation to which they shall be in bondage will I judge, said God: and after that shall they come forth, and serve me in this place. 8 And he gave him the covenant of circumcision: and so Abraham begat Isaac, and circumcised him the eighth day; and Isaac begat Jacob, and Jacob the twelve patriarchs. 9 And the patriarchs, moved by jealousy, sold Joseph into Egypt: and God was with him, 10 and delivered him out of all his afflictions, and gave him favor and wisdom before Pharaoh king of Egypt; and he made him governor over Egypt and all his house. 11 Now there came a famine over all Egypt and Canaan, and great affliction: and our fathers found no sustenance. 12 But when Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent forth our fathers the first time. 13 And at the second time Joseph was made known to his brethren; and Joseph’s race became manifest unto Pharaoh. 14 And Joseph sent, and called to him Jacob his father, and all his kindred, seventy-five souls. 15 And Jacob went down into Egypt; and he died, himself and our fathers; 16 and they were removed unto Shechem, and laid in the tomb that Abra- ham bought for a price in silver, beside that of the sons of Hamor in Shechem. 17 But as the time of the promise drew nigh which God vouchsafed unto Abraham, the people grew and multiplied in Egypt, till there arose another king over Egypt, who knew not Joseph. 19 The same dealt craftily with our race, and ill-treated our fathers, that they should cast out their babies to the end they might not live. 20 At which season Moses was born, and was exceeding fair; and he was
nourished three months in his father’s house: 21 and when he was cast out, Pharaoh’s daughter took him up, and nourished him for her own son. 22 And Moses was instructed in all the wisdom of the Egyptians; and he was mighty in his words and works. 23 But when he was well-nigh forty years old, it came into his heart to visit his brethren the sons of Israel. 24 And seeing one of them suffer wrong, he defended him, and avenged him that was oppressed, smiting the Egyptian: 25 and he supposed that his brethren understood that God by his hand was giving them deliverance; but they understood not. 26 And the day following he appeared unto them as they strove, and would have set them at one again, saying, Sirs, ye are brethren; why do ye wrong one to another? 27 But he that did his neighbor wrong thrust him away, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge over us? 28 Wouldest thou kill me, as thou killedst the Egyptian yesterday? 29 And Moses fled at this saying, and became a sojourner in the wilderness of mount Sinai, where he begat two sons. 30 And when forty years were fulfilled, an angel appeared to him in the wilderness of mount Sinai, in a flame of fire in a bush. 31 And when Moses saw it, he wondered at the sight: and as he drew near to behold, there came a voice of the Lord, 32 I am the God of thy fathers, the God of Abraham, and of Isaac, and of Jacob. And Moses trembled, and durst not behold. 33 And the Lord said unto him, Loose the shoes from thy feet: for the place whereon thou standest is holy ground. 34 I have surely seen the afflictions of my people that is in Egypt, and have heard their groaning, and I am come down to deliver them: and now come, I will send thee into Egypt. 35 This Moses whom they refused, saying, Who made thee a ruler and a judge? him hath God sent to be both a ruler and a deliverer with the hand of the angel that appeared to him in the bush. 36 This man led them forth out of Egypt, and in the wilderness forty years. 37 This is that Moses, who said unto the sons of Israel, A prophet shall God raise up unto you from among your brethren, like unto me. 38 This is he that came to be in the church in the wilderness with the angel that spake to him in the mount Sinai, and with our fathers; who received living oracles to give to us: 39 to whom our fathers would not become obedient, but thrust him from them, and turned back in their hearts unto Egypt, 40 saying unto Aaron, Make us gods that shall go before us: for as for this Moses, who led us forth out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. 41 And they made a calf in those days, and brought a sacrifice unto the idol, and rejoiced in the works of their hands. 42 But God turned, and gave them up to serve the host of heaven; as it is written in the book of the prophets, 43 And ye took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of the god Raiphan, and the figures which ye made to worship them: And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.

44 Our fathers had the tabernacle of the witness in the wilderness, even as he appointed who spake unto Moses, that he should make it according to the figure that he had seen. 45 Which also our fathers, in their turn, brought in with Joshua when they entered on the possession of the nations, that God thrust out before the face of our fathers, unto the days of David; 46 who found favor in the sight of God, and asked to find a habitation for the house of Jacob. 47 But Solomon built him a house. 48 Howbeit the Most High dwelleth not in houses made with hands; as saith the prophet,

49 The heaven is my throne, and the earth the footstool of my feet: What manner of house will ye build me? saith the Lord: Or what is the place of my rest?

50 Did not my hand make all these things?

51 Ye stiffnecked and uncircumcised in heart and ears, ye do always resist the Holy Spirit: as your fathers did, so do ye. 52 Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute? and they killed them that showed before of the coming of the Righteous One; of whom ye have now become betrayers and murderers; 53 ye who received the law as it was ordained by angels, and kept it not.

54 Now when they heard these things, they were cut to their hearts, and they gashed on him with their teeth. 55 But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, looked up steadfastly into heaven, and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing on the right hand of God, 56 and said, Behold, I see the heavens opened, and the Son of man standing on the right hand of God. 57 But they cried out with a loud voice, and stopped their ears, and rushed upon him with one accord; 58 and they cast him out of the city, and stoned him: and the witnesses laid down their garments at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59 And they stoned Stephen, who was calling upon the Lord, and saying, Lord Jesus, receive my spirit. 60 And he kneeled down, and cried with a loud voice, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. And when he had said this, he fell asleep.

8 And Saul was consenting unto his death. And there arose on that day a great persecution against the church which was in Jerusalem; and they were all scattered abroad throughout the regions of Judea and Samaria, except the apostles. 2 And devout men buried Stephen, and made great lamentation over him. 3 But Saul laid waste the church, entering into every house, and dragging away both men and women committed to prison. 4 They therefore that were scattered abroad went about preaching the word. 5 And Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and proclaimed unto them the Christ. 6 And the multitudes gave heed with one accord unto the things that were spoken by Philip, when they heard, and saw the signs which he did. 7 From many of those that had unclean spirits, they came out, crying with a loud voice: and many that were palsied, and that were lame, were healed. 8 And there came to be much joy in that city.

95 Did ye offer unto me slain beasts and sacrifices Forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel?

96 (J.H. Thayer: A Coptic pr. name of Saturn.)

97 Gk. type (τύπος).

98 Gk. Jesus Compare Hb 4:8.

99 Or, Gentiles Compare ch. 4:25.

100 Is 66:1f.

101 Or, as the ordinance of angels, Gk. unto ordinances of angels,
9 But there was a certain man, Simon by name, who beforetime in the city used sorcery, and amazed the people of Samaria, giving out that himself was some great one: 10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, This man is that power of God which is called Great. 11 And they gave heed to him, because that of long time he had amazed them with his sorceries. 12 But when they believed Philip 104 preaching good tidings concerning the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were baptized, both men and women. 13 And Simon also himself believed: and being baptized, he continued with Philip; and beholding signs and great miracles come to pass, he was amazed.

14 Now when the apostles that were at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent unto them Peter and John: 15 who, when they were come down, prayed for them, that they might receive a holy spirit: 16 for as yet it was fallen upon none of them: only they had been baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 17 Then laid they their hands on them, and they received a holy spirit. 18 Now when Simon saw that through the laying on of the apostles’ hands the spirit was given, he offered them money, 19 saying, Give me also this authority, that on whomsoever I lay hands on them, and they received a holy spirit. 20 But Peter said unto him, Thy silver perish with thee, because thou hast thought to obtain the gift of God with money. 21 Thou hast neither part nor lot in this matter: for thy heart is not right before God. 22 Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray the Lord, if perhaps the thought of thy heart shall be forgiven thee. 23 For I see that thou art in the gall of bitterness and in the bond of iniquity. 24 And Simon answered and said, Pray ye for me to the Lord, that I may receive also this gift of the Holy Spirit.

25 They therefore, when they had testified and spoken the word of the Lord, returned to Jerusalem, and preached the gospel to many villages of the Samaritans.

26 But an angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go 109 toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza: the same is desert. 27 And he arose and went: and behold, a man of Ethiopia, a eunuch, which was of great power under Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, who had over all those who were in her kingdom, and which had great riches: this came to Jerusalem, to worship, 28 and was returning and sitting in his chariot, and was reading the prophet Isaiah. 29 And the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot; 30 And Philip ran to him, and heard him reading Isaiah the prophet, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? 31 And he said, How can I, except some one shall guide me? And he besought Philip to come up and sit with him. 32 Now the passage of the scripture which he was reading was this, 110

108 Gk. word:
110 He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; And as a lamb before his shearer is dumb, So he opened not his mouth: 31 In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: His generation who shall declare? For his life is taken from the earth. 34 And the eunuch answered Philip and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other? 35 And Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this scripture, 111 preached unto him Jesus. 36 And as they went on the way, they came unto a certain water; and the eunuch saith, Behold, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? 38 And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they both went down into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. 39 And when they came out of the water, 112 the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip; and the eunuch saw him no more, for he went on his way rejoicing. 40 But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he 113 preached the gospel to all the cities, till he came to Caesarea.

9 But Saul, yet breathing threatening and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord, went unto the high priest, and asked of him letters to Damascus unto the synagogues, that if he found any that were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. 3 And as he journeyed, it came to pass that he drew nigh unto Damascus: and suddenly there shone round about him a light out of heaven: 4 and he fell upon the earth, and heard a voice saying unto him, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? 5 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: 6 but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. 7 And the men that journeyed with him stood speechless, hearing the voice, but beholding no man. 8 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing; and they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 9 And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink.

10 Now there was a certain disciple at Damascus, named Ananias; and the Lord said unto him in a vision, Ananias. And he said, Lord, I am here, Lord. And the Lord said unto him, Arise, and go to the street which is called Straight, and inquire in it, whether thou hast found a man of Tarsus: for he is named Saul, of whom they all which are here speak. 12 And he said, Who art thou, Lord? And he said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest: but rise, and enter into the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do. 13 And when he had opened his eyes, he could not see, and they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 14 And Saul arose from the earth; and when his eyes were opened, he saw nothing; and they led him by the hand, and brought him into Damascus. 15 And he was three days without sight, and did neither eat nor drink. 16 But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: for he is a 117 cho-

102 Compare marginal note on ch. 5:42.
103 Gk. nation.
104 Compare marginal note on ch. 5:42.
105 Gk. powers.
106 So BN copse,meg. But p45.74 A 81 C 33 1175 1739 copbo vg and all others read Holy Spirit.
107 Gk. word.
108 Or, wilt become gall (or, a gall root) of bitterness and a bond of iniquity. Compare Dt 29:18; Hb 12:15.
110 Is 53:7f.
111 Compare marginal note on ch. 5:42.
112 So p45.74 BNA 81 C 1175 copsa,bo vg. 1739 and several lesser Gk. mss. add a vs. 37 purporting to be a baptismal formula.
113 Compare marginal note on ch. 5:42.
114 Or, sound.
115 Hb. Hananiah (meaning Jehovah hath been gracious).
116 So p74 SA 81 copsa,bo B C 1175 (and most lesser Gk. mss.), copm89 add in a vision.
And he came to be certain days with the disciples that were at Damascus. 20 And straightway in the synagogues he pros¬claimed Jesus, that he is the Son of God. 21 And all that heard him were amazed, and said, Is not this he that in Jerusalem made havoc of them that called on this name? and he had come hither for this intent, that he might bring them bound before the chief priests. 22 But Saul increased the more in strength, and confounded the Jews that dwelt at Damascus, proving that this is the Christ.

23 And when many days were fulfilled, the Jews took counsel together to kill him: 24 but their plot became known to Saul. And they watched the gates also day and night that they might kill him: 25 but his disciples took him by night, and let him down through the wall, lowering him in a large round basket.

26 And when he was come to Jerusalem, he assayed to join himself to the disciples: and they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was soon a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him, and brought him to the apostles, and declared unto them how he had seen the Lord in the way, and that he had spoken to him, and how at Damascus he had preached boldly in the name of Jesus. 28 And he was with them going in and out at Jerusalem, 29 preaching boldly in the name of the Lord: and he spake and disputed against the 30Grecian Jews; but they were seeking to kill him. 30 And when the brethren knew it, they brought him down to Caesarea, and sent him forth to Tarsus.

31 So the church throughout all Judea and Galilee and Samaria had peace, being edified; and walking in the fear of the Lord and in the comfort of the Holy Spirit, was multiplied.

32 And it came to pass, as Peter went throughout all parts, he came down also to the saints that dwelt at Lydda. 33 And there he found a certain man named Aeneas, who had kept his bed eight years; for he was palsied. 34 And Peter said unto him, Aeneas, Jesus Christ healeth thee: arise, and make thy bed. And straightway he arose. 35 And all that dwelt at Lydda and in Sharon saw him, and they turned to the Lord.

36 Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did. 37 And it came to pass in those days, that she fell sick, and died: and when they had washed her, they laid her in an upper chamber. 38 And as Lydda was nigh unto Joppa, the disciples, hearing that Peter was there, sent two men unto him, entreating him, Delay not to come on unto us. 39 And Peter arose and went with them. And when he was come, they brought him into the upper chamber: and all the widows stood by him weeping, and showing the coats and garments which Dorcas made, while she was with them. 40 But Peter put them all forth, and kneeled down, and prayed; and turning to the body, he said, Tabitha, arise. And she opened her eyes; and when she saw Peter, she sat up. 41 And he gave her his hand, and raised her up; and calling the saints and widows, he presented her alive.

42 And it became known throughout all Joppa: and many believed on the Lord. 43 And it came to pass, that he abode many days in Joppa with one Simon a tanner.

10 Now there was a certain man in Caesarea, Cornelius by name, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, 2 a devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, who gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God always. 3 He saw in a vision openly, as it were about the ninth hour of the day, an angel of God coming in unto him, and saying to him, Cornelius. 4 And he, fastening his eyes upon him, and becoming as¬lighted, said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, thy prayers and thine alms are gone up for a memorial before God. 5 And now send men to Joppa, and fetch one Simon, who is surnamed Peter; 6 he lodgeth with one Simon a tanner, whose house is by the sea side. 7 And when the angel that spake unto him was departed, he called two of his household-servants, and a devout soldier of them that waited on him continually; 8 and having rehearsed all things unto them, he sent them to Joppa.

9 Now on the morrow, as they were on their journey, and drew nigh unto the city, Peter went up upon the housetop to pray, about the sixth hour: 10 and he became hungry, and desired to eat: but while they made ready, there came on him a trance; 11 and he beheldeth the heaven opened, and a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet, let down by four corners upon the earth: 12 wherein were all manner of fourfooted beasts and creeping things of the earth and birds of the heaven. 13 And there came a voice unto him, Rise, Peter; kill and eat. 14 But Peter said, Not so, Lord; for I have never eaten anything that is common and unclean. 15 And a voice came unto him again the second time, What God hath cleansed, make not thou common. 16 And this came to pass thrice: and straightway the vessel was received up into heaven.

17 Now while Peter was much perplexed in himself what the vision which he had seen might mean, behold, the men that were sent by Cornelius, having made inquiry for Simon’s house, stood before the gate. 18 and called and asked whether Simon, who was surnamed Peter, were lodging there. 19 And while Peter thought on the vision, the Spirit said unto him, Behold, three men seek thee. 20 But arise, and get thee down, and go with them, nothing doubting: for I have sent them. 21 And Peter went down to the men, and said, Behold, I am he whom ye seek: what is the cause wherefore ye are come? 22 And they said, Cornelius a centurion, a righteous man and one that feareth God, and well reported of by all the nation of the Jews, was warned of God by a holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words from thee. 23 So he called them in and lodged them.

17 Gk. vessel of election
18 Gk. Hellenists;
19 Gk. builded up;
20 Or, by (both times)
21 That is, Gazelle:
22 Or, cohort
23 Or, defiled. And in ch. 11:9.
24 So B 81 vg. p74NA C 1175 cop bo meg read they
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And on the morrow he arose and went forth with them, and certain of the brethren from Joppa accompanied him. 24 And on the morrow 124 he entered into Caesarea. And Cornelius was waiting for them, having called together his kinsmen and his near friends. 25 And when it came to pass that Peter entered, Cornelius met him, and fell down at his feet, and 125 worshipped him. 26 But Peter raised him up, saying, Stand up; I myself also am a man. 27 And as he talked with him, he went in, and findeth many come together: 28 and he said unto them, Ye yourselves know how it is an unlawful thing for a man that is a Jew to join himself or come unto one of another nation; and yet unto me hath God showed that I should not call any man common or unclean: 29 wherefore also I came without gainsaying, when I was sent for. I ask therefore with what intent ye sent for me. 30 And Cornelius said, Four days ago, until this hour, I was keeping the ninth hour of prayer in my house; and behold, a man stood before me in bright apparel, 31 and saith, Cornelius, thy prayer is heard, and thine alms are had in remembrance in the sight of God. 32 Send therefore to Joppa, and call unto thee Simon, who is surnamed Peter; he lodgeth in the house of Simon a tanner, by the sea side. 33 Forthwith therefore I sent to thee; and thou hast well done that thou art come. Now therefore we are all here present in the sight of God, to hear all things that have been commanded thee of the Lord. 34 And Peter opened his mouth, and said,

Of a truth I perceive that God is no respecter of persons: 35 but in every nation he that feareth him, and worketh righteousness, is acceptable to him. 36 128 He sent the word unto the sons of Israel, preaching 129 good tidings of peace by Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all): 37 that saying ye yourselves know, which became published throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee, after the baptism which John preached; 38 even Jesus of Nazareth, whose surname is Peter; he was in the flesh. 39 And we are witnesses of all things which he did both in the country of the Jews, and in Jerusalem: whom also they slew, hanging him on a tree. 40 Him God raised up the third day, and gave him to be manifest, 41 not to all the people, but unto witnesses that were chosen of God, even to us, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. 42 And he charged us to preach unto the people, and to witness that this is he who is ordained of God to be the Judge of the living and the dead. 43 To him bear all the prophets witness, that through his name every one that believeth on him shall receive remission of sins.

44 While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Spirit fell on all them that heard the word. 45 And they of the circumcision that believed were amazed, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Spirit. 46 For they heard him speak with tongues, and magnify God. Then answered Peter, 47 Can any man forbid the water, that these should not be baptized, who have received the Holy Spirit as well as we? 48 And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then prayed they him to tarry certain days.

11 Now the apostles and the brethren that were in Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. 2 And when Peter was come up to Jerusalem, they that were of the circumcision contended with him, 3 saying, Thou wentest in to men uncircumcised, and didst eat with them. 4 But Peter began, and expounded the matter unto them in order, saying, 5 I was in the city of Joppa praying: and in a trance I saw a vision, a certain vessel descending, as it were a great sheet let down from heaven by four corners; and it came even unto me: 6 upon which when I had fastened mine eyes, I considered, and saw the fourfooted creatures of the earth and wild beasts and creeping things and birds of the heaven. 7 And I heard also a voice saying unto me, Rise, Peter; kill and eat. 8 But I said, Not so, Lord: for nothing common or unclean hath ever entered into my mouth. 9 But a voice answered a second time out of heaven, What God hath cleansed, make not thou common. 10 And this came to pass thrice: and all were drawn up again into heaven. 11 And behold, forthwith three men stood before the house in which we were, having been sent from Caesarea unto me. 12 And the Spirit bade me go with them, making no distinction. And these six brethren also accompanied me; and we entered into the man’s house: 13 and he told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house, and saying, Send to Joppa, and fetch Simon, whose surname is Peter; 14 who shall speak unto thee words, whereby thou shalt be saved, thou and all thy house. 15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell on them, even as on us at the beginning. 16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he said, John indeed baptized with water; but ye shall be baptized 129 in the Holy Spirit. 17 If then God gave unto them the like gift as he did also unto us, when we believed on the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I, that I could withstand God? 18 And when they heard these things, they held their peace, and glorified God, saying, Then to the Gentiles also hath God granted repentance unto life.

19 They therefore that were scattered abroad upon the tribulation that arose about Stephen travelled as far as Phoe nicia, and Cyprus, and Antioch, speaking the word to none save only to Jews. 20 But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who, when they were come to Antioch, spake unto the 130 Greek speakers also, 131 preaching the Lord Jesus. 21 And the hand of the Lord was with them: and a great number that believed turned unto the Lord. 22 And the report concerning them came to the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas as far as Antioch: 23 who, when he was come, and had seen the grace of God, was glad; and he exhorted them all, 132 that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord: 24 for he was a good man, and full of the Holy Spirit and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord. 25 And he went forth to Tarsus to seek for Saul; 26 and when he had found him, he brought him unto Antioch. And it came to pass, that even for a whole year

125 The Greek word denotes an act of reverence, whether paid to a creature or to the Creator.
126 Or, how unlawful it is for a man etc.
127 So BN* A 18739 cop vg.  p74 N* C 1175 and most lesser Gk. mss. read The word which he sent unto
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130 So B 81 1175 and most. p74 A read Greeks
131 See marginal note on ch. 5:42.
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they were gathered together with the church, and taught much people; and that the disciples were called Christians first in Antioch.

27 Now in these days there came down prophets from Jerusalem unto Antioch. 28 And there stood up one of them named Agabus, and signified by the Spirit that there should be a great famine over all the inhabited earth: which came to pass in the days of Claudius. 29 And the disciples, every man according to his ability, determined to send relief unto the brethren that dwelt in Judea: 30 which also they did, sending it to the elders by the hand of Barnabas and Saul.

12 Now about that time Herod the king put forth his hands to afflict certain of the church. 2 And he killed James the brother of John with the sword. 3 And when he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to seize Peter also. But Peter, being prayed for of the church, was kept in the prison: but prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him. 4 And when Herod had sought for him, he was kept in the prison: but prayer was made of the church unto God for him. 5 Peter therefore was kept in the prison: but prayer was made earnestly of the church unto God for him. 6 And when Herod was about to bring him forth, the same night Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains: and guards before the door kept the prison. 7 And behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him, and a light shined in the cell: and he smote Peter on the side, and awoke him, saying, Rise up quickly. And his chains fell off from his hands. 8 And the angel said unto him, Gird thyself, and bind on thy sandals. And he did so. 9 And he saith unto him, Cast thy garment about thee, and follow me. 10 And he went out, and followed; and he knew not that it was true which came to be done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. 11 And when they were past the first and the second guard, they came into the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and straightway the angel which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and followed; and he knew not that it was true which came to be done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. 12 And when they were past the first and the second guard, they came into the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and straightway the angel which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and followed; and he knew not that it was true which came to be done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. 13 And when they were past the first and the second guard, they came into the iron gate that leadeth into the city; which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and passed on through one street; and straightway the angel which opened to them of its own accord: and they went out, and followed; and he knew not that it was true which came to be done by the angel, but thought he saw a vision. 14 And when he knocked at the door of the gate, a maid came to answer, named Rhoda. 15 And when she knew Peter’s voice, she opened not the gate for joy, but ran in, and told that Peter stood before the gate. 16 But Peter continued knocking: and when they had opened, they saw him, and were amazed. 17 But he beckoning unto them with the hand to hold their peace, declared unto them how the Lord had brought him forth out of the prison. And he said, Tell these things unto James, and to the brethren. And he departed, and went to another place. 18 Now as soon as it became day, there was no small stir among the soldiers, what was become of Peter. 19 And when Herod had sought for him, and found him not, he examined the guards, and commanded that they should be put to death. And he went down from Judea to Caesarea, and tarried there.

20 Now he was highly displeased with them of Tyre and Sidon: and they came with one accord to him, and, having made Blastus the king’s chamberlain their friend, they asked for peace, because their country was fed from the king’s country. 21 And upon a set day Herod arrayed himself in royal apparel, and sat on the throne, and made an oration unto them. 22 And the people shouted, saying, The voice of a god, and not of a man. 23 And immediately an angel of the Lord smote him, because he gave not God the glory: and he came to be eaten of worms, and gave up the breath.

24 But the word of God grew and multiplied.

25 And Barnabas and Saul returned to Jerusalem when they had fulfilled their ministration, taking with them John whose surname was Mark.

13 Now there were at Antioch, in the church that was there, prophets and teachers, Barnabas, and Simeon that was called Niger, and Lucius of Cyrene, and Manaen the foster-brother of Herod the tetrarch, and Saul. 2 And as they ministered unto the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Spirit said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. 3 Then, when they had fasted and prayed and laid their hands on them, they sent them away.

4 So they, being sent forth by the Holy Spirit, went down to Seleucia; and from thence they sailed to Cyprus. 5 And when they were at Salamis, they proclaimed the word of God in the synagogues of the Jews: and they had also John as their attendant. 6 And when they had gone through the whole island unto Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew, whose name was Bar-Jesus; 7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of understanding. The same called unto him Barnabas and Saul, and sought to hear the word of God. 8 But Elymas the sorcerer (for so is his name by interpretation) withstood them, seeking to turn aside the proconsul from the faith. 9 But Saul, who is also called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fastened his eyes on him, and said, O full of all guile and all villany, thou son of the devil, thou enemy of all righteousness, wilt thou not cease to pervert the right ways of the Lord? 10 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon thee, and thou shalt be blind, not seeing the sun for a season. And immediately there fell on him a mist and a darkness; and he went about seeking for the vision which he had saw.

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Men of Israel, and ye that fear God, hearken: 17 The God of this people Israel chose our fathers, and exalted the people when they sojourned in the land of Egypt, and with a high arm led them forth out of it. 18 And for about the time of forty years 144 suffered they in the wilderness. 19 And when he had destroyed seven nations in the land of Canaan, he gave them their land for an inheritance, for about four hundred and fifty years: 20 also after these things he gave them judges until Samuel the prophet. 21 And afterward they asked for a king: and God gave unto them Saul the son of Kish, a man of the tribe of Benjamin, for the space of forty years. 22 And when he had removed him, he raised up David to be their king; to whom also he bare witness and said, 147 I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after my heart, who shall do all my will. 23 Of this man’s seed hath God according to his promise brought unto Israel a Savior, Jesus; 24 when John had first preached 148 before his coming the baptism of repentance to all the people of Israel. 25 And as John was fulfilling his course, he said, What suppose ye that I am? I am not he. But behold, there cometh one after me the shoes of whose feet I am not worthy to unloose. 26 Brethren, sons of the stock of Abraham, and those among you that fear God, to us is the word of this salvation sent forth.

146 So BN 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg. p74 AC* 1175 cop read as a nursing-father bare he them in the wilderness.
147 Isa 13:14; Ps 89:20.
148 Gk. wills.
149 Gk. before the face of his entering in
150 Ps 2:7.
151 Is 55:3.
152 Or, mercies
153 Ps 16:10.

through this man is proclaimed unto you remission of sins: 39 and by him every one that believeth is justified from all things, from which ye could not be justified by the law of Moses. 40 Beware therefore, lest that come upon you which is spoken in the prophets:

41 155 Behold, ye despisers, and wonder, and 156 perish; For I work a work in your days, A work which ye shall in no wise believe, if one declare it unto you.
42 And as they went out, they besought that these words might be spoken to them until the next sabbath. 43 Now when the synagogue broke up, many of the Jews and of the devout proselytes followed Paul and Barnabas; who, speaking to them, urged them to continue in the grace of God.
44 And the next sabbath almost the whole city was gathered together to hear the word of the Lord. 45 But when the Jews saw the multitude, they were filled with jealousy, and contradicted the things which were spoken by Paul, and 158 blasphemed. 46 And Paul and Barnabas spake out boldly, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first be spoken to you. Seeing ye thrust it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of eternal life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles. 47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying,

159 I have set thee for a light of the Gentiles,
That thou shouldest be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth.
48 And as the Gentiles heard this, they were glad, and glorified the word of the Lord: and as many as were ordained to eternal life believed. 49 And the word of the Lord was spread abroad throughout all the region. 50 But the Jews urged on the devout women of honorable estate, and the chief men of the city, and stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and cast them out of their borders. 51 But they shook off the dust of their feet against them, and came unto Iconium. 52 And the disciples were filled with joy and with the Holy Spirit.

And it came to pass in Iconium that they entered together into the synagogue of the Jews, and so spake that a great multitude both of Jews and of Greeks believed. 2 But the Jews that were disobedient stirred up the souls of the Gentiles, and made them evil affected against the brethren. 3 Long time therefore they tarried there speaking boldly in the Lord, who bare witness unto the word of his grace, granting signs and wonders to come by their hands. 4 But the multitude of the city was divided; and part held with the Jews and part with the apostles. 5 And when there came to be an onset both of the Gentiles and of the Jews with their rulers, to treat them
shamefully and to stone them, 6 they became aware of it, and fled unto the cities of Lycaonia, Lystra and Derbe, and the region round about: 7 and there they 165 preached the gospel.

8 And at Lystra there sat a certain man, impotent in his feet, a cripple from his mother’s womb, who never had walked. 9 The same heard Paul speaking: who, fastening his eyes upon him, and seeing that he had faith to be made whole, 10 said with a loud voice, Stand upright on thy feet. And he leaped up and walked. 11 And when the multitudes saw what Paul had done, they lifted up their voice, saying in the speech of Lycaonia, The gods are come down to us in the likeness of men. 12 And they called Barnabas, 162 Jupiter; and Paul, Mercury, because he was the leading speaker. 13 And the priest of Jupiter whose temple was before the city, brought oxen and garlands unto the gates, and would have done sacrifice with the multitudes. 14 But when the apostles, Barnabas and Paul, heard of it, they rent their garments, and sprang forth among the multitude, crying out 15 and saying, Sirs, why do ye these things? We also are men of like passions with you, and bring you good tidings, that ye should turn from these vain things unto a living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and all that in them is: 16 who in the generations gone by suffered all the 163 nations to walk in their own ways. 17 And yet he left not himself without witness, in that he did good and gave you from heaven rains and fruitful seasons, filling your hearts with food and gladness. 18 And with these sayings scarce restrained they the multitudes from doing sacrifice unto them.

19 But there came Jews thither from Antioch and Iconium: and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul, and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he had died. 20 But as the disciples stood round about him, he rose up, and entered into the city: and on the morrow he went forth with Barnabas to Derbe. 21 And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, and to Iconium, and to Antioch, 22 confirming the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to continue in the faith, and that through many tribulations we must enter into the kingdom of God. 23 And when they 169 had elected elders for them in every church, and had prayed with fasting, they commended them to the Lord, on whom they had believed. 24 And they passed through Pisidia, and came to Pamphyilia. 25 And when they had spoken the word in Perga, they went down to Attalia; 26 and thence they sailed to Antioch, from whence they had been committed to the grace of God for the work which they had fulfilled. 27 And when they were come, and had gathered the church together, they rehearsed all things that God had done with them, and that he had opened a door of faith unto the Gentiles. 28 And they tarried no little time with the disciples.

15 And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, saying, Except ye be circumcised after the custom of Moses, ye cannot be saved. 2 And when Paul and Barnabas came to no small dissension and questioning with them, the brethren appointed that Paul and Barnabas, and certain other of them, should go up to Jerusalem unto the apostles and elders about this question. 3 They therefore, being brought on their way by the church, passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, declaring the conversion of the Gentiles: and they caused great joy unto all the brethren. 4 And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church and the apostles and the elders, and they rehearsed all things that God had done with them. 5 But there rose up certain of the sect of the Pharisees who believed, saying, It is needful to circumcise them, and to charge them to keep the law of Moses.

6 And the apostles and the elders were gathered together to consider of this matter. 7 And when there had come to be much questioning, Peter rose up, and said unto them,

Brethren, ye know that a good while ago God made choice among you, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel, and believe. 8 And God, who knoweth the heart, bare them witness, giving them the Holy Spirit, even as he did unto us; 9 and he made no distinction between us and them, cleansing their hearts by faith. 10 Now therefore why make ye trial of God, that ye should put a yoke upon the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? 11 But we believe that we shall be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, in like manner as they.

12 And all the multitude kept silence; and they hearkened unto Barnabas and Paul rehearsing what signs and wonders God had wrought among the Gentiles through them. 13 And after they had held their peace, James answered, saying,

Brethren, hearken unto me: 14 Symeon hath rehearsed how first God visited the Gentiles, to take out of them a people for his name. 15 And to this agree the words of the prophets; as it is written,

169 After these things I will return, And I will build again the tabernacle of David, which is fallen; And I will build again the ruins thereof, And I will set it up; 17 that the residue of men may seek after the Lord, And all the Gentiles upon whom my name is called, Saith the Lord, 170 who maketh these things known from old.

19 Wherefore my judgment is, that we trouble not them that from among the Gentiles turn to God; 20 but that we write unto them, that they abstain from the pollutions of idols, and from fornication, and from what is strangled, and from blood. 21 For Moses from generations of old hath in every city them that preach him, being read in the synagogue every sabbath.

22 Then it seemed good to the apostles and the elders, with the whole church, to choose men out of their company, and send them to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; namely, Judas

161 See marginal note on ch. 5:42.
162 Gk. Zeus; and Paul, Hermes,
163 Or Gentiles See ch. 5:42.
164 Antioch of Pisidia, And in vs. 21 (see ch. 13:14), but not in vs. 26.
165 Or more literally, had them elect elders for themselves by stretching forth the hand or, ... by show of hands See Liddell and Scott, or Thayer.
166 Gk. from early days
167 Or, good tidings
168 See marginal note on ch. 4:25.
169 Amos 9:11-12.
170 Or, who doeth these things which were known etc.
171 See marginal note on ch. 4:25.
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called Barsabbas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren: 23 and they wrote thus by them, 173 The apostles and the elders, brethren, unto the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch and Syria and Cilicia, greeting: 24 Forasmuch as we have heard that certain 173 who went out from us have troubled you with words, subverting your souls; to whom we gave no commandment; 25 it seemed good unto us, having come to one accord, to choose out men and send them unto you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, 26 men who have hazzard their souls for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. 27 We have sent therefore Judas and Silas, who themselves also shall tell you the same things by word of mouth. 28 For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: 29 that ye abstain from things sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication; from which if ye keep yourselves, it shall be well with you. Fare ye well.

30 So they, when they were dismissed, came down to Antioch; and having gathered the multitude together, they delivered the epistle. 31 And when they had read it, they rejoiced for the consolation. 32 And Judas and Silas, being themselves also prophets, exhorted the brethren with many words, and confirmed them. 33 And after they had spent some time there, they were dismissed in peace from the brethren unto those that had sent them forth. 34 But Paul and Barnabas tarried in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

35 And after some days Paul said unto Barnabas, Let us return now and visit the brethren in every city wherein we proclaimed the word of the Lord, and see how they fare. 36 And Barnabas was minded to take with them John also, who was called Mark. 37 But Paul thought it not good to take with them him who withdrew from them from Paphalia, and went not with them to the work. 38 And there arose a sharp contention, so that they parted asunder one from the other, and Barnabas took Mark with him, and sailed away unto Cyprus: 40 but Paul chose Silas, and went forth, being commended by the brethren to the grace of the Lord. 41 And he went through Syria and Cilicia, confirming the churches.

16 And he came also to Derbe and to Lystra: and behold, a certain disciple was there, named Timothy, the son of a Jewess that believed; but his father was a Greek. 2 The same was well reported of by the brethren that were at Lystra and Iconium. 3 Him would Paul have to go forth with him; and he took and circumcised him because of the Jews that were in those parts: for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 4 And as they went on their way through the cities, they delivered them the decrees to keep which had been ordained in those parts: for they all knew that his father was a Greek. 5 So the churches were strengthened in the faith, and increased in number daily.

6 And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden of the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia; 7 and when they were come over against Mysia, they assayed to go into Bithynia; and the Spirit of Jesus suffered them not; 8 and passing by Mysia, they came down to Troas. 9 And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: There was a man of Macedonia standing, beseeching him, and saying, Come over into Macedonia, and help us. 10 And when he had seen the vision, straightway we sought to go forth into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel unto them.

11 Setting sail therefore from Troas, we made a straight course to Samothrace, and the day following to Neapolis; 12 and from thence to Philippi, which is a city of Macedonia, the first of the district, a Roman colony: and we were in this city tarrying certain days. 13 And on the sabbath day we went forth without the gate by a river side, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down, and spake unto the women that were come together. 14 And a certain woman named Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira, one that worshipped God, heard us: whose heart the Lord opened to give heed unto the things which were spoken by Paul. 15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.

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19 But when her masters saw that the hope of their gain was gone, they laid hold on Paul and Silas, and dragged them into the marketplace before the rulers, and when they had brought them unto the magistrates, they said, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, and set forth customs which it is not lawful for us to receive, or to observe, being Romans. 22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent their garments off them, and commanded to beat them with rods. 23 and when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24 who, having received such a charge, cast them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks. 25 But about midnight Paul and Silas

174 So p53,74 Act 81 C 33 Copa,bo vgs. BN 1175 almost alone omit who went out
175 Or, exhortation.
176 Or, comforted
177 So p74BN A 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., copbo vgs. (‡p127M) C 1175 33 copbo add a vs. 34 But it seemed good unto Silas to abide there.
178 Or, in faith
179 Or, Phrygia and the region of Galatia,
180 Gk. bring the good tidings See ch. 5:42.
181 So (BA*vid) 81 C 33 copsa,bo. 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read where was wont to be etc.
182 Gk. a spirit, a Python
183 Gk. bondservants
184 Or, a way of salvation.
185 Gk. come out,
186 Gk. praetors, Compare vss. 22, 35, 36, 38.
were praying and singing hymns unto God, and the prisoners were listening to them; 26 and suddenly there came a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison-house were shaken: and immediately all the doors were opened: and every one's bands were loosed. 27 And the jailor, becoming roused out of slumber and seeing the prison doors open, drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm: for we are all here. 29 And he called for lights and sprang in, and, trembling for fear, fell down before Paul and Silas, 30 and brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved? 31 And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus, and thou shalt be saved, thou and thy house. 32 And they spake the word of the Lord unto him, with all that were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized, he and all his house, 34 and besought them; and when they had brought them up into his house, and set food before them, and rejoiced greatly, with all his house, having believed in God.

35 But when it became day, the magistrates sent the sergeants-at-arms, saying, let those men go. 36 And the jailor reported these words to Paul, saying, The magistrates have sent to let you go: now therefore come forth, and go in peace. 37 But Paul said unto them, they have beaten us publickly, uncondemned, men that are Romans, and have cast us into prison: and do they now cast us out privately? no verily; but let them come themselves and bring us out. 38 And the sergeants reported these words unto the magistrates: and they feared when they heard that they were Romans; 39 and they came and besought them; and when they had brought them out, they asked them to go away from the city. 40 And they went out of prison, and entered into the house of Lydia: and when they had seen the brethren, they comforted them, and departed.

17 Now when they had passed through Amphipolis and Apollonia, they came to Thessalonica, where was a synagogue of the Jews: 2 and Paul, as his custom was, went in unto them, and for three sabbath days reasoned with them from the scriptures, 3 opening and alleging that it behooved him to speak of the kingdom of God, and how he had judged those that should rise from the dead. 4 And some of them were persuaded, and some consulted with Paul and Silas; and of the devout Greeks a great multitude, and of the chief women not a few. 5 But the Jews, being moved with jealousy, took unto them certain vile fellows of the rabble, and gathering a crowd, set the city on an uproar; and assaulting the house of Jason, they sought to bring them forth to the people. 6 And when they found them not, they dragged Jason and certain brethren before the rulers of the city, crying, These that have turned the world upside down are come hither also; 7 whom Jason had received: and these all act contrary to the decrees of Caesar, saying that there is another king, one Jesus. 8 And they troubled the multitude and the rulers of the city, when they heard these things. 9 And when they had received security from Jason and the rest, they let them go.

10 And the brethren immediately sent away Paul and Silas by night to Beroea: who when they were come thither went into the synagogue of the Jews. 11 Now these were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so. 12 Many of them therefore believed; also of the Greek women of honorable estate, and of the men, not a few. 13 But when the Jews of Thessalonica had knowledge that the word of God was proclaimed of Paul at Beroea also, they came thither likewise, stirring up and troubling the multitudes. 14 And then immediately the brethren sent forth Paul to go as far as to the sea: and Silas and Timothy abode there still. 15 But they that conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens: and receiving a commandment unto Silas and Timothy that they should come to him with all speed, they departed.

16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him as he beheld the city full of idols. 17 So he reasoned in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and in the market place every day with them that met him. 18 And certain also of the Epicurean and Stoic philosophers met him. And some said, What would this babbler say? others, He seemed to be a setter forth of strange gods: because he preached Jesus and the resurrection. 19 And they took hold of him, and brought him unto the Areopagus, saying, May we know what this new teaching is, which is spoken by thee? 20 For thou bringest certain strange things to our ears: we would know therefore what these things mean. 21 (Now all the Athenians and the strangers sojourning there 201 spent their time in nothing else, but either to tell or to hear some new thing.) 22 And Paul stood in the midst of the Areopagus, and said,

Ye men of Athens, in all things I perceive that ye are very religious. 23 For as I passed along, and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. What therefore ye worship in ignorance, this I set forth unto you. 24 The God that made the world and all things therein, he, being Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; 25 neither is he served by men's hands, as though he needed anything, seeing he himself giveth to all life, and breath, and all things; 26 and he made of one every nation of men to dwell on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed seasons, and the bounds of their habitation; 27 that they should seek God, if haply they might feel after him and find him, though he is not far from each one of us: 28 for in him we live,
and move, and have our being; as certain even of your own poets have said,

For we are also his offspring.

29 Being then the offspring of God, we ought not to think that the nature of God is like unto gold, or silver, or stone, graven by art and device of man. 30 The times of ignorance therefore God overlooked; but now he commandeth men that they should all everywhere repent: 31 m kinds of met as he hath appointed a day in which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he hath ordained; wherein he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

32 Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some mocked; but others said, We will hear thee concerning this yet again. 33 Thus Paul went out from among them. 34 But certain men clave unto him, and believed: among whom was even Dionysius the Areopagite, and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

18 After these things he departed from Athens, and came to Corinth. 2 And he found a certain Jew named Aquila, a man of Pontus by race, lately come from Italy, with his wife Priscilla, because Claudius had commanded all the Jews to depart from Rome: and he came unto them; 3 and because he was of the same trade, he abode with them, and he wrought; for by their trade they were tentmakers. 4 And he reasoned in the synagogue every sabbath, and persuaded Jews and Greeks. 5 But when Silas and Timothy came down from Macedonia, Paul was constrained by the word, testifying to the Jews that Jesus was the Christ. 6 And when they opposed themselves and blasphemed, he shook out his raiment and said unto them, Your blood be upon your own heads; I am clean: from henceforth I will go unto the Gentiles. 7 And he departed thence, and went into the house of a certain man named Titus Justus, one that worshipped God, whose house joined hard to the synagogue. 8 And Crispus, the synagogue ruler, believed in the Lord with all his house; and many of the Corinthians hearing believed, and were baptized. 9 And the Lord said unto Paul in the night by a vision, Be not afraid, but speak and hold not thy peace: 10 for I am with thee, and no man shall set on thee to harm thee: for I have much people in this city. 11 And he dwelt there a year and six months, teaching the word of God among them.

12 But when Gallio was proconsul of Achaia, the Jews with one accord rose up against Paul and brought him before the judgment-seat, saying, This man persuadeth men to worship God contrary to the law. 13 But when Paul was about to open his mouth, Gallio said unto the Jews, If indeed it were a matter of wrong or of wicked villany, O ye Jews, reason would that I should bear with you: 15 but if they are questions about words and names and your own law, look to it yourselves; I am not minded to be a judge of these matters. 16 And he drove them from the judgment-seat. 17 And they all laid hold on Sothenees, the synagogue ruler, and beat him before the judgment-seat. And Gallio cared for none of these things.

18 And Paul, having tarried after this yet many days, took his leave of the brethren, and sailed thence for Syria, and with him Priscilla and Aquila: having shorn his head in Cenchreae; for he had a vow. 19 And they came to Ephesus, and he left them there: but he himself entered into the synagogue, and reasoned with the Jews. 20 And when they asked him to abide a longer time, he consented not; 21 but taking his leave of them, and saying, I will return again unto you if God will, he set sail from Ephesus. 22 And when he had landed at Caesarea, he went up and saluted the church, and went down to Antioch. 23 And having spent some time there, he departed, and went through the region of Galatia, and Phrygia, in order, establishing all the disciples.

24 Now a certain Jew named Apollos, an Alexandrian by race, an eloquent man, came to Ephesus; and he was mighty in the scriptures. 25 This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spake and taught accurately the things concerning Jesus, knowing only the baptism of John: 26 and he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. But when Priscilla and Aquila heard him, they took him unto them, and expounded unto him the way of God more accurately. 27 And when he was minded to pass over into Achaia, the brethren encouraged him, and wrote to the disciples to receive him: and when he was come, he 28 helped them much that had believed through grace; 29 for he powerfully confuted the Jews, and that publicly, showing by the scriptures that Jesus was the Christ.

19 And it came to pass, that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul having passed through the upper country came to Ephesus, and found certain disciples: 2 and he said unto them, Did ye receive a holy spirit when ye believed? And they said unto him, No, we did not so much as hear whether there was any holy spirit. 3 And he said, Into what then were ye baptized? 4 And they said, Into John's baptism. 5 And Paul said, John baptized the righteous in order to persuade people to believe that he was the Christ. 6 And when they heard this, they were baptized into the name of the Lord Jesus. 7 And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Spirit came upon them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied. 8 And they were in all about twelve men.

9 And he entered into the synagogue, and spake boldly for the space of three months, reasoning and persuading as to the things concerning the kingdom of God. 9 But when some were hardened and disobedient, speaking evil of the Way before
the multitude, he departed from them, and separated the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. 10 And this continued for the space of two years; so that all they that dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. 11 And God wrought special miracles by the hands of Paul: 12 insomuch that unto the sick were carried away from his body handkerchiefs or aprons, and the diseases departed from them, and the evil spirits went out. 13 But certain also of the strolling Jews, exorcists, took upon them to name over them that had the evil spirits the name of the Lord Jesus, saying I adjure you by Jesus whom Paul preacheth. 14 And there were seven sons of one Sceva, a Jew, a chief priest, who made silver shrines of Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter? 15 And when they heard that, all the multitude, he saith, Ye men of Ephesus, what man is there who knoweth not that the city of the Ephesians is temple-keeper of the great Diana, and of the image which fell down from Jupiter? 16 Seeing then that these things cannot be gainsaid, ye ought to be quiet, and to do nothing rash. 17 For ye have brought hither these men, who are neither robbers of temples nor blasphemers of our goddess. 18 If therefore Demetrius, and the craftsmen that are with him, have a matter against any man, let them accuse one another. 19 But if ye seek anything about other matters, it shall be settled in the regular assembly. 20 For indeed we are in danger to be accused concerning this day’s riot, there being no cause for it: and as touching it we shall not be able to give account of this concourse. 21 And when he had thus spoken, he dismissed the assembly.

And after the uproar ceased, Paul having sent for the disciples and exhorted them, took leave of them, and departed to go into Macedonia. 2 And when he had gone through those parts, and had given them much exhortation, he came into Greece. 3 And when he had spent three months there, and a plot arose against him by the Jews as he was about to set sail for Syria, it became his purpose to return through Macedonia. 4 And there accompanied him Sophocles of Berea, the son of Pyrrhus; and of the Thessalonians, Aristarchus and Secundus; and Gaius of Derbe, and Timothy; and of Asia, Tychicus and Trophimus. 5 But these came and were waiting for us at Troas. 6 And we sailed away from Philippi after the days of unleavened bread, and came unto them to Troas in five days; where we tarried seven days.

7 And upon the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul discoursed with them, intending to depart on the morrow; and prolonged his speech until midnight. 8 And there were many lights in the upper chamber where we were gathered together. 9 And there sat on the window sill a certain young man named Eutychus, borne down with deep slumber; and as Paul discoursed yet longer, being borne down by his slumber he fell down from the third story, and was taken up dead. 10 And Paul went down, and fell on him, and embracing him said, Make ye no ado; for his life is in him. 11 And when he was gone up, and had broken the bread, and eaten, and had talked with them a long while, even till break of day, so he departed. 12 And they brought the lad alive, and were not a little comforted. 13 But we, going before to the ship, set sail for Assos, there intending to take in Paul: for so had he appointed, intending

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220 Gk. powers
221 Or, recognize,
222 Gk. Artemis, And in vss. 27, 28, 34, 35.
223 Gk. the inhabited earth
224 That is, officers having charge of festivals, etc., in the Roman province of Asia.
225 Or, And some of the multitude instructed Alexander,
himself to go by land. 14 And when he met us at Assos, we took him in, and came to Mitylene. 15 And sailing from thence, we came the following day over against Chios; and the next day we touched at Samos; and the day after we came to Miletus. 16 For Paul had determined to sail past Ephesus, that he might not come to spend time in Asia; for he was hastening, if it were possible for him, to be at Jerusalem the day of Pentecost.

17 And from Miletus he sent to Ephesus, and called to him the elders of the church. 18 And when they were come to him, he said unto them,

Ye yourselves know, from the first day that I set foot in Asia, after what manner I came to be with you all the time, serving the Lord with all lowliness of mind, and with tears, and with trials which befell me by the plots of the Jews; 20 how I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from house to house, 21 testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ. 22 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 23 save that the Holy Spirit testifieth unto me in every city, saying that bonds and afflictions abide me.

24 But I hold not my soul of any account as dear unto myself, so that I may accomplish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God. 25 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 26 Wherefore I testify unto you this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. 27 For I shrank not from declaring unto you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly, and from house to house, testifying both to Jews and to Greeks repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

28 And now, behold, I go bound in the spirit unto Jerusalem, not knowing the things that shall befall me there: 29 I know that after my departing grievous wolves shall enter in among you, not sparing the flock; 30 and from among your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away the disciples after them. 31 Wherefore watch ye, remembering that by the space of three years I ceased not to admonish every one night and day with tears.

32 And now I commend you to God, and to the word of his grace, which is able to build up, and to give you the inheritance among all them that are sanctified. 33 I coveted no man’s silver, or gold, or apparel. 34 Ye yourselves know that these hands attended unto my necessities, and to them that were with me. 35 In all things I gave you an example, that so laboring ye ought to help the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that he himself said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.

36 And when he had thus spoken, he kneeled down and prayed with them all. 37 And they all came to be weeping sore, and fell on Paul’s neck and kissed him, 38 sorrowing most of all for the word which he had spoken, that they should behold his face no more. And they brought him on his way unto the ship.

21 And when it came to pass that we were parted from them and had set sail, we came with a straight course unto Cos, and the next day unto Rhodes, and from thence unto Patara: 2 and having found a ship crossing over unto Phoenicia, we went aboard, and set sail. 3 And when we had come in sight of Cyprus, leaving it on the left hand, we sailed unto Syria, and landed at Tyre; for there the ship was to unload her burden. 4 And having found the disciples, we tarried there seven days: and these said to Paul through the Spirit, that he should not set foot in Jerusalem. 5 And when it came to pass that we had accomplished the days, we departed and went on our journey; and they all, with wives and children, brought us on our way till we were out of the city: and kneeling down on the beach, we prayed, and bade each other farewell; 6 and we went on board the ship, but they returned home again.

7 And when we had finished the voyage from Tyre, we arrived at Ptolemais; and we saluted the brethren, and abode with them one day. 8 And on the morrow we departed, and came unto Caesarea: and entering into the house of Philip the evangelist, who was one of the seven, we abode with him. 9 Now this man had four virgin daughters, who prophesied. 10 And as we tarried there some days, there came down from Judea a certain prophet, named Agabus. 11 And coming to us, and taking Paul’s girdle, he bound his own feet and hands, and said, Thus saith the Holy Spirit, So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that oweth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles. 12 And when we heard these things, both we and they of that place besought him not to go up to Jerusalem. 13 Then Paul answered, What do ye, weeping and breaking my heart? for I am ready not to be bound only, but also to die at Jerusalem for the name of the Lord Jesus. 14 And when he would not be persuaded, we ceased, saying, The will of the Lord be done.

15 And after these days we took up our baggage and went up to Jerusalem. 16 And there went with us also certain of the disciples from Caesarea, bringing with them one Mnason of Cyprus, an early disciple, with whom we should lodge.

17 And when we were come to Jerusalem, the brethren received us gladly. 18 And the day following Paul went in with us unto James; and all the elders were present. 19 And when he had saluted them, he rehearsed one by one the things which God had wrought among the Gentiles through his ministry. 20 And they, when they heard it, glorified God; and they said unto him, Thou seest, brother, how many tens of thousands there are among the Jews of them that have believed; and...
they are all zealous for the law: 21 and they have been in-
formed concerning thee, that thou teachest all the Jews who
are among the Gentiles to forsake Moses, telling them not to
circumcise their children, neither to walk after the customs.
22 What is it therefore? they will certainly hear that thou art
come. 23 Do therefore this that we say to thee: we have four
men that have a vow on them; 24 these take, and purify thyself
with them, and be at charges for them, that they may shave
their heads: and all shall know that there is no truth in the
things whereof they have been informed concerning thee; but
that thou thyself also walkest orderly, keeping the law. 25 But
as touching the Gentiles that have believed, we 246 wrote,
giving judgment that they should keep themselves from things
sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what is strangled,
and from fornication. 26 Then Paul 246 took the men, and the
next day purifying himself with them went into the temple,
declaring the fulfilment of the days of purification, until the
offering was offered for every one of them.

27 And when the seven days were almost completed, the
Jews from Asia, when they saw him in the temple, stirred up
all the multitude and laid hands on him, 28 crying out, Men
of Israel, help: this is the man that teacheth all men every-
where against the people, and the law, and this place; and
moreover he brought Greeks also into the temple, and hath
defiled this holy place. 29 For they had before seen with him
in the city Trophimus the Ephesian, whom they supposed that
Paul had brought into the temple. 30 And all the city was
moved, and the people ran together; and they laid hold on
Paul, and dragged him out of the temple: and straightway
the doors were shut. 31 And as they were seeking to kill him,
tidings came up to the chief captain of the 246band, that all
Jerusalem was in confusion. 32 And forthwith he took soldiers
and centurions, and ran down upon them: and they, when
they saw the chief captain and the soldiers, left off beating
Paul. 33 Then the chief captain came near, and laid hold on
him, and commanded him to be bound with two chains; and
inquired who he was, and what he had done. 34 And some
shouted one thing, some another, among the crowd: and when
he could not know the certainty for the uproar, he commanded
him to be brought into the castle. 35 And when he came upon
the stairs, so it was that he was borne of the soldiers for the
violence of the crowd; 36 for the multitude of the people fol-
lowed after, crying out, Do away with him.

37 And as Paul was about to be brought into the castle, he
saith unto the chief captain, May I say something unto thee?
And he said, Dost thou know Greek? 38 Art thou not then
the Egyptian, who before these days stirred up to sedition
and led out into the wilderness the four thousand men of the
Assassins? 39 But Paul said, I am a Jew, of Tarsus in Cilicia,
a citizen of no mean city: and I beseech thee, give me leave
to speak unto the people. 40 And when he had given him leave,
Paul, standing on the stairs, beckoned with the hand unto the
people; and when there came to be a great silence, he spake
unto them in the Hebrew language, saying,

22 Brethren and fathers, hear ye the defence which I now
make unto you.

2 And when they heard that he spake unto them in the
Hebrew language, they were the more quiet: and he saith,

3 I am a Jew, born in Tarsus of Cilicia, but brought up in
this city, at the feet of Gamaliel, instructed according to the
strict manner of the law of our fathers, being zealous for God,
even as ye all are this day: 4 and I persecuted this Way unto
the death, binding and delivering into prisons both men and
women. 5 As also the high priest doth bear me witness, and
all the body of the elders: from whom also I received letters
unto the brethren, and journeyed to Damascus to bring them
also that were there unto Jerusalem in bonds to be punished.
6 And it came to pass, that, as I made my journey, and drew
nigh unto Damascus, about noon, suddenly there shone from
heaven a great light round about me. 7 And I fell unto the
ground, and heard a voice saying unto me, Saul, Saul, why
persecutest thou me? 8 And I answered, Who art thou, Lord?
And he said unto me, I am Jesus of Nazareth, whom thou
persecutest. 9 And they that were with me beheld indeed the
light, but they heard not the voice of him that spake to me.
10 And I said, What shall I do, Lord? And the Lord said
unto me, Arise, and go into Damascus; and there it shall be
told thee of all things which are appointed for thee to do.
11 And when I could not see for the glory of that light, being
led by the hand of them that were with me I came into Da-
mascus. 12 And one Ananias, a devout man according to the
law, well reported of by all the Jews that dwelt there, 13 came
unto me, and standing by me said unto me, Brother Saul,
receive thy sight. And in that very hour I 249 looked up on him.
14 And he said, The God of our fathers hath appointed thee
to know his will, and to see the Righteous One, and to hear
a voice from his mouth. 15 For thou shalt be a witness for him
unto all men of what thou hast seen and heard. 16 And now
why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy
sins, calling on his name. 17 And it came to pass, that, when I
had returned to Jerusalem, and while I prayed in the temple,
I fell into a trance, 18 and saw him saying unto me, Make haste,
and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem; because they will not
receive of thee witness concerning me. 19 And I said, Lord,
they themselves know that I imprisoned and beat in every
synagogue them that believed on thee: 20 and when the blood
of Stephen thy witness was shed, I also was standing by, and
consenting, and keeping the garments of them that slew him.
21 And he said unto me, Depart: for I will send thee forth far
to the Gentiles.

22 And they gave him audience unto this word; and they
laid up their voice, and said, Do away with such a fellow
from the earth: for it is not fit that he should live. 23 And as
they cried out, and threw off their garments, and cast dust into
the air, 24 the 251 chief captain commanded him to be brought
into the castle, bidding that he should be examined by scour-
ging, that he might know for what cause they so shouted against
him. 25 And when they tied him up 252 with the thongs, Paul
said unto the centurion that stood by, Is it lawful for you to scourge a man that is a Roman, and uncondemned? 26 And when the centurion heard it, he went to the chief captain and told him, saying, What art thou about to do? for this man is a Roman. 27 And the chief captain came and said unto him, Tell me, art thou a Roman? And he said, Yes. 28 And the chief captain answered, With a great sum obtained I this man. 29 They then that were about to examine him straightway departed from him: and the chief captain also was afraid when he knew that he was a Roman, and because they had bound him. 30 But on the morrow, desiring to know the certainty whereof he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him, and commanded the chief priests and all the council to come together, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

23 And Paul, looking steadfastly on the council, said, Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day. 2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. 3 Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, thou whited wall: and sittest thou to judge me according to the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? 4 And they that stood by said, Revilest thou God's high priest? 5 And Paul said, I knew not, brethren, that he was high priest: for it is written, Thou shalt not speak evil of a ruler of thy people. 6 But when Paul perceived that the one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Brethren, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees: touching the hope and resurrection of the dead I am called in question. 7 And when he had so said, there arose a dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees; and the assembly was divided. 8 For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, neither angel, nor spirit; but the Pharisees confess both. 9 And there arose a great clamor: and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' part and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, Brethren, I have lived before God in all good conscience until this day.

33 But on the morrow, desiring to know the certainty whereof he was accused of the Jews, he loosed him, and commanded the chief priests and all the council to come together, and brought Paul down and set him before them.

26 Claudius Lysias unto the most excellent governor Felix, greeting. 27 This man was seized by the Jews, and was about to be slain of them, when I came upon them with the soldiers and rescued him, having learned that he was a Roman. 28 And desiring to know the cause wherefore they accused him, 29 I brought him down unto their council: 30 whom I found to be accused about questions of their law, but to have nothing laid to his charge worthy of death or of bonds. 31 And when it was shown to me that there would be a plot against the man, I sent him to thee, charging him, Tell no man that thou hast signified these things to me. 32 And he called unto him two of the centurions, and said, Make ready two hundred soldiers to go as far as Caesarea, and horsemen seventy, and spearmen two hundred, at the third hour of the night: 33 and he bade them provide beasts, that they might set Paul thereon, and bring him safe unto Felix the governor. 34 And he wrote a letter after this form:

24 And after five days the high priest Ananias came down with certain elders, and with an orator, one Tertullus; and they informed the governor against Paul. 2 And when he was called, Tertullus began to accuse him, saying,

Seeing that by thee we enjoy much peace, and that by thy providence corrections come to pass for this nation, 3 we accept it in all ways and in all places, most excellent Felix, with all thankfulness. 4 But, that I be not further tedious unto thee, I entreat thee to hear us of thy clemency a few words. 5 For we have found this man a pestilent fellow, and a mover of insurrections among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ring-

253 Or, military tribune and so below. Gk. chiliarch
254 Or, having come in upon them, and he entered etc.
255 So p48vid.74  N. 81, 33. B 81 omit I brought him down unto their council. The majority of lesser Greek mss., vg add him after brought
256 So p74B and several others, cop vg. NA 81 1175 (vg) read against the man on their part, I sent him to thee, charging etc.
257 So BA 33 cop vg almost alone. N (81) 1175 add Farewell.
258 Gk. Praetorium.
259 Gk. the inhabited earth,
leader of the sect of the Nazarenes: and who moreover assayed to profane the temple: on whom also we laid hold: from whom thou wilt be able, by examining thyself, to take knowledge of all these things whereof we accuse him. And the Jews also joined in the charge, affirming that these things were so. 10 And when the governor had beckoned unto him to speak, Paul answered, 11 Forasmuch as I know that thou hast been of many years a judge unto this nation, I cheerfully make my defence: seeing that thou canst take knowledge that it is not more than twelve days since I went up to worship at Jerusalem: and neither in the temple did they find me disputing with any man or stirring up a crowd, nor in the synagogues, nor in the city. 12 Neither can they prove to thee the things whereof they now accuse me. 14 But this I confess unto thee, that after the Way which they call a sect, so serve I the God of our fathers, believing all things which are according to the law, and which are written in the prophets; 15 having hope toward God, which these also themselves look for, that there shall be a resurrection both of the just and unjust. 16 Herein also I exercise myself to have a conscience void of offence toward God and men always. 17 Now after some years I came to bring alms to my nation, and offerings; 18 amidst which they found me purified in the temple, with no crowd, nor yet with tumult: but there were certain Jews from Asia, who ought to have been here before thee, and to make accusation, if they had ought against me. 20 Or else let these men themselves say what wrong-doing they found when I stood before the council, 21 except it be for this voice, that I cried standing among them, Touching the resurrection of the dead I am called in question before you this day.

22 But Felix, having more exact knowledge concerning the Way, deferred them, saying, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will determine your matter. 23 And he gave order to the centurion that he should be kept in charge, and should have indulgence; and not to forbid any of his own people to attend to him.

24 But after certain days, Felix came with Drusilla, his wife, who was a Jewess, and sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ Jesus. 25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, and self-control, and the condemnation to come, Felix became terrified, and answered, Go thy way for this time; and when I have a convenient season, I will call thee unto me. 26 He hoped withal that money would be given him of Paul: wherefore also he sent for him the oftener, and communed with him. 27 But when two years were fulfilled, Felix was succeeded by Porcius Festus; and desiring to gain favor with the Jews, Felix left Paul in bonds.

25 Festus therefore, having come into the province, after three days went up to Jerusalem from Caesarea. And the chief priests and the principal men of the Jews informed him against Paul; and they besought him, asking a favor against him, that he would send for him to Jerusalem; laying a plot to kill him on the way. 4 Howbeit Festus answered, that Paul was kept in charge at Caesarea, and that he himself was about to depart thither shortly. 5 Let them therefore, saith he, that are of power among you go down with me, and if there is anything amiss in the man, let them accuse him.

6 And when he had tarried among them not more than eight or ten days, he went down unto Caesarea; and of the morrow he sat on the judgment-seat, and commanded Paul to be brought. 7 And when he was come, the Jews that had come down from Jerusalem stood round about him, bringing against him many and grievous charges which they could not prove; 8 while Paul said in his defence, Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar, have I sinned at all. 9 But Festus, desiring to gain favor with the Jews, answered Paul and said, Wilt thou go up to Jerusalem, and there be judged of these things before me? 10 But Paul said, I am standing before Caesar’s judgment-seat, where I ought to be judged: to the Jews I have done no wrong, as thou also very well knowest. 11 If then I am a wrong-doer, and have committed anything worthy of death, I refuse not to die; but if none of those things is true whereof these accuse me, no man can give me up unto them. I appeal unto Caesar. 12 Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, Thou hast appealed unto Caesar: unto Caesar shalt thou go.

13 Now when certain days were passed, Agrippa the king and Bernice arrived at Caesarea, and saluted Festus. 14 And as they tarried there many days, Festus laid Paul’s case before the king, saying, There is a certain man left a prisoner by Felix; 15 about whom, when I came to be at Jerusalem, the chief priests and the elders of the Jews informed me, asking for sentence against him. 16 To whom I answered, that it is not the custom of the Romans to give up any man, before that the accused have the accusers face to face, and have had opportunity to make his defence concerning the matter laid against him. 17 When therefore they were come together here, I made no delay, but on the next day sat on the judgment-seat, and commanded the man to be brought. 18 Concerning whom, when the accusers stood up, they brought no charge of such evil things as I supposed; 19 but had certain questions against him of their own religion, and of one Jesus, who died, whom Paul affirmed to be alive. 20 And I, being perplexed how to inquire concerning these things, asked whether he would go to Jerusalem and there be judged of these matters. 21 But when Paul had appealed to be kept till I should send him to Caesar. 22 And Agrippa said unto Festus, I also was wishing to hear the man myself. To-morrow, saith he, thou shalt hear him.

23 So on the morrow, when Agrippa was come, and Bernice, with great pomp, and they were entered into the place of hearing with both chief captains and the principal men of the city, at the command of Festus Paul was brought in.
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24 And Festus saith, King Agrippa, and all men who are here present with us, ye behold this man, about whom all the multitude of the Jews made suit to me, both at Jerusalem and here, crying that he ought not to live any longer. 25 But I found that he had committed nothing worthy of death: and as he himself appealed to the emperor I determined to send him. 26 Of whom I have no certain thing to write unto my lord. Wherefore I have brought him forth before you, and specially before thee, king Agrippa, that, after examination has come, I may have somewhat to write. 27 For it seemeth to me unreasonable, in sending a prisoner, not withal to signify the charges against him.

26 And Agrippa said unto Paul, Thou art permitted to speak thyself. Then Paul stretched forth his hand, and made his defence:

I think myself happy, king Agrippa, that I am to make my defence before thee this day touching all the things whereof I am accused by the Jews: 2 especially because thou art expert in all customs and questions which are among the Jews: wherefore I beseech thee to hear me patiently. 3 My manner of life then from my youth up, which from the beginning came to be among mine own nation and at Jerusalem, know all the Jews; 4 having knowledge of me from the first, if they be willing to testify, that after the strictest sect of our religion I lived a Pharisee. 5 And now I stand here to be judged for the hope of the promise having come down from God unto our fathers: 6 unto which promise our twelve tribes, earnestly serving God night and day, hope to attain. And concerning this hope I am accused by the Jews, O king! 7 Why is it judged incredible with you, if God doth raise the dead? 8 I truly thought with myself that I ought to do many things contrary to the name of Jesus of Nazareth. 9 And this I also did in Jerusalem: and I both shut up many of the saints in prisons, having received authority from the chief priests, and when they were put to death I gave my vote against them. 10 And punishing them oftentimes in all the synagogues, I strove to make them blaspheme; and being exceedingly mad against them, I persecuted them even unto foreign cities. 11 Whereupon as I journeyed to Damascus with the authority and commission of the chief priests, 12 at midday, O king, I saw on the way a light from heaven, above the brightness of the sun, shining round about me and them that journeyed with me. 13 And when we were all fallen to the earth, I heard a voice saying unto me in the Hebrew language, Saul, Saul, why persecutest thou me? it is hard for thee to kick against the goad. 14 And I said, Who art thou, Lord? And the Lord said, I am Jesus whom thou persecutest. 15 But arise, and stand upon thy feet: for to this end have I appeared unto thee, to appoint thee an attendant and a witness both of the things wherein thou hast seen me, and of the things wherein I will appear unto thee; 17 delivering thee from the people, and from the Gentiles, unto whom I send thee, 18 to open their eyes, that they may turn from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan unto God, that they may receive remission of sins and an inheritance among them that are sanctified by faith in me. 19 Wherefore, O king Agrippa, I became not disobedient unto the heavenly vision: 20 but declared both to them of Damascus first, and at Jerusalem, and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God, doing works worthy of repentance. 21 For this cause the Jews seized me in the temple, and assayed to kill me. 22 Having therefore obtained the help that is from God, I stand unto this day testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses did say should come; 23 how that the Christ must suffer, and how that he first by the resurrection of the dead should proclaim light both to the people and to the Gentiles. 24 And as he thus made his defence, Festus saith with a loud voice, Paul, thou art mad; thy much learning is turning thee mad. 25 But Paul saith, I am not mad, most excellent Festus: but speak forth words of truth and sound mind. 26 For the king knoweth of these things, unto whom also I speak freely: for I am persuaded that none of these things is hidden from him; for this hath not been done in a corner. 27 King Agrippa, believest thou the prophets? I know that thou believest. 28 And Agrippa said unto Paul, 29 But little persuasion thou wouldest fain make me a Christian. 30 And Paul said, I would to God, that 31 whether with little or with much, not thou only, but also all that hear me this day, might become such as I am, except these bonds.

30 And the king rose up, and the governor, and Bernice, and they that sat with them: 31 and when they had withdrawn, they spake one to another, saying, this man doeth nothing worthy of death or of bonds. 32 And Agrippa said unto Festus, This man might have been set at liberty, if he had not appealed unto Caesar.

27 And when it was determined that we should sail for Italy, they delivered Paul and certain other prisoners to a centurion named Julius, of the Augustan band. 2 And embarking in a ship of Adramyttium, which was about to sail unto the places on the coast of Asia, we put to sea, Aristarchus, a Macedonian of Thessalonica, being with us. 3 And the next day we touched at Sidon: and Julius treated Paul kindly, and gave him leave to go unto his friends and refresh himself. 4 And putting to sea from thence, we sailed under the lee of Cyprus, because the winds were contrary. 5 And when we had sailed across the sea which is off Cilicia and Pamphylia, we came to Myra, a city of Lycia. 6 And there the centurion found a ship of Alexandria sailing for Italy; and he put us therein. 7 And when we had sailed slowly many days, and were come with difficulty over against Cnidus, the wind not further suffering us, we sailed under the lee of Crete,
over against Salmine; 8 and with difficulty coasting along it we came unto a certain place called Fair Havens; nigh whereunto was the city of Lasea.

9 And when much time was spent, and the voyage was now dangerous, because 289 the Fast was now already gone by, Paul admonished them, 10 and said unto them, Sirs, I perceive that the voyage will be with injury and much loss, not only of the loading and the ship, but also of our souls. 11 But the centurion gave more heed to the captain and to the owner of the ship, than to those things which were spoken by Paul. 12 And because the haven was not commodious to winter in, the more part advised to put to sea from thence, if by any means they could reach Phoenix, to winter there; which is a haven of Crete, looking north-east and south-east. 13 And when the south wind blew softly, supposing that they had obtained their purpose, they weighed anchor and sailed along Crete, close in shore. 14 But after no long time there beat down from it a tempestuous wind, which is called Euraquilo: this wind bloweth somewhere upon Crete, and will not blow thereon a man any longer. 15 And when the ship was caught, and could not face the wind, they gave way and were driven.

28 And when we were escaped, then we knew that the island was called 289 Melita. 2 And the barbarians showed us no common kindness: for they kindled a fire, and received us all, because of the present rain, and because of the cold. 3 But when Paul had gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire, a viper came out 289 by reason of the heat, and fastened on his hand. 4 And when the barbarians saw the venomous creature hanging from his hand, they said one to another, No doubt this man is a murderer, whom, though he hath escaped from the sea, yet Justice hath not suffered to live. 5 Howbeit he shook off the creature into the fire, and took no harm. 6 But they expected that he would have swollen, or fallen down dead suddenly: but when they were long in expectation and beheld nothing amiss come to him, they changed their minds, and said that he was a god.

7 Now in the neighborhood of that place were lands belonging to the chief man of the island, named Publius; who received us, and entertained us three days courteously. 8 And it came that the father of Publius lay sick of fever and dysentery: unto whom Paul entered in, and prayed, and laying his hands on him healed him. 9 And when this was come to pass, the rest also that had diseases in the island came, and were cured: 10 who also honored us with many honors; and when we sailed, they put on board such things as we needed.

11 And after three months we set sail in a ship of Alexandria which had wintered in the island, whose sign was 299 The ropes of the boat, and let her fall off. 33 And while the day was coming on, Paul besought them all to take some food, saying, this day is the fourteenth day that ye wait and continue fasting, having taken nothing. 34 Wherefore I beseech you to take some food: for this is for your safety: for there shall not a hair perish from the head of any of you. 35 And when he had said this, and had taken bread, he gave thanks to God in the sight of all; and he brake it, and began to eat. 36 Then became they all of good cheer, and themselves also took food. 37 And we were in all in the ship two hundred seventy-six souls. 38 And when they had eaten enough, they lightened the ship, throwing out the wheat into the sea. 39 And when it became day, they knew not the land: but they perceived a certain bay with a beach, and they took counsel whether they could 296 drive the ship upon it. 40 And casting off the anchors, they left them in the sea, at the same time loosing the bands of the rudders; and hoisting up the foresail to the wind, they made for the beach. 41 But lighting upon a place where two seas met, they ran the vessel aground; and the foreship struck and remained unmoveable, but the stern began to break up by the violence of the waves. 42 And the soldiers’ counsel came to kill the prisoners, lest any of them should swim out, and escape. 43 But the centurion, desiring to save Paul, stayed them from their purpose; and commanded that they who could swim should cast themselves overboard, and get first to the land; and the rest, some on planks, and some on other things from the ship. And so it came to pass, that they all escaped safe to the land.

289 Likely The Day of Atonement, AD 60 October 13.
290 Gk. down the south-west wind and down the north-west wind.
291 So p74B 1175 (vg). N* A 81 ((most)) cop read Claudia,
292 Or, sandbank in the sea, Likely Syrtis Major, the shallow and treacherous Libyan Gulf of Sidra.
293 Or, furniture
294 Or, Adriatic Sea,
295 Or, prayed
296 So NA 81 1175 and most lesser Gk. mss. B* C cop*a,b,c,d read bring the ship safe to shore.
297 So NA 81 1175 and most lesser Gk. mss., cop*b,c
298 Or, from the heat,
Twin Brothers. 12 And touching at Syracuse, we tarried there three days. 13 And from thence we made a circuit, and arrived at Rhægium: and after one day a south wind sprang up, and on the second day we came to Puteoli; 14 where we found brethren, and were entreated to tarry with them seven days: and so we came to Rome. 15 And from thence the brethren, when they heard of us, came to meet us as far as The Market of Appius and The Three Taverns; whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, and took courage.

16 And when we entered into Rome, Paul was suffered to abide by himself with the soldier that guarded him. 17 And it came to pass, that after three days he called together those that were the chief of the Jews: and when they were come together, he said unto them, I, brethren, though I had done nothing against the people, or the customs of our fathers, yet was delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans: 18 who, when they had examined me, desired to set me at liberty, because there was no cause of death in me. 19 But when the Jews spake against it, I was constrained to appeal unto Caesar; not that I had aught whereof to accuse my nation. 20 For this cause therefore did I call for you, to see and to speak with you: for because of the hope of Israel I am bound with this chain.

21 And they said unto him, We neither received letters from Judea concerning thee, nor did any of the brethren come hither and report or speak any harm of thee. 22 But we desire to hear of thee what thou thinkest: for as concerning this sect, it is known to us that everywhere it is spoken against.

23 And when they had appointed him a day, they came to him into his lodging in great number; to whom he expounded the matter, testifying the kingdom of God, and persuading them concerning Jesus both from the law of Moses and from the prophets, from morning till evening. 24 And some believed the things which were spoken, and some disbelieved. 25 And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Spirit through Isaiah the prophet unto your fathers, saying,

26 Go thou unto this people, and say, By hearing ye shall hear, and shall in no wise understand; And seeing ye shall see, and shall in no wise perceive:
27 For this people’s heart is waxed gross, And their ears are dull of hearing, And their eyes they have closed; Lest haply they should perceive with their eyes, And hear with their ears, And understand with their heart, And should turn again, And I should heal them.

28 Be it known therefore unto you, that this salvation of God is sent unto the Gentiles: they will also hear.

30 And he abode two whole years in his own hired dwelling, and received all that went in unto him, preaching the kingdom of God, and teaching the things concerning the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness, none forbidding him.
1 Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called an apostle, separated unto the gospel of God, which he promised afore through his prophets in the holy scriptures, concerning his Son, who came from the seed of David according to the flesh, who was declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead; even Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we received grace and apostleship, unto obedience of faith among all the nations, for his name’s sake; among whom are ye also, called to be Jesus Christ’s: 7 to all that are in Rome, beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

8 First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for you all, that your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world. 9 For God is my witness, whom I serve in my spirit in the gospel of his son, how unceasingly I make mention of you, always in my prayers making request, if by any means now at length I may be prospered by the will of God to come unto you. 10 For I long to see you, that I may impart unto you some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; 11 that is, that I with you may be comforted by you, each of us by the other’s faith, both yours and mine. 12 And I would not have you ignorant, brethren, that oftentimes I purposed to come unto you (and was hindered hitherto), that I might have some spiritual gift, to the end ye may be established; 13 for I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth: to the Jew first, and also to the Greek. 14 For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith.

15 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hinder the truth in unrighteousness; 16 because that which is known of God is manifest in them; for God manifested it unto them. 17 For the invisible things of him since the creation of the world are clearly seen, being perceived through the things that are made, even his everlasting power and divine nature; 18 that they may be without excuse: 19 because that, knowing God, they glorified him not as God, neither gave thanks; but became vain in their reasonings, and their senseless heart was darkened. 20 Professing themselves to be wise, they became foolish, and changed the glory of the incorruptible God for the likeness of an image of corruptible man, and of birds, and of four-footed beasts, and creeping things.

21 Wherefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts unto uncleanness, that their bodies should be dishonored among themselves: 22 for that they exchanged the truth of God for a lie, and worshipped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed for ever. Amen.

23 For this cause God gave them up unto vile passions: for their women changed the natural use into that which is against nature: 24 and likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another, male with male working unseemliness, and receiving in themselves that recompense of their error which was due.

25 And even as they refused to have God in their knowledge, God gave them up unto a reprobate mind, to do those things which are not fitting; 26 being filled with all unrighteousness, maliciousness, wickedness, covetousness, full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers, backbiters, hateful to God, insolent, haughty, boastful, inventors of evil things, disobedient to parents, without understanding, covenant-breakers, without natural affection, unmerciful: 27 who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they that practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practice them.

28 Wherefore thou art without excuse, O man, whosoever thou art that judgest: for wherein thou judgest them that practice such things, and dost the same, thou escappest the judgment of God? 29 Or despisest thou the riches of God, or profanest thou the goodness of his grace, or slightest thou the excellency of his power, or prescindest thou from the excellency of his wisdom? 30 But who, knowing the ordinance of God, that they that practice such things are worthy of death, not only do the same, but also consent with them that practice them.

1 Gk. bond servant
2 Gk. good tidings and so elsewhere. See marginal note on Mt 4:23.
3 Gk. determined
4 Or, in
5 Or, of the dead;
6 Or, to the faith
7 Or, Gentiles,
8 Or, saints who are called:
9 Or, because
10 Gk. in
11 Or, among (and both times in vs. 13)
12 Gk. bring good tidings. Compare ch. 10:15f.
13 Hab 2:4.
14 Gk. from faith.
15 Gk. a wrath
16 Or, hold the truth. Compare 1Co 7:30 (Gk.).
17 Or, divinity; or, divine attributes;
18 Or, so that they are
19 Gk. unto the ages.
20 Gk. passions of dishonor;
21 Gk. did not approve
22 Or, haters of God,
23 Gk. the other,
24 Or, stedfastness (American, steadfastness)
and anguish, upon every soul of man that worketh evil, of the Jew first, and also of the Greek; but glory and honor and peace to every man that worketh good, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek: for there is no respect of persons with God. 12 For as many as 29 have sinned without the law shall also perish without the law: and as many as have sinned under the law shall be judged by the law; 13 for not the hearers of the law are justified; 14 (for when Gentiles that have not the law do by nature the things of the law, these, not having the law, are a law unto themselves;) 15 in that they show the work of the law written in their hearts, their conscience bearing witness therewith, and 30 their thoughts one with another accusing or else excusing them; 16 in the day when God shall judge the secrets of men, according to my gospel, by Jesus Christ.

17 But if thou bearest the name of a Jew, and restest upon the law, and gloriest in God, 18 and knowest 31 his will, and approvingst the things that are excellent, being instructed out of the law, 19 and art confident that thou thyself art a guide of the blind, a light of them that are in darkness, 20 a corrector of the foolish, a teacher of babes, having in the law the form of knowledge and of the truth; 21 thou therefore that teachest another, teachest thou not thyself? thou that preachest a man transgress, art thou not transgressing? 22 thou that makest a law, and demandest of us transgression of the law, dost thou not transgress the law? 23 For we are not as many, that transgress, that transgressest; thou art one, art thou not transgressing, as it is written? 24 For the name of God is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you, 32 even as it is written. 25 For circumcision indeed profiteth, if thou be a doer of the law: but if thou be a transgressor of the law, thy circumcision is become uncircumcision. 26 For if therefore the circumcision keep the ordinances of the law, shall not his uncircumcision be reckoned for circumcision? 27 and shall not the uncircumcision which is by nature, if it fulfill the law, judge thee, who with the letter and circumcision art a transgressor of the law? 28 For he is not a Jew who is one outwardly; neither is that circumcision which is outward in the flesh: 29 but he is a Jew who is one inwardly; and circumcision is that of the heart, in the spirit, not in the letter; whose praise is not of men, but of God.

3 What advantage then hath the Jew? or what is the profit of circumcision? 2 Much every way: first of all, that they were entrusted with the oracles of God. 3 For what if some were without faith? shall their want of faith make of none effect the faithfulness of God? 4 Be it not so: yes, let God be found true, but every man a liar; as it is written,

That thou mightest be justified in thy words, And mightest prevail when thou comest into judgment.

5 But if our unrighteousness commendeth the righteousness of God, what shall we say? Is God unrighteous who visiteth with wrath? (I speak after the manner of men.) 6 Be it not so: for then how shall God judge the world? 7 But if the truth of God through my lie abounded unto his glory, why am I also still judged as a sinner? 8 and why not (as we slanderously reported, and as some affirm that we say), Let us do evil, that good may come? whose condemnation is just.

9 What then? are we better than they? No, in no wise: for we before laid to the charge both of Jews and Greeks, that they are all under sin; 10 as it is written,

Ps 14:1ff; 53:1ff.

Ps 5:9.

Ps 140:3.

Ps 10:7.

Is 59:7f.

Ps 36:1.

Gk. out of

Or, works of law So also in vs. 28.

Or, accounted righteous

Or, through law

Or, of So also in vs. 26.

Gk. sinned,

Lit. unmerited favor And so everywhere except Jas 1:11. Gk. χαρίς, χάρις (Engl. cognates grace, charity). See Thayer’s lexicon.
ment, through faith, in his blood, to show his righteousness because of the passing over of the sins done aforetime, in the forbearance of God; 26 for the showing, I say, of his righteousness at this present season: that he might himself be justified, and justifying him who is of faith in Jesus. 27 Where then is the glorifying? It is excluded. By what kind of law? of works? No: but by a law of faith. 28 For we reckon that a man is justified by faith apart from the works of the law. 29 Or is God the God of Jews only? or he not the God of Gentiles also? Yes, of Gentiles also: 30 if so be that God is one, and he shall justify the circumcision by faith, and the uncircumcision through the faith. 

31 Do we then make the law of none effect through the faith? Be it not so: no, we establish the law.

4 What then shall we say that Abraham, our forefather, according to the flesh, hath found according to the scripture, that righteousness should be built upon the man, unto whom God recketh righteousness apart from works, saying, 

60 Blessed are they whose iniquities are forgiven, and whose sins are covered. 61 Blessed is the man to whom the Lord will not reckon sin.

9 Is this blessing then pronounced upon the circumcision, or upon the uncircumcision also? for we say, To Abraham his faith was reckoned for righteousness. 10 How then was it reckoned when he was in circumcision, or in uncircumcision? Not in circumcision, but in uncircumcision: 11 and he received the sign of circumcision, a seal of the righteousness of the faith which he had while he was in uncircumcision: that he might be the father of all them that believe, though they be in uncircumcision, that righteousness might be reckoned unto them; 12 and the father of circumcision to them who not only are of the circumcision, but who also walk in the steps of that faith of our father Abraham which he had in uncircumcision. 13 For not through the law was the promise to Abraham or to his seed that he should be heir of the world, but through the righteousness of faith. 14 For if they that are of the law are heirs, faith is made void, and the promise is made of none effect: 15 for the law worketh wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there transgression. 16 For this cause it is of faith, that it may be according to grace; to the end that the promise may be sure to all the seed; not to that only which is of the law, but to that also which is of the faith of Abraham, who is the father of us all (as it is written, 61 A father of many nations have I made thee) before him whom he believed, even God, who giveth life to the dead, and calleth the things that are not, as though they already were. 18 Who in hope believed against hope, to the end that he might become a father of many nations, according to that which had been spoken, 62 So shall thy seed be. 19 And without being weakened in faith he considered his own body 69 now as good as dead (he being about a hundred years old), and the deadness of Sarah’s 64 womb; 20 yet, looking unto the promise of God, he wavered not through unbelief, but waxed strong through faith, giving glory to God, 21 and being fully assured that what he had promised, he was able also to perform. 22 Wherefore also it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. 23 Now it was not written for his sake alone, that it was reckoned unto him; 24 but for our sake also, unto whom it shall be reckoned, who believe on him that raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, 25 who was delivered up for our trespasses, and was raised for our justification.

5 Being therefore justified by faith, 60 let us have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ; 2 through whom also we have had our access 67 by faith into this grace wherein we stand; and 66 we rejoice in hope of the glory of God. 3 And not only so, but 70 we also rejoice in our tribulations: knowing that tribulation worketh stedfastness; and stedfastness, approvedness; and approvedness, hope: 5 and hope putteth us not to shame; because the love of God hath been shed abroad in our hearts through the Holy Spirit which was given unto us. 6 For while we were yet weak, in due season Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: for peradventure for the good man someone would even dare to die. 8 But God commendeth his own love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Much more then, being now justified by his blood, shall we be saved from wrath through him. 10 For if, while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more, being reconciled, shall we be saved by his life; 11 and not only so, 70 but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received the reconciliation.
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12 Therefore, as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin; and so death passed unto all men, for that all sinned: 13 (for until the law sin was in the world; but sin is not imputed when there is no law. 14 Nevertheless death reigned from Adam until Moses, even over them that had not sinned after the likeness of Adam’s transgression, who is a type of him that was to come. 15 But even so the free gift is not like the trespass. For if by the trespass of the one the many died, much more did the grace of God, and the gift by the grace of the one man, Jesus Christ, abound unto the many. 16 And not as through one that sinned, so is the gift: for the judgment cometh of one unto condemnation, but the free gift cometh of many trespasses unto justification. 17 For if, by the trespass of the one, death reigned through the one; much more shall they that receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of righteousness reign in life through the one, even Jesus Christ.) 18 So then as through one trespass condemnation came unto all men; even so through one act of righteousness justification of life cometh unto all men. 19 For as through the one man’s disobedience the many were made sinners, even so through the obedience of the one shall the many be made righteous. 20 And the law came in besides, that the trespass might abound; but where sin abounded, grace did abound more exceedingly: 21 that, as sin reigned in death, even so might grace reign through righteousness unto eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

6 What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? 2 But it is not so! We who have sinned, how shall we any longer live therein? 3 Or are ye ignorant, brethren (for I speak to men who have not known law), that the law hath dominion over a man for so long a time as he liveth? 2 For the woman that hath a husband is bound by the law to the husband while he liveth; but if the husband die, she is discharged from the law of the husband. 3 So then if, while the husband liveth, she become joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if the husband die, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulterer, though she become joined to another man. 4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ; that ye should become joined to another, even to him who was raised from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit unto God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were through the law, wrought in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. 6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that wherein we were held; so that we serve in newness of spirit, and not in oldness of letter.

7 Or are ye ignorant, brethren (for I speak to men who know law), that the law hath dominion over a man for so long a time as he liveth? 2 For the woman that hath a husband is bound by the law to the husband while he liveth; but if the husband die, she is discharged from the law of the husband. 3 So then if, while the husband liveth, she become joined to another man, she shall be called an adulteress: but if the husband die, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulterer, though she become joined to another man. 4 Wherefore, my brethren, ye also were made dead to the law through the body of Christ; that ye should become joined to another, even to him who was raised from the dead, that we might bring forth fruit unto God. 5 For when we were in the flesh, the sinful passions, which were through the law, wrought in our members to bring forth fruit unto death. 6 But now we have been discharged from the law, having died to that wherein we were held; so that we serve in newness of spirit, and not in oldness of the letter.

7 What shall we say then? Is the law sin? Be it not so. Howbeit, I had not known sin, except through the law: for I had not known coveting, except the law had said, Thou shalt not covet: 8 but sin, finding occasion, wrought in me through that which the commandment beguiled me, and through it slew me. 9 For I do not understand my own actions. For I do not practice that which I would, but what I hate, that do I practice; 10 but what I do not want, that I do. 11 But if what I do not want, that I do, it is no more I that do it, but sin that dwelleth in me.

8 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? By no means. 9 For if I live in the flesh, I do the righteousness of the law, but if by carnal flesh I live, I am dead in regard of the righteousness of the law. 10 But now we are delivered from the law, that the body of sin might be done away, that so we might walk in the likeness of his death, we shall be also made dead through the glory of the Father, and then might walk in the likeness of his resurrection. 11 Even so reckon ye also yourselves to be dead unto sin, but alive unto God in Christ Jesus.

12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, that ye should obey the lusts thereof: 13 rather present your members unto sin as weapons of unrighteousness; but present yourselves unto God, as alive from the dead, and your members as righteousness unto God. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you: for ye are not under law, but under grace.

15 What then? shall we sin, because we are not under law, but under grace? Be it not so. 16 Know ye not, that to whom ye present yourselves as servants unto obedience, his servants ye are whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? 17 But thanks be to God, that, whereas ye were servants of sin, ye became obedient from the heart to that form of teaching whereunto ye were delivered; 18 and being made free from sin, ye became servants of righteousness. 19 I speak after the manner of men because of the infirmity of your flesh: for as ye presented your members as servants to uncleanliness and to iniquity unto iniquity, even so now present your members as servants to righteousness unto sanctification. 20 For when ye were servants of sin, ye were free in regard of righteousness. 21 What fruit then had ye at that time in the things whereof ye are now ashamed? for the end of those things is death. 22 But now being made free from sin and become servants to God, ye have your fruit unto sanctification, and the end is eternal life. 23 For the wages of sin is death; but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
Therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the law could not do, 95 in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh 97 and for a sin-offering, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit mind the things of the spirit. 6 But to set the members of the body in bondage to sin, is death. 7 For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. 8 For I delight in the law of God, inward, indeed, but I see a different law in my members. 9 For I am the captive of the law that makes me a slave to sin. 10 For I would do good, evil is present. 11 But thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then I of myself with the mind, indeed, serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

8 There is therefore now no condemnation to them that are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus made me free from the law of sin and of death. 3 For what the law could not do, 95 in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh 97 and for a sin-offering, condemned sin in the flesh: 4 that the ordinance of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the spirit. 5 For they that are after the flesh mind the things of the flesh; but they that are after the spirit mind the things of the spirit. 6 But to set the members of the body in bondage to sin, is death. 7 For the law of the spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set me free from the law of sin and death. 8 For I delight in the law of God, inward, indeed, but I see a different law in my members. 9 For I am the captive of the law that makes me a slave to sin. 10 For I would do good, evil is present. 11 But thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord. So then I of myself with the mind, indeed, serve the law of God; but with the flesh the law of sin.

10 For ye received not the spirit of bondage again unto fear; but ye received the spirit of adoption as sons, whereby we cry, Abba, Father. 16 The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: 17 and if children, then heirs; heirs of God, and joint-heirs with Christ; if so be that we suffer with him, that we may be also glorified with him.

18 For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed toward us. 19 For the earnest expectation of the creation waiteth for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to vanity – not of its own will, but by reason of him who subjected it 92 in hope 21 that the creation itself also shall be delivered from the bondage of corruption into the liberty of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 23 And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption to be revealed. 24 But in hope of that which we see not, do then we do with patience wait for it.

25 And in like manner the Spirit also helpeth our infirmity: for we know not how to pray as we ought; but the Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are children of God: 26 And we know that the creation is all望 through hope; because the creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now. 27 And not only so, but ourselves also, who have the first-fruits of the spirit, even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for our adoption to be revealed. 28 And we know that to that love God 104, redemption of our body. 29 For 105 in hope were we saved: but hope that is seen is not hope: 106 for what a man seeth, doth he also 107 hope for? 30 But if we hope for that which we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not also with him freely give us all things? 33 Who shall lay anything to the charge of God’s elect? 34 Who is he that condemneth? 35 It is Christ Jesus that died, yes rather, that was raised 113 from the dead, who is at the right hand of God,
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who also maketh intercession for us. 35 Who shall separate us from the love 114 of Christ? shall tribulation, or anguish, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? 36 Even as it is written,

114 For thy sake we are killed all the day long; We were accounted as sheep for the slaughter.

37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. 38 For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor any other 115 creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

9 I say the truth in Christ, I lie not, my conscience bearing witness with me in the Holy Spirit, that I have great sorrow and unceasing pain in my heart. 3 For I was praying that myself were anathema from Christ for my brethren's sake, my kinsmen according to the flesh: 4 who are Israelites; whose placement as sons, and the glory, and the covenants, and the giving of the law, and the service and of God, and the promises; 5 whose are the fathers, and of whom is Christ as concerning the 116 flesh, who is over all, 117 God blessed 118 forever. Amen.

6 But it is not as though the word of God hath come to nought. For they are not all Israel, that are of Israel: 7 neither, because they are Abraham's seed, are they all children: but 120 in Isaac shall thy seed be called. 8 That is, it is not the children of the flesh that are children of God: but the children of the promise are reckoned for a seed. 9 For this is the word of promise, 122 According to this season will I come, and Sarah shall have a son. 10 And not only so; but Rebecca also having conceived by one, even by our father Isaac; 11 for the children being not yet born, neither having done anything good or bad, that the purpose of God according to election might stand, not of works, but of him that calleth, 12 it was said unto her, 123 The elder shall serve the younger. 13 Even as it is written, Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.

14 What shall we say then? Is there unrighteousness with God? Be it not so. 15 For he saith to Moses, 125 I will have mercy upon whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion upon whom I have compassion. 16 So then it is not of him that willeth, nor of him that runneth, but of God that hath mercy. 17 For the scripture saith unto Pharaoh, 126 For this very purpose did I raise thee up, that I might show in thee my power, and that my name might be published abroad in all the earth.

18 So then he hath mercy on whom he will, and whom he will he hardeneth.

19 Thou wilt say then unto me, Why doth he still find fault? For who withheldeth his will? 20 No but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why didst thou make me thus? 21 Or hath not the potter a right over the clay, from the same lump to make one part a vessel unto honor, and another unto dishonor? 22 What if God, 127 willing to show his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering vessels of wrath fitted unto destruction: 23 and that he might make known the riches of his glory upon vessels of mercy, which he afore prepared unto glory, 24 even us, whom he also called, not from the Jews only, but also from the Gentiles?

25 As he saith also in Hosea,

129 I will call that my people, which was not my people; And her beloved, that was not beloved. 26 130 And it shall be, that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, There shall they be called sons of the living God.

27 And Isaiah crieth concerning Israel, 131 If the number of the sons of Israel be as the sand of the sea, it is the remnant that shall be saved: 28 for finishing it and cutting it short, the Lord will perform his word upon the earth. 29 And, as Isaiah hath said before,

132 Except the Lord of 133 Hosts had left us a seed, We had become as Sodom, and had been made like unto Gomorrah.

30 What shall we say then? That the Gentiles, who followed not after righteousness, even the righteousness which is of faith: 31 but Israel, following after a law of righteousness, did not arrive at that law. 32 Wherefore? 134 Because they sought it not by faith, but as it were by works. They stumbled at the stone of stumbling; 33 even as it is written,

135 Behold, I lay in Zion a stone of stumbling and a rock of offence: And he that believeth on 136 him shall not be put to shame.

10 Brethren, my heart's 137 desire and my supplication to God is for them, that they may be saved. 2 For I bear them witness that they have a zeal for God, but not according to knowledge. 3 For being ignorant of God's righteousness, and seeking to establish their own, they did not subject them-

114 So C 1739 33 81 and most, copvo arm vg. N 1506 copvo read of God. B alone reads of God which is in Christ.
115 Ps 44:22.
116 Or, creation.
117 So NC 1739 33 81 1506 copvo arm vg. p46 B copvo read the covenant,
118 Or, flesh; he who is over all. God be blessed for ever.
119 Lit. a god
120 Gk. unto the ages.
121 Ge 21:12.
122 Ge 18:10.
123 Ge 25:23.
124 Mal 1:2f.
125 Ex 33:19.
126 Ex 9:16.
127 Or, although willing
128 So p46vid NA 1739 33 81 1506 and most lesser Gk. mss. B copvo arm vg omit and
129 Hos 2:23.
130 Hos 1:10.
131 Is 10:22f.
132 Is 1:9.
133 Gk. Sabaoth (Hb. word, meaning hosts).
134 Or, Because doing it not by faith, but as it were by works, they stumbled at etc.
135 Is 28:16.
136 Or, it
137 Gk. good pleasure
selves to the righteousness of God. 4 For Christ is the end of the law unto righteousness to everyone that believeth. 5 For Moses writeth that thee, that is, to bring Christ down: 7 or, Who shall descend into the abyss? (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead.) 8 But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach: 9 because if thou shalt confess with thy mouth Jesus as Lord, and shalt believe in him from the dead, thou shalt be saved: 10 for with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. 11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be put to shame.

12 For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek: for the same Lord is Lord of all, and is rich unto all that call upon him: 13 for, Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord, shall be saved. 14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they preach, except they be sent? even as Isaiah is very bold, and saith, I will provoke you to jealousy with a nation void of understanding will I anger you. 15 And Isaiah is very bold, and saith, I will provoke you to jealousy with a nation void of understanding will I anger you. 16 For I also am an Israelite, of the tribe of Benjamin. God gave them a spirit of stupor, that eyes they should not see, and ears that they should not hear, unto this very day. 9 And David saith, Let their table become a snare, and a trap, and a stumblingblock, and a recompense unto them: 10 Let their eyes be darkened, that they may not see, and how thou down their back always.

11 I say then, Did they stumble that they might fall? Be it not so: but by their fall salvation cometh unto the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy. 12 Now if their fall be the riches of the world, and their loss the riches of the Gentiles; how much more their fulness? 13 But I speak to you that are Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle of Gentiles, I glorify my ministry; 14 if by any means I may provoke to jealousy them that are my flesh, and may save some of them. 15 For if the casting away of them be the reconciling of the world, what shall the receiving of them be, but life from the dead? 16 And if the firstfruit is holy, so is the lump: and if the root be holy, so are the branches. 17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and thou, being a wild olive, wast grafted in among them, and didst become partaker with them of the root of the fatness of the olive tree; 18 glory not over the branches: but if thou gloriest, it is not thou that bearest the root, but the root thee. 19 Thou wili say then, Branches were broken off, that I might be grafted in. 20 Well; by their unbelief they were broken off, and thou standest by thy faith. Be not high-minded, but fear: 21 for if God spared not the natural branches, neither will he spare thee. 22 Behold then the goodness and severity of God: toward them that fell, severity; but toward thee, God’s goodness, if thou continue in his goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off. 23 And they also, if they continue not in their unbelief, shall be grafted in: for God is able to graft them in again. 24 For if thou wast cut out of that which is by nature a wild olive tree, and wast grafted contrary to nature into a good olive tree; how much more shall these which are the natural branches, be grafted into their own olive tree?

25 For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant of this mystery, lest ye be wise in your own conceits, that a hardening

138 Lv 18:5.
139 Dt 30:12.
140 Dt 30:14.
141 Or, that
142 So N 1739 33 (p46A) and most, cop80 vg. B (81) cop80 read confess the word with thy mouth that Jesus is Lord,
143 Is 28:16.
144 Joel 2:32.
145 Is 52:7.
146 Or, a gospel of good things!
147 Or, gospel.
148 Is 53:1.
149 Ps 19:4.
150 Gk. the inhabited earth.
151 Dt 32:21.
152 Is 65:1.
153 Is 65:2.
154 1Ki 19:10.
155 Or, in
156 1Ki 19:18.
157 Is 29:10; Dt 29:4.
158 Ps 69:22f.
159 Or, trespass Compare ch. 5:15ff.
160 So N*BC 1506 (cop80bo). A 1739 33 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg read of the root and of the fatness p46 reads of the fatness
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101 in part hath come to Israel, until the fulness of the Gentiles be come in; 26 and so all Israel shall be saved: even as it is written,

102 There shall have come out of Zion the Deliverer;

103 He shall turn away 163ungodliness from Jacob:

164 And this is 165 my covenant unto them,

165 When I would take away their sins.

28 As touching the 166 gospel,  they are enemies for your sake: but as touching the election,  they are beloved for the fathers’ sake. 29 For the gifts and the calling of God are not repented of. 30 For as ye in time past were disobedient to God, but now have obtained mercy by their disobedience, 31 even so have these also now been disobedient, that by 168 your mercy they 169 also may obtain mercy. 32 For God hath shut up all unto disobedience, that he might have mercy upon all.

33 O the depth 169 of the riches 170 both of the wisdom and the knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his reconciliations, and his ways past tracing out! 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath become his counsellor? 35 or who hath first given to him, and it shall be recompened unto him again? 36 For of him, and through him, and unto him, are all things. To him be the glory 171 forever. Amen.

12 I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, 172acceptable to God, which is your 173logical 174service. 2 And be not fashioned according to this 175age: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is 176 the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

3 For I say, through the grace that was given me, to every one that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but so to think as to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to each man a measure of faith. 4 For even as we have many members in one body, and all the members have not the same office: 5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and severally members one of another. 6 And having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith; 7 or ministry, let us give ourselves to our ministry; or he that teacheth, to his teaching; 8 or he that exhorteth, to his exhorting: he that giveth, let him do it with 177 liberality: he that leadeth, with diligence; he that showeth mercy, with cheerfulness.

9 Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 In love of the brethren be tenderly affectioned one to another; in honor preferring one another; 11 in diligence not slothful; fervent in their spirit; serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing stedfastly in prayer; 13 communicating to the necessities of the saints; 178 given to hospitality. 14 Bless them that persecute you; bless, and curse not. 15 Rejoice with them that rejoice; weep with them that weep. 16 Be of the same mind one toward another. Set not your mind on high things, but 179 condescend to 180things that are lowly. Become not wise in your own conceits. 17 Render to no man evil for evil. Take thought for things honorable in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as in you lieth, be at peace with all men. 19 Avenge not yourselves, beloved, but give place unto the 181 wrath of God: for it is written, 182 Vengeance belongeth unto me; I will recompense, saith the Lord. 20 But 183 if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him to drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

13 Let every soul be in subjection to the higher authorities: for there is no power but of God; and the authorities that be are ordained of God. 2 Therefore he that resisteth the authority, withstandeth the ordinance of God: and they that withstand shall receive to themselves condemnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to the good work, but to the evil. And wouldest thou have no fear of the authority? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise from the same: 4 for he is a minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is a minister of God, an avenger for wrath to him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore ye must needs be in subjection, not only because of the wrath, but also for conscience’ sake. 6 For for this cause ye pay tribute also; for they are ministers of God’s service, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

8 Owe no man anything, save to love one another: for he that loveth 185 his neighbor hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, 186 Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not covet, and if there be any other commandment, it is summed up in this word, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbor: love therefore is the fulfilment of the law. 11 And this, knowing the season, that already it is time for you to awake out of slumber: for now is 187 salvation nearer to us than when we first believed. 12 The night is far spent,
and the day is at hand; let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. 13 Let us walk becomingly, as in daytime; not in revelling and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and jealousy.

14 But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfill the lusts thereof.

15 Now we that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves. 2 Let each one of us please his neighbor for that which is good, unto edifying. 3 For Christ also pleased not himself: but as it is written, The reproaches of them that reproached thee fell upon me. 4 For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that through patience and through comfort of the scriptures we might have hope. 5 Now the God of patience and of comfort grant you to be of the same mind one with another according to Christ Jesus: 6 that with one accord ye may with one mouth glorify the Father and God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. 7 Wherefore receive ye one another, even as Christ also received you, to the glory of God. 8 For I say that Christ hath become a minister of the circumcision for the truth of God, that he might confirm the promises given unto the fathers, and that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy; as it is written,

207 Therefore will I confess unto thee among the Gentiles, And sing unto thy name. 10 And again he saith, Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with his people. 11 And again, Praise the Lord, all ye Gentiles; And let all the peoples praise him. 12 And again Isaiah saith, There shall be the root of Jesse, And he that ariseth to rule over the Gentiles; On him shall the Gentiles hope. 13 Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, in the power of the Holy Spirit.

14 And I myself also am persuaded of you, my brethren, that ye yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another. 15 But I write the more boldly unto you in some measure, as putting you again edify one another. 16 Let not your good be evil spoken of: 17 for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. 18 For he that herein serveth Christ is well-pleasing to God, and approved of men. 19 So then let us follow after the things which make for peace, and the things whereby we may edify one another. 20 Overthrow not for meat’s sake the work of God. All things indeed are clean; howbeit it is evil for that man who eateth with offence. 21 It is good not to eat flesh, nor to drink wine, nor to do anything whereby thy brother stumbleth. 22 The faith which thou hast, have thou to thyself before God. Happy is he that judgeth not himself in that which he approvedeth. 23 But he that doubteth is condemned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith; and whatsoever is not of faith is sin.

187 Or, our salvation nearer than when etc.
188 Or, to doubtful disputations.
189 Gk. household-servant
190 Is 45:23.
191 Or, give praise to God.
192 So C 1739 33 81 1506 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop to arm vg. But NBA 048 read we follow after
193 So NCA 048 1739 81 1506 cop. *reads* is grieved. B and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop arm vg read stumbleth or is offended or is weakened.
194 So NBCA 048 almost alone. Most read Hast thou faith?
195 Or, putth to the test.
196 See first note on ch. 16:25.
197 Ps 69:9.
198 Or, stedfastness Also in vs. 5.
199 Or, God and (or, God, even) the Father So also in 2Co 1:3, 11:31; Ep 1:3; 1Pt 1:3.
200 So NCA 1739 33 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop to arm vg. B 048 1506 cop read us,
201 Gk. nations (both times) And in vss. 10-12, 16-18. Compare Mt 6:15.
202 Ps 18:49 (or 2Sa 22:50).
203 Or, give praise
204 Dt 32:43.
205 Ps 117:1.
206 Is 11:10.
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16ing up of the Gentiles might become acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit; 17 I have therefore my glorying in Christ Jesus in things pertaining to God. 18 For I will not dare to speak of any things that Christ wrought through me, for the obedience of the Gentiles, by word and deed, 19 in the power of signs and wonders, in the power of the Holy Spirit; so that from Jerusalem, and round about even unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ; 20 yes, 21 making it my aim so to preach the gospel, not where Christ was already named, that I might not build upon another man’s foundation; 21 but, as it is written,

215 They shall see, to whom no tidings of him came, And they who have not heard shall understand.

22 Wherefore also I was hindered these many times from coming to you: 23 but now, having no more any place in these regions, and having these many years a longing to come unto you, 24 whenever I go unto Spain (for I hope to see you in my journey, and to be brought on my way thitherward by you, if first in some measure I shall have been satisfied with your company). 25 but now, I say, I go unto Jerusalem, ministering unto the saints. 26 For it hath been the good pleasure of Macedonia and Achaia to make a certain contribution for the company of the church that is at Cenchreae:

27 Now I beseech you, brethren, by our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the love of the spirit, that ye strive together with me of the obedience of faith:

3 Salute Prisca and Aquila my fellow-workers in Christ Jesus, 4 who for my soul laid down their own necks; unto whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles: 5 and salute the church that is in their house. Salute Epaenetus my beloved, who is a firstfruit of Asia unto Christ. 6 Salute Mary, who bestowed much labor on you. 7 Salute Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen, and my fellow-prisoners, who are of note among the apostles, who also have come to be in Christ before me. 8 Salute Amplius my beloved in the Lord. 9 Salute Urbanus our fellow-worker in Christ, and Stachys my beloved. 10 Salute Apelles the approved in Christ. Salute them that are of the household of Aristobulus. 11 Salute Herodion my kinsman. Salute them of the household of Narcissus, that are in the Lord. 12 Salute Tryphena and Tryphosa, who labor in the Lord. Salute Persis the beloved, who labored much in the Lord. 13 Salute Rufus the chosen in the Lord, and his mother and mine. 14 Salute Asuncitrus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermes, and the brethren that are with them. 15 Salute Philologus and Julia, Nereus and his sister, and Olympas, and all the saints that are with them. 16 Salute one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ salute you.

17 Now I beseech you, brethren, that deciding the divisions and occasions of stumbling, contrary to the doctrine which ye learned: and turn away from them. 18 for they are such serve not our Lord Christ, but their own belly; and by their smooth and fair speech they beguile the hearts of the innocent. 19 For your obedience is come abroad unto all men. I rejoice therefore over you: but I would have you wise unto that which is good, and simple unto that which is evil. 20 And the God of peace shall bruise Satan under your feet shortly.

The grace of our Lord Jesus be with you.

21 Timothy my fellow-worker saluteth you; and Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen, 22 I Tertius, who write the epistle in the Lord, salute you. 23 Gaius my host, and of the whole church, saluteth you. Erastus the treasurer of the city saluteth you, and Quartus the brother.

25 Now to him that is able to establish you according to my gospel and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery which hath been kept in silence through times eternal, 26 but now is manifested, and by the scriptures of the prophets, according to the commandment of the eternal God, is made known unto all the nations unto obedience of faith: 27 to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory for ever. Amen.
Paul, a called apostle of Jesus Christ through the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother, to the church of God which is at Corinth, even them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called saints, with all that call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ in every place, their Lord and ours:  Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always concerning you, for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus; 5 that in everything ye were enriched in him, in all utterance and all knowledge; 6 even as the testimony of Christ was confirmed in you: 7 so that ye come behind in no gift; waiting for the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ; 8 who shall also confirm you unto the end, that ye be unreprouvable in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 God is faithful, through whom ye were called into the fellowship of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

10 Now I beseech you, brethren, through the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among you; but that ye be perfected together in the same mind and in the same judgment. 11 For it hath been signified unto me concerning you, my brethren, by the name of Chloe, that there are contentions among you. 12 Now this I mean, that each one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. 13 Has Christ been divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized into the name of Paul? 14 or I thank God that I baptized none of you, save Crespin and Gaus; 15 lest any man should say that ye were baptized into my name. 16 And I baptized also the household of Stephanas: besides, I know not whether I baptized any other. 17 For Christ sent me not to baptize, but to preach the gospel: not in wisdom of words, lest the cross of Christ should be made void. 18 For the word of the cross is to them that are perishing foolishness; but unto us who are saving it is the power of God. 19 For it is written, 20 I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, And the discernment of the discerning will I bring to nought.

Where is the wise? where is the scribe? where is the disputer of this age? hath not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For that in the wisdom of God the foolishness of the world is made wise, and the wisdom of the world is made foolish. 22 For seeing that in the wisdom of God the things which are full of power are full of weakness, and the things which are full of weakness are full of power. 23 But when the full of power are come, then shall the full of weakness be put to flight, and the full of weakness shall be put to flight.

24 And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of speech, or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the mystery of God. 25 but for I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 26 And I came for you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 27 And my mystery of God.

28 For behold your calling, brethren, that not many wise things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are wise; and God chose the weak things of the world, that he might put to shame the things that are strong; 29 and the base things of the world, and the things that are despised, did God choose, yes, 30 the things that are not regarded, that he might bring to nought the things that are: 31 that, according as it is written, He that glorieth, let him glory in the Lord.

2 And I, brethren, when I came unto you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, proclaiming to you the mystery of God. 2 for I determined not to know anything among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified. 3 And I came for you in weakness, and in fear, and in much trembling. 4 And my speech and my preaching were not in persuasive words of wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power: 5 that your faith should not stand in the wisdom of men, but in the power of God.

6 We speak wisdom, however, among them that are full-grown; yet a wisdom not of this age, nor of the rulers of this age, who are coming to nought; 7 but we speak God’s wisdom

1 Gk. the brother,
2 NB almost alone omit my
3 Gk. λογος, logos, word
4 p46B virtually alone omit Christ.
5 Or, communion or, joint participation
6 Gk. schisms
7 Or, Christ has been divided! So NBCA 1739 33 81 1506 and most lesser Gk. mss., copbo vg (arm). p46vid 2464 copao read Christ has not been divided!
8 So C 1506 and most lesser Gk. mss., vg. A 33 81 arm read I thank my God that N*B 1739 read I give thanks that
9 Gk. bring good tidings: Compare Mt 11:5.
10 Or, perish
11 Or, are saved
12 Is 29:14.
13 Lit. learned person in discussion, as at a forum
14 Gk. thing preached
15 Or, a Messiah
16 Gk. the called themselves
17 Or, ye behold
18 So p46N*C*A 1739 33 1175. B 81 1506 and most lesser Gk. mss., copbo vg read and the things
19 Or, both righteousness and sanctification and redemption: or, as well as righteousness etc.
20 Jr 9:23f.
21 Or, word Compare ch. 1:5.
22 So p46vid N*CA copbo. But B 1739 33 81 1506 and most lesser Gk. mss., copao arm vg read testimony
23 Lit. see (οραει αιδονα) Or, be knowledgeable of or, present
24 Or, word
25 Gk. thing preached
26 Gk. be
27 Or, the perfect ones:
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in a mystery, even the wisdom that hath been hidden, which God foreordained before the ages unto our glory: 8 which none of the rulers of this age hath known: for had they known it, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory: 9 but as it is written,

28 Things which eye saw not, and ear heard not, And which entered not into the heart of man, Whate'er things God prepared for them that love him.

9 29 But unto us God revealed them through the Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, even the deep things of God. 10 For who among men knoweth the things of a man, save the spirit of the man, which is in him? even so the things of God none knoweth, save the Spirit of God. 11 But we received not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is from God; that we might know the things that were freely given to us of God. 12 Which things also we speak, not in words which man’s wisdom teacheth, but which the Spirit teacheth; 32 comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. 13 Now the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him; and he cannot know them, because they are spiritually discerned. 14 But he that is spiritual discerneth all things, and he himself is discerned by no man. 15 For who hath known the mind of the Lord, that he should instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

3 And I, brethren, could not speak unto you as unto spiritual, but as unto fleshly, as unto babes in Christ. 2 I fed you with milk, not with meat; for ye were not yet able to bear it: no, not even now are ye able; 3 for ye are yet fleshly: for whereas there is among you jealousy and strife, ye are not fleshly, and do ye not walk after the manner of men? 4 For when one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not men? 5 What then is Apollos? and what is Paul? Ministers through whom ye believed; and each as the Lord gave to him. 6 I planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. 7 So then neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth: but God that giveth the increase. 8 Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: but each shall receive his own reward according to his own labor. 9 For we are God’s fellow-workers: ye are God’s husbandry, God’s building.

10 According to the grace of God which was given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder I laid a foundation; and another buildeth thereon. But let each man take heed how he buildeth thereon. 11 For other foundation can no man lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. 12 But if any man buildeth on the foundation gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay, stubble; 13 each man’s work shall become manifest: for the day shall declare it, because it is revealed in fire; and the fire itself shall prove each man’s work of what sort it is. 14 If any man’s work shall abide which he built thereon, he shall receive a reward. 15 If any man’s work shall be burned, he shall suffer loss: but he himself shall be saved; yet so as through fire.

16 Know ye not that ye are a temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you? 17 If any man destroyeth the temple of God, him shall God destroy; for the temple of God is holy, and such are ye.

18 Let no one deceive himself. If any one thinketh that he is wise among you in this age, let him become a fool, that he may become wise. 19 For the wisdom of this world is foolishness with God. For it is written, 39 He that taketh the wise in their craftiness: 20 and again, 40 The Lord knoweth the reasonings of the wise, that they are vain. 21 Wherefore let no one glory in men. For all things are yours; 22 whether Paul, or Apollos, or Cephas, or the world, or life, or death, or things present, or things to come; all are yours; 23 and ye are Christ’s; and Christ is God’s.

4 Let a man so account of us, as of attendants of Christ, and stewards of the mysteries of God. 2 Here, moreover, it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful. 3 But with me it is a very small thing that I should be judged of you, or of man’s day of judgment: yes, I judge not mine own self. 4 For I know nothing against myself; yet am I not hereby justified: but he that judgeth me is the Lord. 5 Wherefore judge nothing before the season, until the Lord come, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness, and make manifest the counsellors of the hearts; and then shall each man have his praise from God.

6 Now these things, brethren, I have referenced to myself and Apollos for your sakes; that in us ye might learn not to go beyond the things which are written; that no one of you be puffed up for the one against the other. 7 For who maketh thee to differ? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? but if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory as if thou hadst not received it? 8 Already are ye filled, already ye are become rich, ye have come to reign without us: yes and I would that ye did reign, that we also might reign with you. 9 For, I think, God hath set forth us the apostles last of all, as men doomed to death: for we become a spectacle unto the world. 44 both to angels and men. 10 We are fools for Christ’s sake, but ye are wise in Christ; we are weak, but ye are strong; ye have glory, but we have dishonor. 11 Even unto this present hour we both hunger, and thirst, and are naked, and are buffeted, and have no certain dwelling-place; 12 and we toil, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we endure; 13 being defamed, we entreat: we became as the filth of

28 Or, and each man’s work, of what sort it is, the fire shall prove it.
29 Or, sanctuary (the temple house) and both times in vs. 17.
30 Or, which temple ye are.
31 Job 5:13.
32 Ps 94:11.
33 Or, examined of you; ... yes, I examine not.
34 Or, examineth.
35 Lit. I have changed the figure to myself and Apollos.
36 Or, and to angels, and to men.
the world, the offscouring of all things, even until now.

14 I write not these things to shame you, but to admonish you as my beloved children. 15 For though ye have ten thousand 46 guardians in Christ, yet have ye not many fathers; for in Christ Jesus I begot you through the 47 gospel. 16 I beseech you therefore, become ye imitators of me. 17 For this cause have I sent unto you Timothy, who is my beloved and faithful child in the Lord, who shall put you in remembrance of my ways which are in 48 Christ Jesus, even as I teach everywhere in every church. 18 Now some are puffed up, as though I were not coming to you. 19 But I will come to you shortly, if the Lord will; and I will know, not the word of them that are puffed up, but the power. 20 For the kingdom of God is not in word, but in power. 21 What will ye? shall I come unto you with a rod, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

5 It is actually reported that there is fornication among you, and such fornication as is not even among the Gentiles, that one of you hath his father's wife. 2 And 46 did rather mourn, that he that hath done this deed might be taken away from among you. 3 For I truly, being absent in body but present in spirit, have already as though I were present judged him that hath so wrought this thing, 4 in the name of our Lord Jesus, ye being gathered together, and my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 to deliver such a one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that the spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord. 6 Your glorying is not good. Know ye not that a little leaven leaveth the whole lump? 7 Purge out the old leaven, that ye may be a new lump, even as ye are unleavened. For our passover also hath been sacrificed, even Christ: 8 wherefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.

9 I wrote unto you in my epistle to have no company with fornicators; 10 not at all meaning with the fornicators of this world, or with the covetous and extortioners, or with idolaters; for then must ye needs go out of the world: 11 but 55 as it is, I wrote unto you not to keep company, if any man that is named a brother be a fornicator, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner; with such a one no, not to eat. 12 For what have I to do with judging them that are without? Do not ye judge them that are within? 13 But them that are without God judgeth. Put away the wicked man from among yourselves.

6 Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unrighteous, and not before the saints?

2 Or know ye not that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world is to be judged by you, are ye unworthy 57 to judge the smallest matters? 3 Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? 4 If then ye have 58 to judge things pertaining to this life, 59 do ye set them to judge who are of no account in the church? 5 I say this to move you to shame. 60 What, cannot there be found among you one wise man who shall be able to decide between his brethren, 61 but brother goeth to law with brother, and that before unbelievers? 7 No, already it is altogether a defect in you, that ye have lawsuits one with another. Why not rather take wrong? why not rather be defrauded? 8 No, but ye yourselves do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren. 9 Or know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminates, nor abusers of themselves with men, 10 nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God. 11 And such were some of you: but ye were washed, but ye were sanctified, but ye were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, and in the Spirit of our God.

12 All things are lawful for me; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful for me; but I will not be brought under the power of any. 13 Meats for the belly, and the belly for meats: but God shall bring to nought both it and them. But the body is not for fornication, but for the Lord; and the Lord for the body: 14 and God both raised the Lord, and will raise us up through his power. 15 Know ye not that your bodies are members of Christ? shall I then take away the members of Christ, and make them members of a harlot? Be it not so. 16 Or know ye not that he that is joined to a harlot is one body? 17 For he that is joined to a harlot is one spirit. 18 But he that is joined unto the Lord is one spirit. 19 Or know ye not that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit which is in you, which ye have from God? and ye are not your own; 20 for ye were bought with a price: glorify God therefore in your body.

7 Now concerning the things whereof ye wrote: It is good for a man not to touch a woman. 2 But, because of fornications, let each man have his own wife, and let each woman have her own husband. 3 Let the husband render unto the wife her due: and likewise also the husband unto the wife. 4 The wife hath not authority over her own body, but the husband: and likewise also the husband hath not authority over

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45 Or, refuse
46 Gk. paidagogues. See footnote on Ga 3:24.
47 Gk. good tidings. See marginal note on Mt 4:23.
48 So p^{46}S 1739 33 81 1175 cop^{60} arm. BA and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop^{64} vg omit Jesus
49 Or, are ye puffed up?
50 Or, did ye not rather mourn, ... you?
51 So B 1739 1175 D* virtually alone. A reads the Lord Jesus, N reads the Lord Jesus Christ, p^{46} 33 and most lesser Gk. mss., cop arm vg read our Lord Jesus Christ, 81 reads Jesus Christ our Lord,
52 So p^{46}B 1739 virtually alone. 8 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read the Lord Jesus. A 33 1881 (D)G cop arm read our Lord Jesus Christ.
53 Gk. keep festival
54 Or, not altogether with the fornicators etc.
55 Or, now I write
56 Gk. the other. See Ro 13:8 and its footnote.
57 Gk. of the smallest tribunals? (κριτηρίων)
58 Gk. tribunals pertaining to
59 Or, set them to judge who are of no account in the church.
60 Or, Is it so, that there cannot be found among you
61 Or, a loss to you
62 Gk. washed yourselves,
63 Ge 2:24.
64 Or, sanctuary (τος τεπε), temple house)
65 Or, power (both times).
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his own body, but the wife. 5 Defraud ye not one the other, except it be by consent for a season, that ye may give yourselves unto prayer, and may be together again, that Satan tempt you not because of your incontinency. 6 But this I say by way of concession, not of commandment. 7 Yet I would that all men were even as I myself. Howbeit each man hath his own gift from God, one after this manner, and another after that.

8 But I say to the unmarried and to widows, It is good for them if they abide even as I. 9 But if they have not continency, let them marry: for it is better to marry than to burn. 10 But unto the married I give charge, yet not I, but the Lord, That the wife not separate from her husband (11 but should she separate, let her remain unmarried, or else be reconciled to her husband); and that the husband not send her wife away. 12 But to the rest say I, not the Lord: If any man hath an unbelieving wife, and she is content to dwell with him, let him not cast her out. 13 And the woman that hath an unbelieving husband, and he is content to dwell with her, let her not send her away. 14 For the unbelieving husband is sanctified in the wife, and the unbelieving wife is sanctified in the brother: else were your children unclean; but now are they holy. 15 Yet if the unbelieving separateth, let him separate: the brother or the sister is not under bondage in such cases: but God hath called 16 us in peace. 17 For how knowest thou, O wife, whether thou shalt save thy husband? or how knowest thou, O husband, whether thou shalt save thy wife? 18 Only, as the Lord hath distributed to each man, as God hath called each, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all the churches. 19 Was any man called being circumcised? let him not become uncircumcised. Hath any been called in uncircumcision? let him not become circumcised. 20 Let each man abide in that calling wherein he was called. 21 Waste thou called being a bondservant? care not for it: 22 no, even if thou canst become free, 23 use it rather. 24 For he that was called in the Lord being a bondservant, is the Lord’s freedman: likewise he that was called being free, is Christ’s bondservant. 25 Ye were bought with a price; become not bondservants of men. 26 Brethren, let each man, wherein he was called, therein abide with God.

25 Now concerning virgins I have no commandment of the Lord: but I give my judgment, as one that hath obtained mercy of the Lord to be trustworthy. 26 I think therefore that this is good by reason of the distress that is upon us, namely, that it is good for a man 27 to be as he is. 28 Art thou bound unto a wife? seek not to be 29 loosed. Art thou loosed from a wife? seek not a wife. 29 But shouldest thou marry, thou hast not sinned; and if a virgin marry, she hath not sinned. Yet such shall have tribulation in the flesh: and I would spare you. 29 But this I say, brethren, the season 29 is shortened, that henceforth both those that have wives may be as though they had none; 30 and those that weep, as though they wept not; and those that rejoice, as though they rejoiced not; and those that buy, as though they possessed not; 31 and those that use the world, as not using it to the full: for the fashion of this world passeth away. 32 But I would have you to be free from cares. 33 He that is unmarried is careful for the things of the Lord, how he may please the Lord: 33 but he that is married is careful for the things of the world, how he may please his wife, 34 and is divided. So also the 74 unmarried woman and the 75 virgin is careful for the things of the Lord, that she may be holy both in body and in spirit: but she that is married is careful for the things of the world, how she may please her husband. 35 And this I say for your own profit; not that I may cast a 36 snare upon you, but for that which is seemly, and that ye may attend upon the Lord without distraction. 36 But if any man thinketh that he behaveth himself unseemly toward his 77 virgin daughter, if she be past the flower of her age, and if need so requireth, let him do what he will; he sinneth not; let them marry. 37 But he that standeth stedfast in his heart, having no necessity, but hath power as touching his own will, and hath determined this in his own heart, to keep his own virgin daughter, shall do well. 38 So then both he that giveth his own virgin daughter in marriage doeth well; and he that giveth her not in marriage shall do better. 39 A wife is bound for so long time as her husband liveth; but if the husband be dead, she is free to be married to whom she will; only in the Lord. 40 But she is happier if she abideth as she is, after my judgment: and I think that I also have the Spirit of God.

8 Now concerning things sacrificed to idols: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffeth up, but love edifieth. 2 If any man thinketh that he knoweth anything, he knoweth not yet as he ought to know; 3 but if any man loveth God, the same is known by him. 4 Concerning therefore the eating of things sacrificed to idols, we know that no idol is anything in the world, and that there is no God but one. 5 For though there be that are called gods, whether in heaven or on earth; as there are gods many, and lords many; 6 yet to us there is one God, the Father, of whom are all things, and we unto him; and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things, and we through him. 7 Howbeit there is not in all men that knowledge: but some, being until now used to the idol, eat as of a thing sacrificed to an idol; and their conscience being weak is defiled. 8 But food will not commend us to God: neither, if we eat not, are we the worse; nor, if we eat, are we the better. 9 But take heed lest by any means this liberty of yours become a stumblingblock to the weak. 10 For if a man see thee which hast knowledge sitting at meat in an idol’s tem-

66 So p46 NCA 81 cop 800 vg. B 1739 and a majority of lesser Gk. ms., cop 800 arm read For
67 Or, desert. And similarly in vss. 11, 15 (twice)
68 So p46 B 1739 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. ms., cop 800 arm vg. N 81 cop 800 read you
69 Or, but if indeed thou canst
70 Or, employ the funds wisely instead.
71 Gk. so to be.
72 Or, untied or, divorced (both places)
73 Or, is shortened henceforth, that both those etc.
74 Or, unmarried woman, even the virgin, etc.
ple, will not his conscience, if he is weak, be emboldened to eat things sacrificed to idols? For through knowledge he that is weak perisheth, the brother for whose sake Christ died. And thus, sinning against the brethren, and wounding their conscience when it is weak, ye sin against Christ. Wherefore, if meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh for evermore, that I cause not my brother to stumble.

9 Am I not free? am I not an apostle? have I not seen Jesus our Lord? are not ye my work in the Lord? If to others I am not an apostle, yet at least I am to you; for the seal of mine apostleship are ye in the Lord. My defence to them that examine me is this. Have we no right to lead about a wife even as the rest of the apostles, the brethren of the Lord, even Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have we not a right to forbear working? What soldier ever serveth at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Do I speak these things after the manner of men? or saith not the law also the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn. Is it for the oxen that God careth, or saith he it assuredly for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written:

5 Have we no right to lead about a wife that is a believer, even as the rest of the apostles, even the brethren of the Lord, even Cephas? Or I only and Barnabas, have we not a right to forbear working? What soldier ever serveth at his own charges? who planteth a vineyard, and eateth not the fruit thereof? or who feedeth a flock and eateth not of the milk of the flock? Do I speak these things after the manner of men? or saith not the law also the same? For it is written in the law of Moses, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he treadeth out the corn. Is it for the oxen that God careth, or saith he it assuredly for our sake? Yes, for our sake it was written: because he that ploweth ought to plow in hope, and he that thresheth, to thresh in hope of partaking. If we sowed unto you spiritual things, is it a great matter if we shall reap your carnal things? If others partake of this right over you, do not we yet more? Nevertheless we did not use this right; but we bear all things, that we may cause no hindrance to the gospel of Christ. Know ye not that they that minister about sacred things eat of the things of the temple, and they that wait upon the altar have their portion with the altar? Even so did the Lord ordain that they that proclaim the gospel should live of the gospel. But I have used none of these things: and I write not these things that it may become so in my case; for it were good for me rather to die, than that any man should make my glorying void. For if I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of; for necessity is laid upon me; for woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel. For if I do this of mine own will, I have a reward: but if not of mine own will, I have a stewardship entrusted to me. What then is my reward? That, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel without charge, so as not to use to the full my authority in the gospel. For though I be free from all men, I brought myself under bondage to all, that I might gain the more. And to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might gain Jews; to them that are under the law, as under the law, not being myself under the law, that I might gain them that are under the law; to them that are without law, as without law, not being without law to God, but under law to Christ, that I might gain them that are without law. And I do all things for the gospel's sake, that I may become a joint partaker thereof. Know ye not that they that run in a race all run, but only one receiveth the prize? Even so run; that ye may attain. And every man that striveth in the games exerciseth self-control in all things. Now they do it to receive a corruptible crown; but we an incorruptible. Therefore so run, as not uncertainly; so fight I, as not beating the air: but I buffet my body, and bring it into bondage: lest by any means, after that I have preached to others, I myself should become disapproved.

10 For I would not, brethren, have you ignorant, that our fathers were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea; and were all baptized unto Moses in the cloud and in the sea; and did all eat the same spiritual food; and did all drink the same spiritual drink: for they drank of a spiritual rock that followed them: and the rock was Christ. Howbeit with most of them God was not well pleased: for they were overthrown in the wilderness. Now these things became types of us, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, even as they lusted. Neither become ye idolaters, as some of them; as it is written: The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play. Neither let us commit fornication, as some of them committed, and fell in one day twenty-three thousand. Neither let us make trial of the Lord, as some of them made trial, and perished by the serpents. Neither murmur ye, as some of them murmured, and perished by the destroyer. Now these things happened unto them by way of example, and were written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the ages are come. Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall. There hath no temptation taken you but such as man lusted. For we sowed unto the flesh, is it not a communion of the body? And to all that I might gain them that are under the law, and so everywhere, altogether for our sake it was written: Because he that sowed the good seed is the Son of man; the Son of man came to seek and to save that which was lost. Wherefore, if meat causeth my brother to stumble, I will eat no flesh for evermore, that I cause not my brother to stumble.

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idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? 20 But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to demons, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have communion with the demons. 21 Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of demons: ye cannot partake of the table of the Lord, and of the table of demons. 22 Or do we provoke the Lord to jealousy? are we stronger than he? 23 All things are lawful; but not all things are expedient. All things are lawful; but not all things are expedient. 24 Let no man seek his own, but each his neighbor’s well-being. 25 WHATSOEVER is sold in the shambles, eat, asking no question for conscience sake; 26 for the earth is the Lord’s, and the fulness thereof. 27 If one of them that believe not biddeth you to a feast, and ye are disposed to go; whatsoever is set before you, eat, asking no question for conscience’ sake. 28 But if any man say unto you, This hath been offered in sacrifice, eat not, for his sake that showed it, and for conscience’ sake: 29 conscience, I say, not thine own, but the other’s; for why is my liberty judged by another’s conscience? 30 If I partake with thankfulness, why am I evil spoken of for that for which I give thanks? 31 Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God. 32 Give no occasion of stumbling, either to Jews, or to Greeks, or to the church of God: 33 even as I also please all men in all things, not seeking mine own profit, but the profit of the many, that they may be saved.

11 Become ye imitators of me, even as I also am of Christ. 2 Now I praise you that ye remember me in all things, and hold fast the instructions, even as I delivered them to you. 3 But I would have you know, that the head of every man is Christ; and the head of the woman is the man; and the head of Christ is God. 4 Every man praying or prophesying, having his head covered, dishonoreth his head. 5 But every woman praying or prophesying with her head unveiled dishonoreth her head; for it is one and the same thing as if she were shaven. 6 For if a woman is not veiled, let her be shorn: but if it is a shame to a woman to be shorn or shaven, let her be veiled. 7 For a man indeed ought not to have his head veiled, forasmuch as he is the image and glory of God: but the woman is the glory of the man. 8 For the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man: 9 for neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man: 10 for this cause ought the woman to have a sign of authority on her head, because of the angels. 11 Nevertheless, neither is the woman without the man, nor the man without the woman, in the Lord. 12 For as the woman is of the man, so is the man also by the woman; but all things are of God. 13 Judge ye in yourselves: is it seemly that a woman pray unto God unveiled? 14 Doth not even nature itself teach you, that, if a man have long hair, it is a dishonor to him? 15 But if a woman have long hair, it is a glory to her: for her hair is given her for a covering. 16 But if any man seemeth to be contentious, we have no such custom, neither the churches of God. 17 But in giving you this charge, I praise you not, that ye come together not for the better but for the worse. 18 For first of all, when ye come together in the church, I hear that divisions exist among you; and I partly believe it. 19 For there must be also factions among you, that they that are approved may become manifest among you. 20 When therefore ye assemble yourselves together, it is not possible to eat the Lord’s supper: 21 for in your eating each one taketh before other his own supper; and one is hungry, and another is drunken. 22 What, have ye not houses to eat and to drink in? or despise ye the church of God, and put them to shame that have not? What shall I say to you? 23 I shall I praise you? In this I praise you not. 24 For I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; 25 and when he had given thanks, he brake, and said, This is my body, which is for you: this do in remembrance of me. 26 In like manner also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood: this do, as often as ye eat it, in remembrance of me. 27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat the bread or drink the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord. 28 But let a man prove himself, and so let him eat of the bread, and drink out of the cup. 29 For he that eateth and drinketh, eateth and drinketh judgment unto himself, if he discern not the body. 30 For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few are drunk. 31 But if we discerned ourselves, we should not be judged. 32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. 33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, wait one for another. 34 If any man is hungry, let him eat at home; that your coming together may not be condemned with the world. 35 For I received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; 36 and when he had given thanks, he brake, and said, This is my body, which is for you: this do in remembrance of me. 37 And as oft as ye shall eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord’s death till he come. 38 Wherefore let a man prove himself, and thus let him eat of this bread, and drink of this cup. 39 For he that eateth and drinketh, eateth and drinketh judgment unto himself, if he discern not the body. 40 For this cause many among you are weak and sickly, and not a few are drunk. 41 But if we discerned ourselves, we should not be judged. 42 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we may not be condemned with the world. 43 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, wait one for another. 44 If any man is hungry, let him eat at home; that your coming together may not be unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order whensoever I come.

12 Now concerning spiritual gifts, brethren, I would not have you ignorant. 2 Ye know that when ye were Gentiles ye were led away unto those dumb idols, howsoever ye might be led. 3 Wherefore I make known unto you, that no man speaking in the Spirit of God saith, Jesus is a curse; and no man can say, Jesus is Lord, but in the Holy Spirit. 4 Now there are diversities of gifts, but the same Spirit. 5 And there are diversities of ministrations, and the same Lord. 6 And there are diversities of workings, but the same God, who worketh all things in all. 7 But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit to profit withal.
given through the Spirit the word of wisdom; and to another the word of knowledge, according to the same spirit; 9 to another faith, in the same Spirit; and to another gifts of healings, 10 in the one Spirit; 11 and to another workings of 12 miracles; and to another prophecy; and to another discernings of spirits: to another 13 diverse kinds of tongues; and to another the interpretation of tongues: 14 but all these worketh the one and the same Spirit, dividing to each one severally as it will.

12 For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of the body, being many, are one body; so also is Christ. 13 For in one Spirit were we all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, whether bond or free, and were all made to drink of one Spirit. 14 For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not a hand, I am not of the body; it is not therefore not of the body. 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not an eye, I am not of the body; it is not therefore not of the body. 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole body were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members each one of them in the body, even as it pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now they are many members, but one body. 21 And the eye cannot say to the hand, I have no need of thee: or again the head to the feet, I have no need of you. 22 No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be more feeble are necessary: 23 and those parts of the body which we think to be less honorable, upon these we bestow more abundant honor; and our uncomely parts have more abundant comeliness; 24 whereas our comely parts have no need: but God tempered the body together, giving more abundant honor to that part which lacked; 25 that there should be no schism in the body; but that the members should have the same care one for another. 26 And whether one member suffereth, all the members suffer with it; or a member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. 27 Now ye are the body of Christ, and members thereof. 28 And God hath set some in the church, first apostles, secondly prophets, thirdly teachers, after that 49 miracles, after that gifts of healings, helps, 50 administrations, divers kinds of tongues. 29 Are all apostles? are all prophets? are all teachers? 30 have all gifts of healings? do all speak with tongues? do all interpret? 31 But desire earnestly the greater gifts. And moreover a most excellent way show I unto you.

If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I become sounding brass, or a clanging cymbal. 2 And if I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. 3 And if I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and if I give my body 32 that I may glory, but have not love, it profiteth me nothing. 4 Love suffereth long, and is kind; love envieth not; love vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, 5 doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not its own, is not provoked, taketh not account of evil; 6 rejoiceth not in unrighteousness, but rejoiceth with the truth; 7 138 beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things. 8 Love never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall be done away; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall be done away. 9 For we know in part, and we prophesy in part; 10 but when that which is perfect is come, that which is in part shall be done away. 11 When I was a child, I spake as a child, I felt as a child, I thought as a child, I thought as a child: now that I am become a man, I have put away childish things. 12 For now we see in a mirror, 130 darkly; but then face to face: now I know in part; but then shall I know fully even as also I was fully known. 13 But now abideth faith, hope, love, these three: and the greatest of these is love.

14 Follow after love; yet desire earnestly spiritual gifts, but rather that ye may prophesy. 2 For he that speaketh in a tongue speaketh not unto men, but unto God; for no man understandeth; but in spirit he speaketh mysteries. 3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men edification, and consolation, and exhortation. 4 He that speaketh in a tongue edifieth himself only; but he that prophesieth edifieth the church. 5 Now I would have you all speak with tongues, but rather that ye should prophesy: and greater is he that prophesieth than he that speaketh with tongues, except he interpret, that the church may receive edifying. 6 But now, brethren, if I come unto you speaking with tongues, what shall I profit you unless I speak to you either by way of revelation, or of knowledge, or of prophesying, or of teaching? 7 Even things without life, giving a voice, whether pipe or harp, if they give not a distinction in the sounds, how shall it be known what is piped or harped? 8 For if the trumpet give an uncertain voice, who shall prepare himself for war? 9 So also ye, unless ye utter by the tongue speech easy to be understood, how shall it be known what is spoken? for ye will be speaking into the air. 10 There it may be, so many kinds of voices in the world, and 140 no kind is without signification. 11 If then, I know not the meaning of the voice, I shall be to him that speaketh a barbarian, and he that speaketh will be a barbarian unto me. 12 So also ye, since ye are zealous of 142 spiritual gifts, seek that ye may abound unto the edifying of the church. 13 Wherefore let him that speaketh in a tongue pray that he may interpret. 14 For if I pray in a

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123 So BA (1739) 33 81 vg. *and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop arm read in the same Spirit; p⁴⁶ alone reads in the Spirit; C* omits. 124 Gk. powers; 125 Or, foreign languages; And so elsewhere 126 Lit. the Christ. 127 Or, put on 128 Or, glorified. 129 Or, members individually or, members each in his part 130 Gk. powers, And in vs. 29. 131 Or, governments, 132 So p⁴⁶ NBA (048) 1739* 33 cop⁶⁷⁸bb⁶⁷⁸. C 81 1175 read that I shall be burned, 2464 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read that I might be burned, 133 Or, covereth Compare 1Pt 4:8. 134 Gk. avvyuña (ainigma) enigma, or, in a riddle; 135 Gk. greater Compare Mt 18:1, 4; 23:11. 136 Or, foreign language (and so elsewhere) 137 Gk. heareth; 138 Or, comfort, 139 Gk. buildeth up (both times) 140 Or, nothing is without voice. 141 Or, in my case. 142 Gk. spirits,
1 Corinthians 15

15 Tongue, my spirit prayeth, but my understanding is unfruitful. 15 What is it then? I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also: I will sing with the spirit, and I will sing with the understanding also. 16 Else if thou knowest the spirit, how shall he that filleth the place of 144 the unlearned say the Amen at thy giving of thanks, seeing he knoweth not what thou sayest? 17 For thou truly givest thanks well, but the other is not edified. 18 I thank God, I speak with tongues more than you all: 19 howbeit in the church I had rather speak five words with my understanding, that I might instruct others also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

20 Brethren, be not children in mind: yet in malice be ye babes, but in mind be fullgrown. 21 In the law it is written, By men of strange tongues and by the lips of strangers will I speak unto this people; and not even thus will they hear me, saith the Lord. 22 Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to the unbelieving: but prophesying is for a sign, not to the unbelieving, but to them that believe. 23 If therefore the whole church be assembled together and all speak with tongues, and there come in men unlearned or unbelieving, will they not say that ye are mad? 24 But if all prophesy, and there come in one unbelieving or unlearned, he is reproved by all, he is judged by all; 25 the secrets of his heart become manifest; and so he will fall down on his face and worship God, declaring that God is among you indeed.

26 What is it then, brethren? When ye come together, each one hath a psalm, hath a teaching, hath a revelation, hath a tongue, hath an interpretation. Let all things be done unto edifying. 27 If any man speaketh in a tongue, let it be by two, or at the most three, and that in turn; and let one interpret: 28 but if there be no interpreter, let him keep silence in the church; and let him speak to himself, and to God. 29 And let the prophets speak two or three, and let the others discern. 30 But if a revelation be made to another sitting by, let the first keep silence. 31 For ye all can prophesy one by one, that all may learn, and all may be exhorted; and the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets; 33 for God is not a God of confusion, but of peace.

As in all the churches of the saints, let the women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but let them be in subjection, as also saith the law. 35 And if they would learn anything, let them ask the men instruction also, than ten thousand words in a tongue.

And most lesser Gk. mss., arm read let him be ignorant. Compare ch. 8:3.

156 See marginal note on ch. 4:15.

157 See marginal note on ch. 1:17. (also for vs. 2)

158 Gk. with what word

159 Or, without cause.

160 Or, Jacob;

161 Or, void; (and twice in vs. 14)

162 So A 33 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa, bo, fay arm. ge virtually alone reads which was for me. N*B 1739 0243 vg omit which was

163 So NA and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop bo arm vg. B 1739 33 81 0243 copy read our

164 Gk. the Christ:

165 Or, If in this life only we have hoped in Christ, etc.
20 But now hath Christ been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of them that are asleep. 21 For since by a man cometh death, by a man cometh also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; after that they that are Christ’s, 188 in his presence. 24 Then cometh the end, whenever he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy is to be abolished, even death. 27 For, He put all things in subjection under his feet. 172 All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him. 28 And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

29 Else what shall they do that are baptized for the dead? If the dead are not raised at all, why then are they baptized for the dead? If men I fought with beasts at Ephesus, 33 why then are we baptized? 109 And if we eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. 33 Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals. 34 Awake to soberness righteously, and sin not; for, He put all things in subjection under his feet. 172 All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him. 28 And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

30 But someone will say, How are the dead raised? and what doth it profit me, if the dead are not raised? Let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. 33 Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals. 34 Awake to soberness righteously, and sin not; for, He put all things in subjection under his feet. 172 All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him. 28 And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

31 I protest by 172 that glorying in you, brethren, which I have in Christ Jesus our Lord, I die daily. 32 If after the manner of men I fought with beasts at Ephesus, 172 what doth it profit me? If the dead are not raised, let us eat and drink, for to-morrow we die. 33 Be not deceived: Evil companionships corrupt good morals. 34 Awake to soberness righteously, and sin not; for, He put all things in subjection under his feet. 172 All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him. 28 And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

32 For since by a man death, by a man cometh also the resurrection of the dead. 22 For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. 23 But each in his own order: Christ the first-fruits; after that they that are Christ’s, 188 in his presence. 24 Then cometh the end, whenever he shall deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when he shall have abolished all rule and all authority and power. 25 For he must reign, till he hath put all his enemies under his feet. 26 The last enemy is to be abolished, even death. 27 For, He put all things in subjection under his feet. 172 All things are put in subjection, it is evident that he is excepted who did subject all things unto him. 28 And when all things have been subjected unto him, then shall the Son also himself be subjected to him that did subject all things unto him, that God may be all in all.

33 But when he saith, 184 the first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a 188 life-giving spirit. 46 Howbeit that is not first which is spiritual, but that which is 184 natural; afterwards that which is spiritual. 47 The first man is out of the earth, earthly: the second man is out of heaven. 48 As was the earthy one, such are they also that are earthly: and as is the heavenly one, such are they also that are heavenly. 49 And as we have borne the image of the earthly, 185 we shall also bear the image of the heavenly.

50 Now this I say, brethren, that flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God; neither doth corruption inherit incorruption. 51 Behold, I tell you a mystery: 184 We shall all fall asleep, but we shall not all be changed 52 in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, in the last trump: for the trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible, and we shall be changed. 53 For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. 54 But when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written, 186 Death was swallowed up 187 in victory. 55 185 188 Death, where is thy victory? O death, where is thy sting? 56 But the sting of death is sin; and the power of sin is the law: 57 But thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. 58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, become ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.
1 Corinthians 16

16 Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I gave order to the churches of Galatia, so also do ye. 2 Upon the first day of the week let each one of you lay by him in store, as he may prosper, that no collections be made when I come. 3 And when I arrive, whomsoever ye shall approve, them will I send with the letters to carry your bounty unto Jerusalem: 4 and if it be meet for me to go also, they shall go with me. 5 But I will come unto you, when I shall have passed through Macedonia; 6 but with you it may be that I shall abide, or even winter, that ye may set me forward on my journey whithersoever I go. 7 For I do not wish to see you now by the way; for I hope to tarry a while with you, if the Lord permit. 8 But I will tarry at Ephesus until Pentecost; 9 for a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries.

10 Now if Timothy come, see that he be with you without fear: for he worketh the work of the Lord, as I also do: 11 let no man therefore despise him. But set him forward on his journey in peace, that he may come unto me: for I expect him with the brethren. 12 But as touching Apollos our brother, I besought him much to come unto you with the brethren: and it was not at all his will to come now; but he will come when he shall have opportunity. 13 Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong. 14 Let all that ye do come to be done in love.

15 Now I beseech you, brethren (ye know the house of Stephanas, that it is the firstfruits of Achaia, and that they have set themselves to minister unto the saints), 16 that ye also be in subjection unto such, and to every one that helpeth in the work and laboreth. 17 And I rejoice at the presence of Stephanas and Fortunatus and Achaicus: for that which was lacking on your part they supplied. 18 For they refreshed my spirit and yours: acknowledge ye therefore them that are such. 19 The churches of Asia salute you. Aquila and Prisca salute you much in the Lord, with the church that is in their house. 20 All the brethren salute you. Salute one another with a holy kiss.

21 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. 22 If any man loveth not the Lord, let him be a curse. O Lord come! 23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. 24 My love be with you all in Christ Jesus. 193

191 Or, whomsoever ye shall approve by letters, them will I send to carry your bounty etc.

192 Or, God’s will that he should come now; Compare Ro 2:18 margin.

193 So B 33 81 0243 1881 copᵃᵃ. NCA 1739 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., copᵇᵇ arm vg add Amen. Lit. Let it be so.
2 Corinthians
(The Second Epistle of Paul to the Corinthians)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, unto the church of God which is at Corinth, with all the saints that are in the whole of Achaia: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort; 4 who comforteth us in all our affliction, that we may be able to comfort them that are in any affliction, through the comfort that we ourselves are comforted of God. 5 For as the sufferings of Christ abound unto us, even so our comfort also aboundeth through Christ. 6 But whether we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; or whether we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which worketh in the patient enduring of the same sufferings which we also suffer: 7 and our hope for you is steadfast; knowing that, as ye are partakers of the sufferings, so also are ye of the comfort. 8 For we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning our affliction which befell us in Asia, that we were weighed down exceedingly, beyond our power, insomuch that we despaired even of life: 9 ye, we ourselves have had the sentence of death within ourselves, that we should not trust in ourselves, but in God who raiseth the dead: 10 who delivered us out of so great a death, 11 and will deliver: on whom we have set our hope that he will also still deliver us; 12 ye also helping together on our behalf by your supplication; that, for the gift bestowed upon us by means of many, thanks may be given by many persons on your behalf.

13 For our glorying this is, the witness of our conscience, that in holiness and sincerity of God, not in fleshly wisdom but in the grace of God, we behaved ourselves in the world, and more abundantly to you-ward. 14 For we write no other things unto you, than what ye read or even acknowledge, and I hope ye will acknowledge unto the end: 15 as also ye did acknowledge us in part, that we are your glorying, even as ye also are ours, in the day of your Lord Jesus.

16 And in this confidence I was minded to come first unto you, that ye might have a second benefit: 17 and by you to pass into Macedonia, and again from Macedonia to come unto you, and of you to be set forward on my journey unto Judea. 18 When I therefore was thus minded, did I show fickleness? or the things that I purpose, do I purpose according to the flesh, that with me there should be the yes yes and the no no? 19 But as God is faithful, our word toward you is not a vague yes and no. 20 For the Son of God, Jesus Christ, who was preached among you by us, even by me and Silvanus and Timothy, became not yes and no, but in him has become Yes! 21 Now he that establisheth us with you in Christ, and anointed us, is God; 22 who also sealed us, and gave us the earnest of the Spirit in our hearts.

22 But I call God for a witness upon my soul, that to spare you I forbore to come unto Corinth. 23 Not that we have lordship over your faith, but are helpers of your joy: for in faith ye stand fast.

24 But I determined this for myself, that I would not come again to you with sorrow. 25 For if I make you sorry, who then is he that maketh me glad but he that is made sorry by me? 26 And I wrote this very thing, lest, when I came, I should have sorrow from them of whom I ought to rejoice; having confidence in you all, that my joy is the joy of you all. 27 For out of much affliction and anguish of heart I wrote unto you with many tears; not that ye should be made sorry, but that ye might know the love which I have more abundantly unto you.

28 But if any hath caused sorrow, he hath caused sorrow, not to me, but in part (that I press not too heavily) to you all. 29 Sufficient to such a one is this punishment which was inflicted by the majority; 30 so that contrariwise ye should rather forgive him and comfort him, lest by any means such a one should be swallowed up with his overmuch sorrow. 31 Wherefore I beseech you to confirm your love toward him. 32 For to this end also did I write, that I might know the proof of you, whether ye are obedient in all things. 33 But to whom ye forgive anything, I forgive also: for what I also have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, for your sakes have I forgiven it in the person of Christ; 34 that no advantage may be gained over us by Satan: for we are not ignorant of his devices.

1 Gk. the brother,
2 See note on Ro 15:6.
3 Or, but we ourselves
4 Gk. answer
5 So p⁴⁶NBC 33 81 cop⁴⁶ bo arm vg. 1739 0243 1881 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read and doth deliver: A D* omit these words.
6 So NCA 33 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop⁴⁶ bo arm vg. p⁴⁶B 1739 0243 1881 read set our hope; and still will he deliver us;
7 So NCA 1739 33 81 0243 cop⁴⁶ bo arm vg. p⁴⁶B 0150 read your behalf.
8 So p⁴⁶N*B*a BCA 1739 33 81 0243 cop⁴⁶ bo arm. D and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg. read simplicity
9 So NB 1739 33 81 0243 cop⁴⁶ bo arm vg. p⁴⁶CA and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read the Lord Jesus.
10 Or: grace; So N*C*A 1739 33 0243 cop⁴⁶ bo arm vg. B 81 1175 cop⁴⁶ bo read joy.
11 Or, according to the flesh? that with me it may be, My yes means yes, and my no means no.
12 Gk. through (both times).
13 Gk. into
14 Or, seeing that he both sealed us and etc.
15 Or, your faith
16 So NCA 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg. p⁴⁶B 1739 33 0243 cop⁴⁶ bo read For
17 Gk. the more;
18 So p⁴⁶NC 1739 81 0243 and most, cop⁴⁶ bo arm vg. BA omit rather 1881 omits ye should
19 So NC 1739 81 0243 and most. BA 33 read you, whereby ye p⁴⁶ almost alone reads you. Ye
20 BA 33 almost alone read whereby p⁴⁶ almost alone omits whether (read: that)
21 Gk. face
2 Corinthians 3

12 Now when I came to Troas for the \textit{gospel} of Christ, and when a door was opened unto me \textit{in the Lord}, 13 I had no relief for my spirit, because I found not Titus my brother: but taking my leave of them, I went forth into Macedonia.

14 But thanks \textit{be} unto God, who always leadeth us in triumph in Christ, and maketh manifest through us the savor of his knowledge in every place. 15 For we are a sweet savor of Christ unto God, in them that \textit{are} being saved, and in them that are perishing; 16 to the one a savor from death unto death; to the other a savor from life unto life. And who \textit{is} sufficient for these things? 17 For we are not as the \textit{many}, making merchandise of the word of God: but as of sincerity, but as of God, \textit{in the sight of God}, speak we in Christ.

3 Are we beginning again to commend ourselves? or need we, as do \textit{some}, epistles of commendation to you or from you? 2 Ye are our epistles, written in \textit{our} hearts, known and read of all men; 3 being made manifest that ye \textit{are} an epistle of Christ, ministered by us, written not with an ink, but with the \textit{spirit}: for the \textit{letter} is dead, but the \textit{spirit} maketh alive.

4 Therefore seeing we have this ministry, even as we obtained mercy, we faint not: 2 but we have renounced the \textit{hidden} things of shame, not walking in craftiness, nor handling the word of God deceitfully; but by the manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God. 3 And even if our \textit{gospel} is veiled, it \textit{is} veiled in them that \textit{are} perishing; 4 in whom the god of this \textit{world} hath blinded the minds of the unbelieving, \textit{that} the \textit{light} of the gospel of the glory of Christ, \textit{who} \textit{is} the image of God, should not \textit{dawn}. 5 For we \textit{preach} not ourselves, but Christ Jesus \textit{as} Lord, and ourselves as your \textit{servants} \textit{for} Jesus’ sake. 6 Seeing \textit{it} is God, that \textit{said}, \textit{Light shall shine out of darkness, which shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.}

7 But we have this \textit{treasure} in earthen vessels, that the exceeding greatness of the power \textit{may} be of God, and not from ourselves; \textit{we} are \textit{pressed} on every \textit{side}, yet not straitened; \textit{perplexed}, yet not unto despair; \textit{persecuted}, yet not \textit{forsaken}; smitten down, yet not destroyed; \textit{always} bearing about in \textit{the body} the \textit{dying} of Jesus, \textit{that the life also of Jesus may be manifested} in our \textit{body}. 11 For we \textit{who} live \textit{are} always delivered unto \textit{death} for Jesus’ sake, \textit{that the life also of Jesus may be manifested} in our \textit{mortal flesh}. 12 So then \textit{death} worketh in us, but \textit{life} in you. 13 But having the same spirit of faith, according to that which is written, \textit{I believe, and therefore also we speak; knowing} that \textit{he} that \textit{raised up} \textit{the Lord} \textit{shall raise up} us also with \textit{Jesus}, and shall \textit{present} us with you. 15 For \textit{all} things \textit{are} for your \textit{sakes}, that the grace, being multiplied through \textit{the} \textit{more} \textit{majority}, \textit{may} cause the thanksgiving to abound unto the \textit{glory} of God.

16 Wherefore we faint not; but though our outward man is decaying, \textit{yet} our inward \textit{man} is renewed day by day. 17 For

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22 Gk. \textit{good tidings} \ See marginal note on Mt 4:23
23 Or \textit{perhaps}, are saved, and in them that perish;
24 So NBCA 1739 33 81 0243 \textit{and} most, \textit{cop} \textit{vg}.
25 \textit{p}^{46} \textit{B} \textit{arm} read \textit{rest}
26 So \textit{p}^{46} \textit{B}CA 81 0243 \textit{cop} \textit{arm} \textit{vg}.
27 \textit{N33 read your}
28 \textit{Gk. in letters},
29 \textit{Gk. in}
30 \textit{Or, was being done away: Compare 1Co 13:8, 10.}
31 \textit{So \textit{p}^{46} \textit{NCA} 1739 33 0243 \textit{1175 cop}^{sa} B 1881 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., \textit{cop}^{bo} \textit{vg} \textit{omit} to}
32 \textit{Or, being done away} \ See vs. 7 margin.
33 \textit{Gk. through glory},
34 \textit{Or, which is being done away: See note on vs. 7.}
35 \textit{Gk. thoughts} \ Compare Ch. 4:4; 11:3.
36 \textit{Or, remaineth unlifted; which \textit{veil} is done away in Christ.}
37 \textit{Or, their heart shall turn} \textit{or, a man shall turn}
38 \textit{Or, reflecting as a mirror}
39 \textit{Gk. age (\textit{αἰων}, con).}
40 \textit{Or, that they should not see the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, \textit{who} \textit{is} the image of God.}
41 \textit{Gk. illumination and in vs. 6.}
42 \textit{Gk. bondservants \ Compare 1Co 9:19.}
43 \textit{So \textit{BA} \textit{vid} 81 \textit{and the majority of lesser Gk. mss.}} \textit{But \textit{p}^{46} \textit{NC} 1739 33 0243 \textit{cop}^{sa,bo} \textit{vg} \textit{read} through Jesus. \textit{N}^{sa} \textit{arm} \textit{read} through Christ.}
44 Ge 1:3.
45 Or, \textit{left behind};
46 \textit{Gk. putting to death}
47 Ps 116:10.
48 So NC 81 \textit{and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., \textit{cop}^{bo.} \textit{p}^{46} \textit{B} (1739 33 0243) \textit{cop}^{sa} \textit{arm} \textit{vg} \textit{omit} the Lord}
49 \textit{Gk. the more},
our light affliction, which is for the moment, worketh for us more and more exceedingly an eternal weight of glory; 18 while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.

5 For we know that if the earthly house of our tabernacle be dissolved, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal, in the heavens. 2 For truly in this we groan, longing to be clothed upon, with the House, which is from heaven: 3 if so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked. 4 For indeed we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened; not for that we would be unclothed, but that we would be clothed upon, that what is mortal may be swallowed up of life. 5 Now he that wrought us for this very thing is God, who gave unto us the earnest of the Spirit.

6 Being therefore always of good courage, and knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body, we are away from the Lord 7 (for we walk by faith, not by sight); 8 we are of good courage, I say, and are willing rather to be away from the bodily home, and to be at home with the Lord. 9 Wherefore also we make it our aim, whether at home or away, to be well-pleasing unto him. 10 For we must all be made manifest before the judgment-seat of Christ; that each one may receive the things done in the body, according to what he hath practiced, whether it be good or bad.

11 Knowing therefore the fear of the Lord, we persuade men, but we are made manifest unto God; and I hope that we are made manifest also in your consciences. 12 We are not again commending ourselves unto you, but speak as giving you occasion of glorying on our behalf, that ye may have answer to them that glory in appearance, and not in heart. 13 For whether we were beside ourselves, it is unto God; or whether we are of sober mind, it is unto you. 14 For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that one died for all, therefore all died; 15 and he died for all, that they that live should no longer live unto themselves, but unto him who for their sakes died and rose again. 16 Wherefore we henceforth know no man after the flesh: even though we have known Christ after the flesh, yet now we know him so no more. 17 Wherefore if any man is in Christ, he is a new creation: the old things are passed away; behold, they are become new. 18 But all things are of God, who reconciled us unto himself through Christ, and gave unto us the ministry of reconciliation; 19 to wit, that God was in Christ reconciling a world unto himself, not reckoning unto them their trespasses, and having committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

20 We are ambassadors therefore on behalf of Christ, as though God were entreating by us: we beseech you on behalf of Christ, be ye reconciled to God. 21 Him who knew no sin he made to be a sin-offering on our behalf; that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

6 And working together with him we entreat also that ye receive not the grace of God in vain 2 (for he saith,

60 At an acceptable season I hearkened unto thee, And in a day of salvation did I succor thee:

behold, now is an acceptable season; behold, now is a day of salvation): 3 giving no occasion of stumbling in anything, that the ministration be not blamed; 4 but in everything commending ourselves, as ministers of God, in much patience, in afflictions, in necessities, in distresses, 5 in stripes, in imprisonments, in tumults, in labors, in watchings, in fastings; 6 in pureness, in knowledge, in longsuffering, in kindness, in a holy spirit, in love unfeigned, 7 in the word of truth, in the power of God; 8 by the armor of righteousness on the right hand and on the left, 9 by glory and dishonor, by evil report and good report; as deceivers and yet true; 9 as unknown, and yet well known; as dying, and behold, we live; as chastened, and not killed; 10 as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things.

11 Our mouth is open unto you, O Corinthians, and our heart is enlarged. 12 Ye are not straitened in us, but ye are straitened in your own affections. 13 Now for a recompense in like kind (I speak as unto my children), be ye also enlarged.

14 Become not unequally yoked with unbelievers: for what fellowship have righteousness and iniquity? or what communion hath light with darkness? 15 And what concord hath Christ with Belial? or what portion hath a believer with an unbeliever? 16 And what agreement hath a temple of God with idols? for we are a temple of the living God; even as God said, I will dwell in them, and walk among them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. 17 Wherefore

67Come ye out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, And touch no unclean thing; And I will receive you, 18 And will be to you a Father, And ye shall be to me sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

50 Or, bodily frame (and in vs. 4) Compare Apocrypha Wisdom 9:15.
51 Or, being burdened, in that we would not be unclothed, but would be clothed upon,
52 Gk. appearance);
53 Gk. are ambitious, or, aspire, See Ro 15:20 margin
54 Gk. through
55 Or possibly; are
56 Or, there is
57 So p46k B C D F K G 048 1739 0243 cop sa bo vg. 33 81 and the majority of lesser mss., (arm) add all
58 Or, placed in us.
59 Gk. sin (Gk. and Hb. do not distinguish between sin and sin-offering. See Sin = Sin-offering = Sin-bearer in Rotherham’s appendix to the Old Testament.)
60 Is. 49:8.
61 Or, stedfastness,
62 Gk. through
63 Gk. Beliar (Hb. Worthlessness)
64 Or, sanctuary (vaco, temple house) (both times)
65 So B 33 81 1175 cop sa bo. p46c and a majority of Lesser Gk. mss., arm vg read ye are a temple N 1739 0243 almost alone read we are temples
66 Lv 26:12; Ex 29:45; Ez 37:27; Jr 31:1.
67 Is 52:11.
68 Hos 1:10; Is 43:6.
2 Corinthians 7

7 Having therefore these promises, beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all defilement of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

2 Gk. Make room for us:

3 So NC 1739 33 81 2043 and most, copbo arm. p17 B D* copso omit for p46 vg read seeing that that epistle

4 Or, unto a salvation which bringeth no regret:

5 Gk. singleness. See Ro 12:8.

6 Or, communion or, joint participation

7 So p46B 1739 0243 copsobo arm. NC (33) 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read your love to us,

8 69 Gk. Make room for us:

9 So NC 1739 33 81 2043 and most, copbo arm. p17 B D* copso omit for p46 vg read seeing that that epistle

10 Gk. apostles

11 Or, emulation of you

12 70 So NC 1739 33 81 2043 and most, copbo arm. p17 B D* copso omi
put to shame in this confidence. 5 I thought it necessary therefore to entreat the brethren, that they would go before unto you, and make up beforehand your aforesaid promise of bounty, that the same might be ready as a matter of bounty, and not of extortion.

6 But this I say, He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. 7 Let each man do according as he hath purposed in his heart: not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound unto you; that ye, having always all sufficiency in everything, may abound unto every good work: 9 as it is written,

84 He hath scattered abroad, he hath given to the poor; His righteousness abideth for ever.

10 And he that supplieth seed to the sower and bread for food, shall supply and multiply your seed for sowing, and increase the fruits of your righteousness: 11 ye being enriched in everything unto all liberality, which worketh through us thanksgiving to God. 12 For the ministration of this service not only filleth up the measure of the wants of the saints, but aboundeth also through many thanksgivings unto God; 13 seeing that through the proving of you by this ministration they glorify God for the obedience of your confession unto the gospel of Christ, and for the liberality of your contribution unto them and unto all; 14 while they themselves also, with supplication on your behalf, long after you by reason of the exceeding grace of God in you. 15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift.

10 Now I Paul myself entreat you by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, I who in your presence am lowly among you, but being absent am of good courage toward you: 2 yes, I beseech you, that I may not when present show courage with the confidence wherewith I count to be bold against some, who count of us as if we walked according to the flesh. 3 For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh 4 (for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but mighty before God to the casting down of strongholds), 5 casting down \\n
2 Corinthians 11

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2 Corinthians 12

8 I robbed other churches, taking wages of them that I might minister unto you; 9 and when I was present with you and was in want, I was not a burden on any man; for the brethren, when they came from Macedonia, supplied the measure of my want; and in everything I kept myself from being burdensome unto you, and so will I keep myself. 10 As the truth of Christ is in me, no man shall stop me of this glorying in the regions of Achaia. 11 Wherefore? because I love you not? God knoweth. 12 But what I do, that I will do, that I may cut off occasion from them that desire an occasion; that wherein they glory, they may be found even as we. 13 For such men are false apostles, deceitful workers, fashioning themselves into apostles of Christ. 14 And no marvel; for even Satan fashioneth himself into an angel of light. 15 It is no great thing therefore if his ministers also fashion themselves as ministers of righteousness, whose end shall be according to their works.

16 I say again, Let no man think me foolish; but if ye do, yet as foolish receive me, that I also may glory a little. 17 That which I speak, I speak not after the Lord, but as in foolishness, in this confidence of glorying. 18 Seeing that many glory after the flesh, I will glory also. 19 For ye bear with the foolish gladly, being wise yourselves. 20 For ye bear with a man, if he bringeth you into bondage, if he devoureth you, if he taketh you captive, if he exalteth himself, if he smiteth you on the face. 21 I speak by way of disparagement, as though we had been weak. Yet whereinsoever any is bold (I speak in foolish face.

22 Are they Hebrews? so am I. 23 Are they Israelites? so am I. Are they the seed of Abraham? so am I. 24 Are they ministers of Christ? (I speak as one beside himself) I more; in labors more abundantly, in prisons more abundantly, in stripes above measure, in deaths oft. 25 Of the Jews five times received I forty stripes save one. 26 Thrice was I beaten with rods, once was I stoned, thrice I suffered shipwreck, a night and a day have I been in the deep; 27 in journeyings often, in perils of rivers, in perils of robbers, in perils from my 28 countymen, in perils from the Gentiles, in perils in the city, in perils in the wilderness, in perils in the sea, in perils among false brethren; 29 in labors and travail, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness.

29 Besides those things that are without, there is that which preseth upon me daily, anxiety for all the churches. 30 Who is weak, and I am not weak? who is caused to stumble, and I burn not? 31 If I must needs glory, I will glory of the things that concern my weakness. 32 The God and Father of the Lord Jesus, he who is blessed for evermore, knoweth that I lie not. 33 In Damascus the 34 governor under Aretas the king guarded the city of the Damascenes in order to take me: 34 and through a window was I let down in a rope-basket through the wall, and escaped his hands.

12 I must needs glory, though profitable it is not; but I will come to visions and revelations of the Lord. 13 I know a man in Christ, fourteen years ago (whether in the body, I know not; or whether out of the body, I know not; God knoweth), such a one caught up even to the third heaven. 14 And I know such a man (whether in the body, or apart from the body, I know not; God knoweth), 15 by reason of the exceeding greatness of the revelations — wherefore, that I should not be exalted overmuch, there was given to me a 15 thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to buffet me. 16 That I should not be exalted overmuch. 17 Concerning this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me. 18 And he hath said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my power is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my weaknesses, that the power of Christ may rest upon me. 19 Wherefore I take pleasure in weaknesses, in injuries, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses, for Christ’s sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong.

20 I am become foolish: ye compelled me; for I ought to have been commended of you: for in nothing was I behind the very chiefest apostles, though I am nothing. 21 Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, by signs and wonders and mighty works. 22 For what is that which is therein whereof ye were made inferior to the rest of the churches, except it be that I myself was not a burden to you? forgive me this wrong.

23 Behold, this is the third time I am ready to come to you; and I will not be a burden to you: for I seek not yours, but you: for the children ought not to lay up for the parents, but the parents for the children. 24 And I will most gladly spend and be 25 spent for your souls. If I am loving you more abundantly, am I loved the less? 26 But be it so, I did not myself burden you; but, being crafty, I caught you with guile. 27 Did I take advantage of you by any one of them whom I have sent unto you? 28 I exorted Titus, and I sent the brother with my power.

29 Ye think all this time that we are excusing ourselves unto you. In the sight of God we speak in Christ. But all

107 Gk. the occasion of them.
108 Gk. race, Compare Ac 7:19.
109 Or, Besides the things which I omit, or, Besides the things which come out of course,
110 Or, God and the Father. See Ro 15:6.
111 Gk. unto the ages.
112 Gk. ethnarch.
113 So B D* cop arm vg. But N (1739) 33 81 0243 and most Gk. mss., (copb) read, wishing to take me.
114 So NBA 1739 33 81 0243 cop. p46 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop arm vg read revelations that should not
115 Or, stake.
116 So p46 B 1739 81 0243 and most, cop arm. NA 33 D vg omit that I should not be exalted overmuch.
117 So p46 B D* cop arm vg. But A 1739 33 81 0243 and most lesser Gk. mss., arm read my power.
118 Or, cover me. Gk. spread a tabernacle over me. See Rs 7:15.
119 Or, those preeminent apostles.
120 Or, stedfastness.
121 Gk. powers.
122 Gk. spent out.
123 Or, Think ye ... unto you? So N*BA 1739 33 81 0243.
things, beloved, are for your edifying. 20 For I fear, lest by any means, when I come, I should find you not such as I would, and should myself be found of you such as ye would not; lest by any means there should be strife, jealousy, wraths, factions, backbitings, whisperings, swellings, tumults; 21 lest again when I come my God should humble me before you, and I should mourn for many of them that have sinned heretofore, and repented not of the uncleanness and fornication and lasciviousness which they committed.

13 This is the third time I am coming to you. At the mouth of two witnesses or three shall every word be established. 2 I have said beforehand, and I do say beforehand, as when I was present the second time, so now, being absent, to them that have sinned heretofore, and to all the rest, that, if I come again, I will not spare; 3 seeing that ye seek a proof of Christ that speaketh in me; who toward you is not weak, but is powerful in you: 4 for he was crucified through weakness, yet he liveth through the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but we shall live with him through the power of God toward you. 5 Try your own selves, whether ye are in the faith; prove your own selves. Or know ye not as to your own selves, that Jesus Christ is in you? unless indeed ye be reprobate. 6 But I hope that ye shall know that we are not reprobate. 7 Now we pray to God that ye do no evil; not that we may appear approved, but that ye may do that which is honorable, though we be as reprobate. 8 For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth. 9 For we rejoice, when we are weak, and ye are strong: for this we also pray, even your perfecting. 10 For this cause I write these things while absent, that I may not when present deal sharply, according to the authority which the Lord gave me for building up, and not for casting down.

11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfected; be comforted; be of the same mind; live in peace: and the God of love and peace shall be with you. 12 Salute one another with a holy kiss.

13 All the saints salute you.

14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellow of the Holy Spirit, be with you all.

1175 cop arm read Again, think ye that ... unto you? p alone reads Think ye not already that ... unto you?
124 Or, disorders;
125 Or possibly, plainly (both times) Compare 1Ths 3:4.
126 Or, as if I were present the second time, even though I am now absent,
127 So B 1739 33 81 0243 and most, cop arm read weak with him,
128 B arm almost alone omit toward you
129 Gk. and that
130 Or, rejoice: be perfected;
131 Or, fellowship or, joint participation
Galatians
(Paul’s Epistle to the Galatians)

1 Paul, an apostle (not from man, neither through man, but through Jesus Christ, and God the Father, who raised him from the dead), 2 and all the brethren that are with me, unto the churches of Galatia: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins, that he might deliver us out of this present evil age, according to the will of our Father and God: 5 to whom be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

6 I marvel that ye are so quickly removing from him that called you in the grace of Christ unto a different gospel; 7 which is not another gospel, only there are some that trouble you, and would pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But though we, or an angel from heaven, should preach unto you any gospel other than that which we preached unto you, let him be anathema. 9 As we have said before, so say I now again, If any man preacheth unto you any gospel other than that which ye received, let him be anathema. 10 For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? or am I striving to please men? if I were still pleasing men, I should not be a servant of Christ.

11 For I make known to you, brethren, as touching the gospel which was preached by me, that it is not after man. 12 For neither did I receive it from man, nor was I taught, but it came to me through revelation of Jesus Christ.

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24 And they glorified God in me.

2 Then after a space of fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus also with me. 2 And I went up by revelation; and I laid before them the gospel which I preach among the Gentiles but privately before them who were of repute, lest by any means I should be running, or had run, in vain. 3 But not even Titus who was with me, being a Greek, was compelled to be circumcised: 4 and that because of false brethren privately brought in, who came in privately to spy out our liberty which we have in Christ Jesus, that they might bring us into bondage: 5 to whom we gave place in the way of subjection, no, not for an hour; that the truth of the gospel might continue with you. 6 But from those who were reputed to be somewhat (1whatevother they were, it maketh no matter to me: God accepteth not man’s person) — they, I say, who were of repute imparted nothing to me: 7 but contrariwise, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel of the uncircumcision, even as Peter with the gospel of the circumcision 8 (for he that wrought for Peter unto an apostleship of the circumcision wrought for me also unto the Gentiles): 9 and when they perceived the grace that was given unto me, James and Cephas and John, they who were reputed to be pillars, gave to me and Barnabas the right hands of fellowship, that we should go unto the Gentiles, and they unto the circumcision: 10 only they would that we should remember the poor; which very thing I was also zealous to do.

11 But when Cephas came to Antioch, I resisted him to the face, because he stood condemned. 12 For before that certain came from James, he ate with the Gentiles; but when they came, he drew back and separated himself, fearing them that were of the circumcision. 13 And the rest of the Jews dissembled likewise with him; inasmuch that even Barnabas was carried away with their dissimulation. 14 But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Cephas before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest as do the Jews, and not as do the Jews, how compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews? 15 We being Jews by nature, and not sinners of the Gentiles, yet knowing that a man is not justified by the works of the law but through faith in Jesus Christ, even we believed on Christ Jesus, that we might be justified by faith in Christ, and not by the works

1 Or, a man, Also in vs. 12
2 So NA 33 81 P. But p46,51,52 B 1739 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop a, b, o arm vg read from God the Father, and our Lord Jesus Christ,
3 Or, God and our Father: or, God, even our Father:
4 Gk. unto the ages of the ages.
5 Gk. good tidings; (and so everywhere else) See marginal note on Mt 4:23.
6 Or, which is nothing else save that there ...
7 See marginal note on Mt 11:5. And so elsewhere
8 Or, contrary to that And in vs. 9
9 Or, a curse. Also in vs. 9. Equivalent to Hb. hērem, a thing devoted to destruction; e.g., see Josh 6:18; 7:11-13 (Sept. anathema).
10 Gk. bondservant
11 So N* B 33 D* cop b, o arm vg. But p46 N* A 1739 81 and most lesser Gk. mss., cop b, o arm vg. But
12 Gk. in my race, Compare 2Co 11:26.
13 p46 B 0150 and few others, vg. read of him who
14 Or, become acquainted with
15 Or, but only
16 Or, Jacob (and so everywhere else)
17 Or, but it was because of
18 Or, what they once were,
19 So CA 1739 81 and the majority of lesser mss., cop a, b, o arm vg. p46 NB 33 D* read he came
20 Or, accounted righteous by And so elsewhere Compare Ro 2:13.
of the law: because by the works of the law shall no flesh be justified. 17 But if, while we sought to be justified in Christ, we ourselves also were found sinners, is Christ a minister of sin? 18 Be it not so. 19 For if I build up again those things which I destroyed, I prove myself a transgressor. 20 For I through the law died unto the law, that I might live unto God. 21 I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I that live, but Christ liveth in me: and that life which I now live in the flesh I live in faith, the faith which is in 22 the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself up for me. 21 Do I not make void the grace of God: for if righteousness is of the works of the law, then Christ died for nought.

3 O foolish Galatians, who did bewitch you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was openly set forth crucified? 2 This only would I learn of you, Received ye the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the 23 hearing of faith? 3 Are ye so foolish? having begun in the Spirit, 24 are ye now perfected in the flesh? 4 Did ye suffer so many things in vain? if it be indeed in vain. 5 He therefore that supplieth to you the Spirit, and worketh miracles among you, doeth he it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 6 Even as Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned unto him for righteousness. 7 25 Know therefore that they that are of faith are blessed with the faith of Abraham. 8 And the scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the 26 Gentiles by faith, preached the gospel beforehand unto Abraham, saying, 31 In thee shall all the nations be blessed. 9 So then they that are of faith are blessed with the faithfulness of Abraham. 10 For as many as are of the works of the law are under a curse: for it is written, 32 Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do. 11 Now that no man is justified 32 by the law before God, is evident: for, 33 The righteous shall live by faith; 12 and the law is not of faith; but, 34 He that doeth them shall live in them. 13 Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law, having become a curse for us; for it is written, 36 Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree: 14 that upon the Gentiles might come the blessing of Abraham in Christ Jesus; that we might receive the promise of the Spirit through faith.

15 Brethren, I speak after the manner of men: Though it be but a man’s covenant, yet when it hath been confirmed, no one maketh it void, or addeth thereto. 16 Now to Abraham were the promises spoken, through his seed. He saith not, And to seeds, as of many; but as of one, 38 And to thy seed, which is Christ. 17 Now this I say: A covenant confirmed beforehand by 29 God, the law covenant, which came four hundred and thirty years after, doth not disannul, so as to make the promise covenant of none effect. 18 For if the inheritance be of the law covenant, it is no more of the promise covenant: but God hath granted it to Abraham by promise. 19 40 Why then was the law covenant? It was added because of transgressions, till the seed should come to whom the promise hath been made; and it was ordained through angels by the hand of a mediator. 20 Now the mediator is not a mediator of one; but God is one. 21 Is the law covenant then against the promises 41 of God? Be it not so: for if there had been a law covenant given which could make alive, truly righteousness would have been of the law covenant. 22 But the scripture shut up all men under sin, that the promise covenant by faith in Jesus Christ might be given to them that believe.

23 But before faith came, we were kept in ward under the law covenant, shut up unto the faith which should afterwards be revealed. 24 So that the law covenant is become our 42 guardian to bring us unto Christ, that we might be justified by faith. 25 But now that faith is come, we are no longer under a guardian. 26 For ye are all sons of God, through faith, in Christ Jesus. 27 For as many of you as were baptized into Christ did put on Christ. 28 There can be neither Jew nor Greek, there can be neither bond nor free, there can be no male and female; for 43 ye all are one kind in Christ Jesus. 29 And if ye Christ’s, then are ye Abraham’s seed, heirs according to the promise covenant.

4 But I say that so long as the heir is a child, he differeth nothing from a bondservant though he is lord of all: 2 but is under guardians and stewards until the day appointed of the father. 3 So we also, when we were children, were held in bondage under the rudiments of the world: 4 but when the fulness of the time came, God sent forth his Son, born of a woman, born under the law covenant, 5 that he might redeem them that were under the law covenant, that we might receive the placement as sons. 6 And because ye are sons, God sent

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21 Or, May it not come to be! And so everywhere
22 So NCA 1739 33 81 and most mss. and versions.
23 Or, message of faith? And so in vs. 5.
24 Or, do ye now make an end in the flesh?
25 Gk. powers
26 Or, in
28 Or, Ye perceive
29 Gk. justifieth
30 Gk. nations
31 Ge 12:3 merged with Ge 22:18.
33 Gk. in
34 Hab 2:4.
35 Lv 18:5.
36 Dt 21:23. Or more poetically, Cursed be he that hangeth on a tree.
37 p46 D*G almost alone read blessing
38 Ge 13:15; 17:8.
39 So p46NBCA 1739 33 81 cop 59,60,61 vg. 1 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., read God in Christ,
40 Or, What then is the law covenant?
41 p46B virtually alone omit of God
42 Lit. child guide That is, slave who went with a boy from home to school and back again (so Liddell and Scott; see also Thayer). Modern near-equivalent, school-bus driver. By extension, may be, tutor, instructor. (Also in vs. 25)
43 So BC 1739 81 and most lesser Gk. mss. arm. p46A alone read ye all are of Christ Jesus. 33 G vg read ye all are in one kind in Christ Jesus. * alone reads ye all are in Christ Jesus.
44 Or, elements (and in vs. 9) As in 2Pt 3:10, 12.
45 Lit. placing as sons, whether by adoption, or by the promotion suggested in vs. 2 (Cf. Dt 21:16). Compare Ro 8:15, 23, 9:4; Ep 1:5.
forth the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, Abba, Father. 7 So that thou art no longer a bondservant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir through God.

8 Howbeit at that time, not knowing God, ye were in bondage to them by that nature are no gods: 9 but now that ye have come to know God, how turn ye back again to the weak and beggarly rudiments, whereunto ye desire to be in bondage over again? 10 Ye observe days, and months, and seasons, and years. 11 I am afraid of you, lest by any means I have bestowed labor upon you in vain.

12 I beseech you, brethren, become as I am, for I also am become as ye are. Ye did me no wrong: 13 but ye know that because of an infirmity of the flesh I 4 \*preached the gospel unto you the 4 first time: 14 and that which was a 49 trial to you in my flesh ye despised not, nor 50 rejected; but ye received me as an angel of God, even as Christ Jesus. 15 Where then is that gratulation 54 of yourselves? for I bear you witness, that, if possible, ye would have plucked out your eyes and given them to me. 16 So then am I become your enemy, 52 by telling you a truth? 17 They zealously seek you in no good way; no, they desire to shut you out, that ye may seek them. 18 But it is good to be zealously sought in a good matter at all times, and not only when I am present with you. 19 My little children, of whom I am again in travail until Christ be formed in you – 20 but I could wish to be present with you now, and to change my tone; for I am perplexed about you.

21 Tell me, ye that desire to be under the law, do ye not hear the law? 22 For it is written, that 53 Abraham had two sons, one by the handmaid, and one by the freewoman. 23 54 Howbeit the son by the handmaid is born after the flesh; but the son by the freewoman is born through the promise. 24 Which things contain an allegory: for these women 55 are two covenants; one from mount Sinai, bearing our mother. 25 56 Now this Hagar is mount Sinai in Arabia and answereth to the Jerusalem that now is: for she is in bondage with her children. 26 But the Jerusalem that is above is free, which is 57 our mother.

27 For it is written, 58 Rejoice, thou barren that bearest not; Break forth and cry, thou that travailest not: For more are the children of the desolate than of her that hath the husband.

28 Now 59 ye, brethren, as Isaac was, are children of the promise covenant. 29 But as then he that was born after the flesh persecuted him that was born after the Spirit, so also is it now. 30 Howbeit what saith the scripture? 60 Cast out the handmaid and her son: for the son of the handmaid shall not inherit with the son of the freewoman. 31 Wherefore, brethren, we are not children of a handmaid, but of the freewoman.

5 For freedom did Christ set us free: stand fast therefore, and be not entangled again in a yoke of bondage.

2 Behold, I Paul say unto you, that, if ye receive circumcision, Christ will profit you nothing. 3 Yes, I testify again to every man that receiveth circumcision, that he is a debtor to do the whole law. 4 Ye are 42severed from Christ, ye who would be justified by the law; ye are fallen away from grace. 5 For we through the Spirit by faith wait for the hope of righteousness. 6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision availeth anything, nor uncircumcision; but faith 42working through love. 7 Ye were running well; who hindered you that ye should not obey the truth? 8 This persuasion cometh not of him that calleth you. 9 A little leaven leaveneth the whole lump. 10 I have confidence towards you in the Lord, that ye will be none otherwise minded: but he that troublith you shall bear his condemnation, whosoever he be. 11 But I, brethren, if I still preach circumcision, why am I still persecuted? then hath the stumbling-block of the cross been done away. 12 I would that they which unsettle you would even 63 go beyond circumcision.

13 For ye, brethren, were called for freedom; only use not your freedom for an occasion to the flesh, but through love be servants one to another. 14 For the whole law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: 44 Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. 15 But if ye bite and devour one another, take heed that ye be not consumed one of another.

16 But I say, Walk by the spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the spirit, and the spirit against the flesh; for these are contrary the one to the other; that ye may not do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye are led by the spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these: fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousies, wrath, factions, divisions, parties, envys, drunkenness, revellings, and such like; of which I forewarn you, even as I did forewarn you, that they who
practise such things shall not inherit a kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 meekness, self-control; against such there is no law. 24 And they that are of Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with the passions and the lusts thereof.

25 If we live by the Spirit, by the Spirit let us also walk. 26 Let us not become vainglorious, provoking one another, envying one another.

6 Brethren, even if a man be overtaken in any trespass, ye who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; looking to thyself, lest thou also be tempted. 2 Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil ye the law of Christ. 3 For if a man thinketh himself to be something when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself. 4 But let each man prove his own work, and then shall he have his glorying in regard of himself alone, and not of his neighbor. 5 For each man shall bear his own burden. 6 But let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things. 7 Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap. 8 For he that soweth unto his own flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth unto the Spirit shall of the Spirit reap eternal life. 9 And let us not be weary in well-doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. 10 So then, as we have opportunity, let us work that which is good toward all men, and especially toward them that are of the household of the faith.

11 See with how large letters I write unto you with mine own hand. 12 As many as desire to make a fair show in the flesh, they compel you to be circumcised; only that they may not be persecuted for the cross of Christ. 13 For not even they who receive circumcision do themselves keep the law; but they desire to have you circumcised that they may glory in your flesh. 14 But be it far from me to glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world hath been crucified unto me, and I unto the world. 15 For neither is circumcision anything, nor uncircumcision, but a new creation is something. 16 And as many as shall walk by this rule, peace be upon them, and mercy, and upon the Israel of God.

17 Henceforth let no man trouble me; for I bear branded on my body the marks of Jesus.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brethren. Amen.
1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, to the saints that are at Ephesus, and faithful in Christ Jesus: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places in Christ: 4 even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and without blemish before him: 5 having foreordained us unto the 4 placement as sons through Jesus Christ unto himself, according to the good pleasure of his will, 6 to the praise of the glory of his grace, 7 which he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved: 8 in whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, 9 making known unto us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure which he purposed in him 10 unto a stewardship of the fulness of the 4 times, to sum up all things in Christ, the things in the heavens, and the things upon the earth; in him, I say, 11 in whom also we were made a heritage, having been foreordained according to the 10 purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his will; 12 to the end that we should be unto the praise of his glory, we who 13 had before hoped in Christ: 13 in whom ye also, having heard the word of the truth, the gospel of your salvation, – 14 of promise, 15 which is an earnest of our inheritance, unto the redemption of God’s own possession, unto the praise of his glory.

15 For this cause I also, having heard of the faith in the Lord Jesus which is 16 among you, and 16 which ye show toward all the saints, 16 cease not to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers; 17 that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give unto you a spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him; 18 having the eyes of your heart enlightened, that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, 19 and what the exceeding greatness of his power toward us who believe, according to that working of the power of his strength 20 which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and made him to sit at his right hand in the heavenly places, 21 far above all rule, and authority, and power, and dominion, and every name that is named, not only in this age, but also in that which is to come: 22 and he put all things in subjection under his feet, and gave him to be head over all things to the church, 23 which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all.

2 And you did make alive, when ye were dead through your trespasses and sins, 2 wherein ye once walked according to the 14 course of this world, according to the prince of the 20 powers of the air, of the spirit that now worketh in the sons of disobedience; 3 among whom we also all once lived in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the 20 mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest: – 4 but God, being rich in mercy, for his great love, 5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (22) by grace have ye been saved), 6 and raised us up with him, and made us to sit with him in the heavenly places, in Christ Jesus: 7 that in the ages to come he might show the exceeding riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus: 8 for by grace have ye been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; 9 not of works, that no man should glory. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God afore prepared that we should walk in them.

11 Wherefore remember, that once ye, the Gentiles in the flesh, who are called Circumcision, in the flesh, made by hands; 12 that ye were at that time separate from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off became nigh in the blood of Christ. 14 For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition, 15 having abolished in his flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the two one new man, so making peace; 16 and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby: 17 and he hath come and preached peace to you that were far off, and peace to them that were nigh: 18 for through him we both have our
access in one spirit unto the Father. 19 So then ye are no more strangers and sojourners, but ye are fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God, 20 being built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the chief corner stone; 21 in whom 28 each several building, fitly framed together, groweth into a holy temple in the Lord; 22 in whom ye also are builded together 27 for a habitation of God in the spirit.

3 For this cause I Paul, the prisoner of Christ Jesus in behalf of you Gentiles, – 2 if so be that ye have heard of the stewardship of that grace of God which was given me for you; 3 how that by revelation was made known unto me the mystery, as I wrote before in few words, 4 whereby, when ye read, ye can perceive my understanding in the mystery of Christ; 5 which in other generations was not made known unto the sons of men, as it hath now been revealed unto his holy apostles and prophets in the Spirit; 6 to wit, that the Gentiles are fellow-heirs, and fellow-members of the body, and fellow-partakers of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel, 7 whereof I became a minister, according to the gift of that grace of God which was given me according to the working of his power. 8 Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, was this grace given, to preach unto the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ; 9 and to make all men see what is the stewardship of the mystery which for ages hath been hid in God who created all things; 10 to the intent that now unto the principalities and the powers in the heavenly places might be made known through the church the manifold wisdom of God, 11 according to the purpose of the ages which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord: 12 in whom we have boldness and access in confidence through faith of him. 13 Wherefore I ask that ye may not faint at my tribulations for you, which 37 are thy glory.

14 For this cause I bow my knees unto the Father, 15 from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, 16 that he would grant you, according to the riches of his glory, that ye may be strengthened with power through his Spirit in the inward man; 17 that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; to the end that ye being rooted and grounded in love,

18 may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth, and length and height and depth, 19 and to know the love of Christ which passeth knowledge, 20 that ye may be filled unto all the fulness of God.

20 Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, 21 unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus unto all generations for ever and ever. Amen.

4 I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beseech you to walk worthily of the calling wherewith ye were called, 2 with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love; 3 giving diligence to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. 4 There is one body, and one Spirit, even as also ye were called in one hope of your calling; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism, 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all, and through all, and in all. 7 But unto each one of us was the grace given according to the measure of the gift of Christ. 8 Wherefore he saith,

42 When he ascended on high, he led captivity captive, 43 He gave gifts unto men.

9 (Now this, He ascended, what is it but that he also descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10 He that descended is the same also that ascended far above the heavens, that he might fill all things.) 11 And he gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; 12 for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering unto the building up of the body of Christ: 13 till we all attain unto the unity of the faith, and of the full knowledge of the Son of God, unto a fullgrown man, unto the stature of the fulness of Christ: 14 that we may be no longer children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, in craftiness, after the wiles of error; 15 but speaking truth in love, may grow up in all things into him, who is the head, even Christ; 16 from whom all the body fitly framed and knit together through that which every joint supplieth, according to the working in due measure of each several part, maketh the increase of the body unto the building up of itself in love.

46 Or, I may not
47 Or, is
48 So NBA 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo arm vg. 46 BC 1739 33 81 read our glory.
49 So p46N*BCA 1739 33 81 cop sa,bo. 1881 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg. read Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
50 Gk. fatherhood
51 So NCA 1739 (81) and most Gk. mss., cop bo arm vg. p46B (33) 1175 cop sa almost alone read that all the fulness of God might be fulfilled.
52 Gk. all the generations of the age of the ages.
53 So p46NBCA 1739 33 81 cop sa,bo. 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read in you all.
54 Ps 68:18.
55 So p46N*A 33 cop sa,bo vg. BC* 1739 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm read And he
56 So p46N*C*A 1739 33 81 cop bo. B and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg. read descended first
57 Or, dealing truly
58 Gk. through every joint of the supply,
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17 This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye no longer walk as the Gentiles also walk, in the vanity of their mind. 18 being darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the hardening of their heart; 19 who being past feeling gave themselves up to lasciviousness, 20 to work all uncleanness with greediness. 21 But ye did not so learn Christ; 22 if so be that ye heard him, and were taught in him, even as truth is in Jesus: 23 that ye put away, as concerning your former manner of life, the old man, that waxeth corrupt after the lusts of deceit; 24 and that ye be renewed in the spirit of your mind, 25 and put on the new man, 26 that after God hath been created in righteousness and holiness of truth.

25 Wherefore, putting away falsehood, speak ye truth each one with his neighbor: for we are members one of another. 26 Be ye angry, and sin not: let not the sun go down upon your wrath: 27 neither give place to the devil. 28 Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labor, working with his own hands the thing that is good, that he may have whereof to give to him that hath need. 29 Let no corrupt speech proceed out of your mouth, but such as is good for edifying as the need may be, that it may give grace to them that hear. 30 And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God, in which ye were sealed unto a day of redemption. 31 Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamor, and railing, be put away from you, with all malice: 32 and become ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving each other, even as God also in Christ forgave you.

5 Become ye therefore imitators of God, as beloved children; 2 and walk in love, even as Christ also loved us, and gave himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for an odor of a sweet smell.

3 But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not even be named among you, as becometh saints; 4 nor filthiness, nor foolish talking, or jesting, which are not befitting: but rather giving of thanks. 5 For this ye know of a surety, that no fornicator, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolator, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. 6 Let no man deceive you with empty words: for because of these things cometh the wrath of God upon the sons of disobedience. 7 Be not ye therefore partakers with them; 8 for ye were once darkness, but are now light in the Lord: walk as children of light 9 (for the fruit of the light is in all goodness and righteousness and truth), 10 proving what is well-pleasing unto the Lord; 11 and have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather even reprove them; 12 for the things which are done by them in secret it came to be a shame even to speak of. 13 But all things when they are reproved are made manifest by the light: for everything that is made manifest is light. 14 Wherefore he saith, Awake, thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall shine upon thee.

15 Look therefore carefully how ye walk, not as unwise, but as wise; 16 redeeming the time, because the days are evil. 17 Wherefore become not foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. 18 And be not drunken with wine, wherein is not, but be filled with the Spirit; 19 speaking one to another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; 20 giving thanks always for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; 21 subjecting yourselves one to another in the fear of Christ. 22 Let the wives submit themselves unto their own husbands, as unto the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, being himself saviour of the body. 24 But as the church is subject to Christ, 25 so let the wives also be to their husbands in everything. 26 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself up for it; 27 that he might sanctify it by the washing of water with the word, 28 that he might present the church to himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such things; but that it should be holy and without blemish. 29 Even so ought husbands also to love their own wives as their own bodies. 30 He that loveth his own wife loveth himself: 29 for no man ever hated his own flesh; but nourisheth and cherisheth it, even as Christ also the church; 30 because we are members of his body. 31 For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and the two shall become one flesh. 32 This mystery is great: but I speak in regard of Christ and of the church; 33 Nevertheless do ye also severally love each one his own wife even as himself; and let the wife see that she respect her husband.

6 Children, obey your parents 70 in the Lord: for this is right. 2 71 Honor thy father and mother (which is the first
commandment with promise), 2 that it may be well with thee, and thou mayest live long on the earth. 4 And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but nurture them in the chastening and admonition of the Lord.

5 Servants, be obedient unto them that according to the flesh are your masters, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ; 6 not in the way of eyeservice, as men-pleasers; but as servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart; 7 with good will doing service, as unto the Lord, and not unto men: 8 knowing that whatsoever good thing ye doeth, the same shall he receive again from the Lord, and not unto men:

9 Bondservants, be obedient unto them that according to the flesh are your lords; 10 Finally, have power in the Lord, and in the might of his strength. 11 Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. 12 Stand therefore, having girded your loins with truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, 13 and having shod your feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace; 14 and having taken up all the armor of God, to the end that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 15 For our wrestling is not against flesh and blood, but against the principalities, against the powers, against the world-rulers of this darkness, against the spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 16 Wherefore take up the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and, having done all, to stand. 17 And take ye the helmet of salvation, and the shield of the spirit, which is the word of God: 18 with all prayer and supplication praying at all seasons in the spirit, and watching thereunto in all perseverance and supplication for all the saints, 19 and on my behalf, that utterance may be given unto me in opening my mouth, to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

21 But that ye also may know my affairs, how I do, Tychicus, the beloved brother and faithful minister in the Lord, shall make known to you all things: 22 whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that ye may know our state, and that he may comfort your hearts.

23 Peace be to the brethren, and love with faith, from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Grace be with all them that love our Lord Jesus Christ in incorruption.

75 So p⁴⁶ NA 1739 33 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop⁸¹,²⁰ arm vg. B*D*G omit in the Lord.
76 Ex 20:12; Dt 5:16.
77 Or, shalt
78 Or, land.
79 Gk. Bondservants
80 Gk. lords,
81 Gk. bondservants
82 Gk. soul;
83 Gk. lords,
84 Gk. be made powerful
85 So NA I 1739 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop¹⁰ arm vg. p⁴⁶B 81 1175*D* read your
86 Gk. blood and flesh,
87 Gk. good tidings Also in vs. 19. See marginal note on Mt 4:23.
88 The pronoun refers to the neuter spirit, not sword. See footnote in Marshall’s diaglott.
89 Gk. an utterance (rēma, not logos)
90 Or, in opening my mouth with boldness, to make known the mystery
91 B G almost alone omit of the gospel
92 So (N)A I 33 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., (cop⁸¹,²⁰ arm vg. p⁴⁶B 1739 1881 virtually alone read of it [= of the gospel]
93 Or, with a love incorruptible. Compare Ro 2:7.
94 So p⁴⁶N*BA 1739² 33 81 1175 cop⁸⁸,²⁰. D and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm add Amen.
Philippians
(Paul’s Epistle to the Philippians)

1 Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus that are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 I thank my God upon all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every supplication of mine on behalf of you all making my supplication with joy, 5 for your fellowship in furtherance of the gospel from the first day until now; 6 being confident of this very thing, that he who began a good work in you will perfect it until the day of Jesus Christ: 7 even as it is right for me to be thus minded on behalf of you all, because I have you in my heart, inasmuch as, both in my bonds and in the defence and confirmation of the gospel, ye all are partakers with me of grace. 8 For God is my witness, how I long after you all in the tender mercies of Christ Jesus. 9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and all discernment; 10 so that ye may approve the things that are excellent; that ye may be sincere and void of offence unto others.

11 Being filled with the fruit of righteousness, which is through Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God.

12 Now I would have you know, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the progress of the gospel; 13 so that my bonds became manifest in Christ throughout the whole praetorian guard, and to all the rest; 14 and that most of the brethren in the whole Praetorium, and to all the bondservants of Christ Jesus, to all the brethren.”

15 But if to live in the flesh, — if this shall bring fruit from my work, then I what I shall choose I know not. 23 But I am in a strait betwixt the two, having the desire to depart and be with Christ; for it is very far better: 24 yet to abide in the flesh is more needful for your sake. 25 And having this confidence, I know that I shall abide, yes, and abide with you all, for your progress and joy in the faith; 26 that your glorying may abound in Christ Jesus in me through my presence with you again. 27 Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ: that, whether I come and see you or be absent, I may hear of your state, that ye stand fast in one spirit, with one soul striving for the faith of the gospel; 28 and in nothing affrighted by the adversaries: which is for them an evident token of perdition, but of your salvation, and that from God; 29 because to you it hath been granted in the behalf of Christ, not only to believe on him, but also to suffer for his sake: 30 having the same conflict which ye saw in me, and now hear to be in me.

2 If there is therefore any exhortation in Christ, if any consolation of love, if any fellowship of the spirit, if any tender mercies and compassions, 2 make full my joy, that ye be of the same mind, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind; 3 doing nothing through faction or through vainglory, but in lowliness of mind each counting other better than himself; 4 not looking each of you to his own things, but each of you also to the things of others. 5 Have this mind in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 who, existing in the form of God, counted not the being on an equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a bondservant, 24 being made in the likeness of men; 8 and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, being obedient even unto death, yes, the death of the cross.

9 Wherefore also God highly exalted him, and gave unto him the name which is above every name; 10 that in the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven and things on earth and things under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

12 So then, my beloved, even as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence,
work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who worketh in you both to will and to work, for his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without murmuring and questionings: 15 that ye may become blameless and harmless, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom ye are seen as luminaries of the world, 16 holding forth the word of life; that I may have whereof to glory in the day of Christ, that I did not run in vain neither labor in vain. 17 Yes, and if I am offered upon the sacrifice and service of your faith, I joy, and rejoice with you all: 18 and in the same manner do ye also joy, and rejoice with me.

19 But I hope in the Lord Jesus to send Timothy shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know of your state. 20 For I have no man likeminded, who will care truly for your state. 21 For they all seek their own, not the things of Jesus Christ. 22 But ye know the proof of him, that, as a child servant a father, so he served with me in furtherance of the gospel. 23 Him therefore I hope to send forthwith, as soon as I shall see how it will go with me: 24 but I trust in the Lord that I myself also shall come shortly. 25 But I counted it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother and fellow-worker and fellow-soldier, and your messenger and minister to my need; 26 since he longed after you all, and was sore troubled, because ye had heard that he was “sick: 27 for indeed he was sick nigh unto death: but God had mercy on him; and not on him only, but on me also, that I might not have sorrow upon sorrow. 28 I have sent him therefore the more diligently, that, when ye see him again, ye may rejoice, and that I may be the less sorrowful. 29 Receive him therefore in the Lord with all joy; and hold such in honor: 30 because for the work of Christ he came nigh unto death, hazarding his soul to supply that which was lacking in your service toward me.

3 Finally, my brethren, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you, to me indeed is not slothful, but for you it is safe. 2 Beware of the dogs, beware of the evil workers, beware of the concision: 3 for we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God, and glory in Christ Jesus, and have no confidence in the flesh: 4 though I myself might have confidence even in the flesh: if any other man thinketh to have confidence in the flesh, I yet more: 5 circumscribed the eighth day, of the stock of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of the; as touching the law, a Pharisee; 6 as touching zeal, persecuting the church; as touching the righteousness which is in the law, becoming blameless. 7 Howbeit what things were gains to me, these have I counted loss for Christ. 8 Yes truly, and I count all things to be loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but refuse, that I may gain Christ, 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of mine own, even that which is of the law, but that which is through faith in Christ, the righteousness which is from God by faith: 10 that I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, becoming conformed unto his death; 11 if by any means I may attain unto the resurrection from the dead. 12 Not that I have already obtained, or am already made perfect: but I press forward, if so be that I may lay hold on that for which also I was laid hold on by Christ Jesus. 13 Brethren, I count not myself to have laid hold: but one thing I do, forgetting the things which are behind, and stretching forward to the things which are before, 14 I press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus. 15 Let us therefore, as many as are perfect, be thus minded: and if in anything ye are otherwise minded, this also shall God reveal unto you: 16 only, whereunto we have attained, by that same rule let us walk.

17 Brethren, become ye imitators together of me, and mark them that so walk even as ye have us for an ensample. 18 For many walk, of whom I told you often, and now tell you even weeping, that they are the enemies of the cross of Christ: 19 whose end is perdition, whose god is the belly, whose glory is in their shame, who mind the earthly things. 20 For our place of citizenship is in heaven; whence also we wait for a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ: 21 who shall fashion anew the body of our humiliation, that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, according to the working whereby he is able even to subject all things unto himself.

4 Wherefore, my brethren beloved and longed for, my joy and crown, so stand fast in the Lord, my beloved.

2 I exhort Euodia, and I exhort Syntyche, to be of the same mind in the Lord. 3 Yes, I beseech thee also, true yokefellow, help these women, for they labored with me in the gospel, with Clement also, and the rest of my fellow-workers, whose names are in the book of life.
Philippians 4

4 Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice. 5 Let your forbearance be known unto all men. The Lord is at hand. 6 In nothing be anxious; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. 7 And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall guard your hearts and your thoughts in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honorable, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. 9 The things which ye both learned and received and heard and saw in me, these things do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

10 But I rejoice in the Lord greatly, that now at length ye have revived your thought for me; wherein ye did indeed take thought, but ye lacked opportunity. 11 Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therein to be content. 12 I know how to be abased, and I know also how to abound: in everything and in all things have I learned the secret both to be filled and to be hungry, both to abound and to be in want. 13 I can do all things in him that strengtheneth me. 14 Howbeit ye did well that ye had fellowship with my affliction. 15 And ye yourselves also know, ye Philippians, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church had fellowship with me in the matter of giving and receiving but ye only; 16 for even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my need. 17 Not that I seek for the gift; but I seek for the fruit that increaseth to your account. 18 But I have all things, and abound: I am filled, having received from Epaphroditus the things that came from you, an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing to God. 19 And my God shall supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus. 20 Now unto our God and Father be the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

21 Salute every saint in Christ Jesus. The brethren that are with me salute you. 22 All the saints salute you, especially they that are of Caesar’s household.

23 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.

48 Or, gentleness  Compare 2Co 10:1.
49 Gk. reverend,
50 Or, gracious;
51 Gk. take account of these things.
52 Gk. rejoiced
53 Or, seeing that
54 Or, self-sufficient.
55 So NB 1739 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., (copsa,bo) vg. p46A 81 omit unto
56 So p46NA and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., copsa,bo arm. 1739 33 81 1175 vg read has supplied
57 Or, God and our Father
58 Gk. unto the ages of the ages.
59 So B 1739* 1881 G copsa. But p46NA 33 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., copbo arm vg. add Amen. (Compare vs. 20.)
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, and Timothy our brother, to the saints and faithful brethren in Christ that are at Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

We give thanks to God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, praying always for you, having heard of your faith in Christ Jesus, and of the love which ye have toward all the saints, because of the hope which is laid up for you in the heavens, whereof ye heard before in the word of the truth of the gospel, which is come unto you; even as it is also in all the world bearing fruit and increasing, as it doth in you also, since the day ye heard and knew the grace of God in truth; even as ye learned of Epaphras our beloved fellow-servant, who is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf, also who also declared unto us your love in spirit.

For this cause we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray and make request for you, that ye may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, to walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, bearing fruit in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all power, according to the might of his glory, unto all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks unto the Father, who made you meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light; who delivered us out of the power of darkness, and into the kingdom of the Son of his love; in whom we have our redemption, the forgiveness of sins: in whom also ye were washed, but which is the beginning, a firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence. For it was the good pleasure of the Father that in him should all the fullness dwell; and through him to reconcile all things unto himself, having made peace through the blood of his cross; through him, I say, whether things upon the earth, or things in the heavens. And you, being in time past alienated and enemies in your mind in your evil works, yet now hath he reconciled in the body of his flesh through death, to present you holy and without blemish and unexceptionable before him: if so be that ye continue in the faith, grounded and steadfast, and not moved away from the hope of the gospel which ye heard, which was preached in all creation under heaven; whereof I Paul became a minister.

Now I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and fill up on my part that which is lacking of the afflictions of Christ in my flesh for his body’s sake, which is the church; whereof I became a minister, according to the stewardship of God which was given me towards you, to fulfil the word of God, even the mystery which hath been hid from all ages and generations: but now hath it been manifested to his saints, whom God was pleased to make known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory: whom we proclaim, admonishing every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ; whereunto I labor also, striving according to his working, which worketh in me mightily.

For I would have you know how greatly I strive for you, and for them at Laodicea, and for as many as have not seen my face in the flesh; that their hearts may be comforted, having made powerful, in every good work, bearing fruit and increasing.

That is, hold together.

Or, hold together.

Or, the whole fullness of God was pleased to dwell in him.

Or, into him.

Or, him.

Or possibly, in the works of the Evil One.

(B) almost alone read ye have been reconciled

Or, the Christ or, the Anointed.

Dispensation. But see 1Co 9:17.

For ages etc. Gk. from the ages and from the generations.

Or, in power.

Or, fullness.

Almost alone (or, of God the father of Christ).
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of wisdom and knowledge hidden. 4 This I say, that no one may delude you with persuasiveness of speech. 5 For though I am absent in the flesh, yet am I with you in the spirit, joying and beholding your order, and the stedfastness of your faith in Christ.

6 As therefore ye received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, 7 rooted and builded up in him, and established in the faith, even as ye were taught, abounding in thanksgiving.

8 Take heed lest there shall be any one that maketh spoil of you through his philosophy and empty deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ: 9 for in him dwelleth all the fullness of the divine nature bodily, 10 and in him ye are made full, who is the head of all principality and power: 11 in whom ye were also circumcised with a circumcision not made with hands, in the putting off of the body of the flesh, in the circumcision of Christ: 12 having been buried with him in baptism, wherein ye were also awakenned with him through faith in the working of God, who awakened him from the dead. 13 And you, being dead through your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, 32 you, I say, did he make alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses: 14 having blotted out the bond written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross: 15 having dispoised the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

16 Let no man therefore judge you in meat, or in drink, or in respect of a feast day or a new moon or sabbath days: 17 which are a shadow of the things to come; but the body is Christ's. 18 Let no man rob you of your prize by a voluntary humility and worshipping of the angels, trampling in the things which he hath seen, vainly puffed up by his fleshly mind, 19 and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, being supplied and knit together through the joints and bands, will grow with the growth of God.

20 If ye died with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, do ye subject yourselves to ordinances: 21 Handle not, nor taste, nor touch the things written in ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us: and he hath taken it out of the way, nailing it to the cross: 15 having dispoised the principalities and the powers, he made a show of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

If ye died with Christ from the rudiments of the world, why, as though living in the world, do ye subject yourselves to ordinances: 21 Handle not, nor taste, nor touch all which things are to perish with the using), after the precepts and doctrines of men? 23 Which things have indeed a show of wisdom in self-imposed worship, and humility, and severity to the body; but are not of any value against the indulgence of the flesh.

If then ye were awakened together with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated on the right hand of God. 2 Set your mind on the things that are above, not on the things that are upon the earth. 3 For ye died, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life, shall be manifested, then shall ye also with him be manifested in glory.

5 Put to death therefore your members which are upon the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is idolatry; 6 for which things' sake cometh the wrath of God 45 upon the sons of the disobedience: 46 wherein ye also once walked, when ye lived in these things; 8 but now do ye also put them all away: anger, wrath, malice, railing, shameful speaking out of your mouth: 9 lie not one to another; seeing that ye have put off the old man with his doings, 10 and have put on the new man, that is being renewed unto knowledge after the image of him that created him: 11 where there cannot be Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, bondman, freeman: but Christ is all things, and in all.

12 Put on therefore, as God's elect, holy and beloved, a heart of compassion, kindness, meekness, longsuffering: 13 forbearing one another, and forgiving each other, if any man have a complaint against any; even as the Lord forgave you, so also do ye: 14 and above all these things put on love, which is the bond of perfectness. 15 And let the peace of Christ dwell in your hearts, to the which also ye were called in one body; and become thankful. 16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; in all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts unto God. 17 And whatsoever ye do, in word or in deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.
Wives, be in subjection to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives, and be not bitter against them. Children, obey your parents in all things, for this is well-pleasing in the Lord. Fathers, provoke not your children, that they be not discouraged. Servants, obey in all things them that are your masters according to the flesh; not with eye-service, and men-pleasers, but in singleness of heart, fearing the Lord: whatsoever ye do, work heartily, as unto the Lord, and not unto men; knowing that from the Lord ye shall receive the recompense of the inheritance: ye serve the Lord Christ.

For he that doeth wrong shall receive again for the wrong that he hath done: and there is no respect of persons.

Masters, render unto your servants that which is just and equal; knowing that ye also have a Master in heaven. Continue stedfastly in prayer, watching therein with thanksgiving; withal praying for us also, that God may open unto us a door for the word, to speak the mystery of Christ, for which I am also in bonds; that I may make it manifest, as I ought to speak. Walk in wisdom toward them that are without, redeeming the time. Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer each one. All my affairs shall Tychicus make known unto you, the beloved brother and faithful minister and fellow-servant in the Lord: whom I have sent unto you for this very purpose, that ye might know our state, and that he might comfort your hearts; togethery with Onesimus, the faithful and beloved brother, who is one of you. They shall make known unto you all things that are done here.

Aristarchus my fellow-prisoner saluteth you, and Mark, the cousin of Barnabas (touching whom ye received commandments: if he come unto you, receive him), and Jesus that is called Justus, who are of the circumcision: these only are my fellow-workers unto the kingdom of God, men that have become a comfort unto me. Epaphras, who is one of you, a servant of Christ Jesus, saluteth you, always striving for you in his prayers, that ye may stand perfect and fully assured in all the will of God. For I bear him witness, that he hath much labor for you, and for them in Laodicea, and for them in Hierapolis. Luke, the beloved physician, and Demas salute you. Salute the brethren that are in Laodicea, and Nymphas, and the church that is at their house. And whenever this epistle hath been read among you, cause that it be read also in the church of the Laodiceans; and that ye also read the epistle from Laodicea. Say to Archippus, Take heed to the ministry which thou hast received in the Lord, that thou fulfil it. The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand. Remember my bonds. Grace be with you.
1 Thessalonians
(The First Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians)

1 Paul and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace.

2 We give thanks to God always for you all, making mention of you in our prayers; remembering without ceasing your work of faith and labor of love and patience of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ, before our God and Father; knowing, brethren beloved of God, your election, how that our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in a holy spirit, and in much assurance; even as ye know what manner of men we became toward you for your sake. And ye became imitators of us, and of the Lord, having received the word in much affliction, with joy of a holy spirit; and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, even Jesus, who delivereth us from the wrath to come.

3 Wherefore we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone; and sent Timothy, our brother and God’s minister in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you, and to establish you, and to comfort you, and to comfort you, and to comfort you, and to comfort you.

4 For yourselves, brethren, know our entering in unto you, that it hath not come to be vain: but having suffered before and been shamefully treated, as ye know, at Philippi, we waxed bold in our God to speak unto you the gospel of God in much conflict. For our exhortation is not of error, nor of unlearnedness, nor in guile: but even as we have been approved of God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak; not as pleasing men, but God who proveth our hearts. For neither at any time were we found using words of flattery, as ye know, nor a cloak of covetousness, God is witness; nor seeking glory of men, neither from you nor from others, when we might have claimed authority as apostles of Christ. But we became babes in the midst of you, as when a nurse cherisheth her own children: even so, being affectionately desirous of you, we were well pleased to impart unto you, not the gospel of God only, but also our own souls, because ye were become very dear to us.

5 For ye remember, brethren, our labor and travail: working night and day, that we might not burden any of you, we preached unto you the gospel of God. Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holly and righteously and unblamably we behaved ourselves toward that believe: as ye know how we dealt with each one of you, as a father with his own children, exhorting you, and encouraging you, and witnessing, to the end that ye should walk worthy of God, who calleth you into his own kingdom and glory.

6 And for this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe. For ye, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus: for ye also suffered the same things of your own countrymen, even as they did of the Jews; who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove out us, and please not God, and are contrary to all men; forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always: but the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

7 But we, brethren, being bereaved of you for a short season, in seeing your face not in heart, endeavored the more exceedingly to see your face with great desire: because we wished to come unto you, I Paul once and again; and Satan hindered us. For what is our hope, or joy, or crown of glorying? Are not even ye, before our Lord Jesus in his presence?

8 For ye are our glory and our joy.

9 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left behind at Athens alone; and sent Timothy, our brother and God’s minister in the gospel of Christ, to establish you, and to comfort you, and to comfort you, and to comfort you, and to comfort you.

10 For this cause we also thank God without ceasing, that, when ye received from us the word of the message, even the word of God, ye accepted it not as the word of men, but, as it is in truth, the word of God, which also worketh in you that believe. For ye, brethren, became imitators of the churches of God which are in Judea in Christ Jesus: for ye also suffered the same things of your own countrymen, even as they did of the Jews; who both killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets, and drove out us, and please not God, and are contrary to all men; forbidding us to speak to the Gentiles that they may be saved; to fill up their sins always: but the wrath is come upon them to the uttermost.

11 Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way unto you: and the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward

1 So B 1739 1881 cop*ga.fay arm vg. NA 133 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. (cop*bo) add from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
2 Or, stedfastness
3 Or, God and our Father;
4 Or, because our gospel etc.
5 Gk. good tidings And so everywhere; see marginal note on Mt 4:23.
6 Or, the Holy Spirit, And so in vs. 6.
7 Or, fulness;
8 Or, been burdensome See vs. 9; cf. 1Co 9:4ff.
9 So p*Gk.*BC* I copbo. A 1739 33 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop*bo arm read gentle
10 So B 1739 33 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. But NA cop*ga,bo.fay arm vg read called
11 Gk. a word of hearing. Ga 3:2, 5.
12 Gk. a season of an hour,
13 So NA 1739 81 cop*ga,bo.fay vg. B (33 D*) almost alone read fellow-worker (with God) A majority of lesser Gk. mss. read God’s servant and our fellow-worker in
14 Or, plainly
15 Or, God himself and our Father

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all men, even as we also do toward you; 13 to the end he may establish your hearts unblamable in holiness before our God and Father, in the presence of our Lord Jesus with all his saints. 17

4 Finally then, brethren, we beseech and exhort you in the Lord Jesus, that, as ye received of us how ye ought to walk and to please God, even as ye do walk, — that ye abound more and more. 2 For ye know what charge we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, even your sanctification, that ye abstain from fornication; 4 that each one of you know how to possess himself of his own vessel in sanctification and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust, even as the Gentiles who know not God; 6 that no man transgress, and wrong his brother in the matter: because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as also we forewarned you and testified. 7 For God called us not for uncleanness, but in sanctification. 8 Therefore he that rejecteth, rejecteth not man, but God, who giveth his Holy Spirit unto you.

9 But concerning love of the brethren ye have no need that one write unto you: for ye yourselves are taught of God to love one another; 10 for indeed ye do it toward all the brethren that are in all Macedonia. But we exhort you, brethren, that ye abound more and more; 11 and that ye aspire to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your hands, even as we charged you; 12 that ye may walk becomingly toward them that are without, and may have need of nothing.

13 But we would not have you ignorant, brethren, concerning them that fell asleep; that ye sorrow not, even as the rest, who have no hope. 14 For if we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so them also that are fallen asleep 21 in Jesus will God bring with him. 15 For this we say unto you by the word of the Lord, that we that are alive, that are left unto the presence of the Lord, shall in no wise precede them that are fallen asleep. 16 For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven, with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trumpet of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first; 17 afterwards we that are alive, that are left, shall together with them be caught up in the clouds, to a meeting with the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord. 18 Wherefore comfort one another with these words.

5 But concerning the times and the seasons, brethren, ye have no need that aught be written unto you. 2 For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night. 3 When they are saying, Peace and safety, then sudden destruction cometh upon them, as travail upon a woman with child; and they shall in no wise escape. 4 But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that the day should overtake you as a thief: 5 for ye are all sons of light, and sons of the day: we are not of the night, nor of darkness; 6 so then let us not sleep, as do the rest, but let us watch and be sober. 7 For they that sleep do sleep in the night; and they that are drunk are drunken in the night. 8 But let us, since we are of the day, be sober, putting on a breastplate of faith and love; and for a helmet, the hope of salvation. 9 For God appointed us not unto wrath, but unto the obtaining of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, 10 who died for us, that, whether we watch or sleep, we should live together with him. 11 Wherefore exhort one another, and build each other up, even as also ye do.

12 But we beseech you, brethren, to know them that labor among you, and are over you in the Lord, and admonish you; 13 and to esteem them exceedingly highly in love for their work’s sake. Be at peace among yourselves. 14 And we exhort you, brethren, admonish the disorderly, encourage the faint; comfort the feebleminded, support the weak, be longsuffering toward all. 15 See that none render unto any one evil for evil; but always follow after that which is good, even toward one another, and toward all. 16 Rejoice always; 17 pray without ceasing; 18 in everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus toward you. 19 Quench not the spirit; 20 despise not prophesying; 21 but prove all things; hold fast that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.

23 And the God of peace himself sanctify you wholly; and may your spirit and soul and body be preserved entire, without blame in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ. 24 Faithful is he that calleth you, who will also do it.

25 Brethren, pray also for us.

26 Salute all the brethren with a holy kiss. 27 I adjure you by the Lord that this epistle be read unto all the brethren.

28 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
2 Thessalonians
(The Second Epistle of Paul to the Thessalonians)

1 Paul, and Silvanus, and Timothy, unto the church of the Thessalonians in God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; 2 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

3 We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren, even as it is meet, for that your faith groweth exceedingly, and the love of each one of you all toward one another abundeth; 4 so that we ourselves glory in you in the churches of God for your patience and faith in all your persecutions and in the afflictions which ye endure; 5 which is a manifest token of the righteous judgment of God; to the end that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye also suffer: 6 if so be that it is a righteous thing with God to recompense affliction to them that afflict you, 7 and to you that are afflicted rest with us, at the revelation of the Lord Jesus from heaven with the angels of his power in flaming fire, 
8 rendering vengeance to them that know not God, and to them that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus: 9 who shall suffer punishment, even eternal destruction from the face of the Lord and from the glory of his strength, 10 when he shall come to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all them that believed (because our testimony unto you was believed) in that day. 11 To which end we also pray always for you, that our God may count you worthy of the calling, and to the end that ye may be counted worthy of the kingdom of God, for which ye believed) in that day.

2 Now we beseech you, brethren, 4touching the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, and our gathering together unto him; 2 to the end that ye be not suddenly shaken from your mind, nor yet be troubled, either by spirit, or by word, or by epistle as from us, as that the day of the Lord is come; 3 let no man beguile you in any wise: for it will not be, except the falling away come first, and 4the man of lawlessness be revealed, the son of perdition, 4he that opposeth and exalteth himself against all that is called a god or 5that is worshipped; so that he 6sitteth in the 7temple of God, setting himself forth as a god. 5 Remember ye not, that, when I was yet with you, I told you these things? 6 And now ye know that which restraineth, to the end that he may be revealed in his own season. 7 For the mystery of lawlessness doth already work: only there is that which restraineth now, until 8he cometh to be out of its midst. 8 And then shall be revealed the lawless one, whom the Lord 9shall slay with the breath of his mouth, and bring to nought by the appearing of his presence; 9 even he, whose presence is according to a working of Satan with all 10power and signs and wonders of a lie, 10 and with all deceit of unrighteousness for them that are perishing; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved.

11 And for this cause God sendeth them a working of error, that they should believe the lie: 12 that they all might be judged who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness.

13 But we are bound to give thanks to God always for you, brethren beloved in the Lord, for that God chose you 13a first-fruit unto sanctification of the spirit and 14belief of the truth: 14 whereunto he called you through our gospel, to the obtaining of the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. 15 So then, brethren, stand fast, and hold the 16instructions which ye were taught, whether by word or by epistle of ours.

16 Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, 17 comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

3 Finally, brethren, pray for us that the word of the Lord may run and be glorified, even as also it is with you; 2 and that we may be delivered from aberrant and evil men; for 21 not all have faith. 3 But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and guard you from the 22Evil One. 4 And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command. 5 And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the 23patience of Christ.

6 Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the instruction which

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1 So NA 181 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa arm vg. B 1739 33 read the Father
2 Or, stedfastness And in ch. 3:5.
3 Gk. good tidings And in ch. 2:14. See marginal note on Mt 4:23.
4 Gk. good pleasure of goodness Compare Ro 10:1.
5 Gk. in behalf of or, about
6 So NB 1739 81 cop sa,bo arm. A D and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read the man of sin
7 Gk. apōleia, destruction, Cf. Rv 9:11.
8 First and third instances of the Greek word theos (θεός, god) lack the definite article (the), hence, a god [in contrast to the second instance]
9 Gk. an object of worship; Ac 17:23.
10 So NBA 1739 33 81 P cop sa,bo arm vg. 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. insert as God
11 Or, sanctuary or, temple house
12 Or, he be taken out of the way.
13 So NA 33 81 cop sa,bo arm vg. B 1739 1775 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. omit Jesus
14 1881 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo read consume
15 Or, spirit or, wind
16 Or, brightness or, radiance (Gk. epiphaneia)
17 Or, power and signs and lying wonders,
18 So B 1739 33 81 cop bo vg. N and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa arm read from the beginning unto
19 Or, faith
20 Or, traditions Lit. detailed instructions handed down Also in ch. 3:6. As in 1 Co 11:2. Gk. paradosis. Cf. Mt 15:2-6, Mk 7:3-13.
21 Lit. not of all men is the faith.
22 Or, evil.
23 Or, stedfastness as in ch. 1:4.
24 Or, idly, Also in vs. 7, 11.
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25 they received of us. 7 For yourselves know how ye ought to imitate us: for we behaved not ourselves disorderly among you; 8 neither did we eat bread for nothing from anyone, but in labor and hardship, working night and day, that we might not burden any of you: 9 not because we have not the right, but to make ourselves an enexample unto you, that ye should imitate us. 10 For even when we were with you, this we commanded you, If any will not work, neither let him eat. 11 For we hear of some that walk among you disorderly, that work not at all, but are busybodies. 12 Now them that are such we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ, that with quietness they work, and eat their own bread. 13 But ye, brethren, be not weary in well-doing. 14 And if any man obeyeth not our word by this epistle, note that man, that ye have no company with him, to the end that he may be ashamed. 15 And yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.

16 Now the Lord of peace himself give you peace at all times in every way. The Lord be with you all.

17 The salutation of me Paul with mine own hand, which is the token in every epistle: so I write.

18 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.27

25 So NA 33 (1739 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss.) vg. B G arm read ye received
26 A 33 D vg read place.
27 So NB 1739 33 cop88. A 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop89 arm vg add Amen.
1 Timothy
(The First Epistle of Paul to Timothy)

1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus according to the commandment of God our Saviour, and Christ Jesus our hope;
2 unto Timothy, a true child in faith: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

3 As I exhorted thee to tarry at Ephesus, when I was going into Macedonia, that thou mightest charge certain men not to teach a different doctrine, 4 neither to give heed to fables and endless genealogies, which minister questionings, rather than a stewardship of God which is in faith. 5 But the end of the charge is love out of a pure heart and a good conscience and faith unfeigned: 6 from which things some having 7 swerved have turned aside unto vain talking: 8 desiring to be teachers of the law, though they understand neither what they say, nor whereof they confidently affirm. 9 But we know that the law is good, if a man use it lawfully, 10 as knowing this, that law is not made for a righteous man, but for the lawless and unruly, for the ungodly and sinners, for the unholy and profane, for murderers of fathers and murderers of mothers, for frauds, for fornicators, for abusers of themselves with men, for menstealers, for liars, for false swearers, and if there be any other thing contrary to the sound doctrine; 11 according to the gospel of the blessed God, which was committed to my trust.

12 I thank you that you enabled me, even Christ Jesus our Lord, for that you counted me faithful, appointing me to his service; 13 though I was before a blasphemer, and a persecutor, and injurious: 14 howbeit I obtained mercy, because I did it ignorantly in unbelief; 15 and the grace of our Lord was exceeding with faith and love which is in Christ Jesus.

16 This charge I commit unto thee, my child Timothy, according to the prophecies which led the way to thee, that by them thou mayest war the good warfare; 17 holding faith and a good conscience; which some having thrust from them made shipwreck concerning the faith: 18 of whom 19 is Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I delivered unto Satan, that they might be taught not to blaspheme.

2 I exhort therefore, first of all, 21 that supplications, prayers, intercessions, thanksgivings, be made for all men; 2 for kings and all that are in high place; that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and gravity. 3 This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 who would have all men 22 to be saved, and come to a full knowledge of truth. 5 For there is one God, one mediator also between God and men, himself having been a man, Christ Jesus, 6 the one having given himself a ransom for all; the testimony to be borne in its own seasons; 7 whereunto I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I speak the truth, I lie not), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

8 I desire therefore that the men pray in every place, lifting up holy hands without wrath and 13 disputing. 9 In like manner, that women adorn themselves in modest apparel, with shamefastness and sobriety; not with braided hair, and gold or pearls or costly raiment; 10 but (which becometh women professing godliness) through good works. 11 Let a woman learn in quietness with all subjection. 12 But I permit not a woman to teach, nor to have dominion over a man, but to be in quietness. 13 For Adam was first formed, then Eve; 14 and Adam was not beguiled, but the woman being beguiled came to be in the transgression: 15 but she shall be saved through her child-bearing, if they continue in faith and love and sanctification with sobriety.

3 Faithful is the saying.

If any man aspires to oversight, he desireth a good work. 2 The overseer therefore must be without reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, sober-minded, orderly, given to hospitality, apt to teach; 3 no heavy drinker, no striker; but gentle, not contentious, no lover of money; 4 one that ruleth well his own house, having his children in subject in with all gravity; 5 (but if a man knoweth not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of a church of God?) 6 not a novice, lest being puffed up he fall into a condemnation of the devil. 7 Moreover he must have good testimony from them that are without; lest he fall into reproach and a snare of the devil. 8 Deacons in like manner must be grave, not double-tongued, not given to much wine, not greedy of filthy lucre; 9 holding the mystery of the faith in a pure conscience. 10 And let these also first be proved; then let them serve as deacons, if they be blameless. 11 Women in like manner must be grave, not slanderers, temperate, faithful in all things. 12 Let deacons be husbands of one wife, ruling their children and their own houses well. 13 For they that have served well as deacons gain to themselves a good standing, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus.

14 These things write I unto thee, hoping to come unto thee shortly; 15 but if I tarry long, that thou mayest know how men ought to behave themselves in a house of God, which is

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1 Gk. missed the mark ch. 6:21; 2Tm 2:18.
2 Or, smiters (both times)
3 Gk. healthful
4 Or, teaching;
5 Gk. good tidings See Mt 4:23 margin.
6 N* 33 cop* read enableth
7 Or, chief;
8 Gk. King of the ages, Compare Rv 15:3; Hb 1:2.
9 Gk. unto the ages of the ages.
10 The singular verb implies they were working together.
11 Gk. to make supplications etc.
12 Lit. to have been saved and to have come to
13 Or, doubting.
14 Or, bishop Gk. επισκοπος, episcopos
15 Or, Wives or, Their wives
16 Or, how thou oughtest to behave thyself

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a church of the living God, a pillar and ground of the truth.

16 And without controversy great is the mystery of godliness:

17 He who was manifested in the flesh,
Justified in the spirit,
Seen of angels,
Preached among the nations,
Believed on in the world,
Received up in glory.

4 But the Spirit saith expressly, that in later seasons some shall fall away from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of demons, 2 through the hypocrisy of men that speak lies, 3 branded in their own conscience as with a hot iron; 4 forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God created to be received with thanksgiving by them that believe and know the truth. 5 For every creature of God is good, and nothing is to be rejected, if it be received with thanksgiving: 6 for it is sanctified through the word of God and prayer.

6 If thou put the brethren in mind of these things, thou shalt be a good minister of Christ Jesus, nourished in the words of the faith, and of the good doctrine which thou hast followed until now: 7 but refuse profane and old wives’ fables. And exercise thyself unto godliness: 8 for bodily exercise profiteth little; but godliness is profitable for all things, having promise of the life which now is, and of that which is to come. 9 Faithful is that saying, and worthy of all acceptation. 10 For to this end we labor and strive, because we have our hope set on the living God, who is the Saviour of all men, specially of them that believe. 11 These things command and teach. 12 Let no man despise thy youth; but become thou an example to them that believe, in word, in manner of life, in love, in faith, in purity. 13 Till I come, give heed to reading, to exhortation, to teaching. 14 Neglect not the gift that is in thee, which was given thee by prophecy, with exhortation, to teaching.

5 Rebuke not an elder, but exhort him as a father; the younger men as brethren: 2 the elder women as mothers; the younger widows as sisters, in all purity. 3 Honor widows that are widows indeed. 4 But if any widows have children or grandchildren, let them learn first to shew piety towards their own family, and to requite their parents: for this is acceptable in the sight of God. 5 Now she that is a widow indeed, and desolate, hath her hope set on God, and continueth in supplications and prayers night and day. 6 But she that giveth herself to pleasure is dead while she liveth. 7 These things also command, that they may be without reproach. 8 But if any provideth not for his own, and specially his own household, he hath denied the faith, and is worse than an unbeliever. 9 Let none be enrolled as a widow under sixty years old, having been the wife of one man, 10 well reported of for good works; if she hath brought up children, if she hath used hospitality to strangers, if she hath washed the saints’ feet, if she hath relieved the afflicted, if she hath diligently followed every good work. 11 But younger widows refuse: for when they have waxed wanton against Christ, they desire to marry; 12 having condemnation, because they have rejected their first pledge. 13 And withal they learn also to be idle, going about from house to house; and not only idle, but talkers also and busybodies, speaking things which they ought not. 14 I desire therefore that the younger widows marry, bear children, rule the household, give no occasion to the adversary for reviling: 15 for already some are turned aside after Satan. 16 If any woman believeth hath widows, let her relieve them, and let not the church be burdened; that it may relieve them that are widows indeed.

17 Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and in teaching. 18 For the scripture saith, 27 I thou shalt not muzzle an ox when he treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his hire. 19 Against an elder receive not an accusation, except at the mouth of two or three witnesses. 20 Them that sin reprove in the sight of all, that the rest also may be in fear. 21 I charge thee in the sight of God, and Christ Jesus, and the elect angels, that thou observest these things without prejudice, doing nothing by partiality. 22 Lay hands hastily on no man, neither be partaker of other men’s sins: keep thyself pure. 23 (Be no longer a drinker of water only, but use a little wine for thy stomach’s sake and thine often infirmities.) 24 Some men’s sins are evident, going before unto judgment; and some also they follow after. 25 In like manner also there are good works that are evident; and such as are otherwise cannot long be hid.

6 Let as many as are servants under a yoke count their own masters worthy of all honor, that the name of God and the doctrine be not blasphemed. 2 And they that have believing masters, let them not despise them, because they are brethren; but let them serve them the rather, because they that so partake of the benefit are believing and beloved. These things teach and exhort.

3 If any man teacheth a different doctrine, and consenteth not to sound words, even the words of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to the doctrine which is according to godliness; 4 he is puffed up, knowing nothing, but doting about ques-
tionings and disputes of words, whereof cometh envy, strife, railings, evil surmisings, 5 wranglings of men corrupted in mind and bereft of the truth, supposing that godliness is a way of gain. 6 But godliness with contentment is great gain: 7 for we brought nothing into the world, because neither can we carry anything out; 8 but having food and covering we shall be therewith content. 9 But they that are minded to be rich fall into a temptation and a snare and many foolish and hurtful lusts, such as drown men in destruction and perdition. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil: which some reaching after have been led astray from the faith, and have pierced themselves through with many sorrows.

11 But thou, O man of God, flee these things; and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. 12 Fight the good fight of the faith, lay hold on the life eternal, whereunto thou wast called, and didst confess the good confession in the sight of many witnesses. 13 I charge thee in the sight of God, who preserveth all things alive, and of Christ Jesus, who before Pontius Pilate witnessed the good confession; 14 that thou keep the commandment, without spot, without reproach, until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ: 15 which in its own seasons he shall show, who is the blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords; 16 who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light unapproachable; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power eternal. Amen.

17 Charge them that are rich in this present age, that they be not highminded, nor have their hope set on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy; 18 that they do good, that they be rich in good works, that they be ready to distribute, willing to communicate; 19 laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on the real life.

20 O Timothy, guard that which is committed unto thee, turning away from the profane babblings and oppositions of the knowledge which is falsely so called; 21 which some professing have erred concerning the faith.

Grace be with you.

35 So NA 048 1739 33 81 cop sa,bo vg. 256 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm read gain; from such withdraw thyself.
36 Or, in these we shall have enough.
37 Gk. evils:
38 Or, stedfastness,
39 N* 1739 33 omit thee
40 N and many mss. read giveth life to all things
41 Or, his
42 Gk. King of them that reign as kings,
43 Gk. Lord of them that rule as lords;
44 Or, ready to sympathize;
45 So NA 1739 81 cop arm vg. 1881 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read eternal life.
46 Gk. the deposit,
47 Gk. missed the mark
48 So N*A 33 81 (cop bo). 048 vid 1739* and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm vg read with thee. 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop bo vg add Amen.
Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus through the will of God, according to a promise of the life which is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my beloved child: Grace, mercy, peace, from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

1 I thank God, whom I serve from my forefathers in a pure conscience, how unceasing is my remembrance of thee in my supplications, night and day longing to see thee, remembering thy tears, that I may be filled with joy; having been reminded of the unfeigned faith that is in thee, which dwelt first in thy grandmother Lois, and thy mother Eunice; and, I am persuaded, in thee also. For which cause I put thee in remembrance that thou stir up the gift of God, which is in thee through the laying on of my hands. For God gave us not a spirit of fearfulness; but of power and love and discipline.

2 Be not ashamed therefore of the witness of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but suffer hardship with the gospel according to the power of God; who saved us, and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before times eternal, but hath now been manifested by the appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel, appearing of our Saviour Christ Jesus, who abolished death, and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel, and brought the word of truth. For this I was appointed a herald, and an apostle, and a teacher. For which cause I suffer also these things: yet I am not ashamed; for I know him whom I have believed, and I am persuaded that he is able to guard that which I have committed unto him against that day. Hold the pattern of sound words which thou hast heard from me, in faith and love which is in Christ Jesus. That good thing which was committed unto thee guard through the Holy Spirit which dwelleth in us.

3 This thou knowest, that all that are in Asia turned away from me; of whom are Phygellus and Hermogenes. The Lord grant mercy unto the house of Onesiphorus: for he oft refreshed me, and was not ashamed of my chain; but, when he was in Rome, he sought me diligently, and found me (the Lord grant unto him to find mercy of him) if we are faithless, he abideth faithful; for he can subverting of them that hear. Give diligence to present thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, cutting the word of truth straight. But shun profane babblings: for they will proceed further in ungodliness, and their word will eat as doth a gangrene: of whom is Hymeneus and Philetus; men who concerning the truth have erred, saying that the resurrection is already come, and overthrow the faith of some. Howbeit the firm foundation of God standeth, having this seal, that which I have already come, and overthrow the faith of some. But flee youthful lusts, and follow after righteousness, faith, love, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart. But foolish and ignorant questionings refuse, knowing that they gender strife.

4 Or, joy in being reminded
5 Gk. stir into flame
6 Gk. sobering.
7 Or, that which he hath committed unto me
8 Gk. healthful
9 Gk. The good deposit
10 Or, a holy spirit dwelling in us.
11 Lit. re-souled me, or, refreshed my soul, Compare Ac 3:19.
12 Or, Take thy part in suffering hardship, as etc.
13 Or, saying; for if etc.
14 So NC I 1175 arm. A 048 1739 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read of the Lord,
15 Or, do not fight with words, or, do not argue,
16 Or, rightly dividing the word of truth. or, handling aright the word of truth. or, holding a straight course in the word of truth.
17 Or, spread
18 Gk. missed the mark, (υποτροχία) Cf. 1Tm 1:6.
19 So CA 1739 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., copssbo. N 048 33 read a resurrection
22 Or, respect, and some unto disrespect.
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25 in meekness instructing them that oppose themselves; if peradventure God may give them repentance unto the knowledge of the truth, 28 and they may recover themselves out of the snare of the devil, having been taken alive by him unto His will.

3 But know this, that in the last days grievous seasons shall come. 2 For men shall be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, haughty, railers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, 3 without natural affection, implacable, slanderers, without self-control, fierce, no lovers of good, 4 traitors, headstrong, puffed up, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God; 5 holding a form of godliness, but having denied the power thereof: from these also turn away. 6 For of these are they that creep into houses, and take captive silly women laden with sins, led away by divers lusts, 7 ever learning, and never able to come to a knowledge of the truth. 8 And even as Jannes and Pharaoh withstood Moses, so do these also withstand the truth; men corrupted in mind, rebprobate concerning the faith. 9 But they shall proceed no further: for their folly shall be manifest unto all men, as theirs also came to be. 10 But thou didst follow my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, 11 persecutions, sufferings; what things I endured: and out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of what persons thou hast learned them; 15 and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 Every scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: 17 that the man of God may be fully qualified, and fully furnished unto every good work.

4 charge thee in the sight of God, and of Christ Jesus, who shall judge the living and the dead, both by his appearing and by his kingdom: 2 preach the word; be urgent in season, out of season; 3 correct, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching. 3 For a season will come when they will not endure the sound doctrine; 4 and will turn away their ears from the truth, and turn aside unto fables. 5 But be thou sober in all things, suffer hardship, do the work of an evangelist, fulfil thy ministry. 6 For I am already being offered, and the season of my departure is come. 7 I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith: henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, shall give to me at that day; and not to me only, but also to all them that have loved his appearing.

9 Give diligence to come shortly unto me: 10 for Demas forsook me, having loved this present world, and went to Thessalonica; Crescens to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. 11 Only Luke is with me. Take Mark, and bring him with thee; for he is useful to me for ministering. 12 But Tychicus I sent to Ephesus. 13 The cloak that I left at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra; what persecutions I endured: and out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all that would live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution. 13 But evil men and impostors shall wax worse and worse, deceiving and being deceived. 14 But abide thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of what persons thou hast learned them; 15 and that from a babe thou hast known the sacred writings which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. 16 Any scripture inspired of God is also profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for instruction which is in righteousness: 17 that the man of God may be fully qualified, and fully furnished unto every good work.

23 Gk. bondservant
24 Or possibly, correcting
25 Gk. return to soberness out of
26 Or. taken captive
27 Or, by him, unto the will of God. Compare 2Co 10:5. Gk. by him, unto the will of that one. In the Greek the two pronouns are different.
28 probably Iannas (Seuserenre Khyam; reigned ca. 39 years, died ca. BC 1618) and [Jambres] Assis (Mayehre Sheshir; reigned 3 years (possibly 13), died ca. BC 1615); two Pharaohs of the Hyksos 15th Dynasty of Egypt.
29 Or, stedfastness,
30 Or, Every scripture is inspired of God, and profitable etc.
31 Or, discipline:
32 That is, he has both the training and the tools.
33 Or, I testify, in the sight ... and the dead, both of his appearing etc.
34 So N*CA 1739 33 copb, vg. 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., copba arm read even according to his appearance and his kingdom:
35 Or, bring to the proof,
36 Gk. healthful
37 Or, teaching;
38 Gk. myths.
39 Gk. poured out as a drink-offering,
40 Gk. age,
41 So A 1739 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. NC 81 copa arm read Gaul, (from which the Galatians had originally come) arm reads Galilee,
42 Or possibly, the Bible scrolls, and especially the (blank?) vellum pages. (Suggested by C. Thiede.)
43 Gk. showed
44 Or, gave me power;
45 Or, proclamation
46 Gk. unto the ages of the ages.
47 So N 1739 33 copa, But C 81 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., copbo arm read Lord Jesus Christ A reads Lord Jesus
48 So N*CA 1739* 33 81, 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. add Amen. [Also, note contrast between singular thy and plural you.]
Titus
(The Epistle of Paul to Titus)

1 Paul, a servant of God, and an apostle of Jesus Christ, according to the faith of God’s elect, and the knowledge of the truth which is according to godliness, 2 in hope of eternal life, which God, who cannot lie, promised before times eternal; 3 but in his own seasons manifested his word in the message, wherewith I was entrusted according to the commandment of God our Saviour; 4 to Titus, my true child after a common faith: Grace and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Saviour.

5 For this cause left I thee in Crete, that thou shouldst set in order the things that were wanting, and appoint elders in every city, as I gave thee charge; 6 if any man be blameless, the husband of one wife, having children that believe, who are not accused of riot or unrighteousness; 7 for the overseer must be blameless, as God’s steward; not self-willed, not soon angry, no brawler, no striker, not greedy of filthy lucre; 8 but given to hospitality, a lover of good, sober-minded, just, holy, self-controlled; 9 holding to the faithful word which is according to the teaching, that he may be able both to exhort in the sound doctrine, and to convict the gainsayers.

10 For there are many unruly men, vain talkers and deceivers, specially they of the circumcision, 11 whose mouths must be stopped; men who overthrow whole houses, teaching things which they ought not, for filthy lucre’s sake. 12 One of themselves, a prophet of their own, said, 13 Cretans are always liars, evil beasts, idle gluttons.

14 This testimony is true. For which cause reprove them sharply, that they may be sharply, that they may be ashamed, having no evil thing to say of us. 15 Exhort servants to be in subjection to their own masters, and to be well-pleasing in all things; not gainsaying; 16 not purloining, but showing all good fidelity; that they may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things. 17 For the grace of God which appeared, bringing salvation to all men, 18 instructing us, to the intent that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly and righteously and godly in this present age; 19 looking for the blessed hope and appearing of the glory of our great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ; 20 who gave himself for us, that he might ransom us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a people for his own possession, zealous of good works.

21 These things speak and exhort and reprove with all authority. Let no one despise thee.

22 Put them in mind to be in subjection to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work, 23 to speak evil of no man, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing all meekness toward all men. 24 For we also once were foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another. 25 But when the kindness of God our Saviour, and his love toward man, appeared, 26 not by works done in righteousness, which we did ourselves, but according to his mercy he saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, 27 which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; 28 but, being justified by his grace, we might come to be heirs according to the hope of eternal life. 29 Faithful is the saying, and concerning these things I desire that thou affirm confidently, to the end that they who have

1 Gk. bond servant
2 Or, long ages ago; See marginal note on Ro 16:25.
3 Or, its
4 Or, proclamation
5 So NC* (1739) (33) cop(sa),bo arm vg. A 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read Grace, mercy, peace
6 Or, bishop
7 Or, not quarrelsome over wine
8 Gk. healthful Also in ch. 2:1.
9 Or, teaching, Also in ch. 2:1.
10 Or, put to shame those who contradict.
11 So NCA 33 81 cop(sb),bo arm 1 1739 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read unruly men and vain
13 Gk. bellies.
14 Gk. healthy Also in ch. 2:2.
15 Gk. myths.
16 Or, stedfastness:
17 Gk. bond servants
18 Or, hath appeared to all men, bringing salvation,
19 Or, of our great God and Saviour
20 Gk. commandment.
21 So NCA 1739 33. 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop(sa),bo arm vg read to rulers and authorities,
22 Or, enslaved by
23 Or, laver
24 Or, and through renewing
25 Or, heirs, according to hope, of eternal life.
believed God may be careful to maintain good works. These things are good and profitable unto men: but shun foolish questionings, and genealogies, and strifes, and fightings about the law; for they are unprofitable and vain. A factious man after a first and second admonition refuse; knowing that such a one is perverted, and sinneth, being self-condemned.

When I shall send Artemas unto thee, or Tychicus, give diligence to come unto me to Nicopolis: for there I have determined to winter. Set forward Zenas the lawyer and Apollos on their journey diligently, that nothing be wanting unto them. And let our people also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

All that are with me salute thee. Salute them that love us in the faith.

Grace be with you all.

26 Or, profess honest occupations. And in vs. 14.
27 Or, avoid;
28 Or, wants,
Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, to Philemon our beloved and fellow-worker, 2 and to Apphia our sister, and to Archippus our fellow-soldier, and to the church in thy house: 3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 I thank my God always, making mention of thee in my prayers, 5 hearing of thy love, and of the faith which thou hast toward the Lord Jesus, and toward all the saints; 6 that the fellowship of thy faith may become effectual, in the knowledge of every good thing which is in us, unto Christ. 7 For I had much joy and comfort in thy love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through thee, brother.

8 Wherefore, though I have all boldness in Christ to enjoin thee, to Philemon our beloved and fellow-worker,

9 sent, but receive thou him, who is my child, whom I would fain have kept with me, that I might minister unto me in the bonds of the gospel: 10 but without thy mind I would do nothing; that thy goodnes should not be as of necessity, but of free will. 11 For perhaps he was therefore parted from thee for a season, that thou shouldst have him for ever; 12 no longer as a servant, but more than a servant, a brother beloved, specially to me, but how much rather to thee, both in the flesh and in the Lord. 13 If then thou countest me a partner, receive him as myself. 14 But if he hath wronged thee at all, or oweth anything, put that to mine account; 15 I Paul write it with mine own hand, I will repay it: that I say not unto thee that thou owest to me my very bowels:

16 joy of thee in the Lord: refresh my heart in Christ.

17 Having confidence in thine obedience I write unto thee, knowing that thou wilt do even beyond what I say. 18 But withal prepare me also a lodging: for I hope that through your prayers I shall be granted unto you.


21 The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.
Hebrews
(The Epistle of Paul to the Hebrews)

1 God, having of old time spoken unto the fathers in the prophets by diverse portions and in diverse manners, 2 hath on these last days spoken unto us in his Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, through whom also he made the worlds; 3 who being the effulgence of his glory, and the very image of his substance, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when he had made purification of sins, sat down on the right hand of the Majesty on high; 4 having become by so much mightier than the angels, as he hath inherited a more excellent name than they. 5 For unto which of the angels said he at any time, 6 Thou art my Son, This day have I begotten thee? and again, 7 I will be to him a Father, And he shall be to me a Son? 8 And when he again saith, 9 Bringeth in the firstborn into the world he saith, 10 And let all the angels of God worship him. 7 And of the angels he saith, 11 Who maketh his angels winds, And his ministers a flame of fire: 8 but of the Son he saith, 12 Thy throne is the throne of God forever and ever; And the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 9 Thou hast loved righteousness and hated iniquity; Therefore God, thy God, hath anointed thee With the oil of gladness above thy fellows. 10 And, 11 Thou, Lord, in the beginning didst lay the foundation of the earth, And the heavens are the works of thy hands: 12 They shall perish; but thou continuest: And they all shall wax old as doth a garment; 12 And as a mantle shalt thou roll them up, 13 As a garment, and they shall be changed: But thou art the same, And thy years shall not fail. 14 But of which of the angels hath he said at any time, 15 Sit thou on my right hand, Till I make thine enemies the footstool of thy feet? 16 Are they not all ministering spirits, sent forth to do service for the sake of them that shall inherit salvation?

2 Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things that were heard, lest haply we drift away from them. 2 For if the word spoken through angels came to be stedfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; 3 how shall we escape, if we neglect so great a salvation? which having at the first been spoken through the Lord, was confirmed unto us by them that heard; 4 God also bearing witness with them, both by signs and wonders, and by manifold powers, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, according to his own will. 5 For not unto angels did he subject the world to come, whereof we speak. 6 But one hath somewhere testified, saying, 7 What is man, that thou art mindful of him? Or the son of man, that thou visitest him? 7 Thou madest him a little lower than the angels; Thou crownedst him with glory and honor, 8 And didst set him over the works of thy hands: 8 Thou didst put all things in subjection under his feet. For in that he subjected all things unto him, he left nothing that is not subject to him. But now we see not yet all things subjected to him. 9 But we behold him who hath been made a little lower than the angels, even Jesus, because of the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that he by the grace of God he should taste of death for every one. 10 For it became him for whom are all things, and through whom are all things, 11 bringing many sons to glory, to make the author of their salvation perfect through sufferings. 11 For both he that sancti-

1 Gk. a Son, 2 Gk. ages; Cf. Ge ch. 1; 1Tm 1:17 margin. 3 Or, the impress of his substance, 4 So NBS 33 81 arm vg. (p48) 1739 0243 1881* with few others read word of power, when through himself he D and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., copex,bo,flay read word of his power, when through himself he 5 Ps 2:7. 6 2Sa 7:14. 7 Or, And again, when he bringeth in the firstborn 8 Or, shall have brought in 9 Gk. the inhabited earth 10 Dt 32:43 Septuagint; Compare Ps 97:7. 11 Ps 104:4. 12 Ps 45:6. Or, Thy throne, O God, is for the age of the age; Or perhaps, ... for the greatest age; 13 So A 1739 33 81 0243 and most. p46NB almost alone read his 14 Ps 102:25ff. 15 So p46NB 1739 copflay arm. 33 81 0243 and most lesser Gk. mss., copex,bo vg omit As a garment, 16 Ps 110:1. 17 Gk. distributions 18 Gk. the inhabited earth 19 Ps 8:4ff. 20 Or, for a little while lower (and in vs. 9) 21 So NCA 1739 33 81 0243 copex,flay,bo arm vg. But p46B and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. omit And didst set him over the works of thy hands: 22 So NCA 1739 33 81 0243 and most lesser Gk. mss., copex,bo vg. p46B arm omit unto him 23 1739xx 0243 almost alone read apart from God 24 Or, having brought 25 Or, captain Lit. beginner
fieth and they that are sanctified are all of one: for which cause he is not ashamed to call them brethren, 12 saying,

26 I will declare thy name unto my brethren, 
In the midst of the congregation will I sing thy praise.

13 And again, I will put my trust in him. And again, 
28 Behold, I and the little children whom God hath given me.

14 Since then the little children are sharers in flesh and blood, he also himself in like manner partook of the same; that through death he 30 might bring to nought the one having the dominion of death, that is, the devil; 15 and might deliver all them who through fear of death were all their lifetime subject to bondage. 16 For truly not to angels doth he give help, but he giveth help to the seed of Abraham. 17 Wherefore it behooved him in all things to be made like unto his brethren, that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in things pertaining to God, in order to make propitiation for the sins of the people. 18 32 For in that he himself hath suffered being tempted, he is able to succor them that are tempted.

3 Wherefore, holy brethren, partakers of a heavenly calling, consider the Apostle and High Priest of our confession, even Jesus: 2 who was faithful to him that 34 made him, as also was Moses in all his house. 3 For he hath been counted worthy of more glory than Moses, by so much more as he that built the house hath more honor than the house. 4 For every house is built by some one; but he that built all things is God. 5 And Moses indeed was faithful in all his house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which were afterward to be spoken; 6 but Christ as a son, over his house; whose house are we, if we hold fast our boldness and the glorying of our hope. 7 Wherefore, even as the Holy Spirit saith, 39 Today if ye shall hear his voice, 
8 Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation, 
Like as in the day of the trial in the wilderness, 9 40 Where your fathers tried me by proving me, 
And saw my works forty years. 10 Wherefore I was displeased with this generation, 
And said, They do always err in the heart: 
But they did not know my ways; 11 41 As I sware in my wrath, 
They shall not enter into my rest.

12 Take heed, brethren, lest haply there shall be in any one of you an evil heart of unbelief, in falling away from the living God: 13 but exhort one another day by day, so long as it is called Today; lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin: 14 for we are become partakers of Christ, if we hold fast the beginning of our confidence firm unto the end:

15 while it is said, 44 Today if ye shall hear his voice, 
Harden not your hearts, as in the provocation.

16 For who, when they heard, did provoke? no, did not all they that came out of Egypt by Moses? 17 And with whom was he displeased forty years? was it not with them that sinned, whose 46 bodies fell in the wilderness? 18 And to whom sware he that they should not enter into his rest, but to them that were disobedient? 19 And we see that they were not able to enter in because of unbelief.

4 Let us fear therefore, lest haply, a promise being left of entering into his rest, any one of you should seem to have come short of it. 2 For indeed we have had 41 good tidings preached unto us, even as also they: but the word of hearing did not profit them, because they were not united by faith with them that heard. 3 48 For we who have believed do enter into that rest; even as he hath said,

49,50 As I sware in my wrath, 
51 They shall not enter into my rest:

although the works came into being from the foundation of the world. 4 For he hath said somewhere of the seventh day on this wise, 52 And God rested on the seventh day from all his works; 5 and in this place again,

53 They shall not enter into my rest.

6 Seeing therefore it remaineth that some should enter thereinto, and they to whom the 54 good tidings were before preached failed to enter in because of disobedience, he again defineth a certain day, Today, saying in David so long a time afterward (even as hath been said before),

55 Today if ye shall hear his voice, 
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8 For if 56Joshua had given them rest, he would not have spoken afterward of another day. 9 There remaineth therefore a sabbath rest for the people of God. 10 For he that is entered into his rest hath himself also rested from his works, as God did from his. 11 Let us therefore give diligence to enter into that rest, that no man fall 57after the same example of disobedience. 12 For the word of God is living, and active, and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing even to the dividing of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and quick to discern the thoughts and intents of a heart. 13 And there is no creature that is not manifest in his sight: but all things are naked and laid open before the eyes of him with whom we have to do.

14 Having then a great high priest who hath passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. 15 For we have not a high priest that cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but one that hath been in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. 16 Let us therefore draw near with boldness unto the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy, and may find grace to help in time of need.

5 For every high priest, being taken from among men, is appointed for men in things pertaining to God, that he may offer both gifts and sacrifices for sins: 2 who can bear gently with the ignorant and erring, for that he himself also is compassed with infirmity; 3 and by reason thereof is bound, as for the people, so also for himself, to offer for sins. 4 And no man taketh the honor unto himself, but when he is called of God, even as was Aaron. 5 So Christ also glorified not himself to become a high priest, but he that spake unto him,

58Thou art my Son,
This day have I begotten thee:
6 as he saith also in another place,
60Thou art a priest for ever
After the order of Melchizedek.

7 Who in the days of his flesh, having offered up prayers and supplications with strong crying and tears unto him 59was able to save him 62out of death, and having been heard for his godly fear, 8 though he was a Son, yet learned obedience by the things which he suffered; 9 and having been made perfect, he became unto all them that obey him the 63author of eternal salvation; 10 named of God a high priest after the order of Melchizedek.

11 Of whom we have many things to say, and hard of interpretation, seeing ye are become dull of hearing. 12 For when by reason of the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need again 60that some one teach you the rudiments of the oracles of God; and are become such as have need of milk, and not of solid food. 13 For every one that partaketh of milk is 67without experience of the word of righteousness; for he is a babe. 14 But solid food is for 68full-grown men, even those who by reason of use have their senses exercised to discern good and evil.

6 Wherefore leaving 69the doctrine of the first principles of Christ, let us press on unto 70full growth; not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works, and of faith toward God, 2 71of the teaching of 72baptisms, and of laying on of hands, and of resurrection of the dead, and of eternal condemnation. 3 And this 73will we do, if God permit. 4 For as touching those who were once enlightened and 74tasted of the heavenly gift, and became partakers of the Holy Spirit, 5 and 75tasted the good word of God, and the powers of the age to come, 6 and then fell away, it is impossible to renew them again unto repentance; 76seeing they crucify to themselves the Son of God afresh, and put him to an open shame. 7 For the land which hath drunk the rain that cometh oft upon it, and bringeth forth herbs meet for them for whose sake it is also tilled, receiveth blessing from God: 8 but if it beareth thorns and thistles, it is rejected and nigh unto a curse; whose end is to be burned.

9 But, beloved, we are persuaded mightier things of you, and things that 77accompany salvation, though we thus speak: 10 for God is not unrighteous to forget your work and the love which ye showed toward his name, in that ye ministered unto the saints, and still do minister. 11 And we desire that each one of you may show the same diligence unto the 78fulness of hope even to the end: 12 that ye become not sluggish, but imitators of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.

13 For when God made promise to Abraham, since he could swear by none greater, he sware by himself, 14 saying, 79Surely blessing I will bless thee, and multiplying I will multiply thee. 15 And thus, having patiently endured, he obtained the promise. 16 For men swear by the greater: and in every dispute of theirs the oath is final for confirmation. 17 Wherein God, being minded to show more abundantly unto the heirs of the promise the immutability of his counsel, 80interposed

56 Gk. Jesus  Compare Ac 7:45.
57 Or, into  Gk. in
58 Or perhaps,  self-will  Cf. contrast in 1Cor 15:44.
59 Ps 2:7.
60 Ps 110:4.
61 Gk. the age
62 Or, from
63 Gk. cause
64 Or, which
65 Or, that one teach you which are the rudiments
66 Gk. beginning  Also in ch. 6:1.
67 Or, inexperienced in the word of righteousness;
68 Or, perfect men.

69 Gk. the word of the beginning of Christ,
70 Or, maturity or perfection
71 sqB 0150 almost alone read even the teaching of
72 Or, washings,
73 So 46NBI 1739 33 cop etc vg CA 81 P arm read would
74 Or, having both tasted of ... and being made ... and having tasted etc.
75 Or, tasted the word of God that it is good,
76 Or, the while they crucify
77 Or, belong to salvation,
78 Or, full assurance
79 Ge 22:16f.
80 Gk. mediated
with an oath; 18 that by two immutable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we may have a strong encouragement, who have fled for refuge to lay hold of the hope set before us: 19 which we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast and entering into that which is within the veil; 20 whither as a forerunner Jesus entered for us, having become a high priest for ever after the order of Melchizedek.

7 For this Melchizedek, king of Salem, priest of God Most High, who met Abraham returning from the slaughter of the kings and blessed him, 2 to whom also Abraham divided a tenth part of all (being first, by interpretation, King of righteousness, and afterwards also King of Salem, which is, King of peace; 3 without father, without mother, without genealogy, neither beginning of days nor end of life having been made like unto the Son of God), abideth a priest continually.

4 Now consider how great this man was, unto whom Abraham, the patriarch, gave a tenth out of the chief spoils. 5 And they indeed of the sons of Levi that receive the priest’s office have commandment to receive tithes, but there one receiveth tithes of the people according to the law, that is, of their brethren, though these have come out of the loins of Abraham: 6 but he whose genealogy is not counted from them hath received tithes of Abraham, and hath blessed him that hath the promises. 7 But without any dispute the less is blessed of the more. 8 And here men that die receive tithes; but there one is, of whom it is testified that he liveth. 9 And, so to say, through Abraham even Levi, who receiveth tithes, hath paid tithes; 10 for he was yet in the loins of his father, when Melchizedek met him.

11 Now if there was perfection through the Levitical priesthood (for under it the people were given the law), what further need was there that another priest should arise after the order of Melchizedek, and not be reckoned after the order of Aaron? 12 For the priesthood being removed, there cometh to be of necessity a removal also of the law. 13 For he of whom these things are said 85belongeth to another tribe, from which no man hath given attendance at the altar. 14 For it is evident that our Lord hath sprung out of Judah; as to which tribe Moses spake nothing concerning priests. 15 And what we say is yet more abundantly evident, if after the likeness of Melchizedek there ariseth another priest, 16 who hath become, not after the law of a carnal commandment, but after the power of an endless life: 17 for it is witnessed of him,

88Thou art a priest for ever
After the order of Melchizedek.

18 For there cometh to pass a disannulling of a foregoing commandment because of its weakness and unprofitableness 19 (for the law made nothing perfect), and a bringing in thereupon of a mightier hope, through which we draw nigh unto God. 20 And inasmuch as it is not without the taking of an oath 21 (for they indeed have become priests without an oath; but he with an oath 89by him that saith 90of him,

91The Lord sware and will not repent himself,
Thou art a priest for ever 25; 22 by so much also hath Jesus become the surety of a mightier covenant. 23 And they indeed have become priests many in number, because that by death they are hindered from continuing: 24 but he, because he abideth for ever, 93hath a priesthood that doth not pass to another. 25 Wherefore also he is able to save: 94to the uttermost them that draw near unto God through him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.

26 For such a high priest became us, holy, guileless, undenied, separated from sinners, and came to be higher than the heavens; 27 who needeth not daily, like those high priests, to offer up sacrifices, first for his own sins, and afterwards for the sins of the people: for this he did once for all, when he offered up himself. 28 For the law appointeth men high priests, having infirmity; but the word of the oath, which was after the law, appointeth a Son, perfected for evermore.

895Now 96in the things which we are saying the chief point is this: We have such a high priest, who sat down on the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in the heavens, 2 a minister of the Holy, even of the true tabernacle, which the Lord pitched, not man. 3 For every high priest is appointed to offer both gifts and sacrifices: wherefore it is necessary that this high priest also have something to offer. 4 Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, seeing there are those who offer the gifts according to the law; 5 who serve that which is a copy and shadow of the heavenly things, even as Moses is warned of God when he is about to make the tabernacle: 6 but which was after the law, a pattern that was shown thee in the mount. 7 But now hath he obtained a ministry the more excellent, by so much as he is also the mediator of a mightier covenant, which hath been en-

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82 Hb. Peace, (later called Jerusalem)
83 Implied in Hb. and other Near-Eastern languages.
84 Or possibly, without succession. Cf. ch. 10:1, 12, 14.
85 Or, take Similarly only in vs. 6.
86 Gk. hath partaken of See ch. 2:14.
87 Gk. indissoluble
88 Ps 110:4.
89 Or, through
90 Or, unto
91 Ps 110:4.
92 So p46BC 33 81 cop author vgs. A 1739 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. add after the order of Melchizedek);
N* alone omits for ever
93 Or, hath his priesthood unchangeable. (or, ... inviolable.)
94 Gk. completely
95 Or, Now to sum up what we are saying: We have etc.
96 Gk. upon
97 Evidently the Holies = the Holy + the Holy of holies, both compartments in the tent. Or, the sanctuary;
98 Or, tent, And so elsewhere.
99 Or, complete or, erect
100 Ex 25:40.
101 Gk. τοπος, type
acted upon mightier promises. 7 For if that first covenant had been 102 faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second covenant. 8 For 103 finding fault with them, he saith, 104 Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, That I will 105 make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah; 9 Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers In the day that I took them by the hand to lead them forth out of the land of Egypt; For they continued not in my covenant, And I regarded them not, saith the Lord. 10 For this is the covenant that 104 I will make with the house of Israel After those days, saith the Lord; I will put my laws into their mind, And on their heart also will I write them: And I will be to them a God, And they shall be to me a people: 11 And they shall not teach every man his fellow-citizen, And every man his brother, saying, Know the Lord: For all shall know me, From the least to the greatest of them. 12 For I will be merciful to their iniquities, And their sins will I remember no more. 13 In that he saith, A new covenant he hath made the first covenant old. But that which is becoming old and waxeth aged is nigh unto vanishing away.

Now even the first covenant had ordinances of divine service, and its Holy, a sanctuary of this world. 2 For there was a 107 tabernacle room prepared, the first, wherein 108 were the lampstand, and the table, and 109 the shewbread 110, which is called the Holy. 3 And after the second veil, the tabernacle room which is called 111 the Holy of holies; 4 having a golden 112 censer of incense, and the ark of the covenant overlaid round about with gold, wherein 113 was a golden pot holding the manna, and Aaron’s rod 114 that budded, and the tables of the covenant; 5 and above it cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy-seat; of which things we cannot now speak severally. 6 Now these things having been thus prepared, the priests go in continually into the first tabernacle room, accomplishing the services; 7 but into the second the high priest alone goeth, once in the year, not without blood, which he offereth for himself, and for the 115 errors of the people: 8 the Holy Spirit signifying this, that the way into the Holies hath not yet been made manifest, while the first tabernacle hath yet a standing; 9 which is a figure for the season present; according to which are offered both gifts and sacrifices that cannot, as touching the conscience, make the worshipper perfect, 10 being only (with meats and drinks and divers washings) carnal ordinances, imposed until a season of reformation.

But Christ having come a high priest of the 116 good things that have come, through the greater and more perfect tabernacle, not made with hands, that is to say, not of this creation, 12 nor yet through the blood of goats and calves, but through his own blood, entered in once for all into the Holies, having obtained an eternal ransoming. 13 For if the blood of bulls and goats, and the ashes of a heifer sprinkling them that have been defiled, sanctify unto the cleanness of the flesh: 14 how much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish unto God, cleanse 120 your conscience from dead works to serve the living God? 15 And for this cause he is mediator of a new 121 covenant, that a death having come for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the first covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance. 16 For where a last will and testament is, there must of necessity 122 be shown the death of him that made it. 17 For such a testament is of force 123 where there hath been death: for it doth never avail while he that made it liveth. 18 Wherefore even the first covenant hath not been dedicated without blood. 19 For when every commandment had been spoken by Moses unto all the people according to the law, he took the blood of the calves 124 and the goats, with water and scarlet wool and hyssop, and sprinkled both the book itself and all the people, 20 saying, 125 This is the blood of the covenant which God commanded towards you. 21 Moreover the tabernacle and all the vessels of the service he sprinkled in like manner with the blood. 22 And according to the law almost all things are cleansed with blood, and apart from shedding of blood there cometh no remission.

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102 Or perhaps, flawless, 103 Or N* A I 33 81 cop* bo* arm vg. But p* B 1739 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read finding fault with it, he saith unto them, etc. 104 Jer 31:31-34. 105 Gk. accomplish 106 Gk. I will covenant with 107 Gk. tent (and similarly below) 108 Or, are (no verb in the Greek; hence in italics) 109 Gk. the setting forth of the loaves; 110 B almost alone adds, and the golden altar; (or, censer;) See Ex 30:1-5. (transposed from vs. 4) 111 Or, the Most Holy; 112 B almost alone omits a golden censer of incense, and (transposed to vs. 2) 113 Or, altar (however, the incense altar was not solid gold, but overlaid with gold like the ark of the covenant). Cf. Ex 25:38, Lv 16:12, 2Chr 26:19. 114 Or, is 115 B alone omits that budded 116 Gk. the propitiatory; 117 Gk. ignorances Cf. Ecclus. 23: 2f. (Apocrypha) 118 Or, room is yet standing apart; Cf. Mk 15:37-38. 119 Or N* A I 33 81 and most, cop* bo* arm vg. (p* B) 1739 D* read good things that are come, 120 Or N* 33 81 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop* arm vg. A 1739* read our conscience [B is missing Hb 9:14 to 13:25.] 121 The Gk. word here used signifies both covenant and testament. (five times in vss. 15-20.) 122 Gk. be brought 123 Gk. over the dead: or, over dead bodies: 124 Or, doth it ever avail while he that made it liveth? 125 p* B 1739 1881 and a few others omit and the goats 126 Ex 24:8.
23 It was necessary therefore that the copies of the things in the heavens should be cleansed with these; but the heavenly things themselves with mightier sacrifices that these. 24 For Christ entered not into Holies made with hands, 127 like in pattern to the true; but into heaven itself, now to appear before the face of God for us; 25 nor yet that he should offer himself often, as the high priest entereth into the Holies year by year with blood not his own; 26 else must he often have suffered since the foundation of the world: but now once at the 128 end of the ages hath he been manifested to disannul sin 129 by the sacrifice of himself. 27 And inasmuch as it is 130 appointed unto men once to die, and after this cometh judgment; 28 so Christ also, having been once offered to bear the sins of many, shall appear a second time, apart from sin-offering, to them that wait for him, unto salvation.

10 For the law having a shadow of the good things to come, not the very image of the things, 132 they can never with the same sacrifices year by year, which they offer continually, make perfect them that draw nigh. 2 Else would they not have ceased to be offered? because the worshippers, having been once cleansed, would have no more consciousness of sins. 3 But in those sacrifices there is a remembrance made of sins year by year. 4 For it is impossible that the blood of bulls and goats should take away sins. 5 Wherefore when he cometh into the world, he saith,

133 Sacrifice and offering thou wouldest not, But a body didst thou prepare for me; 6 In whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou hadst no pleasure: 7 Then said I, Lo, I come (In the roll of the book it is written of me) To do thy will, O God,

8 Saying above, Sacrifices and offerings and whole burnt offerings and sacrifices for sin thou wouldest not, neither hadst pleasure therein (the which are offered according to the law), 9 then hath he said, Lo, I come to do thy will. He taketh away the first, that he may establish the second. 10 135 By which will we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all. 11 And every priest indeed standeth day by day ministering and offering oftentimes the same sacrifices, the which can never take away sins: 12 but he, when he had offered one sacrifice for sins for ever, sat down on the right hand of God; 13 henceforward expecting till his enemies be made the footstool of his feet. 14 For by one offering he hath perfected for ever them that are sanctified. 15 And the Holy Spirit also beareth witness to us; for after having said,

16 138 This is the covenant that 139 I will make with them After those days, saith the Lord: I will put my laws on their heart, And upon their mind also will I write them;

then saith,

17 And their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.

18 Now where remission of these is, there is no more offering for sins.

19 Having therefore, brethren, boldness to enter into the Holies by the blood of Jesus, 20 by the way which he dedicated for us, a new and living way, through the veil, that is to say, his flesh; 21 and having a great priest over the house of God; 22 let us draw near with a true heart in ful assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience: and having our body washed with pure water, 23 let us hold fast the confession of our hope that it waver not; for he is faithful that promised: 24 and let us consider one another to provoke unto love and good works; 25 not forsaking our own assembling together, as the custom of some is, but exhorting one another; and so much the more, as ye see the day drawing nigh.

26 For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more a sacrifice for sins, 27 but a certain fearful expectation of judgment, and a fierceness of fire which shall devour the adversaries. 28 A man that hath set at nought Moses’ law dieth without compassion on the word of two or three witnesses: 29 of how much sorer punishment, think ye, shall he be judged worthy, who hath trodden under foot the Son of God, and hath counted the blood of the covenant wherewith he was sanctified an unholy thing, and hath done despite unto the spirit of grace? 30 For we know him that said, Vengeance belongeth unto me, I will recompense. And again, The Lord shall judge his people. 31 It is a fearful thing to fall into the hands of the living God.

32 But call to remembrance the former days, in which, after ye were enlightened, ye endured a great conflict of sufferings; 33 partly, being made a gazingstock both by reproaches and afflictions; and partly, becoming partakers with them that were so used. 34 For ye both had compassion with them in bonds, and took joyfully the seizing of your possessions,
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knowing that ye have for yourselves a mightier possession and an abiding one. 35 Cast not away therefore your boldness, which hath great recompense of reward. 36 For ye have need of 37 patience, that, having done the will of God, ye may receive the promise.

37 For yet a very little while, He that cometh shall have come, and shall not tarry. 38 But my righteous one shall live by faith:
And if he shrink back, my soul hath no pleasure in him.

39 But we are not of them that shrink back unto perdition; but of them that have faith unto the saving of the soul.

11 Now faith is an assurance of things hoped for, a conviction of things not seen.

By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, through which he had witness borne to him that he was righteous.

2 God bearing witness over his gifts: and through it he being dead yet speaketh.

5 By faith Enoch was removed that he should not see death; and he was not found, because God removed him: for he had witnessed that before his removal he had been well-pleasing unto God: and without faith it is impossible to be well-pleasing unto him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that seek after him.

7 By faith Noah, being tried, of things not seen, moved with godly fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house; through which he condemned the world, and became heir of the righteousness which is according to faith.

8 By faith Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out unto a place which he was to receive for an inheritance; and he went out, not knowing whither he went. 9 By faith he became a sojourner in a land of promise, as in a land not his own, dwelling in tents, with Isaac and Jacob, the heirs with him of the same promise: 10 for he looked for the city which hath the foundations, whose builder and maker is God.

11 By faith even Sarah herself received power to conceive seed when she was past age, since she counted him faithful who had promised: 12 wherefore also there sprang of one, and him as good as dead, so many as the stars of heaven in multitude, and as the sand, which is by the sea-shore, innumerable.

13 These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. 14 For they that say such things make it manifest that they are seeking after a country of their own. 15 And if indeed they had been mindful of that country from which they went out, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But now they desire a mightier country, that is, a heavenly: wherefore God is not ashamed of them, to be called their God; for he hath prepared for them a city.

17 By faith Abraham being tried, offered up Isaac: yes, he that had gladly received the promises was offering up his only begotten son; 18 even he to whom it was said, In Isaac shall thy seed be called: 19 accounting that God is able to raise up, even from the dead; from whence he did also in a figure receive him back. 20 By faith Isaac blessed Jacob and Esau, even concerning things to come. 21 By faith Jacob, when he was dying, blessed each of the sons of Joseph; and worshipped, leaning upon the top of his staff. 22 By faith Joseph, when his end was nigh, made mention of the exodus of the sons of Israel; and gave commandment concerning his bones. 23 By faith Moses, when he was born, was hid three months by his parents, because they saw he was a goodly child; and they were not afraid of the king’s commandment. 24 By faith Moses, when he became great, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh’s daughter; 25 choosing rather to share ill treatment with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season; 26 accounting the reproach of Christ greater riches than the treasures of Egypt: for he looked unto the recompense of reward. 27 By faith he forsook Egypt, not fearing the wrath of the king: for he endured, as seeing him who is invisible. 28 By faith he instituted the passover, and the sprinkling of the blood, that the destroyer of the firstborn should not touch them. 29 By faith they passed through the Red Sea as by dry land: which the Egyptians assaying to do were swallowed up. 30 By faith the walls of Jericho fell down, after they had been compassed about for seven days. 31 By faith Rahab the harlot perished not with them that were disobeidient, having received the spies with peace.

32 And what shall I more say? for the time will fail me if I tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah; of David and
Samuel and the prophets: 33 who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the power of fire, escaped the edges of the sword, from weakness were made strong, waxed mighty in war, turned to flight armies of aliens. 35 Women received their dead by a resurrection: but others were 177 tortured, not accepting 172 their deliverance; that they might obtain a mightier resurrection: 36 and others had trial of mockings and scouragements, yes, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: 37 they were stoned, they were sawn asunder, they were tempted, they were slain with the sword: they went about in sheepskins, in goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, ill-treated 38 (of whom the world was not worthy), wandering in deserts and mountains and caves, and the holes of the earth. 39 And these all, having had witness borne to them through their faith, received not the promise, 40 God having 173 provided some mightier thing concerning us, that without us they should not be made perfect.

12 Therefore let us also, seeing we are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, lay aside every 177 weight, and the sin which 175 doth so easily beset us, and let us run with 179 patience the race that is set before us, 2 looking unto Jesus the 177 author and perfector of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising shame, and hath sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. 3 For consider him that hath endured such gainsaying of sinners 178 against themselves, that he wax not weary, fainting in your souls. 4 Ye have not resisted unto blood, striving against sin: 5 and ye have forgotten the exhortation which rea

7 180 It is for chastening that ye endure; God dealeth with you as with sons: for what son is there whom his father chasteth not? 8 But if ye are without chastening, whereof all have become partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons. 9 Furthermore, we had the fathers of our flesh to chasten us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of 181 spirits, and live? 10 For they indeed for a few days chastened us as seemed good to them; but he for our profit, that we may be partakers of his holiness. 11 All chastening seems to the present to be not joyous but grievous; yet afterward it yieldeth peaceable fruit unto them that have been exercised thereby, even the fruit of righteousness. 12 Wherefore lift up the hands that hang down, and the palsied knees; 13 and make straight paths for your feet, that that which is lame be not turned out of the way, but rather be healed.

14 Follow after peace with all men, and the sanctification without which no one shall see the Lord: 15 looking carefully lest there be any man that fal Schweitzer 180 back from the grace of God; lest any root of bitterness springing up trouble you, and thereby the many be defiled; 16 lest there be any fornicator, or profane person as Esau, who for one meal sold his own birthright. 17 For ye know that even when he afterward desired to inherit the blessing, he was 186 rejected; for he found no place for a change of mind in his father, though he sought it diligently with tears.

18 For ye are not come unto 187 something tangible, and that burned with fire, and unto blackness, and darkness, and tempest, 19 and the sound of a trumpet, and the voice of words; which voice they that heard entreated that no word more should be spoken unto them; 20 for they could not endure that which was enjoined. 188 If even a beast touch the mountain, it shall be stoned; 21 and so fearful was the appearance, that Moses said, 189 I exceedingly fear and quake: 22 but ye are come unto mount Zion, and unto the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, 190 and 191 innumerable hosts of angels, 23 to the general assembly and church of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the Judge of all, and to the spirits of just men made perfect, 24 and to Jesus the mediator of a new covenant, and to the blood of sprinkling that speaketh mightier than that of Abel. 25 See that ye refuse not him that speaketh. For if they escaped not when they refused him that warned them on earth, much more shall we escape who turn away from him 182 that warneth from heaven: 26 whose voice then shook the earth: but now he hath promised, saying, 193 Yet once more will I make to tremble not the earth only, but also the heaven. 27 And this word, Yet once more, signifieth the removing of those things that are shaken, as of things that have been made, that those things which are not shaken may remain. 28 Wherefore, receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us have 194 grace, whereby we may offer service well-pleasing to God with 195 reverence and awe: 29 for our God is a consuming fire.
Hebrews 13

13 Let love of the brethren continue. 2 Forget not to show love unto strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares. 3 Remember them that are in bonds, as bound with them; them that are ill-treated, as being yourselves also in the body. 4 Let marriage be had in honor among all, and let the bed be undefiled: for fornicators and adulterers God will judge. 5 Be ye free from the love of money; content with such things as ye now have: for himself hath said, 6 I will in no wise fail thee, neither will I in any wise forsake thee. 7 So that with good courage we say,

198 The Lord is my helper; I will not fear: What shall man do unto me?

7 Remember them that lead you, men that spake unto you the word of God; and considering the issue of their life, imitate their faith. 8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today, yea and for ever. 9 Be not carried away by divers and strange teachings: for it is good that the heart be established by grace; not by meats, wherein ye occupied yourselves were not profited. 10 We have an altar, whereof they have no right to eat that serve the tabernacle. 11 For the bodies of those beasts whose blood is brought into the Holies by the high priest for sin-offerings, are burned outside the camp. 12 Wherefore Jesus also, that he might sanctify the people through his own blood, suffered outside the gate. 13 Let us therefore go forth unto him outside the camp, bearing his reproach. 14 For we have not here an enduring city, but we seek the one which is coming. 15 Through him let us offer up a sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of lips which make confession to his name. 16 But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased. 17 Obey them that lead you, and submit to them: for they watch in behalf of your souls, as they shall give account; that they may do this with joy, and not with groaning: for this would be unprofitable for you.

18 Pray for us: for we are persuaded that we have a good conscience, desiring to live honorably in all things. 19 And I exhort you the more exceedingly to do this, that I may be restored to you the sooner.

20 Now the God of peace, who brought again from the dead the great shepherd of the sheep with the blood of an eternal covenant, even our Lord Jesus, 21 make you perfect in every good thing to do his will, working in us that which he purposed afore hand concerning you, that we should be holy and without offense before him upon the day of Christ. 22 But I exhort you, brethren, bear with the word of exhortation: for I have written unto you in few words. 23 Know ye that our brother Timothy hath been set at liberty; with whom, if he come shortly, I will see you. 24 Salute all them that lead you, and all the saints. 25 Grace be with you all.

196 Gk. Let your way of life be without love of money;
197 Dt 31:6; Josh 1:5.
198 Ps 118:6.
199 Or, your leaders. Also in vss. 17, 24.
200 Gk. manner of life,
201 Gk. unto the ages.
202 Gk. they that walked were not profited.
203 Gk. through
204 So CA 1739 33 81 0243 and most. p 46 N D*P almost alone omit therefore
205 Or, by Gk. in
206 So p 46 N D* cop 46 bo vg almost alone. But C 1739 33 81 0243 cop 48 (arm) read work. A alone reads work and word (compare 2Ths 2:17).
207 Gk. unto the ages of the ages.
208 So N(C*) A 1739 33 81 0243 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop 46 bo vg. p 46 D arm omit and ever
209 Or, The brethren from Italy salute you.
210 So p 46 N* 1 vid 33 cop 48. CA 1739 38 1 0243 and most lesser Gk. mss., cop 46 bo vg add Amen.
James
(The Epistle of James)

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ, to the twelve tribes which are of the Dispersion, greeting.

2 Count it all joy, my brethren, when ye fall into manifold temptations; knowing that the proving of your faith worketh patience. And let patience have its perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, lacking in nothing.

3 But if any of you lacketh wisdom, let him ask of God, who giveth to all liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing doubting: for he that doubteth is like the surge of the sea driven by the wind and tossed. 7 For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord; 8 a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

9 But let the brother of low degree glory in his high estate: 10 and the rich, in that he is made low: because as the flower of the grass he shall pass away. 11 For the sun ariseth with the scorching wind, and withereth the grass; and the flower thereof falleth, and the grace of the fashion of it perisheth: so also shall the rich man fade away in his goings.

12 Blessed is the man that endureth temptation; for when he hath become approved, he shall receive the crown of life, 8 which the Lord promised to them that love him. 13 Let no man say when he is tempted, I am tempted of God; for God cannot be tempted with evil things, and he himself tempteth no man: 14 but each man is tempted of his own lust, and enticed. 15 Then the lust, when it hath conceived, beareth sin: and the sin, when it is fullgrown, bringeth forth death. 16 Be not deceived, my beloved brethren.

17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom can be no variation, neither shadow that is cast by turning. 18 Of his own will he brought us forth by the word of truth, that we should be a kind of firstfruit of his creatures.

19 Ye know this, my beloved brethren. But let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: 20 for the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. 21 Wherefore putting away all filthiness and overflowing of wickedness, receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. 22 But become ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deluding your own selves. 23 For if any one is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a mirror: 24 for he beholdeth himself, and goeth away, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. 25 But he that looketh into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and so continueth, becoming not a hearer that forgetteth but a doer that worketh, this man shall be blessed in his doing. 26 If any one thinketh himself to be religious, while he bridleth not his tongue but deceiteth his heart, this man's religion is vain. 27 Pure religion and undefiled before our God and Father is this, to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unspotted from the world.

2 My brethren, hold not the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with respect of persons. 2 For if there come into your synagogue a man with a gold ring, in fine clothing, and there come in also a poor man in vile clothing: 3 and ye have regard to him that weareth the fine clothing, and say, Sit thou here in a good place; and ye say to the poor man, Stand thou there, or sit under my footstool; 4 do ye not make distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? 5 Hearken, my beloved brethren; did not God choose them that are poor and rejected of the world, and call the poor his holy ones? 6 But ye have dishonored the poor man. Do not the rich oppress you, and themselves drag you before the judgment-seats? 7 Do not they blaspheme the honorable name by which ye are called? 8 Howbeit if ye fulfil the royal law, according to the scripture, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself, ye do well; 9 but if ye have respect of persons, ye commit sin, being convicted by the law as transgressors. 10 For whosoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is become guilty of all. 11 For he that said, Do not commit adultery, said also, Do not kill. Now if thou dost not commit adultery, but kill, thou art become a transgressor of the law. 12 So speak ye, and so do, as men that are to be judged by a law of liberty. 13 For judgment is without mercy to him that hath showed no mercy: mercy glorieth against judgment.

14 What is the profit, my brethren, if a man say he hath faith, but have not works? can that faith save him? 15 If a brother or sister be naked and in lack of daily food, 16 and one of you

1 Or, Jacob,
2 Gk. bondservant
3 Gk. wisheth joy.
4 Or, trials;
5 Or, stedfastness And in vs. 4.
6 Or, that a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways, shall receive anything of the Lord.
7 Gk. two-souled man,
8 Lit. which he promised So p535, BAN Nm 2344 and 4 lesser Gk. mss., cop. 1739 1652 1241 1243 33rd 322 and 12 lesser Gk. mss., vg read which God promised (C) and 472 lesser Gk. mss. read which the Lord promised
9 Gk. from
10 Or, is untried in evil,
11 Or, tempted by his own lust, being drawn away by it, and enticed.
12 Or, giving
13 I.e., no flickering (in time), no asymmetry (in space).
14 Or, Know ye this,
15 Or, malice,
16 Or, inborn
17 Gk. the face of his birth
18 Or, seemeth to be
19 Or, do ye, in accepting persons, hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of the glory?
20 Or, assembly Compare Hb 10:25 (in Greek).
21 Or, are ye not divided
22 Or, in your own mind,
23 Gk. which was called upon you? See Ac 15:17.
24 Lv 19:18.
25 Ex 20:13; Dt 5:17.
James 3

say unto them, Go in peace, be ye warmed and filled; and yet ye give them not the things needful to the body; what is the profit? 17 Even so faith, if it have not works, is dead in itself. 18 Yes, a man will say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: show me thy faith apart from thy works, and I by my works will show thee my faith. 19 Thou believest that God is one; thou doest well: the demons also believe, and shudder. 20 But wilt thou know, 0 vain man, that faith apart from works is 21barren? 21 Was not Abraham our father justified by works, in that he offered up Isaac his son upon the altar? 22 Thou seest that faith wrought with his works, and by works was faith in that he

34 And the majority of lesser Gk. mss. and the ship of lesser Gk. mss. is reckoned unto him for righteousness; and he was called 23the friend of God. 24 Ye see that by works a man is justified, and not only by faith. 25 And in like manner was not also Rahab the harlot justified by works, in that she received the messengers, and sent them out another way: 26 For as the body apart from the breath is dead, even so faith apart from works is dead.

3 Be not many of you teachers, my brethren, knowing that we shall receive greater condemnation. 2 For in many things we all stumble. If any stumbleth not in word, the same is a perfect man, able to bridle the whole body also. 3 Now if we put the horses’ bridles into their mouths that they may obey us, we turn about their whole body also. 4 Behold, the ships also, though they are so great and are driven by rough winds, are yet turned about by a very small rudder, whither the impulse of the steersman willeth. 5 So the tongue also is a little member and boasteth great things. Behold, 36how much wood is kindled by how small a fire! 6 And the tongue is 34a fire: the world of iniquity among our members is the tongue, which defileth the whole body, and setteth on fire the 35wheel of nature, and is set on fire by 36Gehenna. 7 For every 37kind of beasts and birds, of creeping things and things in the sea, is tamed, and hath been tamed 38by 39mankind: 8 but the tongue can no one tame; it is a restless evil, it is full of deadly poison. 9 Therewith bless we 40the Lord and Father; and therewith curse we men, who have become after the likeness of God: 10 out of the same mouth cometh forth blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to become so. 11 Doth the fountain send forth from the same opening sweet water and bitter? 12 Can a fig tree, my brethren, yield olives, or a vine figs? neither can salt water yield sweet water.

13 Who is wise and understanding among you? let him show by his good life his works in meekness of wisdom. 14 But if ye have bitter jealousy and faction in your heart, glory not and lie not against the truth. 15 This wisdom is not a wisdom that cometh down from above, but is earthly, 43sensual, 42devilish. 16 For where jealousy and faction are, there is confusion, and every vile deed. 17 But the wisdom that is from above is first pure, after that peaceable, gentle, easy to be entreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without 44doubtfulness, without hypocrisy. 18 And the fruit of righteousness is sown in peace for them that make peace.

4 Whence come wars and whence come fightings among you? come they not hence, even of your pleasures that war in your members? 2 Ye lust, and have not: ye kill and curse, and be not satisfied; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 3 Y e ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may spend it in your pleasures. 4 Ye 43adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore would be a friend of the world maketh himself an enemy of God. 5 Or think ye that the scripture speaketh in vain? 49Doth the spirit which goeth before us and dwelleth in us lift us up unto ensnaring? 6 But he giveth 49more grace. Wherefore the scripture saith, 52God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. 7 Be subject therefore unto God; but resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you. Cleanse your hands, ye sinners; and purify your hearts, ye 53doubleminded. 9 Be af-

26 Or, But some one will say, 27 So p74AN (1739 1241) ((322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss.)) cop vg arm. But B 1852 (C 1243 2344 33 and 23 others read there one is God; 42Psi almost alone reads God is; 28 So BC* 1739 1243 322 copBvg. ANΨ 1852 1241 2344 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., copBvg read? p74 virtually alone reads empty? 29 Or, Seest thou ... perfect? 30 Ge 15:6. 31 Is 41:8; 2 Chr 20:7. 32 Or, spirit or, wind (Gk. pneuma, from which the English pneumatic implies wind force.) 33 Or, how great a forest 34 Or, a fire, that world of iniquity: the tongue is among our members that which etc. or, a fire: that world of iniquity, the tongue, is among our members that which etc. 35 Or, cycle of birth, 36 That is, the lake of fire, Jerusalem’s refuse dump. 37 Gk. nature 38 Or, unto 39 Gk. the human nature:

40 So p205ANC 1739 1852 1241 33 arm. 1243 2344 322 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., copBvg,ach read God, even the Father; 41 Or, natural, or, animal, (Lit. of the soul) 42 Gk. demoniacal 43 Or, variance, or, partiality, 44 Or, by 45 Gk. are jealous, 46 Gk. ill, (κοχος, kakos, as in cognate: caco-phony, bad sound, dissonance) 47 That is, who break your marriage vow to Christ, So p100 BAN 1739 1852 1241 33 cop vg. 42Psi 1243 2344 323 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., read adulterers and adulteresses, 48 Or, saith in vain: 49 Or, The Spirit which he made to dwell in us, it yearneth for even unto jealous envy. Cf. Jer 3:14; Hos 2:19f. 49 Or, That Spirit which he made to dwell in us yearneth for us even unto jealous envy. 50 So p74BNΨ 1739 1241 (A 81). 1852 1243 2344 33 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg arm read dwell in us 51 Gk. a greater grace. 52 Pr 3:34. 53 Gk. two-souled men.
flicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness. 10 Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall exalt you.

11 Speak not one against another, brethren. He that speaketh against a brother, or judgeth his brother, speaketh against the law, and judgeth the law: but if thou judgest the law, thou art not a doer of the law, but a judge. 12 One only is the law-giver and judge, even he who is able to save and to destroy: but who art thou that judgest thy neighbor?

13 Come now, ye that say, Today or tomorrow we will go into this city, and spend a year there, and trade, and get gain: 14 whereas ye know not what shall be on the morrow. What indeed is your life? 15 For ye are a vapor that appeareth for a little time, and afterwards disappeareth. 16 But now ye glory in your vauntings: all such glorying is evil. 17 Nevertheless I say unto you, That every one that heareth these sayings of mine, and doeth them not, shall be likened unto a foolish man, who buildeth his house upon the sand. 18 And when the rain descended, and the floods came, and the winds blew, and smote upon it, and it fell away: and so shall it be with every one, that layeth not up treasure in heaven. 19 But lay ye up for yourselves treasure in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break in and steal: 20 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.

5 Come now, ye rich, and weep and howl for your miseries that are coming upon you. 2 Your riches are corrupted, and your garments are become moth-eaten. 3 Your gold and your silver are rusted; and their rust shall be for a testimony against you, 4 and your riches are corrupted, and your garments are become moth-eaten. 5 Ye have lived delicately on earth, and taken your pleasure; ye have nourished your ears, 6 and the cries of them that reaped have entered into the ears of them that mowed your fields, which is of you. 7 Ye have said, Fill up, fill up the vessels; what will ye do to the one that saith to you, Give me to drink? 8 And ye have outdone the Lord of heaven: and ye have said, Where is the God of justice? 9 Wherefore ye think to err. 10 But as it is written, What shall it profit? 11 For the Lord shall hitch up with his quiver the fagots; he will kindle the flames upon the reed, and烘 upon the cedar. 12 For the Lord will bring upon you a strong quiver of his wrath, filled with fiery darts, 13 A quiver filled with spoils, and spoil, and the prey of robbers. 14 Therefore prepare to meet your gods, O isles, ye have multiplied your sins; 15 For the Lord shall smite with a rod of a man's duration, and fill the earth with the dead. 16 He hath sent a spirit that slayeth with the sword; in the whole land shall it go forth, from the wilderness even to the inmost quarter of Egypt, and he shall slay the most pleasant children of the earth. 17 And he said, Where is the God of judgment? where is the God of the earth? 18 Let them also be taken alive, and slain, as ye have slain me, and my people, says the Lord of hosts. 19 If ye will not believe, O ye arm that are the arms of iniquity, know ye that the Lord is he that is able to save and to destroy: therefore it is time for you, if ye be willing to hear; 20 Else shall it come to pass, that because ye rejoiced, I shall make you sorrowful: and if ye shall rejoice, I will make you to sorrow: 21 And I will destroy the voice of mirth, and the voice of gladness; the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, shall be taken away from the earth: 22 And the voice of the graver shall be no more heard in the street. 23 And the voice of the mill shall be no more heard, nor the noise of them that beat the flail in the winepress, nor the sound of the threshing shoulders: 24 But all these shall be for ever, for it is for an example of things to come. 25 Humbled is the great, and exalted is the lowly: and the Lord knoweth the thoughts of men. 26 The Lord is king for ever and ever. 27 Praise the Lord.

54 B almost alone reads ye know not what your life shall be on the morrow.
55 So 1852 1243 81. B 1739 322 read For ye are a vapor that appeareth (A omits For). Ψ and many lesser Gk. mss. read For ye shall be a vapor that appeareth. (33 2344 cop88bo vg) and many lesser Gk. mss. read For it is a vapor that appeareth. Ν alone reads which appeareth.
56 Mk. Instead of your saying.
57 Or, unto you.
58 B* N read withheld, or, kept in arrear.
59 Gk. Sabaoth. Hb. word meaning hosts.
60 Or, he.
61 So p74 B 1739 1241 048 cop98 arm. AΨ 1852 1243 2344 33 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. read the early and latter rain. Ν* with only four lesser mss., (cop98) read the early and latter fruit.
62 Or, endurance or, stedfastness.
63 Or, let yours be the yes, yes, and the no, no; Compare Mt 5:37.
64 B alone omits of the Lord.
65 Or, awaken him.
66 So BANΨ 1739 1852 1241 1243 2344 33 048. 322 and 452 still lesser Gk. mss. read your faults cop98 vg read your faults.
67 Or possibly, like nature with us.
68 Gk. with prayer.
69 So AN 1739 1852 1241 1243 2344 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg arm. B and a few others read know ye that p74 cop98 omit let him know, that Ψ virtually alone omits let him know.
70 So AN 1739 2344 33 048 wd cop98 arm. p74 B with few others read a soul from his death, or, a soul from death itself, Ψ 1852 1241 1243 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop98 read a soul from death.

James 5
1 Peter
(The First Epistle of Peter)

1 Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, to the elect who are sojourners of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia, 2 according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, in sanctification of the spirit, unto obedience and sprinkling of the blood of Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace be multiplied.

3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who according to his great mercy begat us again unto a living hope; 4 unto an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you, 5 who by the power of God are guarded through faith unto a salvation ready to be revealed in the last season. 6 Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a little while, if need be, ye have been put to grief in manifold trials, 7 that the proving of your faith, being more precious than gold that perisheth, though it is proved by fire, may be found unto praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ; 8 whom not having seen ye love; on whom, though now ye see him not, yet believing, ye rejoice greatly with joy indescribable and precious, 9 receiving the end of your faith, even the salvation of souls. 10 Concerning which salvation prophets sought and searched diligently, those who prophesied of the grace that should come unto you: 11 searching what, or what manner of season God had in mind, in time past, to shew unto his prophets of their faith, and of the precious things which should come to pass in the latter time; 12 that the holy prophets, as touching the hope of salvation and the people that should come, made manifest, and foretold by them the which things have now been fulfilled in you, 13 who through your faith are enrolled, unto a Kingdom forever, which is to reign in glory, the King of kings and Lord of lords.

14 Wherefore girding up the loins of your mind, 15 be sober and set your hope perfectly on the grace that should come unto you: 11 searching what season or what manner of season the Spirit of Christ which was in them did point unto, when it testified beforehand the sufferings of Christ, and the glory that should follow them. 12 To whom it was revealed, that not unto themselves, but unto you, did they minister these things, which now have been announced unto you through them that have been begotten again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, through the word of God, which liveth and abideth. 24 For,

17 All flesh is as grass, And all the glory thereof as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower falleth: 25 But the word of the Lord abideth for ever.

And this is the word of good tidings which was preached unto you.

2 Putting away therefore all wickedness, and all guile, and hypocrisy, and envies, and all evil speakings, 2 as newborn babes, long for the spiritual milk which is without guile, that ye may grow thereby unto salvation; 3 if ye have tasted that the Lord is gracious: 4 unto whom coming, a living stone, rejected indeed of men, but with God elect, 5 ye also, as living stones, are built up a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6 Because it is contained in scripture, 28 Behold, I lay in Zion a chief corner stone, elect, precious: And he that believeth on him shall not be put to shame. 7 For you therefore that believe is the preciousness: but for such as disbelieve,
29 The stone which the builders rejected,
The same became the head of the corner;
8 and, 30 A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offence;
31 for they 32 stumble at the word, being disobedient: whereunto also they were appointed. 9 But ye are 33 to be an elect race, a holy priesthood, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, that ye may shew forth the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light: 10 who in time past were no people, but now are a people of God: who had not obtained mercy, but now have obtained mercy.

11 Beloved, I beseech you as sojourners and pilgrims, to abstain from fleshly lusts, which war against the soul; 12 having your whole conduct seemly among the Gentiles; that, wherein they speak against you as evil-doers, they may by your good works, which they behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.

13 Be subject to every 34 ordinance of man for the Lord’s sake: whether to a king, as supreme; 14 or unto governors, as sent 35 by him for vengeance on evil-doers and for praise to them that do well. 15 For so is the will of God, that by well-doing ye should put to silence the ignorance of foolish men: 16 as free, and not 36 using the freedom for a cloak of wickedness, but as bondslaves of God. 17 Honor all men. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

18 37 Servants, be in subjection to your masters with all fear; not only to the good and gentle, but also to the perverse. 19 For this is 38 acceptable, 39 if for conscience 40 toward God a man endureth griefs, suffering wrongfully. 20 For what glory is it, if, when ye sin, and are buffeted for it, ye shall take it patiently? but if, when ye do well and suffer for it, ye shall take it patiently, this is acceptable with God. 21 For hereunto were ye called: because Christ also 41 suffered 42 for you, leaving you an example, that ye should follow his steps: 22 who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth: 23 who, when he was reviled, reviled not again; when he suffered, threatened not; but committed 43 himself to him that judgeth righteously: 24 who his own self 44 bare our sins in his body upon the tree, by whose 45 bruise ye were healed. 25 For ye were going astray like sheep; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and 46 Bishop of your souls.

3 In like manner, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, even if any obey not the word, they may without the word be gained by the 47 behavior of their wives; 2 beholding your chaste behavior coupled with fear. 3 Whose adorning let it not be the outward adorning of braiding the hair, and of wearing jewels of gold, or of putting on apparel; 4 but let it be the hidden man of the heart, in the incorruptible apparel of the meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. 5 For after this manner aforesaid the holy women also, who hoped in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection to their own 48 husbands: 6 as Sarah obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose children ye became, if ye do well, and are not 49 put in fear by any terror.

7 Ye husbands, in like manner, dwell with your wives according to knowledge, giving honor, 50 unto the woman, as unto the weaker vessel, as being also joint-heirs of the 51 grace of life; to the end that your prayers be not hindered.

8 Finally, be ye all likeminded, 52 compassionate, loving as brethren, tenderhearted, 53 humblyminded: 9 not rendering evil for evil, or reviling for reviling: but contrariwise blessing: for hereunto were ye called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

10 For,

54 He that would love life,
And see good days,
Let him refrain 55 his tongue from evil,
And his lips that they speak no guile:
11 And let him turn away from evil, and do good;
Let him seek peace, and pursue it.
12 For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
And his ears unto their supplication:
But the face of the Lord is upon them that do evil.

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye become zealous of that which is good? 14 But even if ye should suffer for righteousness’ sake, blessed are ye: and fear not their fear,
4 Forasmuch then as Christ 65 suffered in the flesh, arm ye yourselves also with the same 66 mind; for he that suffered in the flesh hath ceased 67 from sin; 2 that ye no longer should live the rest of your time in the flesh to the lusts of men, but to the will of God. 3 For the time past may suffice to have wrought the desire of the Gentiles, and to have walked in lasciviousness, lusts, winebibings, revellings, carousings, and abominable idolatries: 4 wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them into the same 68 excess of riot, speaking evil of you: 5 who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the living and the dead. 6 For unto this end 69 was the gospel preached even to the dead, that they might be judged indeed according to men in the flesh, but live indeed according to God in the spirit.

5 The elders therefore among you I exhort, who am a fellow-elder, and a witness of the sufferings of Christ, who am also a partaker of the glory that shall be revealed: 2 Tend the flock of God which is among you, 70 exercising the oversight, not of constraint, but willingly, 71 according to the will of God; nor yet for filthy lucre, but of a ready mind; 3 neither as

56 So p72BANC 1739 1852 1881 1241 3233 3234 322 cop vg arm. 1241 2344 322 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read God as Lord: 57 So (N*) 1739 1852 1881 1243 2344 33322 copbo. But p72A(Y*) 1241 arm read for you died for sins once. And B and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read suffered for sins once, (Cf. ch. 2:21.) C* vid copsa (vg) read died for our sins once, 81 reads for us suffered for sins once, 58 p72BY* 1852 1241 1243 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm. But AC 1739 1819 2344 33322 copsa,b0 vg arm bring us N* omits you 59 Or, by which (preferred by Wilson's diaglott) 60 Or, having even gone to the spirits in prison, he heralded to them 29 that etc. 61 Or, into which few, that is, eight souls, were brought safely through the water: 62 So BAC 1739 1852 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg arm. p72N* copsa read The antitype also doth copbo reads which also as an antitype doth 63 Or, after a true likeness doth now save you, 64 Or, inquiry or, appeal or possibly, interrogation 65 So p72BCYP 1739 1881 1243 322 copbo vg. A (1852) 1241 2344 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., (copbo) arm read suffered for us in the flesh, K* reads died for you in the flesh, 66 Or, thought;

7 But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore of sound mind, and be sober unto 71 prayer: 8 above all things being fervent in your love among yourselves; for love covereth a multitude of sins: 9 using hospitality one to another without murmuring: 10 according as each hath received a gift, ministering it among yourselves, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God; 11 if any man speaketh, speaking as it were oracles of God; if any man ministereth, ministering as of the strength which God supplieth: that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, whose is the glory and the dominion 72 for ever and ever. Amen.

12 Beloved, think it not strange concerning the fiery trial among you, which cometh upon you to prove you, as though a strange thing is happening unto you: 13 but inasomuch as ye are partakers of Christ’s sufferings, rejoice; that at the revelation of his glory also ye may rejoice with exceeding joy. 14 If ye are reproached for the name of Christ, blessed are ye; because the Spirit of glory, even the Spirit of God, resteth itself upon you. 15 For let none of you suffer as a murderer, or a thief, or an evil-doer, or as a meddler in other men’s matters: 16 but if a man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed; but let him glorify God in this name. 17 For the season cometh for condemnation to begin at the house of God: and if it begin first at us, what shall be the end of them that obey not the gospel of God: 18 And if the righteous is scarcely saved, where shall the ungodly and sinner appear? 19 Wherefore let them also that suffer according to the will of God commit their souls in well-doing unto a faithful Creator.
lording it over the charge allotted to you, but becoming yourselves ensamples of the flock. 4 And when the chief Shepherd shall be manifested, ye shall receive the crown of glory that fadeth not away. 5 Likewise, ye younger, be subject unto the elder. Yes, all of you, gird yourselves with humility, to serve one another: for God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace to the humble. 6 Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, that he may exalt you in due season; 7 casting all your anxiety upon him, because he careth for you. 8 Be sober be watchful: your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: 9 whom withstand stedfast in your faith, knowing that the same sufferings are accomplished in your brethren who are in the world. 10 And the God of all grace, who called you unto his eternal glory in Christ, after that ye have suffered a little while, shall himself perfect, establish, strengthen, settle you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen. 12 By Silvanus, our faithful brother, as I account him, I have written unto you briefly, exhorting, and testifying that this is the true grace of God: stand ye fast therein. 13 She that is in Babylon, elect together with you, saluteth you; and so doth Mark my son. 14 Salute one another with a kiss of love. Peace be unto you all that are in Christ.

80 Or, Likewise ... elder: yes, all of you one to another. Gird yourselves with humility.
81 So (p72)BAN 1739 1852 1241 1243 2344 33 322 cop vg. 1881 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. read be subject to one another, gird yourselves with humility.
82 Or, in the faith.
83 Gk. being accomplished.
84 Gk. brotherhood which is in the world.
85 Or, restore.
86 BA(P) 0206 vg almost alone omit settle.
87 So (p72)BA(P) alone, vg. N and the majority of lesser Gk.
88 Gk. unto the ages of the ages. But p72 B copbo almost alone omit and ever (or, omit of the ages).
89 Gk. the.
90 That is, The church or, The sister.
91 N arm read Babylonian church, 2138 reads Rome.
92 So BA(P) 2344 almost alone. N 1852 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm read in Christ Jesus. Amen. 1739* 1881 1241 1243 322 read in Christ Jesus.
1 Symeon Peter, a slave and apostle of Jesus Christ, to whom have obtained a like precious faith with us in the righteousness of our God and the Saviour Jesus Christ;

2 Grace to you and peace be multiplied in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord; seeing that his divine power hath granted unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that called us by his own glory and virtue;

3 whereby he hath granted unto us his precious and exceeding great promises; that through these ye might become partakers of a divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world by lust. 5 Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply virtue; and in your knowledge self-control; and in your self-control patience; and in your patience godliness; 7 and in your godliness brotherly kindness; and in your brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful unto the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 For he in whom these things are not present is blind, having forgotten the cleansing from his old sins. 10 Wherefore, brethren, give heed, for ye do these things, ye shall never stumble: 11 for thus shall be richly supplied unto you the entrance into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

12 Wherefore I shall be ready always to put you in remembrance of these things, though ye know them, and are established in the present truth. 13 And I think it right, as long as I am in this tabernacle, to stir you up by putting you in remembrance:

2 But there arose false prophets also among the people, as among you also there shall be false teachers, who shall secretly bring in destructive heresies, denying even the Master that bought them, bringing upon themselves swift destruction. 2 And many shall follow their lascivious doings; by reason of whom the way of the truth shall be evil spoken of. 3 And in covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose condemnation now from of old lingereth not, and their destruction slumbereth not. 4 For if God spared not angels when they sinned, but cast them into dark places, and committed them to chains of dark gloom, to be reserved unto judgment; 5 and spared not the ancient world, but preserved Noah, with seven others, a preacher of righteousness, when he brought a flood upon the world of...
the ungodly; 6 and turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes 28condemned them with 29an overthrow, having made them an example 30unto those about to be ungodly; 7 and delivered righteous Lot, sore distressed by the lascivious life of the wicked 8 (for that righteous man dwelling among them, in seeing and hearing, 31put to the test his righteous soul from day to day with their lawless deeds): 9 the Lord knoweth how to deliver the godly out of temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment unto the day of judgment; 10 but chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of defilement, and despise dominion. Daring, self-willed, they tremble not to rail at 32dignities: 11 whereas angels, though greater in might and power, bring not a railing judgment against them 33before the Lord. 12 But these as creatures without reason, born 34mere animals 35to be taken and destroyed, railing in matters whereof they are ignorant, shall in their 36destroying surely be destroyed, 13 suffering wrong as the hire of wrong-doing; men that count it pleasure to revel in the daytime, spots and blemishes, revelling in their 37deceivings while they feast with you; 14 having eyes full of 38adultery, and that cannot cease from sin; enticing unstedfast souls; having a heart exercised in covetousness; children of cursing; 15 forsaking the right way, they went astray, having followed the way of Balaam the son of 40Bosor, who loved the hire of wrong-doing; 16 but he was rebuked for his own transgression: a dumb ass spake with man’s voice and stayed the madness of the prophet. 17 These are springs without water, and 41mists driven by a storm; for whom the gloom of darkness hath been reserved. 18 For, uttering great swelling words of vanity, they entice in the lusts of the flesh, by lasciviousness, those who are 42almost escaping from them that live in error; 19 promising them liberty, while they themselves are bondservants of corruption; for of 43whom a man is overcome, of the same is he also brought into bondage. 20 For if, after they have escaped the defilesments of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein and overcome, the last state is become worse with them than the first. 21 For it was better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after knowing it, to turn back from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 It has happened unto them according to the true proverb, 46The dog turning to his own vomit again, and the sow that had washed to wallowing in the mire.

3 This is now, beloved, the second epistle that I write unto you; and in both of them I stir up your sincere mind by putting you in remembrance; 2 that ye should remember the words which were spoken before by the holy prophets, and the commandment of the Lord and Saviour through your apostles: 3 knowing this first, that 46on the last of the days mockers shall come with mockery, walking after their own lusts, 4 and saying, Where is the promise of his presence? for, from the day that the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation. 5 For this 47they wilfully forget, that there were heavens from of old, and 48an earth held together out of water and 49amidst water vapors, by the word of God; 6 by which means the world that then was, being overflowed with water, perished: 7 but the 50heavens that now are, and the earth, by the same word have been 51stored up for fire, being reserved against a day of judgment and destruction of ungodly men.

8 But forget not this one thing, beloved, that one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day. 9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some count slackness; but is longsuffering 52toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but 53that all should come to repentance. 10 But the day of the Lord will have come 53as a thief; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall be dissolved with fervent heat, and the earth and the works that are therein shall be 54exposed. 55Seeing that these things are thus all to be dissolved, what manner

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28 So ἸΝΨ 2344 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., copa vg arm. But ὑπηκοόν the Lord will have come 53as a thief in night.
29 ᾿Αγαθος 1739 1881 1241 1243 322 cop bo omit with an overthrow 1852 read overthrew them.
30 So ᾿Αγαθος 1852 1243 (cop sa,bo arm. ἸΝΨ 1739 1881 1241 2344 33 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg read unto ungodly men; 31 ἸΝΨ. 1881 2344 33 cop sa,bo vg omit before the Lord.
34 ᾿Αγαθος. (ἐρωτικός, ψυκικός) natural
35 ῾Ος, to take and to destroy,
36 ῾Ος, corruption. (Similarly three words later.) Compare 1:16-19.
37 So ᾿Αγαθος 1852 1243 (arm). AC 1739 1881 1241 2344 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo vg read receiving to themselves the hire
38 ᾿ΙΨ 1243 vg read love-feasts 1739 1881 (1241) 322 read ignorances
39 ᾿Αγαθος an adulteress,
40 ἸΠ arm almost alone read Beor (See Nu 225.)
41 So (绱) 1243 ((AC 1739 1852 1881 1241 2344 33 322 add forever)). 048 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read clouds driven by a storm... hath been reserved forever.
42 So ᾿Αγαθος (2344) 33 cop sa,bo vg. But והנה the Lord and Saviour through your apostles 2344 322 048 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm read indeed escaping from them
43 ᾿Ος, what
44 So ᾿Αγαθος 1739 1881 1241 2344 33 322 048 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm. 1241 2344 33 cop bo read our Lord Jesus Christ, copa reads our Lord Jesus Christ and our Saviour,
45 Pr 26:11.
46 ᾿Ος, in the last days
47 ᾿Ος, is concealed from them, And in vs. 8. Let not this be concealed from you.
48 ᾿Ος possibly, earth having been formed by the word of God above the water and under cover of mist; Compare Ge 1:6-7; 2:5-6.
49 ᾿Αγαθος. through
50 ᾿Ος, heavenly bodies And so in vs. 12.
51 ᾿Ος, stored with fire,
52 So ᾿Αγαθος 1739 1881 1241 2344 322 048 and 0156 cop bo arm. ἸΝΨ 1852 33 cop sa,bo vg read for your sake, A majority of lesser Gk. mss. read toward us
53 So ᾿Αγαθος 1739 1881 1241 2344 33 322 048 and 0156 and 45 lesser Gk. mss., cop vg. C and 441 lesser Gk. mss. read as a thief in the night,
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of persons ought ye to be in all holy living and godliness, looking for and hastening the presence of the day of God, by reason of which the heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat? 13 But, according to his promise, we look for new heavens and a new earth, wherein dwelleth righteousness.

14 Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for these things, give diligence that ye may be found in peace, without spot and blameless in his sight. 15 And account that the longsuffering of our Lord is salvation; even as our beloved brother Paul also, according to the wisdom given to him, wrote unto you; 16 as also in all his epistles, speaking in them of these things; wherein are some things hard to be understood, which the ignorant and unstedfast wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction. 17 Ye therefore, beloved, knowing these things beforehand, beware lest, being carried away with the error of the wicked, ye fall from your own stedfastness. 18 But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and unto the day of eternity. Amen.

54 Or, discovered. So BN 1739 1852 1881 1241 322 0156 and 8 lesser Gk. mss., arm. A (1243) 2344 33 048 and 470 lesser Gk. mss., cop bo read burned up. C reads shall disappear. [Ψ vg omit this clause.] p72 alone reads the clause the works that are being dissolved therein shall be exposed. 55 So p72 1739* 1852 1881 1241 1243 322 arm. ANΨ 2344 33 048 and 431 lesser Gk. mss., cop bo vg read Seeing then that these things are all to be dissolved, C reads But seeing that ... are thus etc. 81 cop sa bo read Seeing then that ...

56 p72,74B almost alone read ought people to be 57 Or, earnestly desiring the presence 58 Or, forever. (Cf. Apocrypha: Ecclesiasticus 18:10.) Lit. unto a day of an age. 59 So p72,74 ANΨ 1852 2344 33 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa bo vg arm. B 1739* 1881 1241 1243 omit Amen.
1 That which was from the beginning, that which we have heard, that which we have seen with our eyes, that which we beheld, and our hands touched, concerning the Word of life 2 (and the life was manifested, and we have seen, and bear witness, and declare unto you the life, the eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us); 3 that which we have seen and heard declare we unto you also, that ye also may have fellowship with us: yes, and our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ: 4 and these things we write, 5 that your joy may be made full.

5 And this is the message which we have heard from him and announce unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say that we have fellowship with him and walk in the darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: 7 but if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus™ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. 8 If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from unrighteousness. 10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

2 My little children, these things write I unto you that ye may not sin. And if any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: 2 and he is an Atonement for our sins; and not for ours only, but also for the whole world. 3 And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments. 4 He that saith, I know him, and keepeth not his commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; 5 but whoso keepeth his word, in him truly hath the love of God been perfected. Hereby we know that we are in him: 6 he that saith he abideth in him ought himself also to walk even as he walked.

7 Beloved, no new commandment write I unto you, but an old commandment which ye had from the beginning: the old commandment is the word which ye heard. 8 Again, a new commandment write I unto you, which thing is true in him and in you; because the darkness is passing away, and the true light already shineth. 9 He that saith he is in the light and hateth his brother, is in the darkness even until now. 10 He that ™lovest his brother abideth in the light, and there is no occasion of stumbling in him. 11 But he that hateth his brother is in the darkness, and walketh in the darkness, and knoweth not whither he goeth, because the darkness hath blinded his eyes.

12 I write unto you, little children, because your sins are forgiven you for his name’s sake. 13 I write unto you, fathers, because ye know him who is from the beginning. I write unto you, young men, because ye have overcome the evil one.

14 I write unto you, little children, because ye know the Father. I wrote unto you, fathers, because ye know him who is from the beginning. I wrote unto you, young men, because ye are strong, and the word of God abideth in you, and ye have overcome the evil one.

15 Love not the world, neither the things ™that are ™in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that ™is ™in ™the ™world, the lust of the flesh and ™the ™lust ™of ™the ™eyes ™and ™the ™vainglory ™of ™life, ™is ™not ™of ™the ™Father, ™but ™is ™of ™the ™world. 17 And ™the ™world ™passeth ™away, ™and ™the ™lust ™thereof: ™but ™he ™that ™doeth ™the ™will ™of ™God ™abideth ™for ™ever.

18 Little children, it is a last hour: and as ye heard ™that ™antichrist ™cometh, ™even ™now ™have ™there ™arisen ™many ™antichrists; ™whereby ™we ™know ™that ™it ™is ™a ™last ™hour. 19 They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest ™that ™they ™all ™are ™not ™of ™us. 20 And ™ye ™have ™an ™anointing ™from ™the ™Holy ™One, ™and ™ye ™all ™know. 21 I have not written unto you because ye know not the truth, but because ye know it, and because no lie is of the truth.

22 Who is the liar but he that denieth that Jesus is the Christ? This is the antichrist, even he that denieth the Father and the Son. 23 Whosoever denieth the Son, the same hath not the Father: ™he ™that ™confesseth ™the ™Son ™hath ™the ™Father ™also. 24 As ™for ™you, ™let ™that ™abide ™in ™you ™which ™ye ™heard ™from ™the ™beginning. If ™that ™which ™ye ™heard ™from ™the ™beginning ™abide ™in ™you, ™ye ™also ™shall ™abide ™in ™the ™Son, ™and ™in ™the ™Father. 25 And ™this ™is ™the ™promise ™which ™he ™promised ™us ™even ™the ™life ™eternal. 26 These ™things ™have ™I ™written ™unto ™you ™concerning ™them ™that ™would ™lead ™you ™astray. 27 And ™as ™for ™you, ™the ™anointing ™which ™ye ™received ™of ™himself ™in ™you, ™and ™ye ™need ™not ™that ™any ™one ™teach ™you; ™but ™as ™his ™anointing ™teach ™you ™concern-

1 Or, word Compare Ac 5:20.
2 Or, communion or, joint participation (both times) and in vs. 6, 7.
3 So BA*ΨΨΨΨ 33. C 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., copõvg arm add to you
4 So ΨΨΨΨ 1241 322 copõvg AC 1739 1852 1881 1243 2344 33 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., copõarm read your
5 A 2344 33 and 465 lesser Gk. mss., copõadd Christ
6 Or, Comforter (Jo 14:16). or, Helper Gk. Paraclete.
7 Or, propitiation (See Lv 25:9, Septuagint). Also in ch. 4:10. (Related to mercy seat in Lv 16:13-14)
8 BA 2344 33 copõvg omit so
9 Gk. a·ga·pa·ò (αγαπάω), to love with godly/benevolent love. This word and a·ga·pê (αγαπή), godly love, are used throughout John’s epistles, but never fil·e·ô (μιλάω), to love with filial love. Note a contrast of these words in Jo 21:15-17.
10 Gk. unto the age.
11 Or, that an antichrist cometh. So BN*CΨΨΨ 1739. 1852 1241 1243 2344 33 322 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm read that the antichrist cometh. A 1881 read the antichrist cometh.
12 Or, that not all are of us.
13 Gk. chrisma Compare Christ (Anointed) in vs. 22.
14 So ΨΨΨΨ 1852 and 8 lesser Gk. mss., copõarm. But AC 1739 1881 1241 2344 33 322 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., copõvg read and ye know all things.
15 1241 and 399 other Gk. mss. omit he that confesseth the Son hath the Father also. (a homoteleuton, or the scribe’s eye skipping from one ending to another like ending in the Greek, seems likely.) The other better mss. and versions include it.
16 B 1881 1241 almost alone read you,
17 Gk. chrisma Compare Christ (Anointed) in vs. 22.
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Behold what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called children of God; 24 and such we are. For this cause the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not. 2 Beloved, now are we children of God, and it is not yet made manifest what we shall be. We know that, 25 if he shall be manifested, we shall be like him; for we shall see him even as he is. 3 And every one that hath this hope set on him purifieth himself, even as he is pure. 4 Every one that doeth sin doeth also lawlessness; and sin is lawlessness. 5 And ye know that he was manifested to us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. 6 Whosoever abideth in him sinneth not: whosoever sinneth, he sinneth not of himself, but is begotten of sin. 7 Little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth.

8 We know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. 9 Little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth. 10 They that love not know not God, for God is love. 11 We know that the Father sent the Son into the world to be the true light, that whosoever believeth in him shall not perish, but have eternal life. 12 And the word of life was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth. 13 For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. 14 No man hath seen God at any time; the only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him. 15 And the Spirit helpeth our infirmities. For we know not what we should pray for as we ought: but the Spirit itself maketh intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered. 16 And he that hath the world's goods, and beholdeth his brother in need, and shutteth up his compassion from him, how doth the love of God abide in him? 17 Little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth. 18 And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our heart 4 before him: 20 because if our heart condemn us, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 21 Beloved, 36 if the heart condemn us not, we have boldness toward God; 22 and whatsoever we ask of him, because we keep his commandments and do the things that are pleasing in his sight. 23 This is his commandment, that we 36 should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, even as he gave us commandment. 24 And he that keepeth his commandments abideth in him and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he gave us.

Beloved, believe not every spirit, but prove the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world. 2 Hereby we know the Spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 3 We know that we pass out of death into life, because God loved us, and sent his Son to be the atonement for our sins. 4 Little children, let us not love in word, neither with the tongue; but in deed and truth.

5 And marvel not, brethren, if the world hate us. 6 We know that we have passed out of death into life, because he is begotten of God. 7 And the world hateth us, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother is manifest, and the children of the devil: whosoever doeth not the works of the devil, is of God; 12 and he that doeth not the works of the devil, hath not seen him, neither known him. 2 Beloved, hereby we know the Spirit of God: 3 we know the one that is of God; because many false prophets are gone out into the world: 4 but the spirit of truth; 5 they are of the world, and speak according to the spirit of the world; 6 by his spirit, 7 we know the spirit of truth, and the spirit of error. 8 This is the message which ye heard from the beginning, that we should love one another: 9 if our heart condemn not, God is greater than our heart, and knoweth all things. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: 21 and he that believeth not God, hath not the witness in himself. 22 We receive not the witness of man, but of God, because it is the testimony of God which is in us.

18 Or, so it is true, and is no lie; and even as etc.
19 Or, abide ye in him.
20 So BANC, 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322. and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. read when he shall be manifested,
21 33 (2344) and the majority of lesser mss., read might
22 Gk. from him
23 Or, know ye that
24 So p74 và BANC, 1739 1852 1881 (1241) 1243 2344 33 322 cop vg. and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., omit such we are
25 Or, it
26 Or, bear sins;
27 So BA 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322 cop bo arm. and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop by arm read our sins;
28 Or, hath known
29 So NCV và 1739 1881 1241 1243 322 arm. But BA 1852 2344 33 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop b8,bo by arm read Marvel not,
30 C Và and the majority of lesser mss. add his brother
31 So NCV 1739 1881 1241 1243 322 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa arm. BA 2344 cop bo by arm read. Hereby shall we know etc.
32 1175 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., , omit shall
33 Gk. persuade Compare Mt 28:14.
34 Or, before him, whereonsoever our heart condemn us; because God etc.
35 So (A) Và 1739 2344 (33) 322. But ((N)) 1881 (1243) and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., cop sa,bo bo arm read if our heart condemn us not, C 1852 read if our heart condemn not, B virtually alone reads if the heart condemn not,
36 B and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read should have believed 1243 omits should
37 Gk. believe the name
38 So BA 1739 (1881) 1241 322 cop b8,bo arm. (N) Và 1852 (2344 33) [1243 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss.] arm read that Jesus is come in the flesh
39 Or, in our case,
40 So BA Và 1739 1241 322. But A(N) 1852 1881 1243 2344 33 048 và and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., arm omit have

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and he in us, because he hath given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have beheld and bear witness that the Father hath sent the Son to be the Saviour of the world. 15 Whosoever shall confess that Jesus is the Son of God, God abideth in him, and he in God. 16 And we know and have believed the love which God hath 44 in us. God is love; and he that abideth in love abideth in God, and God abideth in him. 17 Herein is love made perfect with us, that we may have boldness in the day of judgment; because as he is, even so are we in this world. 18 There is no fear in love: but perfect love casteth out fear, because fear hath punishment; and he that feareth is not made perfect in love. 19 42 We love, because he first loved us. 20 If a man say, I love God, and hateth his brother, he is a liar: for he that loveth not his brother whom he hath seen, 43 cannot love God whom he hath not seen. 21 And this commandment have we from him, that he who loveth God love his brother also.

5 44 And whosoever believeth that Jesus is the Christ is begotten of God: and whosoever loveth him that begat loveth him also that is begotten of him. 2 Hereby we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and 45 do his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not burdensome. For whatsoever is begotten of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that hath overcome the world, even our faith. 5 And who is he that overcometh the world, but he that believeth that Jesus is the Son of God? 6 This is he that came 46 by water and 41 blood, Jesus Christ; not in the water only, but in the water and in the blood. And it is the spirit that beareth witness, because the spirit is the truth. 7 For there are 48 three that bear witness, 8 the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and the three agree in one. 9 If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for the witness of God is this, that he hath borne witness concerning his Son. 10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself: he that believeth not 46 God hath made him a liar; because he hath not believed in the witness that God hath borne concerning his Son. 11 And the witness is this, that God gave unto us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. 12 He that hath the Son hath the life; he that hath not the Son of God hath not the life.

13 These things have I written unto you, that ye may know that ye have eternal life, even unto you that believe on the name of the Son of God. 14 And this is the boldness which we have toward him, that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth us: 15 and if we know that he heareth us whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions which we have asked of him. 16 If any man see his brother sinning a sin not unto death, 51 he shall ask, and God will give him life for them that sin not unto death. There is 52 a sin unto death: not concerning this do I say that he should make request. 17 All unrighteousness is sin: and there is a sin 53 not unto death.

18 We know that whosoever 54 is begotten of God sinneth not; but he that was begotten of God keepeth him, and the evil one toucheth him not. 19 We know that we are of God, and the whole world lieth in the evil one. 20 And we know that the Son of God is come, and hath given us an understanding, that we know 56 that is true, and we are in him that is true, even in his Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God, and eternal life. 21 My little children, guard yourselves from the idols. 57
2 John
(The Second Epistle of John)

1 The elder unto the elect lady and her children, whom I love in the truth; and not I only, but also all they that know the truth; 2 for the truth’s sake which abideth in us, and it shall be with us for ever: 3 Grace, mercy, peace shall be with us, from God the Father, and from Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love.

4 I rejoice greatly that I have found certain of thy children walking in truth, even as we received commandment from the Father. 5 And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though a new commandment wrote I to thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another.

6 And this is love, that we should walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, even as ye heard from the beginning, that ye should walk in it. 7 For many deceivers are gone forth into the world, even they that confess not Jesus Christ coming in the flesh. This is the deceiver and the antichrist. 8 Look to yourselves, that ye lose not the things which we have wrought, but that ye receive a full reward. 9 Whosoever goeth onward and abideth not in the teaching of Christ, hath not God: he that abideth in the teaching, the same hath both the Father and the Son.

10 If any one cometh unto you, and bringeth not this teaching, receive him not into your house, and give him no greeting: 11 for he that giveth him greeting partaketh in his evil works. 12 Having many things to write unto you, I would not write them with paper and ink: but I hope to be with you, and to speak face to face, that your joy may be made full.

13 The children of thine elect sister salute thee.
3 John
(The Third Epistle of John)

1 The elder unto Gaius the beloved, whom I love in the truth.

2 Beloved, I pray that in all things thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth. For I rejoiced greatly, when brethren came and bare witness of thee in the truth, even as thou walkest in truth. Greater joy have I not than these, to hear of my children walking in the truth.

3 Beloved, thou doest a faithful work in whatsoever thou doest toward them that are brethren, even though they are strangers to you; who bare witness to thy love before the church: whom thou wilt do well to set forward on their journey worthily of God: because that for the sake of the Name they went forth, taking nothing of the Gentile people. We therefore ought to support such, that we may become fellow-workers for the truth.

4 I wrote somewhat unto the church: but Diotrephes, who loveth to have the pre-eminence among them, receiveth us not. Therefore, if I come, I will bring to remembrance his works which he doeth, prating against us with wicked words: and not content therewith, neither doth he himself receive the brethren, and them that would he forbiddeth and casteth them out of the church.

5 Beloved, imitate not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: he that doeth evil hath not seen God.

6 Demetrius hath the witness of all men, and of the truth itself: yes, we also bear witness; and thou knowest that our witness is true.

7 I had many things to write unto thee, but I am unwilling to write them to thee with ink and pen: but I hope shortly to see thee, and we shall speak face to face.

8 Peace be unto thee. The friends salute thee. Salute thou the friends by name.
Jude
(The Epistle of Jude)

1 Jude, a servant of Jesus Christ, and brother of James, to them that are called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ: 2 Mercy unto you and peace and love be multiplied.

3 Beloved, while I was giving all diligence to write unto you of our common salvation, I was constrained to exhort you, being earnest for you for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints. 4 For there are certain men crept in privily, even they who were of old written of beforehand unto this condemnation, ungodly men, removing the grace of our God for lasciviousness, and denying our only Master and Lord, Jesus Christ.

5 Now I desire to put you in remembrance, ye having once known all things, that the Lord, having once saved a people out of Egypt, and gone after strange flesh, are set forth unto you of their own lusts of ungodliness which they have ungodly wrought, and of all the hard things which ungodly sinners have spoken against him. 6 These are murmurers, complainers, walking after their lusts, and their mouth speaketh great swelling words, showing respect of persons for the sake of advantage.

7 But ye, beloved, remember ye the words which have been spoken before by the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ; 8 At the last time shall be mockers, walking after their own lusts. 9 These are they who make separations, sensual, having not the spirit. 10 But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

1 Or, Judas, or, Judah, 2 Gk. bondservant 3 Or, Jacob, 4 Or, to them that are beloved in God the Father, and kept for Jesus Christ, being called: So p72BA NY cop ab bo vg. 1739 1852 1241 1243 arm read to the Gentile people, beloved in God etc. 1735 and 458 lesser Gk. mss. read ... sanctified in God ... 1881 322 read to the Gentile people, sanctified in God ... 5 So p72BA 1739 1243 2344 322 and 49 lesser Gk. mss., cop ab arm. 414 lesser Gk. mss., cop ab arm. 414 lesser Gk. mss., cop ab arm. 414 lesser Gk. mss., cop ab arm. 414 lesser Gk. mss., cop ab arm. your common salvation, ΝΨ alone read our common salvation and life, 6 Or, set forth unto 7 Or, the only Master, and our Lord Jesus Christ. Ψ 2298 1735 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read the only Master, God, and our Lord Jesus Christ. p78 reads the only Master, our Lord Jesus Christ. 21 lesser Gk. mss. read the only God and Master, our Lord Jesus Christ. 8 So B. A 2344 (33) vg. read who having ... 1739 at 1881 1241 322 and 7 lesser Gk. mss., (cop ab bo) read who having known all things, that the Lord, having once saved But C*N (ye having known) (Ψ the Lord) and 15 lesser Gk. mss., read who having known all things, that the Lord, having once saved ... 9 Gk. the second time 10 Or, as an example of eternal fire, suffering punishment. 11 ΝΨ 1846 cop ab arm read dominions, 12 glories. 13 Zech 3:2. 14 Or, corrupted Compare 2Pt 2:12 margin. 15 Or, cast themselves away through the error 16 Or possibly, spots Compare 2Pt 2:13. Lit. rocks of the sea, or, reefs. 17 A*C 1846 read your deceits (cf. 2Pt 2:13) 1243 reads our deceits 18 Gk. shames; 19 Gk. unto the age. 20 See The Book of Enoch 1:9, ed. R.H. Charles, 1912. 21 Gk. his holy myriads, (1 myriad = 10 thousand) 22 Or, saints, 23 So BACΨ 1243 2344 33 and 70 lesser Gk. mss., cop bo vg. p72N 1852 almost alone, cop ab read to reprove every soul of all their works 388 lesser Gk. mss. read to reprove all the ungodly among them of all their works 1739 1881 1241 322 read to reprove all ungodly of all their works 24 Lit. At the last of the time So p72BCΨ 1243 and 2 lesser Gk. mss. AN 1852 33 and 22 lesser Gk. mss. read At the last of the time 1739 1241 322 and 17 lesser Gk. mss., cop read At the last of all their works 383 lesser Gk. mss., vg read In the last time 1881 reads At the last days 25 Gk. their own lusts of ungodliness, 26 Or, natural or, animal Lit. of the soul.
And on some who are wavering, have mercy; and on some save, seizing them out of the fire; and on some have mercy with fear, hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

Now unto him that is able to guard you from stumbling, and to set you before his glory without blemish in exceeding joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time, and now, and for evermore. Amen.

So B N Ψ (1852). But AC* 1739 1881 1241 2344 33 322 cop⁵⁰ vg. read And convince ye some who are wavering; A majority of lesser Gk. mss. read And on some have mercy, making a difference; So A((N*))Ψ 1739 1881 33 322 (1241 2344) and 23 lesser Gk. mss., cop⁵⁰ vg arm. B alone reads save, seizing them out of the fire; etc. C 1852 1243 and 6 lesser Gk. mss. read others save, seizing them out of the fire with fear, hating etc. p⁷² alone reads And some who are wavering seize out of the fire, but have mercy with fear. (omitting vs. 22)

So p⁷² BAN Ψ 1739 1852 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322 2298 81 and 23 lesser Gk. mss., cop⁵⁰ vg arm. 1846 1735 and 443 lesser Gk. mss. add wise (Compare Ro 16:27.)

1243 and 376 lesser Gk. mss. omit through Jesus Christ our Lord,

Gk. before all the age, and now, and unto all the ages, (p⁷²) p 1175 and 379 lesser Gk. mss. (none noteworthy) omit before all time,
The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave him to show unto his servants, even the things which must shortly come to pass: and he sent and signified it by his angel unto his servant John; who bare witness of the word of God, and of the witness of Jesus Christ, even of all things that he saw. Blessed is he that readeth and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep the things that are written therein: for the time is at hand.

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace, from him who is and who was and who is to come; and from the seven Spirits that are before his throne; and from Jesus, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his blood; and made us to be a kingdom, to be priests unto his God and Father; to him be the glory and the dominion for ever and ever. Amen. Behold, he cometh with the clouds; and every eye shall see him, even they that pierced him; and all the tribes of the earth shall mourn over him. Even so, Amen.

I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, and the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. I am the first, and the last, and the living one; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and have the keys of death and of Hades. Write therefore the things which thou seest, and the things which are, and the things which are to come, and the things which shall come to pass after these things; and the seven golden lampstands. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven lampstands are seven churches.

To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, that walketh in the midst of the seven golden lampstands: I know thy works, and thy toil and patience, and that thou canst not bear evil men, and didst try them that called themselves apostles, and they are not, and didst find them false; and thou hast patience and didst bear for my name’s sake, and hast not grown weary. But I have this against thee, that thou didst leave thy first love. Remember therefore whence thou art fallen, and repent and do the first works; or else I come to thee, and will move thy lampstand out of its place, and will set before thee a seat, and will try thee at the time of thy visitation. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the Paradise of God.

And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things saith the first and the last, who was dead, and lived again: I know thy tribulation, and thy poverty (but thou art rich), and the blasphemy of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. Fear not the things which thou art about to suffer; behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days. Become thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee the crown of life.

1 Or, gave unto him, to show unto his servants the things etc.
2 Gk. bondservants, ... his bondservant John;
3 Or, them
4 Or, messenger And so throughout Revelation.
5 Or, who cometh; (ο ἐρχομένος, the coming one)
6 So p18CA 2050 ἹΕΥ syr and P 1611 omit us (2053 2062) f1006 94 ἹΕΥ vg read washed us
7 Gk. in
8 Or, God and his Father;
9 Gk. for the ages of the ages. Amen. (or, Let it be so.) So C(N) 1611 2053 2062 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg syr ms., p18CA 2050 v omit of the ages. Amen
10 Or, perceive him,
11 So CA 1611 2053 2062. Ἃν vg add the first and last,
12 Or, he who
13 Or, who cometh, (ο ἐρχομένος, the coming one)
14 Or, stedfastness and in ch. 2:2-3.
15 So CNA f1678 2050 ἹΕΥ vg syr. 1611 eth add to me 2053 2062 add to me. John ἹΕΥ adds I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, and
16 Ἄπω virt., alone omits and unto Sardis, (A later corrector has added & unto Sardis in the margin, which has sometimes mistakenly been thought to mean Ἄπω made it the seventh church.)
17 Or, brass, or, bronze,
18 Gk. became
19 Gk. unto the ages of the ages,
20 Or, messengers And so elsewhere.
21 Or, stedfastness And in vs. 3.
22 Or, garden
23 So CNA ἹΕΥ syr and P. But 1611 2053 f1678 2050 ἹΕΥ vg syr eth read of my God
24 Gk. became
hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:

These things saith he that hath the sharp two-edged sword: 13 I know where thou dwellest, even where Satan’s throne is; and thou knowest fast my name, and didst not deny my faith, even 26 in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwelleth. 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there some that hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans in like manner. 15 So hast thou also some that hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans in like manner. 16 Repent thou therefore; or else I come to thee quickly, and will make war against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches. To him that overcometh, to him will I give of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knoweth but he that receiveth it.

18 And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like a flame of fire, and his feet are like unto burnished 27 copper: 19 I know thy works, and thy love and faith and ministry and steadfastness, and patience, and that thy last works are more than the first. 20 But I have this against thee, that thou sufferest 28 the woman Jezebel, who calleth herself a prophetess; and she teacheth and seduceth my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time that she should repent; and she willeth not to repent of her fornication. 22 Behold, I cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their fornication. 23 And I will kill her children with a flame of fire, and her husband will kill them, who knoweth not that she is the wretched one 24 that is in Sodom, that was turned into salt. 25 Nevertheless that which ye have, hold fast till I shall have come. 26 And he that overcometh, and he that keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give authority over the 27 nations: 28 and he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the ceramic vessels are broken to shivers; as I also have received of my Father: 29 and I will give him the morning star. 30 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

3 And to the angel of the church in Sardis write:

These things saith he that hath the seven Spirits of God, and the seven stars: I know thy works, that thou hast a name that thou livest, and thou art dead. 2 Become thou watchful, and establish the things that remain, which were ready to die: for I have found no works of thine perfected before my God. 3 Remember therefore how thou hast received and didst hear; and keep it, and repent. If therefore thou shalt not watch, I shall have come as a thief, and thou shalt not know what hour I shall have come upon thee. 4 But thou hast a few names in Sardis that did not defile their garments: and they shall walk with me in white; for they are worthy. 5 He that overcometh shall thus be arrayed in white garments; and I will in no wise blot his name out of the book of life, and I will confess his name before my Father, and before his angels. 6 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

7 And to the angel of the church in Philadelphia write:

These things saith he that is holy, he that is true, he that hath the key of David, he that openeth and none shall shut, and that shutteth and none openeth: 8 I know thy works (behold, I have 35 set before thee a door opened, which none can shut), that thou hast a little power, and didst keep my word, and didst not deny my name. 9 Behold, I give some of the synagouge of Satan, of them that say they are Jews, and they are not, but do lie; behold, I will cause them to come and to worship before thy feet, and to know that I have loved thee. 10 Because thou didst keep the word of my patience, I also will keep thee from the hour of trial, that hour which is to come upon the whole world, to try them that dwell upon the earth. 11 I come quickly: hold fast that which thou hast, that no one take thy crown. 12 He that overcometh, I will make him a pillar in the temple of my God, and he shall go out thence no more: and I will write upon him my name, and the name of the city of my God, the new Jerusalem, which cometh down out of heaven from my God, and mine own new name. 13 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

14 And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write:

These things saith the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of the creation of God: 15 I know thy works, that thou art neither cold nor hot: I would thou wert cold or hot. 16 So because thou art lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spew thee out of my mouth. 17 Because thou sayest, I am rich, and have gotten riches, and have need of nothing; and knowest not that thou art the wretched one and miserable and poor and blind and naked: 18 I counsel thee to buy of me a treasure.
me gold refined by fire, that thou mayest become rich; and white garments, that thou mayest clothe thyself, and that the shame of thy nakedness be not made manifest; and eyesalve to anoint thine eyes, that thou mayest see. 19 As many as I love, I reprove and chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent. 20 Behold, I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me. 21 He that overcometh, I will give to him to sit down with me in my throne, as I also overcame, and sat down with my Father in his throne. 22 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

4 After these things I saw, and behold, a door opened in heaven, and the first voice that I heard, a voice as of a trumpet speaking with me, one saying, Come up hither, and I will show thee the things which must come to pass afterward. 2 Straightway I came to be in the spirit: and behold, there was a throne set in heaven, and one sitting upon the throne; 3 and he that sitteth was like to a jasper stone and a sardius: and there was a rainbow round about the throne, like an emerald to look upon. 4 And round about the throne were twenty-four elders sitting, arrayed in white garments; and on their heads crowns of gold. 5 And out of the throne proceed lightnings, and thunders, and voices. And there were seven lamps of fire burning before the throne, which are the seven Spirits of God; 6 and before the throne, as it were a sea of glass like unto crystal; and in the midst of the throne, and round about the throne, four living creatures full of eyes before and behind. 7 And the first living creature was like a lion, and the second living creature like a calf, and the third living creature had the face as of a man, and the fourth living creature was like a flying eagle. 8 And the four living creatures, having each one of them six wings, are full of eyes round about: and they have no rest day and night, saying,

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God, the Almighty, who was and is and is to come. 9 And whenever the living creatures shall give glory and honor and thanks to him that sitteth on the throne, to him that liveth for ever and ever, 10 the twenty-four elders shall fall down before him that sitteth on the throne, and shall worship him that liveth for ever and ever, and shall cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

Worthy art thou, our Lord and our God, to receive the glory and the honor and the power: for thou didst create all things, and because of thy will they were, and were created. 5 And I saw in the right hand of him that sitteth on the throne a book written inside and on the backside, close sealed with seven seals. 2 And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a great voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? 3 And no one in the heaven, or on the earth, or under the earth, was able to open the book, or to look thereon. 4 And I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open the book, or to look thereon: 5 and one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not; behold, the Lion that is of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, hath overcome to open the book and the seven seals thereof. 6 And I saw in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, having seven horns, and seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God, sent forth into all the earth. 7 And he came, and he taketh it out of the right hand of him that sitteth on the throne. 8 And when he had taken the book, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, having each one a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. 9 And they sing a new song, saying,

Worthy art thou to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and didst purchase unto God with thy blood all people of every tribe, and tongue, and people, and nation, and most of them to be unto our God a kingdom and priests; and they shall reign over the earth. 11 And I saw, and I heard a voice of many angels round about the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousands of ten thousands, and thousands of thousands; 12 saying with a great voice,

Worthy is the Lamb that hath been slain to receive the power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing.

13 And every created thing which is in the heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and on the sea, and all things that are in them, heard I saying,

Unto him that sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb, be the blessing, and the honor, and the glory, and the dominion, for ever and ever.

44 Or, come to pass. After these things straightway etc.
46 Or, before. See ch. 7:17: Compare ch. 5:6.
47 Or, calf, or, young bull.
48 Or, they do not rest day and night,
49 Or, who cometh; (ο ἐρχόμενος, the coming one)
50 Gk. unto the ages of the ages, And so everywhere.
51 So NA 1611 2053 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg. 2050 P 2344 et al. read they are, 2329 reads they became, f 1678 reads they were not.
52 Gk. on
53 So A 94 syr. 1611vid 2053 and most read inside and outside. N copa read frontside and backside. Both papyrus and vellum have a preferred side for writing, but can be written on both sides: thus the meaning should be the same for all these variants.
54 Or, between the throne with the four living creatures, and the elders,
55 So p 24 N 2053 and most mss. and versions. A 1611 2050 f 1678,1006 vg. omit seven
56 Gk. hath taken
57 So N 1611 2053 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. But p 1154 464 A eth alone omit us. 205 cop read unto our God with thy blood men out of every tribe,
58 cop 54a almost alone reads us
59 So N 2053 2050 94 vg syr. A 1611 f 1006 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., read they reign 2432 almost alone reads we shall reign
60 So N 1611 syr. Af 1006 2344 2329 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., read which is 2050 P vg read which are 2053 2351 almost alone read which is and on the great sea.
61 See marginal note on ch. 3:9.
14 And the four living creatures said, Amen. And the elders fell down and worshipped.

6 And I saw when the Lamb opened one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures saying as with a voice of thunder, "Come. 62 And I saw, and behold, a white horse: and he that sitteth thereon hath a bow; and there was given unto him a crown: and he came forth staining and to conquer.

3 And when he opened the second seal, I heard the second living creature saying, "Come. 4 And another horse came forth, a red horse: and to him that sitteth thereon it was given to take peace from the earth, and that they should slay one another: and there was given unto him a great sword.

5 And when he opened the third seal, I heard the third living creature saying, "Come. 66 And I saw, and behold, a black horse; and he that sitteth thereon had a balance in his hand. 6 And I heard as it were a voice in the midst of the four living creatures saying, "A measure of wheat for a shilling, and three measures of barley for a shilling; and the oil and the wine putteth thou not.

7 And when he opened the fourth seal, I heard the voice of the fourth living creature saying, "Come. 870 And I saw, and behold, a pale horse: and he that sat upon him, his name was Death; and Hades followed with him. And there was given unto them authority over the fourth part of the earth, to kill with the sword, and with famine, and with death, and by the wild beasts of the earth.

9 And when he opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that had been slain for the word of God, and for the witness which they held: 10 and they cried with a great voice, saying, How long, O Master, the holy and true, dost thou not judge and avenge our blood on them that dwell on the earth? 11 And there was given them to each one a white robe; and it was said unto them, that they should rest yet for a little time, until their fellow-servants also and their brethren, who should be killed even as they were, should have completed their course.

12 And I saw when he opened the sixth seal, and there came a great earthquake; and the sun became black as sackcloth of hair, and the whole moon became as blood; and the stars of the heaven fell unto the earth, as a fig tree casteth its unripe figs when it is shaken of a great wind. 14 And the heaven was removed as a scroll when it is rolled up; and every mountain and island were moved out of their places. 15 And the kings of the earth, and the princes, and the chief captains, and the rich, and the strong, and every bondman and freeman, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains; 16 and they say to the mountains and to the rocks, Fall over us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: 17 for the great day of their wrath is come; and who is able to stand?

7 After this I saw four angels standing at the four corners of the earth, holding the four winds of the earth, that no wind should blow on the earth, or on the sea, or upon any tree. 2 And I saw another angel ascend from the sunrising, having the seal of the living God: and he cried with a great voice to the four angels to whom it was given to hurt the earth and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we shall have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads. 4 And I heard the number of them that were sealed, a hundred forty-four thousand, sealed out of every tribe of the sons of Israel:

5 Of the tribe of Judah were sealed twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Reuben twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Gad twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Asher twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Naphtali twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Manasseh twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Simeon twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Levi twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Issachar twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Zebulun twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Joseph twelve thousand; Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

9 After these things I saw, and behold, a great multitude, which no man could number, out of every nation and of all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, arrayed in white robes, and palms in their hands; 10 and they cry with a great voice, saying,

Salvation unto our God who sitteth on the throne, and unto the Lamb.

62 So CA 1611 2053 vg. N and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., syr reads Come and see.
63 So CNA 1611 2053 vg. 792 2351 2329 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., omit And I saw, syr reads And I heard and saw.
64 So CA 1611 2053 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg. 469 2344 792 (eth) read Come and see. N alone reads Come and see. 4 And I saw, and behold,
65 So CA 1611 2053 vg. N and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., syr reads Come and see.
66 So CNA 1611 2053 vg. 2344 792 2351 2329 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., omit And I saw,
67 Or, A choenix (i.e., about a quart) of wheat for a denarius — implying great scarcity. Compare Ez 4:16f., 5:16.
68 The word in the Greek, denarius, denotes a Roman coin worth the wage of a day laborer.
69 So " reads 1611 2053 vg. N and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. read Come and see.
70 So NA 1611 f 1678 94 vg syr. C 2053 read I saw, f 506 2344 792 2351 2329 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., omit And I saw,
71 Or, pestilence, Compare ch. 2:23 marginal note.
72 Or possibly, the lives Cf. Lv 4:7; 21:1.
73 So N and the majority of lesser Gk. mss. But CA 2344 vg syr reads should be completed in number. (cf. Apocrypha 2 Esdras 4:36) 1611 2329 read shall complete their courses. 2029 (and Textus Receptus) reads should complete themselves.
74 Or, full moon (as just prior to an eclipse)
75 Gk. she
76 Or, military tribunes, Gk. chiliarchs (lit. captains of thousands)
77 Gk. on (Compare ch. 8:3)
78 So CN 1611 2053 f 1678 94 vg syr. A f 1006 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., omit read of his wrath
79 Gk. bondservants
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11 And all the angels were standing round about the throne, and about the elders and the four living creatures; and they fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God,
saying, Amen: 80 Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honor, and power, and strength, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

12 And one of the elders answered, saying unto me, These that are arrayed in the white robes, who are they, and whence came they? 14 And I 81 say unto him, My Lord, thou knowest. And he said to me, These are they that come out of great tribulation, and they washed their robes, and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore are they before the throne of God; and they serve him day and night in his temple: and he that sitteth on the throne shall spread his tabernacle over them. 16 They shall hunger no more, neither thirst any more; neither shall the sun strike upon them, nor any heat: 17 for the Lamb that is in the midst of the throne shall be their shepherd, and shall guide them unto fountains of waters of life: and God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

8 And when he opened the seventh seal, there came to be a silence in heaven about the space of half an hour. 2 And I saw the seven angels that stand before God; and there were with them seven trumpets.

3 And another angel came and stood 84 over the altar, having a golden censer; and there was given unto him much incense, that he should 86 add it unto the prayers of all the saints upon the golden altar which was before the throne. 4 And the smoke of the incense, 87 with the prayers of the saints, went up before God out of the angel’s hand. 5 And the angel 88 taketh the censer; and he filled it with the fire of the altar, and cast it 89 upon the earth: and there came to be thunders, and voices, and lightnings, and an earthquake.

6 And the seven angels that had the seven trumpets prepared themselves to sound.

7 And the first sounded, and there came to be hail and fire, mingled with blood, and they were cast upon the earth: and the third part of the earth was burnt up, and the third part of the trees was burnt up, and all green grass was burnt up.

8 And the second angel sounded, and as it were a great mountain burning with fire was cast into the sea: and the third part of the sea became blood; 9 and there died the third part of the creatures which were in the sea, even they that had 85 souls; and the third part of the ships was destroyed.

10 And the third angel sounded, and there fell from heaven a great star, burning as a torch, and it fell upon the third part of the rivers, and upon the fountains of the waters; 11 and the name of the star is called Wormwood: and the third part of the waters became wormwood: and many men died of the waters, because they were made bitter.

12 And the fourth angel sounded, and the third part of the sun was smitten, and the third part of the moon, and the third part of the stars; that the third part of them should be darkened, and the day should not shine for the third part of it, and the night in like manner.

13 And I saw, and I heard 82 an eagle, flying in mid heaven, saying with a great voice, Woe, woe, woe, for them that dwell on the earth, by reason of the other voices of the trumpet of the three angels, who are yet to sound.

9 And the fifth angel sounded, and I saw a star from heaven fallen unto the earth: and there was given to him the key of the wellshaft of the abyss. 2 And he opened the shaft of the abyss; and there went up a smoke out of the shaft, as the smoke of a great furnace; and the sun and the air were darkened by reason of the smoke of the shaft. 3 And out of the smoke came forth locusts upon the earth; and authority was given to them, as the locusts of the earth have authority. 4 And it was said unto them that they should not hurt the grass of the earth, neither any green thing, neither any tree, but only such men as have not the seal of God on their foreheads. 5 And it was given them that they should not kill them, but that they should be tried five months: and their trial should be five months: and their trial was as the trial of a scorpion, when it striketh a man. 6 And in those days men shall seek death, and shall not find it; and they shall desire to die, and death fleeth from them. 7 And the locusts of the locusts were like unto horses prepared for war; and upon their heads as crowns like unto gold, and their faces were as men’s faces. 8 And they had hair as the hair of women, and their teeth were as the teeth of lions. 9 And they had breastplates, as it were breastplates of iron; and the sound of their wings was as the sound of chariots, of many horses running to war. 10 And they have tails like unto scorpions, and stings; and in their tails is their power to hurt men five months. 11 They have over them as king the angel of the abyss: his name in Hebrew is Abaddon, and in the Greek tongue he hath the name Apollyon.

12 The first Woe is past: behold, there come yet two Woes hereafter.

13 And the sixth angel sounded, and I heard 85 a voice from the horns of the golden altar which is before God, one saying to the sixth angel that had the trumpet. Loose the four angels that are bound at the great river Euphrates. 15 And the four angels were loosed, that had been prepared for the hour and day and month and year, that they should kill the third part of men. 16 And the number of the armies of the horsemen was twice ten thousand times ten thousand: I heard the

80 Gk. The blessing, and the glory, and the etc.
81 Gk. have said
82 Gk. νοος; temple house: or, sanctuary;
83 Or, before See ch. 4:6; Compare ch. 5:6.
84 Or, at Gk. on
85 Gk. many incenses,
86 Gk. give
87 Or, for
88 Gk. hath taken
89 Or. into And in vs. 7.
90 Or. bright lights. And so in ch. 4:5, 11:19, 16:18. Gk. αστραπή (αστρατε, lightning; but Mt and Lk do not use it with that meaning. Cf. Lk 11:36.
91 Or. lives;
92 Gk. one eagle, So p155NA 1611 2053 Αρχαρδόν a syr. r Αραχαρδόν read one angel, 2329 reads one;
93 Or, shapes
94 That is, Destruction ... Destroyer.
95 Gk. one voice ... So p47NA 1611 2053 f1678 a syr.
number of them. 17 And thus I saw the horses in the vision, and them that sat on them, having breastplates as of fire and of hyacinth and of brimstone: and the heads of the horses are as the heads of lions: and out of their mouths proceedeth fire and smoke and brimstone. 18 By these three plagues was the third part of men killed, by the fire and the smoke and the brimstone, which proceeded out of their mouths. 19 For the power of the horses is in their mouth, and in their tails: for their tails are like unto serpents, and have heads; and with them they hurt. 20 And the rest of mankind, who were not killed with these plagues, repented not of the works of their hands, that they should not have worshiped demons, and the idols of gold, and of silver, and of cop[er], and of stone, and of wood; which can neither see, nor hear, nor walk: 21 and they repented not of their murders, nor of their sorceries, nor of their fornication, nor of their thefts.

And I saw another strong angel coming down out of heaven, arrayed with a cloud; and the rainbow was upon his head, and his face was as the sun, and his feet as pillars of fire: 2 and he had in his hand a little book opened: and he set his right foot upon the sea, and his left upon the earth; 3 and he cried with a great voice, as a lion roareth: and when he cried, the seven thunders uttered their voices. 4 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore art thou sorrows out of the angel’s hand, and ate it up; and it was in my mouth should give me the little book. And he saith unto me, Take the little book, and read. 5 And I went unto the angel, saying unto him that he should give me the little book. And he saith unto me, Take the little book, and read. And he said unto me, Take the little book, and read. 6 And I took the little book, and I opened it: and it was empty, and there was no writing therein, 7 but there were seven seals therein, 8 and I heard the thunders speak loud, and I was about to write: 9 and I heard a voice from heaven saying, Seal up the things which the seven thunders uttered, and write them not. 5 And the angel that I saw standing upon the sea and upon the earth lifted up his right hand to heaven, 6 and the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard it again speaking with me, and saying, Go, take the book which is open in the hand of the angel that standeth upon the sea and upon the earth. 9 And I went unto the angel, saying unto him that he should give me the little book. And he saith unto me, Take it, and eat it up; and it shall make thy belly bitter, but in thy mouth it shall be sweet as honey: and when I had eaten it, my belly was made bitter. 11 And they say unto me, Thou must prophesy again, 103 over many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.

11 And there was given me a reed like unto a rod: 104 and one said, Rise, and measure the temple of God, and the altar, and them that worship therein. 2 And the court which is without the temple 107 leave without, and measure it not; for it hath been given unto the 108 nations: and the holy city shall they tread under foot forty-two months. 3 And I will give unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred sixty days, clothed in sackcloth. 4 These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands, standing before the Lord of the earth. 5 And if any man desireth to hurt them, fire proceedeth out of their mouth and devoureth their enemies; and if any man shall desire to hurt them, in this manner must he be killed. 6 These have the authority to shut the heaven that it rain not during the days of their prophecy: and they have authority over the waters to turn them into blood, and to smite the earth with every plague, as often as they shall desire. 7 And when they shall have finished their witness, the beast that cometh up out of the abyss shall make war with them, and overcome them, and kill them. 8 And their dead body lies in the street of the great city, which spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also their Lord was crucified. 9 And from among the peoples and tribes and tongues and nations do men look upon their dead body three days and a half, and suffer not their dead bodies to be laid in a tomb.

10 And they that dwell on the earth rejoice over them, and make merry; and they shall send gifts one to another; because for the Lord of the earth.

12 And so in vs. 2

13 And in that hour there came a great earthquake, and the tenth part of the city fell; and there were killed in the earthquake 12 seven thousand persons: and the rest became affrighted, and gave glory to the God of heaven.

14 The second Woe is past: behold, the third Woe cometh quickly.

15 And the seventh angel sounded; and there came to be great voices in heaven, saying,
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The kingdom of the world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of his Christ: and he shall reign \textsuperscript{113}for ever and ever.

\textbf{16} And the twenty-four elders, who sit before God on their thrones, fell upon their faces and worshipped God, \textit{17} saying,

We give thee thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who art \textit{114}and who wast; even because thou hast taken thy great power, and didst reign. \textbf{18} And the nations were wroth, and thy wrath came, and the time of the dead to be judged, and the \textit{time to give their reward to thy servants} the prophets, and to the saints, and to them that fear thy name, the small and the great; and to destroy them that destroy the earth.

\textbf{19} And there was opened the \textit{116}temple of God that is in heaven; and there was seen in his temple the ark of his covenant; and there came to be lightnings, and voices, and thunders, and an earthquake, and great hail.

\textbf{12} And a great sign was seen in heaven: a woman arrayed with the sun, and the moon under her feet, and upon her head a crown of twelve stars; \textbf{2} and she was with child; and she cried out, travailing in birth, and in pain to be delivered. \textbf{3} And there was seen another sign in heaven: and behold, a great red dragon, having seven heads and ten horns, and upon his heads seven diadems. \textbf{4} And his tail draweth the third part of the stars of heaven, and did cast them to the earth: and the dragon standeth before the woman that is about to be delivered, that when she is delivered he may devour her child. \textbf{5} And she was delivered of a son, a man \textit{child}, who is to rule all the nations of the world with a rod of iron: and her child was caught up unto God, and unto his throne. \textbf{6} And the woman fled into the wilderness, where she hath a place prepared of God, that there they may nourish her a thousand two hundred sixty days.

\textbf{7} And there came to be war in heaven: Michael and his angels \textit{going forth} to war with the dragon; and the dragon warred and his angels; \textbf{8} and they prevailed not, neither was their place found any more in heaven. \textbf{9} And the great dragon was cast down, the old serpent, he that is called the \textit{126}Devil and \textit{Satan}, the deceiver of the whole \textit{120}world; he was cast down into the earth, and his angels were cast down with him. \textbf{10} And I heard a great voice in heaven, saying, \textit{121}Now is come the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, who accuseth them before our God day and night. \textbf{11} And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb, and because of the word of their witness; and they loved not their \textit{122}soul even unto death. \textbf{12} Therefore rejoice, O heavens, and ye that dwell in them. Woe for the earth and for the sea: because the devil is gone down unto you, having great wrath, knowing that he hath but a short time.

\textbf{13} And when the dragon saw that he was cast down to the earth, he persecuted the woman that brought forth the man \textit{child}. \textbf{14} And there were given to the woman the two wings of the great eagle, that she might fly into the wilderness unto her place, where she is nourished for \textit{124}a time, and times, and half a time, \textit{from the face of the serpent}. \textbf{15} And the serpent cast out of his mouth after the woman water as a river, that he might cause her to be carried away by the river. \textbf{16} And the earth helped the woman, and the earth opened her mouth and swallowed up the river which the dragon cast out of his mouth. \textbf{17} And the dragon waxed wroth with the woman, and went away to make war with the rest of her seed, that keep the commandments of God and hold the witness of Jesus: \textbf{18} and \textit{126}he stood upon the sand of the sea.

\textbf{13} And I saw a beast coming up out of the sea, having ten horns and seven heads, and on \textit{126}its horns ten diadems, and upon its heads \textit{127}a name of blasphemy. \textbf{2} And the beast which I saw was like unto a leopard, and its feet as \textit{the feet of a bear}, and its mouth as \textit{a mouth of a lion}: and the dragon gave it its power, and its throne, and great authority. \textbf{3} And \textit{120}I saw one of its heads as though it had been \textit{128}smitten unto death; and its death-stroke was healed: and the whole earth wondered after the beast; \textbf{4} and they \textit{129}worshipped the dragon, because he gave his authority unto the beast; and they worshipped the beast, saying, \textit{Who is like unto the beast? and who is able to war with it? \textbf{5} and there was given to it a mouth speaking great things and blasphemies; and there was given to it authority \textit{130}to continue forty-two months. \textbf{6} And it opened its mouth in blasphemies against God, to blaspheme his name, and his tabernacle, \textit{even} them that \textit{131}dwell in the heaven. \textbf{7} \textit{132}And there was given to it authority over every tribe and people and tongue and nation. \textbf{8} And all that dwell on the earth shall worship him, every one whose name hath not been \textit{133}written from \textit{the foundation of the world} in the book of life of the Lamb that hath been slain. \textbf{9} If any man

\begin{itemize}
\item \textbf{113} Gk. unto the ages of the ages. \textit{And so everywhere.}
\item \textbf{114} So \textit{p\textsuperscript{47}C} N\text{*} 0308 2344 (or, ... and because). \textit{But N\textsuperscript{8}A} 1611 2053 \textit{f\textsuperscript{1678} 94 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., sg read who wast, because \textit{f\textsuperscript{1006} 469 (cop\textsuperscript{9}t) read who wast, and who is to come; because}
\item \textbf{115} Gk. bondservants
\item \textbf{116} Gk. \textit{vao\textsuperscript{2}c}, temple house \textit{or, sanctuary}
\item \textbf{117} Or. Gentiles
\item \textbf{118} Lit. Accuser
\item \textbf{119} Lit. Enemy,
\item \textbf{120} Gk. \textit{oskoumen\textsuperscript{h}}, inhabited earth;
\item \textbf{121} Or. Now is the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom, become our God’s, and the authority is become his Christ’s;
\item \textbf{122} Or. life
\item \textbf{123} Gk. ye that tabernacle in them.
\item \textbf{124} That is, three times and a half,
\item \textbf{125} So \textit{p\textsuperscript{47}C} N\text{*} \textit{vsg\textsuperscript{b}, 1611 2053 f\textsuperscript{1678} 1006 94 p and a minority of lesser Gk. mss., s\textsuperscript{vre} read I stood (which would change vs. 12:18 into the beginning of vs. 13:1)}
\item \textbf{126} Or. his and so to 13:18. \textit{See Marshall’s diaglott.}
\item \textbf{127} So \textit{p\textsuperscript{47}C} \textit{f\textsuperscript{1006} 46h\textsuperscript{e} th. A 1611 2053 f\textsuperscript{1678} 94 M\textsuperscript{K} sg\textsuperscript{v} read names of blasphemy.
\item \textbf{128} Gk. slay
\item \textbf{129} See marginal note on ch. 3:9 (both times). \textit{Similarly in vss. 7, 8, 12 and 15.}
\item \textbf{130} Or. \textit{to do his works during \textit{See Dan 11:28.}}
\item \textbf{131} Gk. tabernacle in
\item \textbf{132} So \textit{p\textsuperscript{47}C} 2053 \textit{M\textsuperscript{K}. But \textit{N\textsuperscript{115}A} (1611) f\textsuperscript{1678} 1006 04 M\textsuperscript{K} sg\textsuperscript{v}(h)p\textsuperscript{th} add And it was given unto him to make war with the saints, and to overcome them: [Whether gloss or homoio-arcton is uncertain.]}
\item \textbf{133} Or. written in the book of life of the Lamb slay from \textit{the foundation of the world.}
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hath an ear, let him hear. 10 If any man is for captivity, he goeth into captivity: 11 if any man shall kill with the sword, so with the sword must he be killed. Here is the patience and the faith of the saints.

11 And I saw another beast coming up out of the earth; and it had two horns like unto a lamb, and it spake as a dragon. 12 And it exerciseth all the authority of the first beast in its sight. And it maketh the earth and them that dwell therein to worship the first beast, of which the death-stroke was healed. 13 And it doeth great signs, that it should even make fire to come down out of heaven upon the earth in the sight of men. 14 And it deceiveth them that dwell on the earth by reason of the signs which it was given to it to do in the sight of the beast; saying to them that dwell on the earth, that they should make an image to the beast whom the stroke of the sword and lived. 15 And it was given unto it to give 16 breath to it, even to the image of the beast, 17 that even the image of the beast should speak; and it shall cause that as many as must he be killed.

16 And it causeth all, the small and the great, and the rich and the poor, and the free and the bond, that there be given them a mark on their right hand, or upon their forehead: 17 and that no man should be able to buy or to sell, save he that hath the mark, even the name of the beast or the number of its name. 18 Here is wisdom. He that hath understanding, let him count the number of the beast; for it is the number of a man: and its number is 1466. Six hundred sixty-six.

14 And I saw, and behold, 14 the Lamb standing on the mount Zion, and with him a hundred forty-four thousand, having his name, and the name of his Father, written on their foreheads. 2 And I heard a voice from heaven, as the voice which I heard as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of a great thunder: and 3 from the Lamb, saying with their harps: 4 and they sang 42 a new song before the throne, and before the four living creatures and the elders:

and no man could learn the song save the hundred forty-four thousand, even they that had been purchased out of the earth. 4 These are they that were not defiled with women; for they are virgins. These are they that follow the Lamb whithersoever he goeth. These were purchased from among men, 5 to be firstfruits unto God and unto the Lamb. 5 And in their mouth was found no lie: they are without blemish. 6 And I saw 6 another angel flying in mid heaven, having eternal good tidings to proclaim unto them that 7 sit on the earth, and unto every nation and tribe and tongue and people; 7 and he saith with a great voice, Fear God, and give him glory; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made the heaven and the earth and sea and fountains of waters.

8 And 8 another angel, a second, followed, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, that hath made all the nations to drink of the wine of the wrath of her fornication. 9 And another angel, a third, followed them, saying with a great voice, If any man worshippeth the beast and his image, and receiveth a mark on his forehead, or upon his hand, 10 he also shall drink of the wine of the wrath of God, which is prepared undiluted in the cup of his anger; and he shall be put to the test with fire and brimstone in the sight of the holy angels, and in the sight of the Lamb: 11 and the smoke of their trial goeth up forever and ever; and they have no rest day and night, that they worship the beast and his image, and whoso receiveth the mark of its name. 12 Here is the patience of the saints, that they keep the commandments of God, and the faith of Jesus.

13 And I heard a voice from heaven saying, Write, Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth: 14 Yes, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; for their works follow with them.

14 And I saw, and behold, a white cloud; and on the cloud I saw one sitting like unto a son of man, having on his head a
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and a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the temple, crying with a great voice to him that sitteth on the cloud, Send forth thy sickle, and reap: for the hour to reap is come; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sitteth on the cloud cast his sickle upon the earth; and the earth was reaped.

And another angel came out from the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, he that hath authority over the fire; and he called with a great voice to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Send forth thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel cast his sickle into the earth, and gathered the clusters of the vine of the earth, and cast it into the winepress, the great winepress, of the wrath of God. And the winepress was trodden without the city, and there came out blood from the winepress, even unto the bridles of the horses, as far as a thousand six hundred 187 furlongs.

And I saw another sign in heaven, great and marvellous, seven angels having seven plagues, which are the last, for in them is finished the wrath of God.

And I saw as it were a 158 sea of glass mingled with fire; and them that come off victorious from the beast, and from his last, for in them is finished the wrath of God.

For the hour to reap is come; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. Him that sitteth on the cloud, Send forth thy sickle, and reap: for the hour to reap is come; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And the first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a dried earth.

And the second went, and poured out his bowl into the sea; and it became blood like of a dead man; and every living soul died, even the things that were in the sea.

And the third went, and poured out his bowl into the rivers and the fountains of the waters; and it became blood. And every living soul died, which is in the rivers, and in the fountains of the waters; and it became blood.

And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, O Lord, that maketh holy and true the one that taketh part in the great war of the day of God, the Almighty, and from his kingdom; and none was able to enter into the temple, till the seven plagues of the seven angels should be finished.

And I heard a great voice out of the temple, saying to the seven angels, Go ye, and pour out the seven bowls of the wrath of God into the earth.

And the first went, and poured out his bowl into the earth; and it became a dried earth.

And the second went, and poured out his bowl into the sea; and it became blood like of a dead man; and every living soul died, even the things that were in the sea.

And the third went, and poured out his bowl into the rivers and the fountains of the waters; and it became blood. And every living soul died, which is in the rivers, and in the fountains of the waters; and it became blood.

And I heard the angel of the waters saying, Righteous art thou, O Lord God, the Almighty, true and righteous are thy judgments.

And the fourth went, and poured out his bowl upon the sun; and it became a great heat: and they blasphemed the name of God who hath the authority over these plagues; and they repented not to give him glory.

And the fifth went, and poured out his bowl upon the throne of the beast; and its kingdom became darkened; and they gnawed their tongues for pain, and they blasphemed the God of heaven because of their pains and their sores; and they repented not of their works.

And the sixth went, and poured out his bowl upon the great river, the river Euphrates; and the water thereof was dried up, that the way might be made ready for the kings that come from the sunrising. And I saw coming out of the mouth of the dragon, and out of the mouth of the beast, and out of the mouth of the false prophet, three unclean spirits, as it were frogs: for they are spirits of demons, working signs; which go forth unto the kings of the whole 172 world, to gather them together unto the war of the great day of God, the Almighty.

( Behold, I come as a thief. Blessed is he that watcheth, and keepeth his garments, lest he walk naked, and they see

simply in vss. 6, 8.

153 Gk. ναός, temple house, or, sanctuary, And similarly in vs. 17.
154 Gk. become dry.
155 Or, came forth out from the altar, he that  So p 1611 2053 (vg). But S f 1006 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss.,  (eth) read came forth out from the altar, he that 166 C 2329 read came forth out from the altar, the one that
156 Or, grape-clusters of the earth,
157 Gk. stadia. 606½ feet each.  So Thayer’s lexicon.
158 Or, glassy sea (twice)  Compare 1Ki 7:23-26.
159 Gk. upon
160 Gk. bondservant
161 So p 1678 94 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss.  read King of the nations.  But p 1678 1611 2053 (2062) (f 1006) syr and read and they became blood.
162 Gk. ναός, temple house or, sanctuary (twice)  And similarly in vss. 6, 8.
163 So CA 2053 2062 vg almost alone.  (Cf. Ez 28:13.) But p 1678 1611 and most read in linen.  (Cf. ch. 19:8, 14.)
164 Gk. ναός, temple house or, sanctuary (twice) And similarly in ch. 16:1, 17.
165 Or, there came  And so in vss. 3, 4.
166 See marginal note on ch. 3:9.
167 Gk. soul of life
168 So CA f 1678 94 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg.  But p 1678 1611 2053 (2062) (f 1006) syr and read and they became blood.
169 Or, judge. 6 Because they poured out  prophets, thou hast given them blood also to drink:
170 Or, him
171 Or, upon
172 Gk. οίκουμένη, inhabited earth,
his shame.) 16 And he gathered them together into the place which is called in Hebrew 173 Har-Mageddon.

17 And the seventh poured out his bowl upon the air; and there came forth a great voice out of the 174 temple, from the throne, saying, 175 It is come to be. 18 And there came to be lightnings, and voices, and thunders; and there came to be a great earthquake, such as was not since 176 there came to be men upon the earth, so great an earthquake, so mighty.

19 And the great city came to be divided into three parts, and the cities of the 177 nations fell: and Babylon the great was remembered in the sight of God, to give unto her the cup of the wine of the fierceness of his wrath. 20 And every island fled away, and the mountains were not found. 21 And great hail, every stone about the 178 weight of a talent, cometh down out of heaven upon men: and men blasphemed God because of the plague of the hail; for the plague thereof is exceeding great.

17 And there came one of the seven angels that had the seven bowls, and spake with me, saying, Come hither, I will show thee the condemnation of the great harlot that sitteth upon many waters; 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and that they dwell in the earth were made drunken with the wine of her fornication. 3 And he carried me away in the spirit into a wilderness: and I saw a woman sitting upon a scarlet-colored beast, 179 full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 And the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and 180 decked with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations, 181 even the unclean things of her fornication, 5 and upon her forehead a name written, 182 a mystery, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF THE HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.

6 And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints, and with the blood of the 183 martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I wondered with a great wonder. 7 And the angel said unto me, Wherefore didst thou wonder? I will tell thee the mystery of the woman, and of the beast that carrieth her, which hath the seven heads and the ten horns. 8 The beast that thou sawest was not, and is not; and is about to come up out of the abyss, 184 and to go into perdition. And they that dwell on the earth shall wonder, they whose name hath not been written in the book of life from the foundation of the world, when they behold the beast, how that it was, and is not, and shall be present. 9 Here is the 185 mind that hath wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains, on which the woman sitteth: 10 and they are seven kings; the five are fallen, the one is, the other is not yet come; and when he cometh, he must continue a while. 11 And the beast that was, and is not, is himself also an eighth, and is of the seven; and he goeth into perdition. 12 And the ten horns that thou sawest are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom; but they receive authority as kings, with the beast, for one hour. 13 These have one mind, and they give their power and authority unto the beast. 14 These shall war against the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for he is Lord of lords, and King of kings; and they also shall overcome that are with him, called and chosen and faithful. 15 And he saith unto me, The waters which thou sawest, where the harlot sitteth, are peoples, and multitudes, and nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which thou sawest, and the beast, these shall hate the harlot, and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh, and shall burn her utterly in fire. 17 For God did put in their hearts to do his mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom unto the beast, until the words of God should be accomplished. 18 And the woman whom thou sawest is the great city, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.

18 After these things I saw another angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was lightened with his glory. 2 And he cried with a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great, and is become a habitation of demons, and a hold of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful bird. 3 For 184 the wrath of her fornication all the nations 185 are fallen; and the kings of the earth committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth waxed rich by the power of her 186 wantonness.

4 And I heard another voice from heaven, saying, Come forth, my people, out of her, that ye have no fellowship with her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues: 5 for her sins

173 Or, Ar-Magedon. or, Mount Megiddo.
174 So p47 A 1611 2053 2062 f1678 vg syr. 94 234444 79244 1854 82 read heaven from the throne, N (f808) read temple of God, 469 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read temple of heaven from the throne,
175 Or, It has happened. Similar to ch. 21:6.
176 (P) A almost alone read there was a man upon etc.
177 Or, Gentiles
178 About 45 cm diameter; if literal. Cf. Mt 18:24.
179 Or, names full of blasphemy,
180 Gk. gilded with gold and
181 Or, and of the unclean things
182 So A f1678,1006 2344 vg eth. But 1611 2053 2062 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read fornication of the earth, N (cop) read fornication of her and of the earth,
183 Or, MYSTERY,
184 Or, witnesses See ch. 2:13.
185 So N f1678,1006 and most lesser Gk. mss., vg syri.

But A 1611 2053 2062 eth syri read and he goeth
186 Gk. on
187 Or, meaning
188 Or, there are
189 Or, prison (both times)
190 So C904 N 2053 2062 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg. A reads of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean and hateful beast. 1611 1854 2090 read of every unclean bird. 2329 syri eth read of every unclean spirit, and a hold of every unclean bird, and a hold of every unclean and hateful beast.
191 So (C) A 1611 2053 2062 vg. N f1006 234444 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., syry cop read by the wine of the wrath of her fornication f506 2090 arm read by the wrath of the wine of her fornication 1854 syri read by the wine of her fornication
192 Gk. have stumbled; So CNA 1611 (2053 2062) and most lesser Gk. mss., eth. (P) 2329 vg syri read are drunken;
193 Or, luxury
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194 have reached even unto heaven, and God hath remembered her iniquities. 6 Render unto her even as she rendered, and double unto her the double according to her works: in the cup which she mingled, mingle unto her double strength. 7 How much soever she glorified herself, and waxed wanton, so much give her of trial and mourning: for she saith in her heart, I sit a queen, and am no widow, and shall in no wise see mourning. 8 Therefore in one day shall her plagues have come, death, and mourning, and famine; and she shall be utterly burned in fire; for strong is the Lord God who judged her. 9 And the kings of the earth, who committed fornication and lived wantonly with her, shall weep and wail over her, when they look upon the smoke of her burning. 10 Standing afar off for the fear of her trial, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, Babylon, the strong city! for in one hour is thy judgment come. 11 And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn over her, for no man buyeth their 197 merchandise any more; 12 merchandise of gold, and silver, and precious stone, and pearls, and fine linen, and purple, and silk, and scarlet; and all thine wood, and every vessel of ivory, and every vessel made of most precious wood, and of copper, and iron, and marble; 13 and cinnamon, and 198 spice, and incense, and ointment, and frankincense, and wine, and oil, and fine flour, and meat, and cattle, and sheep; and merchandise of horses and chariots and 200 slaves; and 201 souls of men. 14 And the fruits which thy soul lusted after are gone from thee, and all things that were dainty and sumptuous are perished from thee, and men shall find them no more at all. 15 The merchants of these things, who were made rich by her, shall stand afar off for the fear of her trial, weeping and mourning; 16 saying, Woe, woe, the great city, she was arrayed in fine linen and purple and scarlet, and 202 decked with gold and precious stone and pearl! 17 for in one hour so great riches is made desolate. And every shipmaster, and every one 203 that saileth any whither, and mariners, and as many as 204 gain their living by sea, stood afar off, 18 and cried out as they looked upon the smoke of her burning, saying, What city is like the great city? 19 And they cast dust on their heads, and cried, weeping and mourning, saying, Woe, woe, the great city, wherein all that had their ships in the sea were made rich by reason of her costliness! for in one hour is she made desolate. 20 Rejoice over her, thou heaven, and ye saints, and ye apostles, and ye prophets; for God hath judged your judgment on her.

21 And 206 a strong angel took up a stone as it were a great millstone and cast it into the sea, saying, Thus with violence shall Babylon, the great city, be cast down, and shall be found no more at all. 22 And the voice of harpers and minstrels and flute-players and trumpeters shall be heard no more at all in thee; and no craftsman, 207 of whatsoever craft, shall be found any more at all in thee; and the voice of a mill shall be heard no more at all in thee; 23 and the light of a lamp shall shine no more at all in thee; and the voice of the bridegroom and of the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee: for thy merchants were the princes of the earth; for with thine sorcery were all the nations deceived. 24 And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all that have been slain upon the earth.

19 After these things I heard as it were a great voice of a multitude in heaven, saying,

Hallelujah; Salvation, and the glory, and the power, belong to our God: 2 for true and righteous are his judgments; for he hath judged the great harlot, her that corrupted the earth with her fornication, and he hath avenged the blood of his servants at her hand.

3 And a second time they 208 say, Hallelujah. And her smoke goeth up 209 ever and ever. 4 And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshipped God that sitteth on the throne, saying, Amen; Hallelujah. 5 And a voice came forth from the throne, saying,

Give praise to our God, all ye his 210 servants, 211 ye that fear him, the small and the great.

6 And I heard as it were the voice of a great multitude, and as the voice of many waters, and as the voice of strong thunders, saying,

Hallelujah: for 212 the Lord our God, the Almighty, reigneth. 7 Let us rejoice and be exceeding glad, and 213 let us give the glory unto him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready. 8 And it was given unto her that she should array herself in fine linen, bright and pure: for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints.

9 And he saith unto me, Write, Blessed are they that are bidden to the marriage supper of the Lamb. And he saith unto me, These are true words of God. 10 And I fell down before his feet to worship him. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy

194 Or, joined together
195 Or, luxuriously
196 Or, luxuriously
197 Gk. cargo Also in vs. 12.
198 A f 1006 vg (eth) virtually alone read of precious stone,
199 Gk. amomum,
200 Gk. bodies; Gen. 38:6 (in Septuagint version).
201 Or, lives Gk. ψυχή, psyche.
202 Gk. gilded in gold and
203 Lit. sailing to a place, So CA (1611) f 1006 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg. 2329 read sailing to the place,
204 Gk. work the sea,
brethren that hold the witness of Jesus: worship God: for the witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy.

11 And I saw the heaven opened; and behold, a white horse, and he that sitteth thereon is called Faithful and True; and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.

12 And his eyes are as the flame of fire, and upon his head are many diadems; and he hath a name written which no one knoweth but he himself. 13 And he is arrayed in a garment sprinkled itself and a great chain about his arm.

14 And the armies which are in heaven followed him upon white horses, clothed in fine linen, white and pure. 15 And out of his mouth proceedeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations: and he shall rule them with a rod of iron: and he treadeth the winepress of the fierceness of the wrath of God, the Almighty. 16 And he hath on his garment and on his thigh a name written,

**KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS.**

17 And I saw an angel standing in the sun; and he cried with a loud voice, saying to all the birds that fly in mid heaven, Come and be gathered together unto the great supper of God; 18 that ye may eat the flesh of kings, and the flesh of captains, and the flesh of strong men, and the flesh of horses and of them that sit thereon, and the flesh of all men, both free and bond, and small and great.

19 And I saw the beast, and the kings of the earth, and their armies, gathered together to make war against him that sitteth upon the horse, and against his army. 20 And the beast was taken, and with it the false prophet that wrought the signs in its sight, whereewith he deceived them that had received the mark of the beast and them that worshipped its image: they two were cast alive into the lake of fire that burneth with brimstone: 21 and the rest were killed with the sword of him that sitteth upon the horse, even the sword which cometh forth out of his mouth: and all the birds were filled with their flesh.

20 And I saw an angel coming down out of heaven, having the key of the abyss and a great chain in his hand. 2 And he laid hold on the dragon, the old serpent, which is the Devil and Satan, and bound him for a thousand years, 3 and cast him into the abyss, and shut it, and sealed it over him, that he should deceive the nations no more, until the thousand years should be finished: after these things he must be loosed for a little time.

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4 And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them: even I saw the souls of them that had been beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and such as worshipped not the beast, neither its image, and received not the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand; and they lived, and reigned with Christ a thousand years. 5 This is the first resurrection. 6 Blessed and holy is he that hath part in the first resurrection: over these the second death hath no authority; but they shall be priests of God and of Christ, and shall reign with him a thousand years.

7 And when the thousand years are finished, Satan shall be loosed out of his prison, 8 and shall come forth to deceive the nations which are in the four corners of the earth (Gog and Magog, to gather them together to the war), the number of whom is as the sand of the sea. 9 And they went up over the breadth of the earth, and compassed the camp of the saints about, and the beloved city: and fire came down from God out of heaven, and devoured them. 10 And the devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire and brimstone, where are also the beast and the false prophet; and they shall be put to the test day and night forever and ever.

11 And I saw a great white throne, and him that sitteth upon it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away; and there was found no place for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne; and books were opened: and another book was opened, which is the book of life: and the dead were judged out of the things which were written in the books, according to their works. 13 And the sea gave up the dead that were in it; and death and Hades gave up the dead that were in them: and they were judged every man according to their works. 14 And death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death, even the lake of fire. 15 And if any was not found written in the book of life, he was cast into the lake of fire.

21 And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth are passed away; and the sea is no more. 2 And I saw an holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, made ready as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a great voice out of the throne saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he shall dwell with them, and they shall be his peoples, and God himself shall be with them, and be their

worthy Gk. mss.) read ... lived not again until ...
225 So N 1611 2053 2062 f 1678 94 syr cop. But A 2050 f 1006 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., eth arm read a thousand years. [Latin does not distinguish.]
226 So N 1611 2053 2062 2050 f 1006 vg syr². But A eth omit from God. 239 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss., syr² cop read out of heaven from God, 1854 omit out of heaven
227 Lit. rubbed on a touchstone (a test for genuineness of gold or similar metal) [Gk. basanizō]
228 Gk. unto the ages of the ages. And so elsewhere.
229 Or, the holy city Jerusalem coming down new out of heaven
230 Gk. tabernacle with them.
231 So N A 2053 2062 f 1678 2050 94. But 1611 f 1006 and the majority of lesser Gk. mss., vg syr cop read his people,
232 So N 2053 2062 (2050) vg eth. (N) 94 M² read shall be with them: 1611 f 1006 cop² read shall be with them God: P 209 M² read shall be with them their God:
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22 And he showed me a river of water of life, bright as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the midst of the street thereof. And on this side of the river and on that is the tree of life, bearing twelve kinds of fruits, yielding its fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. And 23 and there shall be no more curse: and the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be therein: and his servants shall serve him; and they shall see his face; and his name shall be on their foreheads. And there shall be no night any longer: and they need no light of lamp, neither light of sun; for the Lord God shall give them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.

And he said unto me, These words are faithful and true: and the Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show unto his servants the things which must shortly come to pass. 27 And behold, I come quickly. Blessed is he that keepeth the words of the prophecy of this book.

And I John am he that heareth and seeth these things. And when I heard and saw, I fell down to worship before the feet of the angel that showed me these things. And he saith unto me, See thou do it not: I am a fellow-servant with thee and with thy brethren the prophets, and with them that keep the words of this book: worship God.

And he saith unto me, Seal not up the words of the prophecy of this book: for the time is at hand. 29 He that is unrighteous, let him do unrighteousness still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness.
is filthy, let him be made filthy still: and he that is righteous, let him do righteousness still: and he that is holy, let him be made holy still. 12 Behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to render to each man according as his work is. 13 I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end. 14 Blessed are they that wash their robes, that they may have authority over the tree of life, and may enter in by the gates into the city. 15 Without are the dogs, and the sorcerers, and the fornicators, and the murderers, and the idolaters, and every one that loveth and maketh a lie.

16 I Jesus have sent mine angel to witness unto you these things unto the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, the bright, the morning star.

17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And he that heareth, let him say, Come. And he that is athirst, let him come: he that will, let him receive the water of life freely.

18 I witness unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall add unto them, God shall add unto him the plagues which are written in this book: and if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part from the tree of life, and out of the holy city, 19 which are written in this book.

20 He who witnesseth these things saith, Yes: I come quickly. Amen: come, Lord Jesus.

21 The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

259 Or, wages are

260 So NA (f1678 2050) ((syrph)) almost alone. 2053 2062 f1006 94 and a majority of lesser Gk. mss. read as his work shall be. 469 792 (1852**) and 13 lesser Gk. mss., vg (eth syrph) read to his work. (omitting is)

261 Or, the beginning and the consummation.

262 Or, doeth Compare ch. 21:27.

263 Gk. over or, upon And twice in vs. 18.

264 Or, Both

265 Or, even from the things which are written

266 So 2053 2062 f1678 94 and most Gk mss., syr. A vg read with all. N (2329) read with the saints. Amen. 2050 (eth with you ...) reads with us all. Amen. f1006 reads with all the saints.
APPENDIX I

Introduction to Use of the Greek New Testament Manuscripts

For faithful preservation of ancient writings through the centuries, the Greek New Testament has been second only to the Hebrew Old Testament. Although Benjamin Wilson says the King James Bible (KJV, or AV for Authorized Version) “has been convicted of containing over 20,000 errors” (due both to altered Greek text and deficient translation), nowhere near a thousand significantly affect the meaning,⁴ and fewer than a hundred would influence the reader’s understanding of the Bible message. Nevertheless, it is to correct these significant corruptions of the word of God that the ancient manuscripts have been sought out and tirelessly researched.

The search for ancient and better manuscripts began in the Reformation and has to date yielded over forty manuscripts from before the time of Constantine and the Imperial text type, and over one hundred from 5th century and earlier, out of a total pool of over 3,300 (excluding lectionaries, ostraca and talismans). The text type found in a majority of the earliest manuscripts is preserved in the Sinaitic and Vatican 1209 manuscripts, and is tenaciously held by even a few manuscripts as late as the 13th and 14th centuries. More than fifty important manuscripts and more than eight early versions (translations into ancient languages) are described here. Basic principles for using evidence from the manuscripts are summarized; the reader is then introduced to GNT⁴, Nestle⁷⁷ and ²⁸, Hoskier and others, and to categories of manuscript reliability.

In Part I, Manuscripts and Text Evaluation, an introduction to using the Greek New Testament evidence is followed by examples from five texts. Some of the texts are selected from among those with substantial theological significance; so the reader need not feel too intimidated to tackle others. Three more texts are given as exercises for the reader to fill out and evaluate. (In not every selected case is the original reading conclusively determined from the manuscript evidence presently known.) Several tables are appended to assist the reader in evaluating over one hundred of the best manuscripts.

Part II, A List of Corrections to the AV New Testament, is a collection of corrections to the AV (Authorized Version, or King James translation), together with the higher-quality manuscript evidence for each.

This introduction to the manuscripts will not transform the reader into an instant expert, but it should enable him to distinguish between a well-founded correction and a weakly-founded subjective claim.

Part I. Manuscripts and Text Evaluation

Greek New Testament manuscripts (mss.) are generally divided for convenience into three groups:

Papyri (plural of papyrus), perhaps 40% are before the advent of Constantine (312 AD); of those with “strict text,” 80-90% were written before Constantine. (about 120 mss.²)

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(1) Most alterations in the manuscripts are of little more significance than “And he saith” vs. “And he saith unto them.” Several significant alterations in some manuscripts — especially later manuscripts — failed to gain much of a following.
Vellum or parchment (pergament), written in uncial (bold block letters), also called majuscules, mostly from the 4th to 10th centuries. (about 300 mss.)

Vellum, and rarely paper, written in script (connected letters, as modern handwriting), also called minuscules or cursive, from the 9th to 17th centuries. (nearly 3,000 mss.)

In 1448 Johann Gutenberg invented the printing press and printed first the Latin Vulgate Bible. Consequently, within two centuries the need for handwriting of Bibles disappeared. Then, the search for the more ancient manuscripts accelerated.

Variations among the manuscripts were known early. In the 16th century Desiderius Erasmus was sorely criticized for omitting the three heavenly witnesses part of 1Jo 5:7-8 (which by then had been added to the Latin Vulgate) in his first two editions of the Greek New Testament; he finally agreed to insert it in his third edition if even one Greek manuscript could be found containing it. The ink was hardly dry when they brought him one (#61, of the 16th century). Isaac Newton protested the alterations of both 1Jo 5:7-8 and 1Tm 3:16, based on the Greek manuscripts (“On Two Notable Corruptions of Holy Scripture,” published posthumously in 1727).

A series of Englishmen and Germans began correcting the Textus Receptus (the so-called “received text,” essentially the same as that of Erasmus) from more ancient manuscripts: John Mill (1707), Daniel Mace (1729), Johann A. Bengel (1734), J.J. Wettstein (1751-1752), J.J. Griesbach (1775-1806), and Karl Lachmann (1831-1850) paved the way for Constantin von Tischendorf to find and publish dozens of uncial Greek mss. (“Monumenta Sacra Inedita”), and to publish the monumental “Editio octava critica maior” critical edition of the Greek New Testament (1869-1872). Further notable Greek New Testaments were edited by Samuel P. Tregelles (1857-1872), Westcott & Hort (1881), and finally Eberhard Nestle (1898), whose “Novum Testamentum Graece” is now in its 28th edition (2012). Passing over five Greek New Testament editions, H. von Soden (1902-1913; extensive, but somewhat unreliable and torturous), British & Foreign Bible Society (1904, 1958), and the Roman Catholic editions of H. J. Vogels (1922, 1955), A. Merk (1933, 1984), and J.M. Bover (1943, 1968), now the United Bible Societies’ “Greek New Testament” (1966, 1993) is the other current standard critical edition of the Greek New Testament, presently in its 4th edition. GNT (UBS4) gives extensive manuscript evidence for over 1,400 (1,432 by one count) variants in the text. On the other hand, Nestle27 footnotes closer to ten thousand variants in its critical apparatus, though with far fewer mss. cited for each variant. The Greek text itself is now the same for both, and — with a very few notable exceptions — may be considered to be what the apostles originally wrote.

Different Text Types

A Greek text in Constantinople in the 4th century appears to have become the imperially-sanctioned text from that time forward, though no such text is as yet known to us before 026 (“Q”) of the 5th century. K. Aland classifies mss. before Constantine in four groups: strict text — varying little from a common early Greek text; normal text — varying a little more from the common early text; free text — varying quite a bit from the common early text, and usually varying quite a bit from each other; and Western text — showing some strong affinities with D, the Codex Bezae of the 5th century. Of the pre-Constantine mss., at least 20% exhibit strict text, and perhaps 68% exhibit strict or normal text. Only about 22% show free text, while still fewer — about 9% — are Western in flavor. The first example of a ms. close to the modern Majority Text (also called Textus Receptus) is 026 of the 5th century. More than 80 mss. older than 026 have been found, all of which are materially different from the Majority Text (M, also called Byzantine, or Koine, sometimes with slight distinctions). (The next closest would be the gospels text of the Alexandrian, but it also is 5th century, though likely earlier than 026.) The strong coherence of early papyri, and the lack of

(2) One third of New Testament papyri were dug from the Christian (non-Gnostic) community at Oxyrhynchus, Egypt; at least half are from the 3rd century, with a few from still earlier.
Majority Text before the 5th century, weigh heavily in favor of the former representing the text delivered by the apostles.  

**Manuscript Designations and Symbols**

Each critical edition has footnotes indicating which mss. have each reading of a particular text. Wettstein in 1751, to be concise, assigned a capital letter of the alphabet to each uncial ms. then known and an Arabic numeral to each minuscule. Afterwards, others were assigned capital letters to uncial mss. as they were discovered. By the time Tischendorf went to Sinai and discovered a complete uncial ms. of the 4th century, all Germanic and Greek capital letters had already been assigned; so he assigned to it the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet, \( \aleph \) (aleph). By 1908 the number of known uncials had grown so that Tischendorf’s successor, Caspar René Gregory, assigned each one a bold number beginning with a zero, e.g., \( 01 (N) \), \( 02 (A) \), \( 03 (B) \), \( 04 (C) \), \( 05 (D) \), \( 06 (Dpaul) \), etc., and he assigned numbers to the papyri (papyrus mss.), e.g., \( p^1 \), \( p^2 \), \( p^3 \), etc. The cursives (minuscules) were assigned ordinary numbers. [Symbols were also assigned to lectionaries (l1 to l2812, or higher), and later even to ostraca (potsherds) and talismans (\( \Theta^1 \) to \( \Theta^{25} \), \( \delta^1 \) to \( \delta^9 \)), though they are of relatively little value in determining the text written by the apostles. Ostraca and talismans are ignored today.] Ernst von Dobschütz, Walter Eltester, and Kurt Aland succeeded Gregory in assigning numbers to newly discovered manuscripts.

Correctors have made changes (beneficial and otherwise) in some mss. For example, Codex Sinaiticus had two correctors not long after the original scribe: the scribe’s text is designated by \( \aleph^* \), and the correctors by \( \aleph^a \) and \( \aleph^b \). [Aland appears to combine the latter two into a single symbol \( \aleph^* \) ("4th-6th” centuries), but it poses confusion for texts like Mt 24:36, where \( \aleph^a \) is recorrected by \( \aleph^b \) back to the reading of the original scribe, \( \aleph^* \).] Later correctors are designated by \( \aleph^c \), \( \aleph^{ca} \), \( \aleph^{cb} \), etc. (all 7th century), or even \( \aleph^e \) (12th century) (or \( \aleph^2 \) and \( \aleph^6 \) by Aland), but these are of relatively little value.

Sometimes the reading of interest falls in a lacuna (hole) in the manuscript, but the original reading may be inferred, because there is too little or too much space for the other likely readings (though readings of comparable length cannot be ruled out); such a videtur is designated by a superscript vid; e.g., \( p^{75vid} \) in Lk 5:38. Sometimes in a ms. with both scripture text and commentary, the two may disagree, as for Rv 20:5 where 2053\text{txt} (the text) omits (both times), but 2053\text{comm} includes, the first sentence (likewise, 2062\text{txt} versus 2062\text{comm}). Occasionally an alternative reading may be given in the margin, e.g., 1424\text{mg} adds Jo 7:53-8:11 (with obelisks to mark it dubious).

**Selected Good Manuscripts and Versions**

The more important papyri, uncials and minuscules are sketched below. Perhaps the primary value of the many tiny pre-Constantine papyri is as an arbiter between the BN, D ("Western"), and Byzantine text types. Nestle gives contents of the papyri and uncials.


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(3) There is wider variation of Byzantine (Constantinopolitan) manuscripts from the Majority Text than among strict- and normal-text papyri from each other or from \( N \) and B.

(4) Other Hebrew letters were added, but only \( N \) was retained in the 20th century.

(5) It is possible that the first corrector was the original scribe himself, though it is not at all certain.


p52 Jo 18:31-33, 37-38. ca. 125. normal text. (The hypothesis that John had not been written before the late 3rd century had already fallen from academic favor before this fragment was discovered and published.) Manchester, England: John Rylands Library, Gr. P. 457.


p101-104 P. Oxy #4401-4404 represent pre-Constantine fragments of Matthew published in 1997. P. Oxy 4405 belongs to p77. (Oxyrhynchus was an early Christian community in Egypt.)


Uncials

01 N T. complete (plus most of the Septuagint O.T.). mid-4th C. Sinaiticus. Perhaps too hastily written, as there are many careless errors throughout. Yet, there appear to be still fewer theologically-motivated changes than in B (Vatican 1209). Occasional evidences of updated orthography. Not superior in Luke. ( Loose leaves discovered by Tischendorf in 1844 and 1859 until the complete N.T. had been found.) Facsimile edition by Kirsopp Lake, Oxford (1911). N⁰ and Nᵇ are early and fairly good correctors; N⁶ and N⁸ are much later and not worth much to us today. London: British Museum, Add. 43725.

02 A N.T., except Mt 1:1-25:6; Jo 6:50-8:52, 2Co 4:13-12:6 are lost. early 5th C. Alexandrian. At its best in Rv, where it is comparable to N, though not nearly as good as C. The gospels text is of modest accuracy, at best, largely anticipating the later Majority Text. The rest of the N.T. is very good (Category I), though not generally comparable to B. Facsimile edition by F.G. Kenyon (1909). In Alexandria from 11th C. to 1628, when given to King Charles I of England. London: British Museum, Royal I D.VIII.

03 B N.T., except Hb 9:14-end, pastoral epistles, Rv are lost. mid-4th C., possibly slightly older than Ν. Vaticanus. The overall best extensive ms., except perhaps in Paul. Perhaps not quite as theologically underdoctored as Ν, but much more carefully written. The basis of the Westcott and Hort Greek N.T. text. Strongly supported in Lk-Jo by p75. (Possibly brought to Rome by the Crusades.) Erasmus knew of it in 1533. One of the spoils Napoleon brought to Paris (until 1815), where its value first became widely known. Facsimile editions in 1904 and 1968. Rome: Vatican Library, Gr. 1209.
04 C About 60% of the N.T. 5th C., maybe slightly later than A. Ephraemi (Bible text scraped off, overwritten with Aramaic writings of Ephraem; called a “palimpsest”). The best manuscript of Rv, though incomplete. Very good text in Paul. Mediocre in Luke and Matthew. At least Category II elsewhere, though not comparable to B. Brought to Paris ca. 1570. Paris: Bibliothèque Nationale, Gr. 9.

05 Dea Most of gospels and Acts. 5th C. Bezae. Greek and Latin in parallel columns. The chief exemplar of the so-called “Western” text type, to which Category IV is assigned. Many interpolations and theological alterations. Cambridge: University Library, Nn. II 41.

06 Dp All of Paul, except Ro 1:1-7, 1:27-30, 1Co 14:13-22 (the latter two supplied by a later scribe). 6th C. Claromontanus. Greek and Latin in parallel columns. A text of good accuracy (06 or 06*, Category II), though its corrector, 06c, is no better than Category III. Paris: Bibliothèque Nationale, Gr. 107, 107AB. Somewhat similar are two good quality Greek-Latin diglotts (interlinear diglots) of the late 9th C.: 010 Fp, Augiensis (Hebrews: Vulgate only, no Greek) Cambridge: Trinity College, B.XVII.1, and the similar 012 Gp, (lacks Hebrews altogether), Dresden: Sächsische Landesbibliothek, A 145b.

016 I Fragments of Paul: 1Co-Hb. 5th C.? High quality. (Aland calls it Category II, though his data suggest Category I.) Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution, Freer Gallery of Art 06.275. (Agrees more with S than with B.)


032 W Greater part of the gospels. 5th C. Variable quality, good at best. Washington, D.C.: Smithsonian Institution, Freer Gallery of Art 06.274.


040 (Ξ) and 070, 6th C. Fragments in Luke, which also merit honorable mention for high quality.


048 Fragments of Ac 26:4 — 3Jo 15. 5th C. double palimpsest (twice overwritten). Good quality. Rome: Vatican Library, Gr. 2061.


0274 Fragments of Mk 6-10. 5th C. Extraordinarily good quality. London: Egyptian Exploration Society.

0281 Fragments of Matthew, 7th or 8th C. Extraordinarily good quality. Sinai: MG29.

(6) Class and Category are nearly equivalent, with the latter denoting Aland’s assessments. I is best, V is poorest.
Minuscules

33 Most of the N.T. except Rv, and a few chapters in Mk and Lk. 9th C. Generally good quality throughout; especially good in Paul. Paris: Bibliothèque Nationale Gr. 14.


1175 Acts and Epistles, except for some of the latter part of Paul. 11th C. Good in Acts and Paul, though apparently somewhat overrated by Aland. Patmos: Ioannou, 16.


1506 Gospels, except Jo 21:2-8, 11-14, 16-19, and some of Paul. AD 1320. Very good in Paul, though in time past usually overlooked by scholars. Athos: Lavra, B’ 89.


1678 N.T., except Mt 16:17-end, and Jo 1:1-6:47. 14th C. (Hoskier #240.) In Revelation, family 1678 (f. 1678) represents an extensive revision of the earlier Aecumenius (Oecumenius) text. Though less accurate, it is nevertheless of good quality (Category II). The Acts text is fairly good (Category III), while the rest is unnoteworthy. Athos: Panteleimonous, 770. “Æcumenius-B” f. 1678 = 1678 + 2080 + 1778 + 052 (+ 2020).


2053 Revelation complete, with Aecumenius’ commentary intertwined. 13th C. (Hoskier #146.) “Aecumenius-A.” Most parts of the text are repeated: first a paragraph of text is written, then a clause is repeated, then the commentary, then the next line, etc. This repetition and intertwining would make it difficult for a scribe to modify the text. This is therefore one of the few manuscripts which reliably preserves a text of a much earlier time — ca. AD 540. Perhaps it is the best minuscule of any book of the N.T., comparable to all the best Rv. manuscripts except C. The text, designated 2053^txt, and commentary, 2053^comm, sometimes differ, with the text more usually reflecting the better-attested reading. Messina: Biblioteca Universitaria, 99.

2062 Rv 1:1-20, 15:1-end, intertwined with Aecumenius’ commentary. 13th C. (Hoskier #155.) Not surprisingly, these nine chapters are nearly identical to 2053. (1824, 2325, and 2403 are said to be copies of 2062.) Rome: Vatican gr. 1426.

(7) 33 is missing Mk 9:31-11:1, 13:11-14:60; Lk 21:38-23:26, and most of the page vertically for Lk 13:7-19:44.
(8) 1175 is missing 1Ths 1:10-2:21; Hb 3:6-6:7, 13:21-end; Titus 1:7-end of Phm.
Early Versions (Translations)

There were also early translations into other languages, called versions. Versions are not uniformly useful. All can determine whether their underlying Greek text included this verse or that. However, finer points may be unresolvable. E.g., the Latin cannot distinguish between definite and indefinite articles (the vs. a). Difficult texts are usually even more difficult to accurately translate (e.g., consider the difficulties translators have putting Lk 2:14 into other European languages); so that fine distinctions tend to be unreliablely represented — even in the earliest versions.

Latin: a. Old Latin (Itala), a group of many translations around the third century. Best mss. are ite and itk in the gospels (ca. 400 AD and 5th C.), 9 called Afra Latin on account of their North African origin. ita (4th C.) and several 5th C. ms. are the best representatives of the European Old Latin. (nearly 100 mss.)

Latin: b. Latin Vulgate, gospels text revised from Old Latin by Hieronymus (Jerome, AD 383), and the rest of the N.T. by others unknown to us. Extant ms. include S (gospels, early 5th C.) and F (balance of N.T., ca. AD 547). The best printed editions are Wordsworth-White (vgww; 1889-1954) and Stuttgart (vgst; 1969, 1983). The official vg (Sixtus V, 1590) and vgcl (Clement VIII, 1592) are not good representations of the early Vulgate text. For recovery of the Greek text, the Vulgate is comparable to the Coptic versions and is generally worth more than the Old Latin. (~ 10,000 mss.)

Coptic: In Egypt beginning about the 3rd century mixtures of Egyptian and Greek (especially for theological words) gave rise to six or more dialects of Coptic. The Sahidic, copsa (southern Egypt), has the most ancient ms. and is at least as valuable as any other version. Bohairic, copbo, is a complete N.T. but has few ancient mss. More fragmentary, but valuable, are Proto-Bohairic, coppbo; Middle Egyptian, copmego (or mae); Middle Egyptian Fayyumic, copmt (or fay); Achmimic, copach (or ac); and Subachmimic, copach2 (or ac2) — all represented by one or more 4th-5th century mss. The copbo is less reliable in Revelation, which was not translated into Bohairic until centuries later. (Now nearly a thousand Coptic ms.)

Syriac (Aramaic): While Tatian’s 2nd C. Diatessaron, or harmony of the gospels, is of little value for the Greek text, the Old Syriac gospels are comparable in worth to the Latin Vulgate and the Afra Latin. The Old Syriac is represented by two incomplete ms., sye (Syriac Sinaitic, found at Mt. Sinai, late 4th C.) and sye (Curetonian, 5th C., almost as good). The Peshitta (or Syriac Vulgate), sype, of the early 5th C. is of much less value (although a critical edition of the Peshitta might improve that significantly). The Philoxenian of AD 507/508, syph, is a Monophysite translation of value, where preserved — especially in Revelation. The Harklean of AD 616, syh, is of more value for its critical apparatus than for its text. More distantly related, the Palestinian Syriac, sypal, by supporters of the Council of Chalcedon, is more Koine (Byzantine) than Alexandrian in text type. (About 350 Syriac ms.)

Armenian (the Meshech of Gen 10): The Armenian Version of the 5th C. was initially translated from Aramaic, arm1, and later revised on the basis of the Greek, arm2. Its principal value is in Paul, and perhaps in the gospels. (Perhaps two thousand Armenian ms.)

Georgian (Kartvelian, the Tubal of Gen 10): The Georgian Version was probably translated in the 6th C. from arm1, geo1, and then revised from the Greek in the 7th C., geo2. (geo2 is known primarily from two ms., geoA and geoB.) Its value is probably at least as good as the Armenian in the gospels, but not elsewhere.

(9) Old Latin manuscripts are designated by lower case Roman letters
**Ethiopic** (Cush): The Ethiopic Version was probably translated in the 6th C. from Greek, though the gospels may have been translated from Aramaic and subsequently revised from the Greek. Its value is moderate in Revelation, and still less elsewhere. The Takla Haymanot (1975) ETH and T. Pell Platt (1830, 1899) ETHp editions are better than the Roman (1548) ETHo edition. (About 600 mss. outside Ethiopia.)

**Gothic** (Ashkenaz, Germanic tribes): Wulfila (Ulfilas in Latin) devised an alphabet in order to translate the Bible ca. AD 340-350 from an early Byzantine-type text. Because of the deficiencies of Gothic-text editions, as well as the underlying text-type, “goth” is seldom cited. (Six mss.; earliest is ca. 500.)

**Old Church Slavonic** (Riphath in Gen 10): Translated 9th-12th C., from Byzantine-type text. Minimal value. (At least four thousand mss.)

**Soghdian** (Saka-ta, “Gog hordes”): Several brief fragments discovered; little studied as yet.

**Basic Rules for Deciding on the Original Text**

Kurt and Barbara Aland, “The Text of the New Testament;” 1993, suggest 12 basic rules for textual criticism, which are abbreviated and emended here:

Only one reading can be original, however many variant readings may exist.

Criticism of the text must always begin from the evidence of the manuscript tradition and only afterward turn to a consideration of internal criteria.

Internal criteria (the context of the passage, its style and vocabulary, the theological environment of the author [or of the critic], etc.) can never be the sole basis for a critical decision, especially in opposition to the external [manuscript] evidence. [Internal criteria were the prime considerations of the now-discredited nineteenth-century school of higher criticism.]

The primary authority for a critical textual decision lies with the Greek manuscript tradition, with the versions and fathers serving no more than a supplementary and corroborative function, particularly in passages where their underlying Greek text cannot be reconstructed with absolute certainty.

Manuscripts should be weighed, not counted, and the peculiar traits of each manuscript should be duly considered.

The [supposed] principle that the original reading may be found in any single manuscript [e.g., Vatican 1209 or Sinaiticus] or version [e.g., Vulgate, or Septuagint (O.T.)] when it stands alone or nearly alone is only a theoretical possibility [a hypothetical concept?]; ... it will only confirm the view of the text which it presupposes.

There is some truth in the maxim: “the more difficult reading is the more probable reading.” But this principle must not be taken too mechanically.

The venerable maxim “the shorter reading is the more probable reading” is certainly right in many instances. But here again the principle cannot [must not] be applied mechanically.

**Getting Started**

A person who does not read Greek can nevertheless learn to discern most of the evidence for and against a particular reading in the Greek New Testament. Usually, also, he can learn the significance of the different readings, or variants.

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(10) Even today, the accuracy of a work is not improved by running printing presses faster and longer, however much its popularity may be enhanced by it.
Start by selecting a convenient diaglott [Greek, with interlinear English (or other language)], and then a reasonably good lexicon. Good diaglotts are: A. Marshall, McReynolds, Concordant, Kingdom Interlinear, Comfort, and Wilson. Each has certain strengths and certain limitations, but any of the six would be suitable for this application. [The Bagster (reprinted by G.R. Berry), and especially Jay Green, diaglotts have poorer Greek texts but could often be used also.] Good lexicons include Thayer’s (Grimm’s); W. Bauer (trans. Arndt and Gingrich); Liddell & Scott (more stress on extra-Biblical usage); Young’s Concordance (too concise, but with minimal theological bias); and Strong’s Concordance (some elaboration, but occasional strong biases).

When a text is in question, start with United Bible Societies’ Greek New Testament, 4th edition (GNT4), to find the text. Follow in a diaglott, as needed. If there is no note on the verse (or on the pertinent part of the verse), try Nestle-Aland, 27th edition (Nestle27), which has less manuscript evidence for each variant but has notes on many more variants. If GNT4 has the pertinent text, there will usually be sufficient manuscript evidence to come to a conclusion. If not, full detail on the Greek manuscripts (only) might be available in Kurt Aland’s “Text und Textwert der Griechischen Handschriften des Neuen Testaments” volumes (1987- ), with Acts, the Epistles, Mark, and now Matthew and Luke, published to date.11 In Revelation, a nearly-complete collation is offered by Herman Charles Hoskier, “Concerning the Text of the Apocalypse,” 2 vols.; London: Bernard Quaritch, 1929 (but the ms. numbers need to be converted to Gregory/International numbers to be easily recognized). International Greek New Testament Project at Claremont, Calif. (IGNTP), collated Luke and is slowly working on John.12

Examples

Consider examples with a spectrum of degrees of certainty. Then let the reader try it himself.

EXAMPLE 1 — 1Jo 5:7-8. Some English versions read, “For there are three that bear witness: The spirit, and the water, and the blood; and these three are one.” Others read, “For there are three that bear witness in heaven, the Father, the Word, and the Holy Spirit, and these three are one. And there are three that bear witness in earth, the Spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.” (Or words to that effect, in each case.)

Looking at the Wilson diaglott (the first diaglott published in English), one sees

7 Ὄτι τρεῖς εἰσίν οἱ μαρτυροῦντες· 8 τὸ πνεῦμα, καὶ τὸ ὕδωρ, καὶ τὸ αἷμα·
Because three are those testifying; the spirit, and the water, and the blood;
καὶ οἱ τρεῖς εἰς τὸ ἐν εἰσίν· and the three for the one are.

By inspection, one can see that this is the shorter reading. GNT4, in the footnote of these verses, cites for this reading: Ν Α Β (Ψ 1844 1852 μαρτυροῦσιν) 048vid 33 81 322 323 436 945 1067 1175 1241 1243 1292 1409 1505 1611 1735 1759 1846 1881 2138 2298 2344 2464 Byz [K L P] Lect (1884 βάπτισμα for αἵμα) itar vgwwst syr.p,h copmss armms slav Clementlan (Origenlan) (Cyril) Ps-Dionysiusvid (John-Damascus); Rebaptism Ambrose Augustine Quodvultdeus Facundus. Cited for the longer reading


(12) “The Gospel according to St. Luke, edited by the American and British Committees of the International Greek New Testament Project,” 2 vols.; Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1984-1987. At least 550 of 1666 Luke minuscules were profiled before selecting 128 (198 mss. total) for complete collation against Textus Receptus (the common text of later centuries). With several mss. either fragmentary or illegible, a typical text might have 150-160 mss. testifying. On rare occasions there may be differences with GNT4, such as in Lk 22:43-44, where IGNTP has 1424 omitting, but GNT4 shows that manuscript adding, the blood-sweat account.
in various forms are: 221\textsuperscript{v.r.} 2318 (61 629 omit the following καὶ οἱ τρεῖς εἰς τὸ ἔν εἰσιν; 61 88\textsuperscript{v.r.} 429\textsuperscript{v.r.} 629 636\textsuperscript{v.r.} 918 with other minor variants) I\textsuperscript{AD} vg\textsuperscript{cl} arm\textsuperscript{mss} // testimonium dicunt (or: dant) in terra, spiritus (or: spiritus et) aqua et sanguis, et hi tres sunt in Christo Iesu. (8) et tres sunt, qui testimonium dicunt in caelo, pater, verbum et spiritus it\textsuperscript{lq} vg\textsuperscript{mss} (Cyprian) (Ps-Cyprian) (Priscillian) Speculum Varimadum Ps-Vigilius Fulgentius.

Nestle\textsuperscript{27} adds little information, but it reads 221\textsuperscript{v.l.} instead of 221\textsuperscript{v.r.} (\textit{varia lectio} instead of \textit{variant reading}; in either case meaning one specifically noted in the manuscript as an alternative reading; see Nestle\textsuperscript{27}, Introduction, page 55\textsuperscript{*}, and GNT\textsuperscript{4}, Introduction, page 52\textsuperscript{*}). The Greek manuscripts cited for the shorter reading are summarized as “\textit{txt codd graeci rell},” meaning all the rest of the Greek manuscripts support the printed Nestle text. (A difference of no practical consequence is that Nestle\textsuperscript{27} cites Old Latin mss. “l r” as supporting most of the long reading, while GNT\textsuperscript{4} cites them as “l q;” the second is the same manuscript under a different letter symbol (Old Latin 64, of the 7th century, as may be seen in Nestle\textsuperscript{27}, Appendix I, page 717, and in GNT\textsuperscript{4}, Introduction, page 25.)

Text und Textwert\textsuperscript{13} gives the readings of all available Greek manuscripts. With the short reading there are 446 mss. listed, plus 54 more with closely-associated readings. With the long reading, in one form or another, there are 9 mss., of which five put it in the text (61 and 918 of the 16th century, 2473 of 1634 AD, 2318 of the 18th century; and 629, a Graeco-Latin ms. of the 14th century), three note it as a variant reading (221\textsuperscript{L} of the 10th century, 88\textsuperscript{L} of the 12th century, and 429\textsuperscript{L} of the 14th century, where \textit{L} signifies \textit{varia lectio}, or a marginal reading), and one is by the hand of a corrector (636\textsuperscript{C}, where the corrector needs not be contemporary with the 15th-century scribe). Only three of these mss. agree with each other (221\textsuperscript{L}, 2318, and 2473). This volume also tells us that the papyri, C, 0232, and 38 other mss. are missing here, and that 33 is here “unleserlich” (unreadable, illegible; but compare the more-recent GNT\textsuperscript{4}, quoted above). The testimonies of the other versions, the so-called church fathers, and lectionaries, are commonly recognized as being of progressively lower value.

If, now, we tabulate the manuscript evidence according to overall manuscript accuracy (see Confidence chart, Table II at the end of this section, page 222), we can summarize in the table below:

<table>
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<th>1Jo 5:7-8</th>
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<th>Class II (Good)</th>
<th>Class III or more (Fairly good or less)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Short Form</td>
<td>B 1739 A νν νν</td>
<td>1852</td>
<td>1241 1243 2344 322 323 048\textsuperscript{vid} arm\textsuperscript{mss}</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Short Form with variants</td>
<td>044</td>
<td>1881</td>
<td>( +54 = 500 mss. total)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long Form</td>
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<td>arm\textsuperscript{mss}</td>
<td>221\textsuperscript{v.r.} 2473 2318</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long Form with variants</td>
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<td>88\textsuperscript{v.r.} 629 429\textsuperscript{v.r.} 636\textsuperscript{c} 61 918 (9 mss. total) vg\textsuperscript{mss}</td>
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It thus becomes evident that the extra words are not from the pen of the apostle. Gregory\textsuperscript{14} summarizes this text as follows: “Erasmus, of course, did not have First John 5:7,8, the three heavenly witnesses, in his New


Testament, for no one dreamed of putting those words into the Greek text save the Alcalá editors who went before Erasmus. In discussing the matter with a bigoted opponent, Erasmus was so thoughtless as to write that he would put the words in if they could be found in a Greek manuscript. There is every reason to believe that this manuscript was written, with the words added, to compel Erasmus to add them, as he then did, ‘for his oath’s sake,’ like Herod, to his text. It was a great pity that Erasmus did it. It has taken centuries to get the words out again.” (#61 was the manuscript brought to Erasmus.)

**Conclusion on 1Jo 5:7-8:** There are no known N.T. mss. prior to the 7th century with the addition, and no Greek mss. of credible accuracy. The best evidence for the three heavenly witnesses phrase comes only from some Armenian mss. and several later Vulgate mss., none of which is high-quality. Therefore, the addition of these words is to be confidently rejected.

**EXAMPLE 2 — 1Pt 3:18.** Many English versions read, “Christ also suffered for sins once,” while some others read, “Christ also died for sins once.”

Looking at the Marshall diaglott (possibly the slightly best of several good ones), one sees

\[\text{Χριστὸς ἅπαξ περὶ ἁμαρτιῶν ἀπέθανεν,}\]

Christ once concerning sins died,

where Marshall uses the superscript numbers to indicate word order in English. GNT\(^{4}\), in the first of two footnotes on verse 18, shows that another word, \( ἐπαθεῖν \) (suffered), appears in B Byz[K P], some lectionaries, (geo) Augustine\(^{1/6}\) (i.e., 1 of 6 mss.); and for a slightly different reading shows support from L 81 2464 slav\(^{ms}\). For \( ἀπέθανεν \) (died), GNT\(^{4}\) gives \( p^{72} \) A (Ψ) 1241 1291 (1505) 1611 1735 arm, and for just slightly different readings \( \aleph^2 \) (\( \aleph^* \)) C\(^{2vid}\) 33 322 323 436 945 1067 1175 1243 1409 1739 1852 1881 2138 2298 2344, a lectionary, syr\(^{h}\) cop\(^{bo}\) Didymus\(^{dub1/2}\) (Cyril\(^{1/4}\)), and C\(^{evid}\) \( i_{ar,z} \) \( \psi \) \(^{61}\) (vg\(^{ww,st}\) syr\(^p\) cop\(^{sa}\) Clement\(^{lat}\) ... Augustine\(^{5/6}\). Nestle\(^{27}\) gives L as supporting “died” (needs to be verified), and adds 0285 to it (Nestle\(^{28}\) mentions neither). Text und Textwert does not cover this text.

Summarizing the manuscript evidence according to overall manuscript accuracy,

<table>
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<th>Manuscript Evidence on 1 Peter 3:18</th>
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<td><strong>1Pt 3:18</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>died</td>
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<tr>
<td>1739 A ( \aleph ) p(^{72}) ( C^{vid}) 1852 Ψ ( \text{cop vg})</td>
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<tr>
<td>1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322 323 arm</td>
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<tr>
<td>2298 1735</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Class II</strong> (Good)</td>
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<tr>
<td>suffered</td>
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<tr>
<td>B</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Class III or more</strong> (Fairly good or less)**</td>
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In this case, our best manuscript (B) is almost unsupported by any quality manuscripts, though the Byzantine text (and hence the majority of later manuscripts) supports it. According to increasing class number (decreasing reliability), the evidence for “died,” rather than “suffered,” is a ratio of (I) 7:1, (I-II) 14:1, and (I-III) 17:2.

**Conclusion on 1Pt 3:18:** The manuscript evidence would seem nearly irresistible for “Christ died for sins once.” This text would seem to be a classic example of how even our single best manuscript — at its best in Peter — by itself, is not always correct. (Nevertheless, GNT\(^{4}\) has here reverted to “suffered,” professing quite-high confidence, basing it on internal evidence, rather than manuscripts.)

**EXAMPLE 3 — Jo 1:18.** Some English versions read, “No man hath seen God at any time. The only begotten Son ... .” A few read, “... the only begotten God ... .” Many 20th century versions distort the translation beyond recognition of the Greek source text. The principal difference is between \( υἱός \) (son) and \( θεός \) (god), or as abbreviated in the older mss., between \( Υ \) \( Ψ \) (with a line over it to indicate a contraction).
Looking at the Concordant diaglott (in uncial — block letters without diacritical marks; 1926 edition), one sees

While the line below the Greek gives a literal Translation (if somewhat tortured),
the occasional line above the Greek gives
Differing readings of “s” (Sinaiticus, or its Correctors) and of “B” (Vatican 1209).

As to the difference between the only-begotten God ([ὁ] μ. θεός) and the only-begotten Son, GNT4 gives five variant readings, of which we may discard the last two for want of significant evidence (i.e., “an only-begotten Son of God,” or, “the only-begotten”). The evidence given for the three plausible readings is μονογενὴς θεός (an only-begotten god) p66 N* B C* L syr p,h mg geo2... // ὁ μονογενὴς θεός (the only-begotten god) p75 N2 33 cop bo33... // ὁ μονογενὴς υἱός (the only-begotten son) A C3 W supp Δ Θ Ψ 0141 f1 f13 28 157 180 205 565 579 597 700 892 1006 1010 1071 1241 1243 1292 1342 1424 1505 Byz [E F G H] Lect it a,aur,b,c,e,f,ff,i vg syr c,h,pal arm eth geo1 slav... .

We may now arrange these manuscripts in order of accuracy, as best we are able, assisted by the Confidence chart,

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<th>Manuscript Evidence on John 1:18</th>
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<td><strong>Jo 1:18</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Class I (Best)</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>an only-begotten god</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>the only-begotten god</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>the only-begotten son</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Class II (Good)</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>Class III or more</td>
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<tr>
<td>(Fairly good or less)</td>
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Conclusion on Jo 1:18: The four oldest and best manuscripts agree on “only-begotten God,” and there is no top-quality dissent. Therefore, it is to be accepted. (Capitalization is a decision of the translator. How to understand it is left as an exercise to the student.)

**EXAMPLE 4 — Mk 16:9-20.** Were these twelve verses originally part of Mark’s gospel? Some Greek manuscripts mark them as doubtful. Others have also a shorter ending. And three more end the gospel at verse 8.

The Comfort diaglott footnote reads, “The Shorter Ending of Mark is included in NEB, TEV, NASB and NRSV, and is noted in RSVmg and NJBmg. (RSVmg is the margin of the Revised Standard Version, and similarly for other versions.) 16:9-20 The two earliest MSS (Codex Vaticanus and Codex Sinaiticus) stop at Mark 16:8; this is indicated (in some form or another) in ASVmg RSVmg NASBmg NIVmg NEBmg TEVmg NJBmg NRSVmg. Many MSS contain the text as printed above in 16:9-20; this portion is included in the text of all the translations. Some MSS contain a shorter ending to Mark, and one MS (the Freer Gos-
From the manuscript evidence alone, there is ample reason to question whether Mark ever wrote anything beyond verse 8. The evidence for omission comes from both Northern Africa and the East. (2427 lends no credibility to the long ending.) The evidence for the short ending is not sufficient to establish it as genuine, but it adds to the doubt about the long ending. Those manuscripts marking the long ending as questionable are “f” 205 and others. Verses 9-20 (only) are added by A C D and almost all others, plus all other lectionaries, versions, and so-called church fathers.

Nestle27 adds nothing more. Text und Textwert gives readings specifically for 201 mss., and by inference for 1646 out of a possible 1650 mss.

Ranking the manuscripts again according to confidence in accuracy:

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<th>Manuscript Evidence on Mark 16:9-20</th>
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<td><strong>Mk 16:9-20</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>No ending, <em>omit</em> 9-20</td>
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<tr>
<td>Short ending</td>
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<tr>
<td>Short + long ending</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long ending marked as questionable</td>
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<tr>
<td>Long ending</td>
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<td>Long ending and more</td>
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Reasoning from non-manuscript evidence (internal evidence) is risky, or even self-deceptive, but it can be useful after the manuscript evidence has been evaluated. The Gospel according to Mark begins abruptly, and it would end just as abruptly with 16:8. That abruptness could account for new endings being composed. Neither proposed ending is at all like the style of the rest of Mark. Thus, GNT4 is fully convinced the gospel ended at 16:8.

Conclusion on Mark 16:9-20: Mark PROBABLY ended the gospel with 16:8. The manuscript evidence alone does not justify complete certainty. How much weight is given to internal evidence may determine whether an evaluator upgrades the confidence to “almost certainly.”

**EXAMPLE 5 — Rv 20:5.** “[The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years were finished.] This is the first resurrection.” A substantial minority of Greek manuscripts omit the first sentence. Was it originally part of the Revelation text?
The Kingdom Interlinear diaglott includes the sentence, yet without the words (or thought of the words) “But” and “again.” The Wilson diaglott also includes the sentence but footnotes that the Vatican No. 1160 manuscript (#141) omits the entire first sentence. Kingdom Interlinear reads,

4 ... καὶ ἔζησαν καὶ ἔβασιλευσαν μετὰ τοῦ χριστοῦ χίλια ἕτη. 5 οἱ λοιποὶ τῶν ... and they lived and they reigned with the Christ thousand years. the leftover (ones) of the 
νεκρῶν οὐκ ἔζησαν ἀρχὴ τῆς χίλια ἕτη. αὕτη ἡ ἀνάστασις ἡ πρῶτη. dead (ones) not lived until should be ended the thousand years. This the resurrection the first.

Nestle27 shows ℵ 2030. 2053. 2062. 2377 Mk ph; Vic Bea omitting the entire first sentence of the 5th verse.15 For “And the rest ...” 046. 051. 1006. 1841. 1854. 2050 A vg ms ms sy ph bo. Omitting “But,” A 1611 pc lat. GNT4 has no footnote here, and Text und Textwert does not (yet) cover Revelation. Hoskier’s compilation is used below, with slight modifications from Josef Schmid and from Nestle27. (The table at the end of this study has been condensed below.)

It will again be useful to arrange the available manuscript evidence in order of accuracy,16

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Rv 20:5a</th>
<th>Class I (Best)</th>
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<th>Class III or more (Fairly good or less)</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Omit entire sentence</strong></td>
<td>ℵ 2053txt 2062txt</td>
<td>94 (syrph acc. to Nestle26)</td>
<td>III: 452 808 2918 syph V: (63 mss.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished.</td>
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<td>III: copsa V: (2 mss.)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Omit But and again</strong></td>
<td>1611 A vg</td>
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<td>III: (2329) V: (none)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Read And the rest ... and omit again</td>
<td>1678 1778 2080 (2020); 2050; 1006 1841 2040</td>
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<td>III: 506 792 1854 eth V: (80 mss.)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Read And the rest ...</td>
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<td>V: (11 mss.)</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Omit again</strong></td>
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<td>III: 469 V: (4 mss.)</td>
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At a glance, one may dismiss the 2nd, 5th and 6th readings for want of much evidence. While the 3rd reading (omit But and again) is lacking in quantity, it could be the earliest form of the 4th reading. The 1st reading (omit entire sentence) has both best quality and considerable quantity (about 38% of 181 manuscripts total).

Most text critics correctly note that verse 4 ends with the same last two words — χίλια ἕτη — as the sentence in question, and therefore it is presumed the omission is just another scribal error in which the copyist accidentally skipped from the former to the latter (homoioteleuton).17

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(15) Vic means Victorinus of Pettau (Petavia; d. AD 304), who wrote the first known commentary on Revelation. Bea means Beatus of Liébana (8th century), who was much later and therefore not as significant here.

(16) Aland’s evaluation of Revelation-manuscript reliability differs somewhat in the various categories, likely due to a somewhat different set of test texts. 1611 slips to Cat. II, the four f1678 mss. are downgraded to Cat. III, while 94, 469, and 2040 drop to Cat. V, and the versions fall out of consideration. But 1854 and 2329 rise from Cat. III to Cat. II, while 051, 61, 205, 209, 2030, and 2377 rise to Cat. III. (2918 is not yet classified.) Overall, if there is thus an extra net bias in the table above, it is towards the 3rd reading, with any net bias towards the 1st, 2nd, 4th or 6th being slight.
On the other hand, careful analysis by date reveals that from the 4th through 13th centuries about 51% of the manuscripts include the sentence, but in the 14th to 15th centuries it suddenly jumps to 69% and continues to rise rapidly thereafter. Thus, there is an evident trend towards adding the sentence (due to a sudden surge in Andreas-commentary manuscripts, \( \mathcal{M}^A \), which usually include the sentence).\(^{18}\) The Aecumenius-A text of 2053 and 2062 most probably represents the 6th century text used by Aecumenius himself, as the intertwining of text and commentary would have made alteration difficult.\(^{19}\) The sentence is omitted by the text of 2053 and 2062 but is included in the commentary. These two manuscripts, with \( \mathcal{N} \) and \( \mathcal{A} \), are as yet the only witnesses clearly traceable to the early centuries.\(^{20}\)

We unfortunately have not yet found pre-Constantine manuscripts. Until we do, absence of the sentence in Victorinus’ commentary may be significant. (Haussleiter (CSEL-49) and Nestle\(^{27}\) report that the Victorinus mss. omit the sentence; Jerome ca. AD 400 says he included it.)

In none of these cases has the later transcription lost the sentence: Victorinus, \( \mathcal{M}^K \)-to-\( \mathcal{M}^A \), and the Aecumenius text; for that matter, \( \mathcal{N} \) is older than \( \mathcal{A} \).

Hypothesis: The sentence in question was not part of the original verse 5.\(^{21}\) There had been a general expectation that when Christ established his kingdom, people would see the dead being resurrected. When Constantine gained power there was a theological problem: Were we wrong about the resurrection, or is Christ’s kingdom still future? A 4th or early-5th century scribe added his view in the margin, “The rest of the dead lived not until the thousand years were finished.” A scribe copying from that manuscript thought, “Homoioteleuton!” and added it to the text. Later scribes found the sentence too abrupt and added a conjunction, “And” or “But.” A still later scribe recognized that the expression “lived not” could be interpreted more than one way and so changed it to “lived not again” \( ( \text{replacing } \varepsilon \zeta \gamma \sigma \alpha \nu \text{ with } \alpha \nu \varepsilon \sigma \tau \theta \sigma \pi \alpha \nu, \text{ or prefixing } \dot{a} \nu \text{ to } \varepsilon \zeta \gamma \sigma \alpha \nu) \). (Note that however much the hypothesis may fit the manuscript evidence, it is not a substitute for that evidence. One should remain open to other possibilities.)

**Conclusion on Rv 20:5a:** Highest quality manuscripts may slightly favor omitting the first sentence, but there is also good quality support for the sentence in an earlier form. The sentence should PROBABLY be omitted. Still, there is too much good evidence in favor of the sentence \( (\text{omitting But and again}) \) to be completely sure, pending discovery of more-ancient manuscripts.

**Exercises**

The reader may now try a few exercises, in order of increasing difficulty:

**EXERCISE 1 — Acts 20:28.** “... which he bought with his own blood,” or, “... which he bought with the blood of his own Son?”\(^{22}\)

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(17) Although *homoioteleuton* should be the first suspicion here, it cannot be a firm rule. Otherwise, every interpolation with a like ending would have to be accepted as genuine!

(18) With the advent of the Reformation, the Koine, or Imperial Byzantine text of Revelation, \( \mathcal{M}^K \), quickly disappeared. A century later all Revelation manuscripts practically ceased to be written. The Koine text probably dates from the 4th century, the Andreas text from ca. AD 600.

(19) Nevertheless, by the 10th century someone had undertaken the \( f^{1678} \) \( (\text{Aecumenius-B}) \) full-scale revision to conform the text more closely to the commentary. Thus Aecumenius-B added the sentence to the Rv 20:5 text.

(20) 1824 and 2325 are said to be copies of 2062 and are therefore not included in this analysis.

(21) It seems difficult to imagine that accidental omission would not have provoked strong reaction in the 4th century.

(22) Concerning the implied noun \( (\text{italicized}) \), compare with 1Tm 5:8, \( \varepsilon \iota \delta \varepsilon \tau \zeta \tau \omicron \nu \iota \iota \omicron \omicron \nu \), “If any man provide not for his own, ...” Any of several words could be implied, Son, child, nearest-of-kin, family, relatives, etc. In Timothy “relatives” would fit the context well; in Acts “Son” \( (\text{meaning Jesus}) \) is evidently the word of choice.
Is there sufficient quality evidence to distinguish the genuine reading from the alteration? With partial confidence, or complete confidence?

EXERCISE 2 — Lk 22:43-44. “And there appeared an angel unto him from heaven ... as it were great drops of blood falling down to the ground.” Should these two verses be omitted?

GNT⁴ gives as support for omitting these verses, (p⁴⁶وحد) p75 Ν¹ A B N T W 579 1071* Lect¹⁄₂ it¹ syr⁸ cop sa,bo⁵ arm geo some Greek mss acc. to Anastasius-Sinaita ..., and as support for including both verses (with minor variants) Ν²,2 D L Δ¹ Θ Ψ 0233 f¹ 13 157 180 205 565 597 700 828¹⁄₂ 892* 1006 1010 1071c 1241 1243 1292 1342 1424 1505 Byz [E F G H Q] 1184¹⁄₂ it¹,a,aur,b,c,d,e,f¹,l,q,r¹ vg syr⁹,c,p,h,pal Dionysius Arius acc. to Epiphanius ... GNT⁴ adds, “include verses 43-44 with asterisks or obeli (implying they are of questionable authenticity) ¹⁄₂ 0171 transposition to Mt 26:39 // transpose Lk 22:43-44 after Mt 26:39 f¹3 13 828¹⁄₂] // transpose Lk 22:43-44 after Mt 26:39 and add καὶ ἀναστὰς ἀπὸ τῆς προσευχῆς (Lk 22:45a) Lect¹⁄₂ [1184¹⁄₂ ].” Nestle²⁷ shows the majority (M) in favor of including these verses. Text und Textwert does not cover this verse.

For this exercise, categorize these manuscripts in the table below, using the Confidence chart (Table II, page 222). Manuscripts not appearing on the Confidence chart should be at least tentatively relegated to the right-hand column (Class III or poorer).

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<td>blood of his own Son</td>
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Is there sufficient quality evidence to distinguish the genuine reading from the alteration? With partial confidence, or complete confidence?

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Is there sufficient quality evidence to distinguish the genuine reading from the alteration? With partial confidence, or complete confidence?

(23) Text und Textwert shows that of 1659 mss., 16 omit the verses, 41 mark them doubtful, 6 put them post Mt 26:39, and 38 put them both places. 0171 and Δ⁶ are omitted, and 892 is shown only as marking the verses doubtful.
EXERCISE 3 — 1Co 15:51-52. “Behold, I shew you a mystery: We shall ____ all sleep, but we shall ____ all be changed, (52) In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at [in] the last trump.” In each blank, should it be filled with “not/neither” (οὐ)? (All four combinations are found in the manuscripts.)

GNT⁴ gives evidence (for Readings #3, 4, 1, 2, and 5 in the table below) ““οὐ κοιμηθησόμεθα, πάντες δὲ ἀλλαγησόμεθα Ω B D² Ψ 048 049 075 0150 0243 6 81 104 256 263 365 424 436 459 1175 1319 1573 1852 1881 1912 1962 2127 2200 2464 Byz [K L P] Lect syr p,h cop sa,bo eth geo² slav (Origen¹/²) ... Greek mss acc. to Jerome ... // οὐ κοιμηθησόμεθα, οὐ πάντες δὲ ἀλλαγησόμεθα Ω⁴⁶ Αc Adamantius mss // κοιμηθησόμεθα, οὐ πάντες δὲ ἀλλαγησόμεθα Ω (Α* οἱ for οὐ) C F G 0243* 33 1241 1739 it arm geo¹ Origen gr¹/², lat ... Jerome mss acc. to Jerome and Augustine // οὐ κοιμηθησόμεθα, οὐ πάντες δὲ ἀλλαγησόμεθα D* it ar, b, d, f, o, vg Marcion acc. to Adamantius ... Tertullian ... Augustine ... // κοιμηθησόμεθα, πάντες δὲ ἀλλαγησόμεθα 1443.” Nestle²⁷ shows the majority (Μ) in favor of Reading #3 (the most common reading today).

Check the tabulation below against the evidence above; correct the table if necessary.

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Note: Literally, “... all fall asleep,” (in four of the readings above).

Can some of the readings be dismissed for want of enough high-quality evidence? Of the remaining readings, is there sufficient quality evidence to distinguish the probably-genuine reading from the alterations? Based upon the manuscript evidence alone, is there still a possibility that one of the other readings might have been the original?

(24) GNT⁴’s reference to 048 in support of the common reading here is puzzling. 048 is a good, fragmentary, partly-legible manuscript, but it is not cited for verses 49 or 54. It was not cited here by GNT¹ and ³, nor in Metzger’s companion volume to GNT⁴. In Nestle²⁷ (also published in 1993) it is among the consistently cited witnesses of the first order, yet it is not mentioned here; in Appendix I it is shown for 1Cor as not being going beyond 15:27. Text und Textwert lists 048 as lacking in this verse, in agreement with Aland’s “Kurzgefasste Liste der Griechischen Handschriften des Neuen Testaments,” 2nd edn.; 1994, and currently with the INTF website, http://ntvmr.uni-muenster.de/liste. “048” is here presumed to have been a misread of 049, a manuscript of unnoteworthy reliability (Category V). (Any citation of 048 here would require confirmation.)
References


Hoskier, Herman C., “Concerning the Text of the Apocalypse,” 2 vols.; London: Bernard Quaritch, 1929. (Hoskier’s manuscript numbers are now unfamiliar and must be converted.)


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Strict through Free texts are rated Category I (highest value), with Strict showing the greatest coherence.

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Relative accuracies given above are evaluated in comparison to a preselected list of test passages and are given as one standard deviation below the average percent accuracy, or a mathematical equivalent for a binomial distribution. Values are given for the part of the manuscript that pertains to each column, although in some manuscripts local portions may be much higher or lower (sometimes indicated in parentheses).
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A semicolon (;) is used to separate closely-related manuscripts from more-distantly-related manuscripts.

Note: The updated manuscript reliability classes of Table II are not reflected here in Table IV, but they are in the table of Example 5 on Rv 20:5, above.
# Part II
## A List of Corrections to the AV New Testament

A collection of the more significant corrections to the AV (Authorized Version, King James Version, 1611) New Testament is given below. Each entry is accompanied by the Category I and Category II manuscripts for and against the correction. Occasionally there will be a difference from the listings in Part I for the category assigned a particular manuscript; Part I uses a slightly updated categorization based on further evaluations over the past few years and is to be slightly preferred.

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<td>13:8</td>
<td>omit and troubles</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
<td>B 2427 cop{bo} • LW (579) vg ith</td>
<td>• (W)Δ(Θ) 892 (syk) geo arm</td>
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<td>13:11</td>
<td>omit neither do ye premeditate</td>
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<td>omit new</td>
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<td>• Δ 892 579 syk vg arm</td>
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<td>14:88</td>
<td>omit and the cock crew</td>
<td>✓ [ ] C</td>
<td>B N 2427 cop{bo} • LWΨ# 892 579 sy#</td>
<td>• CDΛ itk vg arm</td>
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<td>15:28</td>
<td>omit entire verse</td>
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<td>• ΛΘ 083 892 579 vg geo arm</td>
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<td>16:9-20</td>
<td>omit All these verses. [LΨΠ 083 579 copsamss give 2 endings]</td>
<td>[ A] [✓ A]</td>
<td>B N • (itk) syk</td>
<td>2427 cop{bo},fay • CD(W)Δ 892 vg syk</td>
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<td>Luke 1:28</td>
<td>omit blessed art thou among women</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
<td>B N cop{sa,bo} • LWΨ 579 geo arm</td>
<td>• C 892 vg itk</td>
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<td>1:78</td>
<td>read will visit us for: hast visited us</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
<td>B N* cop{sa,bo} • (L)W 0177 syk</td>
<td>• Ψ 040 579 892 vg itk</td>
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<td>2:5</td>
<td>read who was betrothed to him for: his espoused wife</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
<td>B N cop • CΦL 040 W</td>
<td>• Ψ (0177 579) vg [his wife syk]</td>
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<td>2:14</td>
<td>read peace among men of his good pleasure</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
<td>B N*# • cop{sa} • W vg#w</td>
<td>cop{bo} • LΨ 040 579 892 (syk) geo arm</td>
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<td>2:33</td>
<td>read his father and for: Joseph and his</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
<td>B(N)N• (cop{sa}) • (L)W vg geo (sy# arm)</td>
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<td>2:40</td>
<td>omit in spirit</td>
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<td>B N cop • LWD itk vg sy# arm</td>
<td>• Ψ</td>
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<td>2:43</td>
<td>read his parents for: Joseph and his mother</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
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<td>• CΨ</td>
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<td>5:38</td>
<td>omit and both are preserved</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
<td>p4.750 B N•••• • LW 579 1241</td>
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<td>5:39</td>
<td>read good for: better</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
<td>p4B N • LW 1241</td>
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<td>6:48</td>
<td>read for it was well built for: for it was founded upon a rock</td>
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<td>• CΨ vg itk geo arm</td>
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<td>8:45</td>
<td>omit and sayest thou, Who touched me?</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
<td>p75BN cop • L 1241 arm</td>
<td>• C 040 (D) vg sy(s)c</td>
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<td>9:35</td>
<td>read chosen [or elect] for: beloved</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
<td>p45,75BN cop{sa,bo} • L 040 579 1241 892 sy# arm</td>
<td>• CΨΨ syk itk geo</td>
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<td>9:54</td>
<td>omit even as Elias did</td>
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<td>• CΨ 892</td>
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<td>omit and said ... of spirit ye are of</td>
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<td>omit For the Son ... but to save them</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
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<td>10:1</td>
<td>read seventy-two for: seventy</td>
<td>[ ] [ ] C</td>
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<td><em>read</em> seventy-two for: seventy</td>
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<td>11:2a</td>
<td>omit <em>Our and</em> which art in heaven</td>
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<td>11:4</td>
<td>omit but deliver us from evil</td>
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<td><em>read</em> it fails: ye fail</td>
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<td>21:36</td>
<td><em>read</em> able for: accounted worthy</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
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<td>22:43</td>
<td>omit This entire verse.</td>
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<td>23:34</td>
<td>omit Then said Jesus, Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do</td>
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<td><em>read</em> as the sun failed; <em>for</em> And the sun was darkened,</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
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<td>24:42</td>
<td>omit and of an honeycomb</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
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<td>John 1:18</td>
<td><em>read</em> the only begotten God for the only begotten Son</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
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<td>p^{69} B(p^{75}) BN* • C*L (cop^bo)</td>
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<td>3:13</td>
<td>omit which is in heaven</td>
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<td>3:15</td>
<td>omit not perish, but</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
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<td>p^{75,69} B(N) • (L) T 083 [579] sy^c?</td>
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<td>4:42</td>
<td>omit the Christ</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> waiting for the moving of the water</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
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<td>omit and sought to slay him</td>
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<td><em>read</em> the Holy One of God <em>for</em> that Christ ... of the living God</td>
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<td>8:59</td>
<td>omit going through the midst of them, and so passed by</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
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|            |                     |             |     |                     | vg it^e arm              |                             |
| 9:35       | read man for: God   | ✓           | ✓   | A                  | p²⁶⁶.75BN  cop,sa,pbo,achi²,mfy • W sy^s | cop,bo • LΨ 892 1241 vg it^e
|            |                     |             |     |                     | geo arm                  |                             |
| 10:13      | omit the hireling fleeth | ✓           | ✓   | 44^⁴⁰,66,75BN  cop • L(W 579)1241 it^e |        | • Ψ sy vg               |
| 10:14      | read mine know me for: am known of mine | ✓           | ✓   | ⁴⁰,66,75BN  cop,sa,bo • LW vg (sy^s) |        | • Ψ arm                  |
| 10:26      | omit as I said unto you | ✓           | ✓   | B                  | p⁷⁵,66BN  cop,sa,ach² • LW 1241 vg arm | p⁷⁵,* 1241 it^e
| 10:38      | read and continue to know for: and believe | ✓           | ✓   | B                  | p⁴⁶,66BN  cop,sa,pbo,bo,ach² • LW geo arm | N • Ψ 1241 vg
| 12:25      | read loses for: shall lose | ✓           | ✓   | ⁶⁶.75BN • LWΨ     | cop • vg                 |                             |
| 13:32      | omit If God be glorified in him |            |     | [ ] C              | p⁶⁶BN*  cop,achi²,mfy • C*LW sy^s | cop,sa,pbo • Ψ 892 1241 vg it^e |
| 14:2       | add because before: I go | ✓           | ✓   | B                  | p⁶⁶BN  cop,sa,bo,ach²,lay • C*LWΨ 892 geo arm | p⁶⁶,* 1241 it^e
| 16:16      | omit because I go to the Father | ✓           | ✓   | p⁵⁴^⁶⁶BN* •    | cop,bo • D sy^s             |                             |
| 20:19      | omit assembled      | ✓           | ✓   | A                  | BN*  cop,bo,achi² • W sy^s vg | cop,bo,(sa) • (LΨ) 1241 it^e
| Acts 2:1   | omit with one accord | ✓           | ✓   |              | BN(*) A 81 (cop) • C* vg | 33 1739^s
<p>|            |                     |             |     |                     | it^e sy                  |                             |
| 2:30       | read one would for: according ... raise up Christ to | ✓           | ✓   | B                  | p⁷⁴^⁴⁶BN A 81 cop,sa,bv,vg • C | 33 (1739) |
| 2:31       | read he for: his soul | ✓           | ✓   | ⁷⁴BN  81 cop,sa,bo (vg) • C* 1175 |        | 33 1739 |
| 3:26       | read servant for: Son Jesus | ✓           | ✓   | ⁷⁴BN  cop vg • C | 33 (1739) |
| 4:25       | read our father hast said through the Holy Spirit for: hast said | ✓           | ✓   | ⁷⁴BN  (vg) • 1175 33 1739 |        |                             |
| 6:3        | read spirit of for: Holy Ghost and | ✓           | ✓   | ⁷⁴BN  cop,bo vg • p^⁶ 1175 D | A cop,sa,me • C* 33 1739 |
| 6:8        | read grace for: faith | ✓           | ✓   | ⁴⁶p⁷⁴BN* • C 1175 |        |                             |
| 8:37       | omit This entire verse. | ✓           | ✓   | A                  | ⁴⁶p⁷⁴BN  cop,sa,bo,vg • C 81 33? | 1739 cop,me |
| 9:5-6      | omit it is hard ... the Lord said unto him add But before: arise | ✓           | ✓   | ⁷⁴BN  81 cop,sa,bo vg • C 33 1739 |        |                             |
| 9:31       | read church for: churches | ✓           | ✓   | ⁷⁴BN  cop,sa vg • C 81 1739 33? |        |                             |
| 10:30      | read until this hour for: I was fasting until this hour; and | ✓           | ✓   | ⁷⁴BN* 81 cop,bo vg • C 1739 | cop,sa,me • 1175 |
| 13:19-20   | read by lot about the space of four hundred and fifty years; Also after these things he gave judges until Samuel the prophet. for: by lot ... until Samuel the prophet. | ✓           | ✓   | ⁷⁴BN  81 cop,(bo),(me) vg • C 1175 33 | (cop,sa) • 1739 |</p>
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<td>read they were going out, they for: the Jews ... the Gentiles</td>
<td>✔ ✔ B</td>
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<td>omit saying, Ye must be circumcised, and keep the law:</td>
<td>✔ ✔ A</td>
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<td>✔ ✔ B</td>
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<td>read earnestly occupied with the Word for: pressed in the spirit</td>
<td>✔ ✔ B</td>
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<td>read they all for: all the Greeks</td>
<td>✔ ✔ B</td>
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<td>omit I must by all means keep this feast that cometh in Jerusalem, but</td>
<td>✔ ✔ A</td>
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<td>omit with joy</td>
<td>✔ ✔ ✔</td>
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<td>read the blood of his own Son for: his own blood</td>
<td>✔ ✔ ✔</td>
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<td>omit and upon all</td>
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<td>read being dead to that for: that being dead</td>
<td>✔ ✔ B</td>
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<td>9:28</td>
<td>read For the Lord will make an account on the earth, finishing it and cutting it short. for: For he will finish ... upon the earth.</td>
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<td>p\textsuperscript{46} \textbf{*} BA 1739 \textbf{cop}\textsuperscript{sa,bo} ● 1881 025 33 [½ 81] \textbf{vg} ● 1175 DF 256 2127</td>
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<td><strong>Ro 11:6</strong></td>
<td><em>omit</em> But if it be of works, then is it no more grace: otherwise work is no more work</td>
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<td>14:6</td>
<td><em>omit</em> and he that regardeth not the day, to the Lord he doth not regard it</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> and in your spirit, which are God's</td>
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<td><em>read</em> what is due for: due benevolence</td>
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<td><em>add</em> (not being myself under the law) <em>after:</em> as under the law</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> for the earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> Take, eat:</td>
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<td><em>read</em> that I may glory for: to be burned</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> cometh {translation}</td>
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<td>1Co 15:51-52</td>
<td><em>read</em> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall all sleep, but we shall not all be changed, s2 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump; <em>for:</em> Behold, I shew you a mystery; We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, s2 In a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trump:</td>
<td>✗ ✗</td>
<td>p¹⁶⁶ NA BCA 1739 33 81 cop arm vg • 0243* (D*) 010 012 B 81 cop • 048 1175 1881 025 0150 256 1962 2127 2464 sy</td>
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<td>2Co 1:10</td>
<td><em>read</em> will deliver for: doth deliver</td>
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<td>omit that ye should not obey the truth</td>
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<td>5:1</td>
<td>read For liberty Christ hath made us free; stand fast, therefore, for: Stand fast ... hath made us free,</td>
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<td>(\times) BA(\times) (C(\times)) 33 (1739) {81} cop(\times)sa,bo (bo) • 1881 D(\times) 025 [1175 256 2127] (2464)</td>
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<td>omit murders</td>
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<td>read light for: Spirit</td>
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<td>omit of his flesh, and of his bones</td>
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<td>omit rule, let us mind the same thing [walk → mind 1881]</td>
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<td>Col 2:2</td>
<td>read the mystery of God, which is Christ for: the mystery ... and of Christ [omit God, which is 81 (1739)] [[omit which is Christ 1881 025 2464]]</td>
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<td>p&lt;sup&gt;46&lt;/sup&gt;B((\times) CA) cop(\times)sa,bo (vg) • (DF(\times)) {048} {1175}</td>
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<td>read God the Father for: God and the Father</td>
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<td>add as indeed ye do walk after: God</td>
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<td>omit Even him, {translation, optional}</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> from such withdraw thyself</td>
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<td>1881 D*F 256 2127 2464</td>
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<td><em>read</em> by both his appearing <em>for:</em> at his appearing</td>
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<td><em>read</em> will reward <em>for:</em> reward</td>
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<td>Hb 7:21</td>
<td><em>omit</em> after the order of Melchisedec</td>
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<td>10:34</td>
<td><em>read</em> prisoners <em>lit:</em> of them in bonds <em>for:</em> of me in my bonds</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
<td>(p*46)*A 1739 33 81 cop arm vg • (256) 2127</td>
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<td>12:18</td>
<td><em>read</em> fire that might be touched and burned <em>for:</em> mount that might be touched, and that burned with fire</td>
<td>✓ ✓ [✓] B</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> or thrust through with a dart</td>
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<td><em>read</em> away <em>for:</em> about</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> adulterers and</td>
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<td><em>read</em> Therefore confess your sins <em>for:</em> Confess your faults</td>
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<td><em>read</em> humble <em>for:</em> courteous</td>
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<td><em>read</em> zealots <em>for:</em> followers</td>
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<td><em>read</em> Christ as Lord <em>for:</em> the Lord God</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
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<td><em>read</em> died <em>for:</em> suffered</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> on their part ... on your part he is glorified</td>
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<td>2Pt 1:1</td>
<td><em>read</em> our God and our our <em>for:</em> God and our <em>{NA</em> (cop sa) <em>syn</em> read our Lord and our}</td>
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<td><em>read</em> exposed <em>for:</em> burned up</td>
<td>✓ ✓ D</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> of God {translation}</td>
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<td>5:7</td>
<td><em>omit</em> in heaven, the Father, the Word and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> And there are three that bear witness in earth</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> and that ye may believe on the name of the Son of God</td>
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<td>Jude 3</td>
<td><em>read</em> our common salvation <em>for:</em> the common salvation</td>
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<td><em>read</em> our only Master and <em>for:</em> the only Lord God, and our</td>
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<td>(p 72AB,N 1739 NAC cop•a,bo vg • 1881 1241 1243 2344 33 322 arm</td>
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<td>22-23</td>
<td><em>read</em> Some <em>who</em> are wavering pity ye: others save, seizing <em>them</em> out of the fire: <em>still</em> others pity with fear, hating even the garment spotted from the flesh</td>
<td>✓ ✓ C</td>
<td>(B) 1739 NAC (C) Ψ cop•o vg • 1881 1241 (1243 1852) 2344 33 322 (arm?)</td>
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<td>Rev 1:5</td>
<td><em>read</em> freed <em>... by:</em> washed <em>... in</em></td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
<td>p 18CNA • 1611 1678 2050 (sy) f.12074</td>
<td>2053 f.1006 025 94 vg cop•a f.82, f.11862</td>
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<td><em>read</em> a kingdom, and <em>for:</em> kings and</td>
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<td>p 18CNA 2050 • 1611 f.1678 2050 (sy) f.82,1862</td>
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<td>1:11a</td>
<td><em>omit</em> I am Alpha and Omega, the first and the last: and,</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> which are in Asia</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> unto me {сут 2053 <em>omit</em> unto me, Fear not}</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> Amen;</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> quickly</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> thy works, and</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
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<td><em>read</em> likewise <em>for:</em> which things I hate</td>
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<td>CNA 2053 • 1611 2050 f.1006 2344 94 sy f.82,1682,2074,35</td>
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<td>2:20</td>
<td><em>read</em> against thee that <em>for:</em> a few things against thee, because</td>
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<td>CA 2053 • 1611 f.1678 f.1006 025 94 vg cop•a f.82,1682,2074,35</td>
<td>[сут] [2050 many ...] vg f.12074</td>
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<td>2:22</td>
<td><em>read</em> her <em>for:</em> their</td>
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<td>A • 2344 1854 sy(φ)</td>
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<td>3:18</td>
<td><em>read</em> eyesalve to anoint thine eyes <em>for:</em> anoint <em>... with eyesalve</em></td>
<td>✓ ✓ N 2053 [CA] • f.1678 2050 2344 cop•a</td>
<td>1611 f.1006 (025) vg sy? f.82,1862</td>
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<td>(cop•a = us, they)</td>
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<td>6:12</td>
<td>add whole (full?) before: moon</td>
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<td>8:13</td>
<td>read eagle for: angel</td>
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<td>NYA • [most?] vg cop Baseball sy</td>
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<td>omit four (NYA omits the four horns of)</td>
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<td>Nf7 NYA 2053 • 2344 1678 1611 94 vg sy h</td>
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<td>11:1</td>
<td>omit and the angel stood</td>
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<td>2329 sy</td>
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<td>omit and art to come</td>
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<td>read he stood for: I stood (Some read this first clause as Rv 12:18.)</td>
<td>✓ ✓ B</td>
<td>Nf7 CNA • 2344 vg sy h</td>
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<td>× × A</td>
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<td>add and peoples after: kindreds</td>
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<td>14:5</td>
<td>omit before the throne of God</td>
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<td>15:2</td>
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<td>16:5a</td>
<td>O Lord</td>
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<td><em>read</em> the holy for: and shalt be</td>
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<td>C(p47) N A 2053 • 025 2020 1611 1006 94 vg cop*sa</td>
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<td>16:7</td>
<td><em>omit</em> another out of</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
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<td>Cp47 N A 2053 • 025 2020 cop*sa</td>
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<td>16:17</td>
<td><em>omit</em> of heaven {N sy omit from the throne} [2344*18 1854 omit temple of]</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> you</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
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<td><em>read</em> everyone sailing to a place [i.e., every passenger] for: and all the company in ships</td>
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<td>CA(N) (2053) • 1611 (f.1678) f.1006 94 vg [(cop*sa)]</td>
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<td>20:5a</td>
<td><em>omit</em> But the rest of the dead lived not again until the thousand years were finished</td>
<td>x x</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> But [but see above entry] {most read And}</td>
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<td>20:5a2</td>
<td><em>omit</em> again [but see above entries]</td>
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<td><em>read</em> the thousand years for: a thousand years</td>
<td>[ ] [ ] C</td>
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<td><em>read</em> second death, the lake of fire. for: second death.</td>
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<td><em>read</em> the holy city Jerusalem for: that great ... Jerusalem</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> of them which are saved and honor</td>
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<td><em>omit</em> pure</td>
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<td>22:5</td>
<td><em>read</em> And night will be no longer for: And ... no night there</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
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<td><em>read</em> wash their robes for: do his commandments</td>
<td>✓ ✓ A</td>
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Probable Corrections

For most of the corrections in Table V above (pages 227-238), the manuscript evidence as it is known today is strong. Those for which discovery of one or two 2nd/3rd century manuscripts could possibly tilt the weight of evidence to the contrary are listed in Table VI below.

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Changes Which Should Not Be Made

Occasionally people have recommended corrections based on utterly inadequate evidence, often because just one good manuscript has a particular reading (such as \( \mathcal{N} \) Sinaiticus). Several such are listed in Table VII.

Table VII. Erroneous Corrections

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<td>omit son of Barachias</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N} ) (almost alone)</td>
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<td>24:10</td>
<td>omit and shall hate one another</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N} ) (alone)</td>
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<td>27:52</td>
<td>omit and the graves were opened</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N}^{*} ) (almost alone)</td>
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<td>27:53</td>
<td>omit and went</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N} ) (alone)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mk 4:37</td>
<td>omit so that it was now full</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N}^{*} \cdot \mathcal{it}^{e} )</td>
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<td>7:14</td>
<td>omit unto me every one of you</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N} ) (\cop) • (\mathcal{L}\Delta)</td>
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<td>Lk 16:16</td>
<td>omit and every man presseth into it</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N}^{*} )</td>
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<td>17:12</td>
<td>omit which stood afar off</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N}^{*} )</td>
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<td>Jo 1:25</td>
<td>omit asked him, and</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N}^{*} \cdot \mathcal{it}^{e} \text{ sy}^{c} )</td>
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<td>5:25</td>
<td>omit and now is</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N}^{*} ) (almost alone)</td>
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<td>19:23</td>
<td>omit and also his coat</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N}^{*} )</td>
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<td>21:25</td>
<td>omit This entire verse.</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N}^{*} ) (alone?)</td>
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<td>Ac 15:32</td>
<td>omit and confirmed them</td>
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<td>2Tm 3:3</td>
<td>omit without natural affection</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N} ) (almost alone)</td>
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<td>1Pt 2:5</td>
<td>omit spiritual (before the word sacrifices) [( \mathcal{p}^{72} ) omits sacrifices]</td>
<td>× ×</td>
<td>( \mathcal{N} ) (almost alone)</td>
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<td>read Laodicea and to Sardis</td>
<td>✗</td>
<td>✗</td>
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<td>9:4</td>
<td>omit neither any green thing</td>
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<td>✗</td>
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<td>omit and their sores and of their deeds</td>
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<td>✗</td>
<td>(almost alone)</td>
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<td>21:26</td>
<td>omit and honor</td>
<td>✗</td>
<td>✗</td>
<td>(none?)</td>
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<td>omit more {most read And no curse will be any longer}</td>
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<td>Mk 10:30</td>
<td>omit houses, and brethren, ... and lands, with persecutions</td>
<td>✗</td>
<td>✗</td>
<td>Ν* • it^k</td>
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<td>Lk 18:11</td>
<td>omit with himself</td>
<td>✗</td>
<td>✗</td>
<td>Ν* cop^sa,ach</td>
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<td>23:5</td>
<td>omit teaching</td>
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<td>✗</td>
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<td>Jo 4:9</td>
<td>omit for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans</td>
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<td>✗</td>
<td>Ν* cop^fay • D it^a</td>
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<td>omit neither under the earth</td>
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<td>✗</td>
<td>Ν* • 2344 1854</td>
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<td>5:9</td>
<td>omit us</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>✓</td>
<td>A</td>
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<td>6:2</td>
<td>read be conquered for: to conquer</td>
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<td>✗</td>
<td>Ν* • 2344 cop</td>
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<td>18:22</td>
<td>omit of whatsoever craft be omit and the sound of a millstone shall be heard no more at all in thee</td>
<td>✗</td>
<td>✗</td>
<td>ΝA • (sy^nh) and Ν • sy^phil</td>
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Due to some misunderstandings of the Sinaitic manuscript reading of Rev 1:11, it is presented here in the early Greek and with English translation.

**Greek**

(11) λέγοντας και λέγουσαν
differ only in taking the genitive vs. accusative case.

罚ον ημι τα ιε Κολλα

Και εφεξένοι

Εφεςς και Περγαμον

Θυατιρα και τη Σμυρνα

θελαδη και τη Φιλαδελφη

και τη Λαοδικεαν

(12) Και επιδεικνυους εισερχομαι

And I turned to see...

The first word, “saying,” is translated the same, as λεγοντας and λεγουσαν differ only in taking the genitive vs. accusative case. At the end of the verse, “and to Sardis” was skipped by the original scribe but was added in the margin by a corrector; little significance, therefore, can be assigned to its placement. (The original scribe appears to have made four or five mistakes in this one verse.)
Uncertain Corrections

There are a few differences in manuscripts for which quality is about evenly divided between two different readings, though fewer still are of great consequence. Several of these are given in Table VIII.

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<td>Z (A ∗. cop) • L it (Sy)</td>
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<td>omit or what ye shall drink</td>
<td>[ ] [ ]</td>
<td>B ∗. cop• 892 it &amp;. vg syc</td>
<td>B cop• (L) arm</td>
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<td>Mk 14:30</td>
<td>omit twice</td>
<td>✗ ✗</td>
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<td>B 2427 (cop) • L Δ Ψ 083 892 vg sy &amp;. geo</td>
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<td>14:72</td>
<td>omit the second time and twice</td>
<td>✗ ✗</td>
<td>B ∗. C†•live L 579</td>
<td>(B) 2427 cop • DWΔΨ 0250 892 (it) vg sy &amp;. arm</td>
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<td>omit Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth</td>
<td>✓ ✓</td>
<td>B ∗.p 75B • L sy &amp;.c vg arm</td>
<td>N cop• CΨ 579 1241 (892) it &amp;.</td>
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<td>1Co 2:1</td>
<td>read mystery for: testimony</td>
<td>✗ ✓</td>
<td>B ∗.p46†•? • ∗.A cop•bo • C</td>
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<td>✗ ✗</td>
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<td>1Jo 2:20</td>
<td>read ye all know for: ye know all things</td>
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Additional Comments on the List of Corrections

The inclusion in fine print of the five large manuscript families for most texts in Revelation does not imply that they should be given much weight, individually or all together. Of these, family 82 (f.82) appears to be the oldest, largest, and least unreliable; family 1862 is less reliable but still better than the other three (f.2074, f.35, f.1).

The choices shown in the third and fourth columns are those of the Nestle-Aland 25th edition and of the United Bible Societies (UBS) 1st edition, as the subsequent editions of each progressively converge. The small letters in the fourth column express the confidences of UBS⁴ (4th edition): A = the text seems certain, B = the text seems almost certain, C = the UBS Committee had difficulty in deciding which variant to place in the text, and D = the UBS Committee had great difficulty in arriving at a decision. The recommendations here generally agree with both, but occasionally differ due to slightly more reliance on high-quality manuscript support and a desire to steer clear of the errors of higher criticism.

Some texts are a question only of translation: e.g., Mt 24:41, Lk 17:35, 1Co 15:24, 2Ths 2:9, and 1Jo 3:16. In these passages the Authorized Version of 1611 (KJV) inserts the words in italics; it means they are not specifically found in the Greek, but in the translators’ best (though admittedly imperfect) judgment these extra words are implied (or at least clarify the meaning). It is in each case left to the reader to decide.

In a work of this magnitude, despite diligent effort, there remains the possibility of a typographical error. If the reader discovers any, please call it to the attention of the publisher
APPENDIX II

Comments on Improved Translation

Some comments on revised translation are given below, as they relate to RVIC2000 and RVIC2016.

The Greek word αστραπη, astrapē, usually means “lightning” in Greek literature (though not always; see Thayer’s lexicon). [Related words: Hb. בוש, asath, “to shine, sheen;” English “star.”] Matthew and Luke use it differently in many, and maybe all, places. Lk 11:36 speaks of the bright shining of a lamp (which could hardly be lightning). Mt. 24:27 almost certainly refers to “sunshine,” when it speaks of it coming from the east and going to the west; Lk 17:24 is a parallel passage. While Mt 28:3 and Lk 10:18 could be understood either way, in the interest of consistency the word is here translated “bright light,” or, “bright shining,” or similar. In the only other passages using this word, Rv 4:5, 8:5, 11:19, 16:18, it is associated with thunder; so in Revelation it is translated “lightning,” though it could also be understood as a constant light.

The Greek word βασανιζω, basanizō, and three other related words (βασανος, βασανισμος, βασανιστης), originate from an ancient test of rubbing gold (or other monetary metals) against the surface of a basanite touchstone to see if the gold will flake off on it. (FeS2, iron pyrite, or fools’ gold, will not flake off but will scratch the touchstone.) It is a “test” for genuineness. By extension, when applied to people, any physical “trial;” by further extension, “torture,” especially with the goal of extracting truth or repentance. These words are used in 20 verses, primarily in the gospels and Revelation. In Mt 14:24, the ship was “put to the test” by the waves; not being animate, it would not be tormented. On the other hand in Mt 8:6 there seems to be no compelling reason not to say the sick servant was “tormented,” though “tried” would be another acceptable translation. In 2Pt 2:8, Lot was “put to the test,” or “vexed,” by the Sodomites, but not physically tormented or tortured. Where the translation might be subject to interpretation, “put to the test” has been preferred for the translation, as it allows interpretation closer to the full range of meaning permissible in the Greek wording.

The Greek word ηκω, hekō: “to have come” (in the present tense), is used 24 times in the New Testament, 18 of which are in the future tense — ηξω, heksō: “I shall have come” (twice in Rv 3:3), ηξει, heksει: “he shall have come” (10 times), ηξουσιν, heksουσιν: “they shall have come” (6 times). Although most translators render the future tense as though a present tense, “have come,” here it is rendered, “shall have come,” as also in Rotherham. While ηκω, hekō, is nearly equivalent to “to be present,” that rendering is here reserved for πάρειμι, pareimi: “to be by, to be present.”

The Greek words πάρειμι, pareimi (verb, used 22 times) and παρουσία, parousia (noun, used 18 times of Christ or antichrist, plus 6 times of others) are here translated “to be present” and “presence,” as required by their contrast with “absence” in 1Co 5:3; 2Co 10:10-11, 13:2, 10; Php 2:12 (and also in 2Pt 1:12, where “having been established in the ‘coming’ truth” would seem absurd). Rotherham, Bowes, McReynolds, and Marshall concur. The renderings “to come” and “coming” are here reserved for ερχομαι, erchomai (over 200 times) and ελευσις, elevsis (Ac 7:52).

Hebrew idiom is seen in Hb 7:3, as it is by Ferrar Fenton, Lamsa, and Jewish New Testament.

The theologically-sensitive Jo 1:1c is analyzed in Table IX.

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Dodd, pages 101, “If translation were a matter of substituting words, a possible translation of of θεος ἦν ο λόγος would be, ‘The Word was a god’. As a word-for-word translation it cannot be faulted ...”

The same form is found in Jo 4:19, “I perceive that thou art a prophet” — which clearly is indefinite. Somewhat similar indefinite forms are found in Jo 6:70, 9:28, 12:6, and maybe 18:37.

The same indefinite/definite predicate noun question arises in the same form in 1Tm 6:10, “For the love of money is a/the root of all evils,” but “a root” is more akin to human experience.

The four oldest and best manuscripts in Jo 1:18 read, “the only begotten god ...” which favors “the Word was a god.”

Dodd, pages 102, “The reason why it is unacceptable is that it runs counter to the current of Johannine thought, and indeed of Christian thought as a whole.”

“John could have written any of the following:

A. ο λόγος ἦν ο θεος
   The Word was God [Himself]

B. θεος ἦν ο λόγος
   John 1:1

C. ο λόγος θεος ἦν
   (less emphatic than B)

D. ο λόγος ἦν θεος
   The Word was a god

E. ο λόγος ἦν θειος
   The Word was divine

... John evidently wished to say something about the logos that was other than A and more than D and E.”

Harner, pages 84-85.

Also, see Colwell, page 21, above.

Dodd, page 103, note 3, “As for the reading μονογενης θεος in 1.18 (not accepted in NEB), it is in any case grammatically exceptional, if not eccentric.”

Can an individual honestly and objectively evaluate the evidence for and against all four translations? Those whose minds are made up to any one of these will likely think: “Of course my view is right, it has support, and advocates of the other three views just confuse the issue.” Nevertheless, an inquiring individual should be able to observe that each view has some support, and each view has one or more weaknesses. The arguments are not all of equal strength; so the question is: Can one by honest process of elimination select a single best translation?

Colwell’s Rule (which does not claim 100% accuracy), only argues that Jo 1:1c can be translated one way; it does not rule out other ways. Harner’s argument regarding New Testament use of anarthrous predicate nouns weighs against the conventional translation.

Dodd, the driving force behind the New English Bible, pushes his view with facts, strong opinion, and a few arguments which are patently false. It is likely that a somewhat better case could have been made without the latter. (Dodd’s view shares some similarity with Harner’s.)

Harner’s analysis examines the different ways Jo 1:1c could have been expressed in order to mean each of the above translations (#1, #2, or #4, but not #3). The grammatical arguments against the remaining translations (#2 and #4) do not appear strong. If one considers that the word θεος is not a name, but means “a mighty one,” the choice of translation might be between “The Word also was a Mighty One,” or, “and Mighty was the Word!”
**Table X. How Well English Translations Do with Manuscripts and Translation**

Results of a previous study of accuracies of several dozen English language translations of the New Testament are given in the table below, based on a selection of 91 texts for use of the manuscripts, and another 50 for faithfulness of translation. Differences of more than 5 should be considered significant (or 7 in the case of translation).

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85⁻ means between 84.65 and 84.85; 85⁺ means between 85.15 and 85.35; 85½ means between 85.35 and 85.65. The numbers in each column refer to each version’s degree of improvement over the AV text. [The Authorized Version (AV) margin allows the AV to be slightly better than the AV text alone.]
### Comparative Accuracy Test List

The comparative accuracies of English language New Testaments is compiled from a list of representative test passages, which are given below:

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### Comments on List of Relative Accuracies

Translators prior to the latter 19th century are to be excused for not using best Greek texts. These only later became readily available, as more and more ancient manuscripts were discovered and published. For 20th-21st century translations from the Greek, Manuscript scores for less than about 95 may raise questions about the translator's objectivity. Translation scores above about 75 are notable.

Italicized scores represent slight approximations from earlier comparisons, remaining to be refined. (RVIC is not evaluated here, because it was edited with most — though not quite all — of the test passages in mind.)
About ten of the versions in the table are revisions traceable to the AV. The Tyndale version (1524) underwent a series of revisions to the AV (1611, 1614, 1762 editions). The AV remained unrevised for nearly three centuries until the RV (1881) and then the ASV (1901). (NKJV and HSE represent separate minor revisions of the AV into modern English). The ASV has in turn been revised by RSV, NASB (and their derivative revisions), WEB (but with Majority text, similar to the AV) and RVIC.

It seems surprising that progressive revisions of poorer translations tend to improve, while better translations tend to become less accurate. (ESV is a notable exception.) Most of the best translations are done by an individual, rather than by a committee; but so also are a majority of the poorest.

Table XI. How Accurate are our English Bible Translations?
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Differences of ± 5% should be considered insignificant, but above ± 10-15% should be quite significant. Scores for the Anchor Bible are (close) estimates, because it has not yet been completed.
### Comparative Accuracy Test List

The comparative accuracies of English language Old Testaments is compiled from a list of sixty-eight representative test passages for translation, which are in the texts below:

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