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## **Preface**

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The Holy Bible Aionian Edition ® is the world's first Bible un-translation! What is an untranslation? Bibles are translated into each of our languages from the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Koine Greek. Occasionally, the best word translation cannot be found and these words are transliterated letter by letter. Four well known transliterations are Christ, baptism, angel, and apostle. The meaning is then preserved more accurately through context and a dictionary. The Aionian Bible un-translates and instead transliterates eleven additional Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies.

The first three words are *aiōn*, *aiōnios*, and *aïdios*, typically translated as *eternal* and also *world* or *eon*. The Aionian Bible is named after an alternative spelling of *aiōnios*. Consider that researchers question if *aiōn* and *aiōnios* actually mean *eternal*. Translating *aiōn* as *eternal* in Matthew 28:20 makes no sense, as all agree. The Greek word for *eternal* is *aïdios*, used in Romans 1:20 about God and in Jude 6 about demon imprisonment. Yet what about *aiōnios* in John 3:16? Certainly we do not question whether salvation is eternal! However, *aiōnios* means something much more wonderful than infinite time! Ancient Greeks used *aiōn* to mean *eon* or *age*. They also used the adjective *aiōnios* to mean *entirety*, such as *complete* or even *consummate*, but never infinite time. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs. So *aiōnios* is the perfect description of God's Word which has *everything* we need for life and godliness! And the *aiōnios* life promised in John 3:16 is not simply a ticket to eternal life in the future, but the invitation through faith to the *consummate* life beginning now!

The next seven words are *Sheol*, *Hadē*s, *Geenna*, *Tartaroō*, *Abyssos*, and *Limnē Pyr*. These words are often translated as *Hell*, the place of eternal punishment. However, *Hell* is ill-defined when compared with the Hebrew and Greek. For example, *Sheol* is the abode of deceased believers and unbelievers and should never be translated as *Hell*. *Hadē*s is a temporary place of punishment, Revelation 20:13-14. *Geenna* is the Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's refuse dump, a temporal judgment for sin. *Tartaroō* is a prison for demons, mentioned once in 2 Peter 2:4. *Abyssos* is a temporary prison for the Beast and Satan. Translators are also inconsistent because *Hell* is used by the King James Version 54 times, the New International Version 14 times, and the World English Bible zero times. Finally, *Limnē Pyr* is the Lake of Fire, yet Matthew 25:41 explains that these fires are prepared for the Devil and his angels. So there is reason to review our conclusions about the destinies of redeemed mankind and fallen angels.

The eleventh word, <code>eleese</code>, reveals the grand conclusion of grace in Romans 11:32. Take the time to understand these eleven words. The original translation is unaltered and a note is added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. To help parallel study and Strong's Concordance use, apocryphal text is removed and most variant verse numbering is mapped to the English standard. We thank our sources at <code>eBible.org</code>, <code>Crosswire.org</code>, <code>unbound.Biola.edu</code>, <code>Bible4u.net</code>, and <code>NHEB.net</code>. The Aionian Bible is copyrighted with <code>creativecommons.org/licenses/by-nd/4.0</code>, allowing 100% freedom to copy and print, if respecting source copyrights. Check the Reader's Guide and read online at <code>AionianBible.org</code>, with Android, and TOR network. Why purple? King Jesus' Word is royal... and purple is the color of royalty!

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# **OLD TESTAMENT**



## Adam and Eve Driven Out of the Garden of Eden

So he drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flaming sword which revolveth, to guard the way to the tree of life.

Genesis 3:24

## Genesis

1 In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth, 2 And the earth was without form and void, and darkness was upon the face of the deep: and the spirit of God was waving over the face of the waters. 3 And God said. Let there be light; and there was light. 4 And God saw the light that it was good; and God divided between the light and the darkness. 5 And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And it was evening and it was morning, the first day. 6 And God said. Let there be an expansion in the midst of the waters, and let it divide between waters and waters. 7 And God made the expansion, and divided between the waters which were under the expansion and the waters which were above the expansion; and it was so. 8 And God called the expansion Heaven. And it was evening and it was morning, the second day. 9 And God said, Let the waters under the heaven be gathered together unto one place, and let the dry land be visible; and it was so. 10 And God called the dry land Earth; and the gathering together of the waters he called Seas: and God saw that it was good. 11 And God said, Let the earth bring forth grass, herbs vielding seed, fruittrees yielding fruit after their kind, in which its seed is upon the earth; and it was so. 12 And the earth brought forth grass, herbs vielding seed after their kind, and trees yielding fruit, in which its seed is after their kind; and God saw that it was good. 13 And it was evening and it was morning, the third day, 14 And God said, Let there be lights in the expansion of the heaven to divide between the day and the night; and let them be for signs, and for seasons, and for days, and years: 15 And let them be for lights in the expansion of the heaven, to give light upon the earth: and it was so. 16 And God made the two great lights: the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night; and the stars. 17 And God set them in the expansion of the heaven to give light upon the earth. 18 And to rule by day and by night, and to divide between the light and the darkness: and God saw that it was good. 19 And it was evening and it was morning, the fourth day. 20 And God said, Let the waters bring forth abundantly moving creatures that have life, and fowl that may fly above the earth in the open expansion of the heaven. 21 And God created the great sea-monsters, and every living creature that moveth, which the waters brought forth abundantly

and God saw that it was good. 22 And God blessed them, saving. Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the waters in the seas, and let the fowl multiply on the earth. 23 And it was evening and it was morning, the fifth day. 24 And God said. Let the earth bring forth living creatures after their kind, cattle, and creeping things, and beasts of the earth after their kind: and it was so. 25 And God made the beasts of the earth after their kind, and the cattle after their kind, and every thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind: and God saw that it was good. 26 And God said. Let us make man in our image, after our likeness; and they shall have dominion over the fish of the sea. and over the fowl of the heaven, and over the cattle. and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 27 And God created man in his image, in the image of God created he him: male and female created he them. 28 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 fowl of the heaven, and over every living thing that moveth upon the earth, 29 And God said, Behold I have given unto you every herb bearing seed, which is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree on which is the fruit of a tree yielding seed; to you it shall be for food. 30 And to every beast of the earth. and to every fowl of the heaven, and to every thing that creepeth upon the earth, wherein there is life. [I have given] every green herb for food: and it was so. 31 And God saw every thing that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And it was evening and it was morning, the sixth dav.

2 Thus were finished the heavens and the earth, and all their host. 2 And God had finished on the seventh day his work which he had made, and he rested on the seventh day from all his work which he had made. 3 And God blessed the seventh day. and sanctified it: because thereon he had rested from all his work which God had created in making it. 4 These are the generations of the heavens and of the earth when they were created, on the day that the Lord God made earth and heaven. 5 And every plant of the field was not yet on the earth, and every herb of the field had not yet grown; for the Lord God had not caused it to rain upon the earth, and man was not vet there to till the ground. 6 But there went up a mist from the earth, and watered the whole face of the ground. 7 And the Lord God formed the man of dust after their kind, and every winged fowl after its kind: from the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the

Genesis

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3 Now the serpent was more subtle than any beast of the field which the Lord God had made; and he said unto the woman, Hath God indeed said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden? 2 And the woman

breath of life; and the man became a living being, 8 said unto the serpent, We may eat of the fruit of the And the Lord God planted a garden in Eden to the trees of the garden; 3 But of the fruit of the tree which eastward, and he put there the man whom he had is in the midst of the garden, God hath said, Ye shall formed. 9 And the Lord God caused to grow out of not eat of it, neither shall ve touch it, lest ve die. 4 the ground every tree that is pleasant to the sight and And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye will surely good for food; and the tree of life in the midst of the not die; 5 For God doth know, that, on the day ye eat garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and thereof, your eyes will be opened, and ye will be as evil. 10 And a river went out of Eden to water the God, knowing good and evil. 6 And when the woman garden, and from there it was parted, and became saw that the tree was good for food, and that it was four principal streams. 11 The name of the first is pleasant to the eyes, and the tree was desirable to Pishon, the same which compasseth the whole land make one wise, she took of its fruit, and did eat, and of Havilah, where there is gold. 12 And the gold of gave also unto her husband with her, and he did eat. that land is good; there is the bdellium and the onyx 7 And the eyes of both of them were opened, and stone. 13 And the name of the second river is Gihon, they felt that they were naked; and they sewed figthe same which compasseth the whole land of Cush. leaves together, and made themselves aprons. 8 And 14 And the name of the third river is Hiddekel, the they heard the voice of the Lord God walking in the same which floweth towards the east of Assyria; and garden in the cool of the day; and the man and his the fourth river is the Euphrates. 15 And the Lord God wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden, to God amongst the trees of the garden. 9 And the Lord till it, and to keep it. 16 And the Lord God commanded God called unto the man, and said unto him, Where the man, saying, Of every tree of the garden thou art thou? 10 And he said, Thy voice I heard in the mayest freely eat; 17 But of the tree of the knowledge garden; and I was afraid, because I am naked; and I of good and evil, thou shalt not eat of it; for on the hid myself. 11 And he said, Who told thee that thou day that thou eatest thereof thou shalt surely die. 18 art naked? Hast thou eaten of the tree, whereof I And the Lord God said, It is not good that the man commanded thee that thou shouldest not eat? 12 should be alone; I will make him a help suitable for And the man said. The woman whom thou gavest to him. 19 And the Lord God had formed out of the be with me, she gave me of the tree, and I did eat. ground every beast of the field, and every fowl of the 13 And the Lord God said unto the woman. What is heaven, and he brought them unto the man to see this that thou hast done? And the woman said, The what he would call them; and whatsoever the man serpent beguiled me, and I did eat. 14 And the Lord would call every living creature, that should be its God said unto the serpent, Because thou hast done name. 20 And the man gave names to all cattle, and this, be thou cursed above all the cattle, and above to the fowl of the heaven, and to every beast of the every beast of the field; upon thy belly shalt thou go, field; but for man there was not found a help suitable and dust shalt thou eat all the days of thy life: 15 for him. 21 And the Lord God caused a deep sleep And I will put enmity between thee and the woman, to fall upon the man, and he slept; and he took one and between thy seed and her seed; he shall bruise of his ribs, and closed up the flesh instead thereof. thy head, and thou shalt wound his heel. 16 Unto 22 And the Lord God formed the rib which he had the woman he said. I will greatly multiply thy pain taken from the man into a woman, and brought her and Ithe suffering of thy conception; in pain shalt unto the man. 23 And the man said, This time it is thou bring forth children; and for thy husband shall be bone of my bones, and flesh of my flesh; this shall be thy desire, but he shall rule over thee. 17 And unto called Woman, [[Ishah, ]] because out of Man [[Ishi]] Adam he said, Because thou hast hearkened unto was this one taken. 24 Therefore doth a man leave the voice of thy wife, and hast eaten of the tree of his father and his mother, and cleave unto his wife, which I commanded thee, saying, Thou shalt not eat and they become one flesh. 25 And they were both of it; cursed be the ground for thy sake; in pain shalt naked, the man and his wife, and were not ashamed. thou eat of it all the days of thy life. 18 And thorns and thistles shall it bring forth to thee; and thou shalt eat the herbs of the field. 19 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. 20 And the man called his wife's

name Eve [[Chavvah]]; because she was the mother dwelt in the land of Nod, on the east of Eden. 17 And of all living [[Chay]]. 21 And the Lord God made unto Cain knew his wife, and she conceived, and bore them. 22 And the Lord God said. Behold, the man is the city after the name of his son Enoch. 18 And become as one of us, to know good and evil; and unto Enoch was born Irad; and Irad begat Mechuiael; now, lest he put forth his hand, and take also of the and Mechujael begat Methushael; and Methushael tree of life, and eat, and live for ever— 23 Therefore begat Lemech. 19 And Lemech took unto himself two the Lord God sent him forth from the garden of Eden, wives, the name of one was Adah, and the name of to till the ground from which he was taken. 24 So he the other Zillah. 20 And Adah bore Jabal; he was the drove out the man; and he placed at the east of the father of such as dwell in tents, and have cattle. 21 garden of Eden the Cherubim, and the flaming sword And his brother's name was Jubal; he was the father which revolveth, to guard the way to the tree of life.

And the man knew Eve his wife: and she conceived, and bore Cain, and said, I have gotten a man from the Lord. 2 And she bore again, his brother, Abel: and Abel was a keeper of sheep, but Cain was a tiller of the ground. 3 And it came to pass in process of time, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground and offering unto the Lord. 4 And Abel-he also brought of the firstlings of his flock, and of the fattest thereof: and the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering; 5 But unto Cain and to his offering he had no respect; and it was very displeasing to Cain, and his countenance fell. 6 And the Lord said unto Cain, Why art thou wroth? and why is thy countenance fallen? 7 If thou doest well, shalt thou not be accepted? and if thou doest not well, sin lieth at the door; and unto thee is its desire, but thou canst rule over it. 8 And Cain talked with Abel his brother: and it came to pass when they were in the field, that Cain rose up against Abel his brother, and slew him. 9 And the Lord said unto Cain. Where is Abel they brother? and he said. I know not; am I my brother's keeper? 10 And he said, What hast thou done? the voice of thy brother's blood crieth unto me from the ground. 11 And now be thou cursed from the ground, which hath opened its mouth to receive thy brother's blood from thy hand: 12 When thou tillest the ground, it shall not henceforth yield its strength unto thee; fugitive and vagabond shalt thou be on the earth. 13 And Cain said unto the Lord. My punishment is greater than I can bear. 14 Behold, thou hast driven me out this day from the face of the ground; and from thy face shall I be hid; and if I shall be a fugitive and a vagabond on the earth, it will come to pass, that every one that findeth me will slav me. 15 And the Lord said unto him. Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him seven-fold. And the Lord set a sign unto Cain, that any one finding him should not kill him. 16 And

Adam and to his wife coats of skins, and clothed Enoch; and he built a city, and called the name of of all such as play on the harp and guitar. 22 And Zillah, she also bore Tubal-cain, an artificer in every article of copper and iron; and the sister of Tubal-cain was Naamah. 23 And Lemech said unto his wives. Adah and Zillah, hear my voice; ye wives of Lemech, hearken unto my speech; for I have slain a man to my own wounding, and a young-man to my hurt. 24 If Cain shall be avenged seven-fold, truly Lemech seventy and seven-fold. 25 And Adam knew his wife again, and she bore a son, and called his name Sheth [[Seth]]; for God [said she] hath appointed me another seed instead of Abel, whom Cain slew, 26 And to Sheth, to him also there was born a son; and he called his name Enosh: then began men to call upon the name of the Lord.

5 This is the book of the generations of Adam. On 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, on the day when they were created. 3 And Adam lived a hundred and thirty years, and begat a son in his likeness, after his image; and called his name Sheth. 4 And the days of Adam after he had begotten Sheth were eight hundred years; and he begat sons and daughters. 5 And all the days that Adam lived were nine hundred and thirty years; and he died. 6 And Sheth lived a hundred and five years, and begat Enosh. 7 And Sheth lived after he had begotten Enosh eight hundred and seven years; and he begat sons and daughters. 8 And all the days of Sheth were nine hundred and twelve years; and he died. 9 And Enosh lived ninety years, and begat Kenan. 10 And Enosh lived after he had begotten Kenan eight hundred and fifteen years; and he begat sons and daughters. 11 And all the days of Enosh were nine hundred and five years; and he died. 12 And Kenan lived seventy years, and begat Mahalalel. 13 And Kenan lived after he had begotten Mahalalel Cain went out from the presence of the Lord, and eight hundred and forty years; and he begat sons

and Noah begat Shem, Ham, and Japheth.

And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them. 2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men, that they were fair; and they took themselves wives of all whom they chose. 3 And the Lord said. My Spirit shall not always strive for the sake of man, for that he is but flesh; yet his days [of grace] shall be a hundred and twenty years. 4 The giants were on the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bore children to them; these became the mighty men, who were of old the men of renown. 5 And God saw that the wickedness of man was great on the

and daughters 14 And all the days of Kenan were the Lord that he had made man on the earth, and it nine hundred and ten years; and he died. 15 And grieved him at his heart. 7 And the Lord said, I will Mahalalel lived sixty and five years, and begat Jared. destroy the man whom I have created from the face 16 And Mahalalel lived after he had begotten Jared of the earth; both man and beast, and the creeping eight hundred and thirty years; and he begat sons things and the fowls of the heaven; for it repenteth and daughters. 17 And all the days of Mahalalel were me that I have made them. 8 But Noah found grace in eight hundred ninety and five years; and he died. the eyes of the Lord. 9 These are the generations of 18 And Jared lived a hundred sixty and two years, Noah: Noah was a just, perfect man in his generation; and begat Enoch. 19 And Jared lived after he had Noah walked with God. 10 And Noah begat three begotten Enoch eight hundred years; and he begat sons, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 11 And the earth sons and daughters. 20 And all the days of Jared was corrupt before God; and the earth was filled with were nine hundred sixty and two years; and he died. violence. 12 And God looked upon the earth, and 21 And Enoch lived sixty and five years, and begat behold, it was corrupt, for all flesh had corrupted his Methushelah. 22 And Enoch walked with God after he way upon the earth. 13 And God said unto Noah, The had begotten Methushelah three hundred years; and end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is begat sons and daughters. 23 And all the days of filled with violence through them, and I will destroy Enoch were three hundred sixty and five years. 24 them with the earth. 14 Make thee an ark of gopher-And Enoch walked with God, and he was no more: wood, rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt for God had taken him. 25 And Methushelah lived a pitch it within and without with pitch. 15 And this is the hundred eighty and seven years and begat Lemech. manner in which thou shalt make it: The length of 26 And Methushelah lived after he had begotten the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of Lemech seven hundred eighty and two years; and he it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. 16 A begat sons and daughters. 27 And all the days of window shalt thou make to the ark, and thou shalt Methushelah were nine hundred sixty and nine years; finish it above, to be one cubit broad, and the door and he died. 28 And Lemech lived a hundred eighty of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with and two years, and begat a son. 29 And he called lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it. 17 his name Noach, [[Noah, ]] saying, This one shall And as regards myself, behold, I will bring a flood of comfort us concerning our work and the toil of our waters upon the earth, to destroy all flesh, wherein is hands, because of the ground which the Lord hath the breath of life, from under the heavens; every thing cursed. 30 And Lemech lived after he had begotten that is on the earth shall perish. 18 But I will establish Noah five hundred ninety and five years; and begat my covenant with thee; and thou shalt come into the sons and daughters. 31 And all the days of Lemech ark, thou, and thy sons, and thy wife, and thy sons' were seven hundred seventy and seven years; and wives with thee. 19 And of every living thing, of all he died. 32 And Noah was five hundred years old, flesh, two of every sort shalt thou bring into the ark, to keep them alive with thee: male and female shall they be. 20 Of the fowls after their kind, and of the cattle after their kind, of every creeping thing of the earth after its kind, two of every sort shall come unto thee, to keep them alive, 21 And thou, for thy part, take unto thee of all food that is eaten, and thou shalt gather it to thee; and it shall be unto thee, and unto them for food. 22 Thus did Noah; according to all that God had commanded him, so he did.

7 And the Lord said unto Noah, Come thou and all thy household into the ark; for thee have I seen righteous before me in this generation. 2 Of every clean beast thou shalt take to thee seven pairs of each, the male and his female; and of beasts that are earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of not clean two, the male and his female. 3 Also of the his heart was only evil continually. 6 And it repented fowls of the heaven, seven pairs of each, the male

all the earth. 4 For after only seven days more. I will cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights: and I will blot out every living substance that I have made from off the face of the earth. 5 And Noah did all just as the Lord had commanded him. 6 And Noah was six hundred years old when the flood of waters was upon the earth. 7 And Noah went in, and his sons, and his wife, and his sons' wives with him. into the ark, because of the waters of the flood, 8 Of the clean beasts, and of the beasts that are not clean. and of the fowls, and of every thing that creepeth upon the earth. 9 One pair of each went in unto Noah into the ark, the male and the female, as God had commanded Noah. 10 And it came to pass, after the seven days, that the waters of the flood were upon the earth. 11 In the six hundredth year of Noah's life. in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on this same day, were all the fountains of the great deep broken up, and the windows of heaven were opened. 12 And the rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights. 13 On that self-same day entered Noah, and Shem, and Ham, and Japheth. the sons of Noah, and Noah's wife, and the three wives of his sons with them, into the ark: 14 They, and every beast after his kind, and all the cattle after their kind, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth after its kind, and every fowl after his kind. every bird, every thing that hath wings. 15 And they went in unto Noah into the ark, one pair of each, of all flesh, wherein is the breath of life. 16 And they that went in, went in male and female of all flesh, as God had commanded him: and then the Lord shut him in. 17 And the flood was forty days upon the earth: and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it was lifted up above the earth. 18 And the waters prevailed, and increased greatly upon the earth; and the ark floated along upon the face of the waters. 19 And the waters prevailed exceedingly upon the earth: and all the high mountains that are under the whole heavens were covered. 20 Fifteen cubits above them did the waters prevail; and the mountains were [thus] covered. 21 And all flesh perished that moved upon the earth, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of beast, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and every man. 22 All in whose nostrils was the breath of life, of all that were on the dry land, died. 23 And it swept off every living substance which was upon the face of the ground, both man, and cattle. and creeping things, and fowls of the heaven; and they were swept from the earth; and Noah only was

and the female; to keep seed alive upon the face of left, together with those that were with him in the all the earth. 4 For after only seven days more, I will ark. 24 And the waters prevailed upon the earth one cause it to rain upon the earth forty days and forty hundred and fifty days.

8 And God remembered Noah, and every living thing, and all the cattle that were with him in the ark: and God caused a wind to pass over the earth. and the waters were assuaged: 2 The fountains also of the deep, and the windows of heaven were stopped; and the rain from heaven was restrained. 3 And the waters returned from off the earth, gradually returning; and the waters were abated after the end of the hundred and fifty days. 4 And the ark rested in the seventh month, on the seventeenth day of the month, upon the mountains of Ararat. 5 And the waters decreased continually until the tenth month: in the tenth month, on the first day of the month, were the tops of the mountains seen: 6 And it came to pass at the end of forty days, that Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made: 7 And he sent forth a raven which went forth to and fro, until the waters were dried up from off the earth. 8 He then sent forth a dove from him, to see if the waters were abated from off the face of the ground. 9 But the dove found no resting-place for the sole of her foot, and she returned unto him unto the ark; for there was water on the face of the whole earth; then he put forth his hand, and took her, and brought her into the ark. 10 And he staved vet another seven days, and again he sent forth the dove out of the ark. 11 And the dove came in to him at the time of the evening; and, lo, an olive-leaf plucked off was in her mouth; so Noah knew that the waters were abated from off the earth. 12 And he stayed yet other seven days, and sent forth the dove: but she returned not again unto him any more. 13 And it came to pass in the six hundredth and first year, in the first month, on the first day of the month, that the waters were dried up from off the earth; and Noah removed the covering of the ark, and looked. and, behold, the face of the ground was dry. 14 And in the second month, on the seven and twentieth day of the month, was the earth perfectly dried up. 15 And God spoke unto Noah, saving, 16 Go forth from the ark, thou, and thy wife, and thy sons, and thy sons' wives with thee. 17 Every living thing that is with thee, of all flesh, both of fowl, and of cattle, and of every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, bring forth with thee; that they may breed abundantly on the earth, and be fruitful, and multiply upon the earth. 18 And Noah went forth, and his sons, and his wife. and his sons' wives with him. 19 Every beast. every

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and day and night, shall not cease.

And God blessed Noah and his sons, and said unto them, Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth. 2 And the fear of you, and the dread of you, shall be upon every beast of the earth, and upon every fowl of the heaven; whatever is that moveth upon the earth, and all the fishes of the sea, are delivered into your hand. 3 Every moving thing that liveth shall be yours for food; even as the green herbs have I given you all things. 4 But flesh in which its life is, which is its blood, shall ye not eat. 5 Your blood, however, on which your lives depend, will I require: at the hand of every beast will I require it; and at the hand of man, at the hand of every man's brother will I require the life of man. 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 on the earth, and multiply thereon. 8 And God spoke unto Noah, and to his sons with him, saving, 9 And I, behold, I establish my covenant with you, and with your seed after you; 10 And with every living creature that is with you, of the fowl, of the cattle, and of every beast of the earth with you, from all those that go out of the ark, for every beast of the earth. 11 And I will establish my covenant with you; and all flesh shall not be cut off any more by the waters of a flood; neither shall there be any more 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 creature that is with you, for perpetual generations, 13 My bow I do set in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of the covenant between me and the earth. 14 And it shall come to pass, that, when I bring a cloud over the earth, and the bow shall be seen in the cloud, 15 l will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all

creeping thing, and every fowl, whatsoever creepeth flesh. 16 And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will upon the earth, after their families, went forth out of look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting the ark, 20 And Noah built an altar unto the Lord, and covenant between God and every living creature, of he took of every clean cattle, and of every clean fowl, all flesh, that is upon the earth, 17 And God said unto and offered burnt-offerings on the altar. 21 And the Noah. This is the token of the covenant which I have Lord smelled the sweet savour; and the Lord said established between me and all flesh that is upon in his heart, I will not again curse the ground any the earth. 18 And the sons of Noah that went forth more for the sake of man; although the imagination of from the ark, were Shem, Ham and Japheth; and man's heart is evil from his youth: neither will I again Ham was the father of Canaan. 19 These three were smite any more every thing living, as I have done. the sons of Noah, and of them was the whole earth 22 All the while the earth remaineth, seed-time and overspread. 20 And Noah, who was a husbandman, harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, began his work, and he planted a vineyard. 21 And he drank of the wine, and became drunken; and he uncovered himself within his tent. 22 And Ham, the father of Canaan, saw the nakedness of his father. and told it his two brothers without. 23 And Shem and Japheth took a garment, and laid it upon the shoulders of both of them, and went backward, and covered the nakedness of their father; and their faces were turned backward, and they saw not their father's nakedness. 24 And Noah awoke from his wine, and discovered what his younger son had done unto him. 25 And he said, Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be unto his brethren. 26 And he said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Shem; and Canaan shall be a servant unto them. 27 May God enlarge the boundaries of Japheth, and may he dwell in the tents of Shem: and Canaan shall be a servant unto them. 28 And Noah lived after the flood three hundred and fifty years. 29 And all the days of Noah were nine hundred and fifty years; and he died.

> **1** Now these are the generations of the sons of Noah: Shem, Ham, and Japheth; and unto them were sons born after the flood. 2 The sons of Japheth: Gomer, and Magog, and Madai and Javan, and Tubal, and Meshech, and Tirass. 3 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenaz, Riphath, and Togarmah. 4 And Javan's sons: Elishah, Tarshish, Kittim, and Dodanim. 5 From these were separated the isles of the nations in their lands, every one after his tonque; after their families, in their nations. 6 And the sons of Ham: Cush and Mizrayim, Put and Canaan. 7 And the sons of Cush: Seba and Havilah, Sabtah and Raamah, and Sabtecha: and the sons of Raamah: Sheba and Dedan. 8 And Cush begat Nimrod; he began to be a mighty man on the earth. 9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod, a mighty hunter before the Lord. 10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, and Erech, and Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. 11 Out of that land

went forth Asshur, and built Nineveh, and the city of tower, which the children of man were building. 6 Rechoboth, and Calach. 12 And Ressen between And the Lord said, Behold, it is one people, and they Nineveh and Calach: the same is the great city. 13 have all one language, and this is the first thing they And Mizravim begat the Ludim, and Anamim, and undertake to do: and now shall they not be restrained Lehabim, and Naphtuchim, 14 And the Pethrussim, in all which they have imagined to do? 7 Go to, let us and Casluchin, [out of whom came the Pelishtim, ] go down, and confound there their language, that and the Caphtorim. 15 And Canaan begat Sidon his they may not understand one another's speech. 8 first-born, and Heth. 16 And the Jebusite, and the So the Lord scattered them abroad from there over Emorite, and the Girgashite, 17 And the Hivite, and the face of all the earth; and they left off to build the Arkite, and the Sinite, 18 And the Arvadite, and the city. 9 Therefore is the name of it called Babel, the Zemarite, and the Hamathite; and afterward were because the Lord did there confound the language of the families of the Canaanites spread abroad. 19 And all the earth; and from there did the Lord scatter them the border of the Canaanites was from Sidon, as thou abroad over the face of all the earth, 10 These are the comest to Gerar, unto Gazzah; as thou goest unto generations of Shem; Shem, when a hundred years Sodom and Gomorrah, and Admah, and Zebovim, old, begat Arpachshad, two years after the flood, 11 even unto Lesha. 20 These are the sons of Ham, after And Shem lived after he had begotten Arpachshad their families, after their tongues, in their countries, in five hundred years; and begat sons and daughters. their nations. 21 But unto Shem also, the father of all 12 And Arpachshad lived five and thirty years, and the children of Eber, the brother of Japheth the elder, begat Shelach. 13 And Arpachshad lived after he had were children born. 22 The sons of Shem: Elam, and begotten Shelach four hundred and three years; and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram. 23 begat sons and daughters. 14 And Shelach lived thirty And the children of Aram: Uz, and Hul, and Gether, years, and begat Eber. 15 And Shelach lived after he and Mash. 24 And Arpachshad begat Shelach; and had begotten Eber four hundred and three years; and Shelach begat Eber. 25 And unto Eber were born begat sons and daughters. 16 And Eber lived four two sons; the name of one was Peleg, for in his days and thirty years, and begat Peleg. 17 And Eber lived was the earth divided; and his brother's name was after he had begotten Peleg four hundred and thirty Joktan. 26 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph, years; and begat sons and daughters. 18 And Peleg and Hazarmayeth, and Jerach. 27 And Hadoram, and lived thirty years, and begat Reu. 19 And Peleg lived Uzal, and Diklah, 28 And Obal, and Abimael, and after he had begotten Reu two hundred and nine Sheba. 29 And Ophir, and Havilah, and Jobab; all years; and begat sons and daughters. 20 And Reu these were the sons of Joktan. 30 And their dwelling lived two and thirty years, and begat Serug. 21 And was from Mesha, as thou goest unto Sephar, the Reu lived after he had begotten Serug two hundred mount of the east. 31 These are the sons of Shem. and seven years; and begat sons and daughters. 22 after their families, after their tongues, in their lands, And Serug lived thirty years, and begat Nachor. 23 after their nations. 32 These are the families of the And Serug lived after he had begotten Nachor two sons of Noah, after their generations, in their nations; hundred years; and begat sons and daughters. 24 and from these were the nations separated on the And Nachor lived nine and twenty years, and begat earth after the flood.

11 And the whole earth was of one language, and of one kind of words. 2 And it came to pass, as they journeyed toward the east, that they found a plain in the land of Shinar, and they dwelt there. 3 And they said to one another, Go to, let us make bricks, and burn them thoroughly. And thus the brick served them for stone, and slime served them for mortar. 4 And they said, Go to, let us build ourselves a city, and a tower, the top of which may reach unto heaven; and let us make ourselves a name, lest we be scattered abroad upon the face of the whole earth. 5 And the Lord came down to see the city and the

Terach. 25 And Nachor lived after he had begotten Terach a hundred and nineteen years: and begat sons and daughters. 26 And Terach lived seventy years, and begat Abram, Nachor, and Haran. 27 Now these are the generations of Terach: Terach begat Abram, Nachor, and Haran; and Haran begat Lot. 28 And Haran died before his father Terach in the land of his nativity, in Ur of the Chaldees. 29 And Abram and Nachor took themselves wives; the name of Abram's wife was Sarai; and the name of Nachor's wife was Milcah, the daughter of Haran, the father of Milcah, and the father of Yiscah. 30 But Sarai was barren; she had no child. 31 And Terach took Abram his son, and Lot, the son of Haran, his son's son, and Sarai his

went forth with them from Ur of the Chaldees, to go house with great plagues because of Sarai, Abram's into the land of Canaan; and they came unto Charan. and dwelt there. 32 And the days of Terach were two is this thou hast done unto me? Why didst thou not hundred and five years: and Terach died in Charan.

1 2 Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and out of thy birthplace, 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 thou shalt be a blessing: 3 And I will bless those that bless 13 And Abram went up out of Egypt, he, and his thee, and him that curseth thee, will I curse; and in Abram departed, as the Lord had spoken unto him, and Lot went with him; and Abram was seventy and five years old at his departure out of Charan. 5 And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their substance that they had acquired, and the persons that they had obtained in Charan; and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and they came into the land of Canaan. 6 And Abram passed through the land unto the place of Shechem, unto the plain of Moreh; and the Canaanite was then in the land. 7 And the Lord appeared unto Abram, and said, Unto thy seed will I give this land. And he built there an altar unto the Lord, who had appeared unto him. 8 And he removed from there unto the mountain on the east of Beth-el, and pitched his tent, having Beth-el on the west, and 'Ai on the east: and to sojourn there; for the famine was grievous in the handsome appearance: 12 And it may come to pass, when the Egyptians shall see thee, that they will say, sister, that it may go well with me for thy sake, and my soul live because of thee. 14 And it came to pass, when Abram was come into Egypt, that the Egyptians to Pharaoh; and the woman was taken into Pharaoh's

daughter-in-law, the wife of his son Abram; and they and camels. 17 But the Lord plagued Pharaoh and his wife. 18 And Pharaoh called Abram, and said, What tell me that she is thy wife? 19 Why saidst thou, She is my sister? and so I took her to me for a wife; now, therefore, behold, here is thy wife, take her, and go thy way. 20 And Pharaoh commanded some men concerning him, who accompanied him and his wife, and all that he had.

wife, and all that he had, and Lot with him, into thee shall all families of the earth be blessed. 4So 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 Beth-el, unto the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Beth-el and 'Ai; 4 Unto the place of the altar, which he had made there at the first; and Abram called there on the name of the Lord. 5 And Lot also, who went with Abram, had flocks, and herds, and tents. 6 And the land was not able to bear them, that they might dwell together; for their substance was great, so that they could not dwell together. 7 And there arose a strife between the herdmen of Abram's cattle, and the herdmen of Lot's cattle: and the Canaanite and the Perizzite dwelled 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 herdmen and thy herdmen; for we are near relatives. 9 Is not the whole land before he built there an altar unto the Lord, and called upon thee? Separate thyself, I pray thee, from me: if thou the name of the Lord. 9 And Abram journeyed farther, wilt take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if still going on toward the south. 10 And there arose a thou depart to the right, then I will go to the left. 10 famine in the land: and Abram went down into Egypt And Lot lifted up his eyes, and beheld all the plain of Jordan, that it was well watered everywhere; before land. 11 And it came to pass, when he was come the Lord destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, [it was] near to enter into Egypt, that he said unto Sarai his like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, till wife, Behold now, I know that thou art a woman of thou comest unto Zoar. 11 Then Lot chose himself all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeved east; and they separated themselves the one from the other. 12 This is his wife; and they may kill me, but thee they Abram dwelt in the land of Canaan; and Lot dwelt in will save alive. 13 Say then, I pray thee, thou art my the cities of the plain, and pitched his tents, till close to Sodom. 13 But the men of Sodom were wicked and sinners before the Lord exceedingly. 14 And the Lord said unto Abram, after Lot was separated from him, beheld the woman that she was very fair. 15 The Lift up now thy eyes, and look from the place where princes also of Pharaoh saw her, and commended her thou art, northward, and southward, and eastward, and westward; 15 For all the land which thou seest, to house. 16 And he did well to Abram for her sake; thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever. 16 And I will and he received sheep, and oxen, and he-asses, and make thy seed as the dust of the earth; so that if a men-servants, and maid-servants, and she-asses, man can number the dust of the earth, then shall thy

seed also be numbered. 17 Arise, walk through the the king of Sodom went out to meet him [after his land in the length of it and in the breadth of it; for unto return from smiting Kedorlaomer, and the kings that thee will I give it. 18 Then Abram pitched his tent, and were with himl at the valley of Shaveh, which is the came and dwelt in the grove of Mamre, which is in kings' dale. 18 And Malkizidek king of Salem brought Hebron: and he built there an altar unto the Lord.

1 1 And it came to pass, in the day of Amraphel king of Shinar, Arioch king of Ellasar, Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and Tidal king of Govim: 2 That these made war with Bera king of Sodom, and with Birsha king of Gomorrah, Shinab king of Admah, and Shemeber king of Zeboyim, and the king of Bela, which is Zoar. 3 All these joined together in the vale of Siddim, which is now the salt sea. 4 Twelve years had they served Kedorlaomer, but in the thirteenth vear they rebelled. 5 And in the fourteenth year came Kedorlaomer, and the kings that were with him. and they smote the Rephaim in Ashteroth-karnavim, and the Zuzim in Ham, and the Emim in Shavehkiriathayim, 6 And the Horites in their mountain Seir, unto El-paran, which is by the wilderness. 7 And they returned and came to Enmishpat, which is Kadesh, and smote all the country of the Amalekites, and also the Emorites, that dwelt in Hazezon-tamar, 8 And 1 am thy shield, thy reward shall be exceedingly great. then went out the king of Sodom, and the king of 2 And Abram said, Lord God, what wilt thou give me, Emorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner, and he said unto him. Take me a heifer of three years old. of Damascus. 16 And he brought back all the goods: going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram; and lo. and he also brought again his brother Lot, and his a horror, dark and great, fell upon him, 13 And he

forth bread and wine: and he was a priest of the most high God. 19 And he blessed him, and said, Blessed be Abram of the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth. 20 And blessed he the most high God, who hath delivered thy enemies into thy hand. And he gave him tithes of all. 21 And the king of Sodom said unto Abram, Give me the persons, and the goods take to thyself. 22 And Abram said to the king of Sodom. I have lifted up my hand unto the Lord, the most high God, the possessor of heaven and earth. 23 That I will not take from a thread even to a shoe-latchet, and that I will not take any thing that is thine; lest thou shouldst say, I have made Abram rich: 24 Save only that which the young men have eaten, and the portion of the men who went with me. Aner. Eshcol, and Mamre — these may take their portion.

**1 5** After these things the word of the Lord came unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not Abram; Gomorrah, and the king of Admah, and the king of seeing I go childless, and the steward of my house is Zeboyim, and the king of Bela, [the same is Zoar; ] Eliezer of Damascus? 3 And Abram said, Behold to and they joined battle with them in the vale of Siddim; me thou hast given no seed; and lo, one born in my 9 With Kedorlaomer king of Elam, and with Tidal house will be my heir, 4 And behold, the word of the king of Govim, and Amraphel king of Shinar, and Lord came unto him, saving. This one shall not be Arioch king of Ellasar; four kings with five. 10 And thy heir; but he that shall come forth out of thy own the vale of Siddim was full of slime-pits; and the bowels shall be thy heir. 5 And he brought him forth kings of Sodom and Gomorrah fled, and fell therein; abroad, and said, Look now toward the heaven, and and they that remained fled to the mountain. 11 And count the stars, if thou be able to count them; and they took all the goods of Sodom and Gomorrah, he said unto him, So shall thy seed be. 6 And he and all their victuals, and went their way. 12 And believed in the Lord; and he accounted it to him for they took Lot, Abram's brother's son, who dwelt in righteousness. 7 And he said unto him, I am the Lord Sodom, and his goods, and departed. 13 And there that brought thee out of Ur of the Chaldees, to give came one that had escaped, and told it to Abram unto thee this land, to inherit it, 8 And he said, Lord the Hebrew; but he dwelt in the grove of Mamre the God, whereby shall I know that I shall inherit it? 9 And these were confederates of Abram. 14 And when and a she-goat of three years old, and a ram of three Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he years old, and a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon. 10 armed his trained servants; born in his own house, And he took unto him all these, and divided them three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them into in the midst, and laid each piece one opposite the Dan. 15 And he divided himself against them, he other; but the birds he did not divide. 11 And the birds and his servants, by night, and smote them, and of prey came down upon the carcasses; but Abram pursued them unto Hobah, which is on the left hand drove them away. 12 And when the sun was about goods, and also the women, and the people. 17 And said unto Abram, Know of a surety that thy seed shall

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covenant with Abram, saving. Unto thy seed have I when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram. given this land, from the river of Egypt unto the great river, the river Euphrates: 19 The Kenites, and the Kenizzites, and the Kadmonites, 20 And the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Rephaim, 21 And the Emorites, and the Canaanites, and the Girgashites. and the Jebusites.

16 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children: and she had an Egyptian handmaid, whose name was Hagar. 2 And Sarai said unto Abram. Behold now, the Lord hath restrained me from bearing: go in, I pray thee, unto my maid; it may be that I may obtain children by her. And Abram hearkened to the voice of Sarai. 3 And Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar, the Egyptian, her maid, after Abram had dwelt ten years in the land of Canaan, and gave her to her husband Abram to be his wife. 4 And he went in unto Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, her mistress became of little esteem in her eves. 5 And Sarai said unto Abram, I suffer wrong through thee; I have placed my maid into thy bosom; and when she saw that she had conceived, I became of little esteem in her eves; may the Lord judge between me and thee. 6 But Abram said unto Sarai, Behold, thy maid is in thy hand: do to her as it pleaseth thee. And when Sarai dealt hardly with her, she fled from her face. 7 And an angel of the Lord found her by a fountain of water in the wilderness, by the fountain on the way to Shur, 8 And he said, Hagar, Sarai's maid, whence camest thou? and whither wilt thou go? And she said. From the face of my mistress Sarai I am fleeing. And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Return to thy mistress, and submit thyself under her hands. 10 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, I will multiply thy seed exceedingly, that it shall not be numbered for multitude. 11 And the angel of the Lord said unto her, Behold, thou art with child, and wilt bear a son,

be a stranger in a land which is not theirs, and they and thou shalt call his name Ishmael; because the will make them serve, and they will afflict them four Lord hath heard thy affliction. 12 And he will be a wild hundred years. 14 And also that nation whom they man; his hand will be against every man, and every shall serve, will I judge; and afterward shall they go man's hand against him; and in the presence of all his out with great substance. 15 But thou shalt come to brethren shall he dwell. 13 And she called the name thy fathers in peace; thou shalt be buried in a good of the Lord that spoke unto her, Thou art an all-seeing old age. 16 Yet the fourth generation shall come hither God; for she said, Have I not also seen here a vision again; for the iniquity of the Emorites will not be full after he appeared to me? 14 Wherefore the well was until then. 17 And it came to pass, when the sun had called Beerlachai-roi: behold, it is between Kadesh gone down, and it was dark, that behold a smoking and Bared. 15 And Hagar bore Abram a son; and furnace, and a burning flame, which passed between Abram called the name of his son, whom Hagar bore, those pieces. 18 On the same day the Lord made a Ishmael. 16 And Abram was eighty and six years old.

> **7** And when Abram was ninety and nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said unto him, I am the Almighty God: walk before me, and be thou perfect. 2 And I will make my covenant between me and thee, and I will multiply thee exceedingly. 3 And Abram fell on his face, and God spoke with him, saying, 4 As for me, behold my covenant is with thee, and thou shalt become the father of a multitude of nations. 5 Neither shall thy name any more be called Abram, but thy name shall be Abraham; for the father of a multitude of nations have I made thee. 6 And I will make thee exceedingly fruitful, and I will cause thee to become nations; and kings shall come out of thee. 7 And I will establish my covenant between me and thee and between thy seed after thee in their generations for an everlasting covenant: to be a God unto thee, and to thy seed after thee. 8 And I will give unto thee, and to thy seed after thee, the land wherein thou sojournest, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession; and I will be their God. 9 And God said unto Abraham, But thou, for thy part, shalt keep my covenant, thou and thy seed after thee, in their generations. 10 This is my covenant, which ye shall keep, between me and between you, and between thy seed after thee: Every man-child among you shall be circumcised. 11 And ye shall circumcise the flesh of your foreskin; and this shall serve as the token of the covenant between me and you. 12 And at eight days old shall every man-child in your generations be circumcised among you, he that is born in the house, or bought with money of any stranger, who is not of thy seed. 13 He that is 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 any uncircumcised male, who circumciseth not the flesh of his foreskin, that soul shall be cut off from his

said unto Abraham, As for Sarai thy wife, thou shalt And Abraham ran unto the herd, and fetched a calf not call her name Sarai, but Sarah shall her name be, tender and good, and gave it unto a young man, and 16 And I will bless her, and give thee also a son of her; he hastened to dress it. 8 And he took cream and vea I will bless her, and she shall become a mother milk, and the calf which he had dressed, and set it of nations; kings of people shall spring from her. 17 before them; and he stood by them under the tree, Then Abraham fell upon his face, and laughed; and and they did eat. 9 And they said unto him, Where is he said in his heart. Shall a child be born unto him Sarah thy wife! And he said. Behold, in the tent, 10 that is a hundred years old? and shall Sarah, who is And he said, I will certainly return unto thee at this ninety years old, bear? 18 And Abraham said unto time next year: and lo, Sarah thy wife shall have a God, O that Ishmael might live before thee! 19 And son. And Sarah heard it at the door of the tent, which God said, Truly, Sarah thy wife shall bear thee a son; was behind him. 11 Now Abraham and Sarah were and thou shalt call his name Isaac; and I will establish old and well stricken in years; it had ceased to be with my covenant with him for an everlasting covenant. Sarah after the manner of women. 12 Therefore Sarah for his seed after him. 20 And as for Ishmael, I have laughed within herself, saving, After I am waxed old heard thee: behold, I have blessed him, and will make shall I have pleasure, my lord also being old! 13 And him fruitful, and will multiply him exceedingly; twelve the Lord said unto Abraham, Wherefore did Sarah princes shall he beget, and I will make of him a great laugh, saying, Shall I of a surety bear a child, since I nation. 21 But my covenant will I establish with Isaac, am old? 14 Is anything too hard for the Lord? At the whom Sarah shall bear unto thee at this set time in time appointed I will return unto thee, at this time next the next year, 22 And when he had left off talking with year, and Sarah shall have a son. 15 Then Sarah him, God went up from Abraham. 23 And Abraham denied, saying, I laughed not; for she was afraid; but now took Ishmael his son, and all that were born in he said, Nay; indeed thou didst laugh, 16 And the his house, and all that were bought with his money, men rose up from there and looked toward Sodom; every male among the men of Abraham's house; and Abraham went with them to bring them on the and he circumcised the flesh of their foreskin on the way. 17 And the Lord said. Shall I hide from Abraham selfsame day, as God had spoken unto him. 24 And what I am about doing? 18 Seeing that Abraham shall Abraham was ninety and nine years old, when he surely become a great and mighty nation, and all the was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 25 And nations of the earth shall be blessed in him? 19 For I Ishmael his son, was thirteen years old, when he know him, that he will command his children and his was circumcised in the flesh of his foreskin. 26 On household after him, that they shall keep the way of the self-same day was Abraham circumcised, with the Lord, to do righteousness and justice; in order Ishmael his son, 27 And all the men of his house, that the Lord may bring upon Abraham that which he born in the house, and bought with money of the hath spoken concerning him. 20 And the Lord said. stranger, were circumcised with him. 1 And the Lord appeared unto him in the grove of

Mamre; while he was sitting at the door of the tent in the heat of the day. 2 And he lifted up his eves and looked, and lo, three men stood near him; and when he saw them, he ran to meet them from the door of the tent, and bowed himself to the ground; 3 And he said, My Lord, if now I have found favor in thy eyes, pass not away, I pray thee, from thy servant. 4 Let a little water, I pray you, be fetched, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. 5 And I will fetch a morsel of bread, and comfort ve your heart, after that ye may pass on; since ye have once passed by your servant. And they said. So do, as thou hast spoken. 6 And Abraham hastened into the tent unto Sarah, and said. Make ready quickly three

people; he hath broken my covenant. 15 And God measures of fine meal, knead it, and make cakes. 7 Because the cry against Sodom and Gomorrah is great, and because their sin is very grievous: 21 I will go down now, and see if they have done according to the cry against them, which is come unto me, destruction [shall come upon them]; and if not, I will know it. 22 And the men turned their faces from there, and went toward Sodom; but Abraham stood yet before the Lord. 23 And Abraham drew near, and said, Wilt thou then destroy the righteous also with the wicked? 24 Peradventure there are fifty righteous within the city: wilt thou then also destroy and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous that are therein? 25 Far be it from thee to do after this manner, to slav the righteous with the wicked, and that the righteous should be as the wicked: far be this from thee: shall the Judge of all the earth not exercise justice? 26 And the Lord said, If I find in Sodom fifty

righteous within the city, then will I spare all of the with thee than with them. And they pressed sorely with Abraham; and Abraham returned unto his place.

1 Q And the two angels came to Sodom in the evening, and Lot was sitting in the gate of Sodom; and when Lot saw them he rose up to meet them, and he bowed himself with his face to the ground. 2 And he said. Behold now, my lords, turn in. I pray you, into your servant's house, and tarry all night, and wash your feet, and ye can rise up early, and go on your way. And they said, Nay; but we will abide in the street all night. 3 And he pressed upon them greatly, and they turned in unto him, and entered into his house; and he made them a feast, and baked unleavened bread, and they did eat. 4 But before they had lain down, the men of the city, even the men of Sodom, compassed the house round, both old and young, all the people from every quarter: 5 And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men who came in to thee this night? bring them out unto us, that we may know them. 6 And Lot went out unto them, at the entrance [of the house], and shut the door after him. 7 And he said, I pray you, my brethren, do not act wickedly. 8 Behold now, I have two daughters who have not known man; let me, I pray you, bring them out unto you, and do ye to them as is good in your eyes, only unto these men do nothing, since they have once come under the shadow of my roof. 9 And they said, Stand back. And they said, This one man came in to sojourn, and he will needs be a judge; now will we deal worse

place for their sake. 27 And Abraham answered and upon the man Lot, and they came near to break said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to speak the door. 10 But the men put forth their hand, and unto the Lord, although I am but dust and ashes: 28 pulled Lot to them into the house, and the door they Peradventure there will lack five of the fifty righteous; locked. 11 And the men that were at the entrance wilt thou then destroy all the city for the [lack of] these of the house they smote with blindness, both small five? And he said, I will not destroy, if I find there forty and great, so that they wearied themselves to find and five. 29 And he spoke yet again unto him, and the entrance. 12 And the men said unto Lot, Hast said, Peradventure there will be found there forty. thou here any besides? a son-in-law, and thy sons, And he said, I will not do it for the sake of the forty. and thy daughters, and whatsoever thou hast in the 30 And he said, Oh, let not the Lord be angry, and I city, bring out of this place. 13 For we will destroy this will speak: Peradventure there will be found there place, because the cry against them is waxed great thirty. And he said, I will not do it, if I find there thirty. before the face of the Lord; and the Lord hath sent us 31 And he said, Behold now, I have taken upon me to destroy it. 14 And Lot went out and spoke unto his to speak unto the Lord: Peradventure there will be sons-in-law, who were to marry his daughters, and found there twenty. And he said, I will not destroy for said, Arise, get yourselves out of this place, for the the sake of the twenty. 32 And he said, Oh, let not Lord will destroy this city; but he seemed as one that the Lord be angry, and I will speak vet but this once: jesteth in the eyes of his sons-in-law, 15 And as the Peradventure there will be found there ten. And he morning dawn arose, the angels urged Lot, saying, said, I will not destroy, for the sake of the ten. 33 And Arise, take thy wife, and thy two daughters that are the Lord went away, when he had finished speaking here, lest thou be consumed for the iniquity of the city. 16 And while he yet lingered, the men laid hold of his hand, and of the hand of his wife, and of the hand of his two daughters, because the Lord desired to spare him; and they brought him forth, and set him without the city. 17 And it came to pass, when they had brought them forth abroad, that he said, Escape for thy life, look not behind thee, neither stay thou in all the plain; escape to the mountain, lest thou be consumed. 18 And Lot said unto them, Oh, not so, my lord! 19 Behold now, thy servant hath found grace in thy eyes, and thou hast magnified thy kindness, which thou hast showed unto me in saving my life; and I cannot escape to the mountain, lest the evil overtake me, and I die. 20 Behold now, this city is near to flee thereunto, and it is little; oh, let me, I pray thee, escape thither, [as it is but little, ] that my life may be saved. 21 And he said unto him, See, I have favored thee concerning this thing also, that I will not overthrow this city, of which thou hast spoken. 22 Haste thee, escape thither; for I cannot do any thing till thou hast come thither. Therefore was the name of the city called Zoar. 23 The sun rose over the earth, when Lot entered into Zoar. 24 And the Lord rained upon Sodom and upon Gomorrah brimstone and fire, from the Lord, out of heaven; 25 And he overthrew those cities, and all the plain, and all the inhabitants of the cities, and that which grew upon the ground. 26 But his wife looked back from behind him, and she became a pillar of salt. 27 And Abraham got up early in the morning to the place where he had stood

and beheld, and lo, smoke went up from the earth thou mayest live; and if thou restore her not, know as the smoke of a furnace. 29 And it came to pass, thou, that thou shalt surety die, thou and all that are when God destroyed the cities of the plain, that God thine, 8 And Abimelech rose early in the morning. remembered Abraham, and sent Lot away out of and called all his servants, and told all these things the midst of the overthrow, when he overthrew the in their hearing; and the men were greatly afraid. 9 cities in which Lot had dwelt. 30 And Lot went up. Then Abimelech called Abraham, and said unto him. out of Zoar, and dwelt in the mountain, and his two What hast thou done unto us? and in what have I daughters with him, for he feared to dwell in Zoar; offended thee, that thou hast brought on me and on and he dwelt in a cave, he, and his two daughters. 31 my kingdom a great sin? deeds that ought not to be And the first-born said unto the younger, Our father is done thou hast done unto me. 10 And Abimelech said old, and there is not a man in the country to come in unto Abraham, What sawest thou, that thou didst unto us after the manner of all the earth; 32 Come, this thing? 11 And Abraham said, Because I thought. let us make our father drink wine, and we will lie Surely there is no fear of God in this place, and they with him, that we may preserve seed of our father. will slay me for the sake of my wife. 12 And yet indeed 33 And they made their father drink wine that night; she is my sister, the daughter of my father, but not the and the first-born went in, and lav with her father, daughter of my mother; and she became my wife, 13 and he perceived not when she lay down, nor when And it came to pass, when God caused me to wander she arose. 34 And it came to pass on the morrow, from my father's house, that I said unto her, This is that the first-born said unto the younger, Behold, I thy kindness which thou shalt show unto me; at every lay yesternight with my father; let us make him drink place whither we shall come, say of me, He is my wine this night also, and go thou in, and lie with him, brother, 14 And Abimelech took sheep, and oxen, and that we may preserve seed of our father. 35 And they men-servants, and women-servants, and gave them made their father drink wine that night also; and the unto Abraham, and restored to him Sarah his wife. younger arose, and lay with him, and he perceived 15 And Abimelech said, Behold, my land is before not when she lay down, nor when she arose. 36 And thee: dwell where it is pleasing in thy eyes. 16 And both the daughters of Lot became with child by their unto Sarah he said. Behold, I have given thy brother father. 37 And the first-born bore a son, and called his a thousand pieces of silver: behold, this is to thee name Moab; the same is the father of the Moabites a covering of the eyes unto all that are with thee; unto this day. 38 And the younger, she also bore a and with all others thou canst thus justify thyself. 17 son, and called his name Ben-ammi: the same is the And Abraham prayed unto God; and God healed father of the children of Ammon unto this day.

20 And Abraham journeyed from there toward the south country, and dwelt between Kadesh and Shur and sojourned in Gerar. 2 And Abraham said of Sarah his wife, She is my sister; and Abimelech the king of Gerar sent and took Sarah. 3 But God came to Abimelech in a dream by night, and said to him, Behold, thou shalt die for the sake of the woman whom thou hast taken: for she is a man's wife. 4 But Abimelech had not come near to her; and he said. Lord, wilt thou then slay also a righteous nation? 5 Said he not 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, Yea, I also well know that thou hast done this in the integrity

before the Lord: 28 And he looked toward Sodom not to touch her. 7 And now restore the man's wife. and Gomorrah, and toward all the land of the plain, for he is a prophet, and he will pray for thee, that Abimelech, and his wife, and his maid-servants, so that they could bear children. 18 For the Lord had fast closed up every womb of the house of Abimelech, because of Sarah, Abraham's wife.

21 And the Lord visited Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did unto Sarah as he had spoken. 2 And Sarah conceived, and bore unto Abraham a son in his old age, at the appointed time of which God had spoken to him. 3 And Abraham called the name of his son that was born unto him, whom Sarah bore to him, Isaac. 4 And Abraham circumcised his son Isaac, at eight days old, as God had commanded him. 5 And Abraham was a hundred years old, when his son Isaac was born unto him. 6 And Sarah said, God hath made me joy, whoever heareth it will laugh concerning me. 7 And she said, Who would have said of thy heart: therefore did I also withhold thee from unto Abraham, that Sarai should have given children sinning against me; for this cause I suffered thee suck? yet I have born a son in his old age. 8 And the

a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. 9 and both of them made a covenant. 28 And Abraham And Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom set seven ewe-lambs of the flock, by themselves. 29 she had born unto Abraham, mocking, 10 Wherefore, And Abimelech said unto Abraham; What mean these she said unto Abraham. Cast out this bond-woman seven ewe-lambs which thou hast set by themselves? and her son; for the son of this bond-woman shall 30 And he said, For these seven ewe-lambs shalt thou not be heir with my son, with Isaac. 11 And the thing take from my hand, that they may be a witness unto was very grievous in Abraham's eyes, because of me that I have dug this well. 31 Wherefore he called his son. 12 And God said unto Abraham, Let it not that place Beer-sheba; because there they swore, be grievous in thy eyes because of the lad, and both of them. 32 Thus they made a covenant at Beerbecause of thy bond-woman; in all that Sarah may sheba; then Abimelech rose up, and Phichol the say unto thee, hearken unto her voice; for in Isaac chief captain of his host, and they returned into the shall thy seed be called. 13 And also of the son of land of the Philistines. 33 And Abraham planted an the bond-woman will I make a nation, because he orchard in Beer-sheba, and called there on the name is thy seed. 14 And Abraham rose up early in the of the Lord, the God of everlasting, 34 And Abraham morning, and took bread, and a bottle of water, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines many days. gave it unto Hagar, putting it onto her shoulder, and the child, and sent her away; and she departed, and wandered astray in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. 15 And the water was spent from the bottle, and she cast the child under one of the shrubs. 16 And she went, and seated herself down at some distance, a good way off, about a bow-shot; for she said, I cannot look on when the child dieth; so she sat at a distance, and lifted up her voice, and wept. 17 And God heard the voice of the lad; and an 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, there where he is. 18 Arise, lift up the lad, and lay hold on him with thy hand; for I will make of 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 up, and dwelt in the wilderness, and became 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 Phichol the chief captain of his host, spoke 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 my son, nor with my son's son; [but] according to the kindness that I have done unto thee, shalt thou 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 a 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; nor have I heard of it except this day. 27 And Abraham

child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made took sheep and oxen, and gave them unto Abimelech;

**22** And it came to pass after these things, that God did tempt Abraham, and he said unto him, Abraham, and he said, Behold, here am I, 2 And he said: Take now thy son, thy only one, 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 tell thee of. 3 And Abraham rose up early in the morning, and saddled his ass, and took two of his young men with him, and Isaac his son; and he clave the wood for the burnt-offering, and arose, and went unto the place of which God had told him. 4 On the third day Abraham lifted up his eyes, and saw the place afar off. 5 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 then come again to you. 6 And Abraham took the wood for 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. 7 And Isaac spoke unto Abraham his father, and said, My father; and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold, here is the fire and the wood; but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering? 8 And Abraham said. God will provide himself the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son; so they went both of them together. 9 And they came to the place which God had told him of; and Abraham built there an altar, and laid the wood in order, and bound Isaac his son, and laid him on the altar above the wood. 10 And Abraham stretched forth his hand, and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the Lord called unto him out of heaven, and said, Abraham, Abraham; and he said, Here am I. 12 And he said, Lay not thy hand upon the lad, neither do thou the least unto him; for

Maachah.

23 And the lifetime of Sarah was a hundred and twenty-seven years; [these] were the years of the life of Sarah. 2 And Sarah died in Kirvath-arba, the same in Hebron in the land of Canaan; and Abraham came to mourn for Sarah, and to weep for her. 3 And Abraham stood up from before his dead, and spoke unto the sons of Heth, saying, 4 A stranger and a sojourner I am with you; give me a possession for a burying-place with you, that I may bury my dead out of my sight. 5 And the children of Heth answered Abraham, saying unto him: 6 Hear us, my lord; a prince of God thou art among us; in the choice of our sepulchres bury thy dead; none of us shall withhold from thee his sepulchre, so that thou mayest bury thy

now I know that thou fearest God, seeing that thou intercede for me with Ephron the son of Zochar. hast not withheld thy son, thy only one, from me. 13 That he may give me the cave of Machpelah, which is And Abraham lifted up his eyes, and looked, and his, which is at the end of his field; for as much money behold, there was a ram that was afterward caught in as it is worth he shall give it me, for a possession as a thicket by his horns; and Abraham went and took a burying-place amongst you. 10 And Ephron dwelt the ram, and offered him up for a burnt-offering in among the children of Heth; and Ephron the Hittite the stead of his son. 14 And Abraham called the answered Abraham in the hearing of the children of name of that place. Adonai-vireh: as it is said to this Heth, and of all those that went in at the gate of his day, On the mount of the Lord it shall be seen. 15 city, saying, 11 Nay, my lord, hear me: the field I give And the angel of the Lord called unto Abraham the to thee, and the cave that is therein, I give it to thee; second time out of heaven, 16 And said, By myself in the presence of the sons of my people do I give have I sworn, saith the Lord, since, because thou it to thee; bury thy dead. 12 And Abraham bowed hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, himself down before the people of the land. 13 And thy only one: 17 That I will greatly bless thee, and I he spoke to Ephron in the hearing of the people of will exceedingly multiply thy seed as the stars of the the land, saving, But if thou wouldst only hear me: I heaven, and as the sand which is upon the seashore; will give the money for the field, take it off me, and I and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; will bury my dead there. 14 And Ephron answered 18 And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be Abraham, saving unto him. 15 My lord, hearken unto blessed; because that thou hast obeyed my voice. me: a piece of land worth four hundred shekels of 19 And Abraham returned unto his young men; and silver, what is that between me and thee? only bury they rose up, and went together to Beer-sheba; and thy dead. 16 And Abraham understood the meaning Abraham dwelt in Beer-sheba. 20 And it came to of Ephron; and Abraham weighed out to Ephron the pass after these things, that it was told to Abraham, silver which he had named in the hearing of the sons saying, Behold, Milcah, she also, hath born children of Heth, four hundred shekels of silver, current with unto Nachor thy brother; 21 'Uz his first born, and the merchant. 17 And the field of Ephron, which was Buz his brother, and Kemuel the father of Aram. 22 in Machpelah, which was before Mamre, the field. And Kesed, and Chazo, and Pildash, and Yidlaph, and the cave which was therein, and all the trees and Bethuel, 23 And Bethuel begat Rebekah; these that were in the field, that were in all its borders eight did Milcah bear to Nachor, Abraham's brother. round about, were made sure 18 Unto Abraham for a 24 And his concubine, whose name was Reumah, she bought possession in the presence of the children of also bore Tebach, and Gacham, and Thachash, and Heth, before all that went in at the gate of his city. 19 And after this, Abraham buried Sarah his wife in the cave of the field of Machpelah, before Mamre, which is Hebron, in the land of Canaan. 20 And the field, with the cave that is therein, was made sure unto Abraham for a possession as a burying-place by the sons of Heth.

21 And Abraham was old, well stricken in years; and the Lord had blessed Abraham in all things. 2 And Abraham said unto his servant, the eldest of his house, who ruled over all that he had, Put, I pray thee, thy hand under my thigh: 3 And I will make thee swear by the Lord, the God of heaven, and the God of the earth, that thou shalt not take a wife unto my son from the daughters of the Canaanites, among whom I dwell. 4 But unto my country, and to my birthplace dead. 7 And Abraham stood up and bowed himself to shalt thou go, and take a wife unto my son, unto the people of the land, to the children of Heth. 8 And Isaac. 5 And the servant said unto him, Peradventure he spoke with them, saying, If it be your mind that I the woman will not be willing to follow me unto this should bury my dead out of my sight, hear me, and land: must I then bring thy son again unto the land

from which thou camest? 6 And Abraham said unto weight, and two bracelets for her hands, ten gold him, Beware thou, that thou bring not my son thither shekels in weight; 23 And he said, Whose daughter again. 7 The Lord, the God of heaven, who took me art thou? tell me, I pray thee; is there room in thy from my father's house, and from the land of my birth, father's house for us to stay this night in? 24 And and who spoke unto me, and who swore unto me, she said unto him. I am the daughter of Bethuel the saying, Unto thy seed will I give this land: he will son of Milcah, whom she bore unto Nachor. 25 She send his angel before thee, and thou shalt take a wife said moreover unto him, We have both straw and unto my son from there. 8 But if the woman should provender in plenty, as also room to lodge in. 26 not be willing to follow thee, then shalt, thou be clear And the man bowed down his head, and prostrated from this my oath: only my son thou shalt not bring himself before the Lord. 27 And he said, Blessed thither again. 9 And the put his hand under the thigh be the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who of Abraham his master, and swore to him concerning hath not withdrawn his mercy and his truth from my this matter. 10 And the servant took ten camels of the master; I being on the way, which the Lord hath led camels of his master, and departed, with all kinds me, to the house of the brethren of my master. 28 of precious things of his master in his hand; and he And the maiden ran, and told at her mother's house arose, and went to Mesopotamia, unto the city of these things. 29 And Rebekah had a brother, and his Nachor. 11 And he made the camels to kneel down name was Laban; and Laban ran out unto the man, without the city by a well of water at the time of the unto the well. 30 And this came to pass, when he evening, at the time that the women go out to draw saw the earring and the bracelets upon his sister's water. 12 And he said, O Lord, the God of my master hands, and when he heard the words of Rebekah his Abraham, I pray thee, send me good speed this day, sister, saying, Thus spoke the man unto me; and he and deal kindly with my master Abraham. 13 Behold, came unto the man; and, behold, he was standing I stand by the well of water: and the daughters of the by the camels at the well. 31 And he said, Come in, men of the city come out to draw water. 14 And let it thou blessed of the Lord; wherefore standest thou come to pass that the maiden to whom I shall say, without? while I have prepared the house and room Let down thy pitcher, I pray thee, that I may drink; for the camels. 32 And the man came into the house, and she shall say, Drink, and to thy camels also will I and he ungirded the camels; and he gave straw and give drink, be the one thou hast appointed for thy provender for the camels, and water to wash his feet. servant Isaac; and thereby shall I know that thou and the feet of the men that were with him. 33 And hast shown kindness unto my master. 15 And it came there was set food before him to eat; but he said, I to pass, before he had yet finished speaking, that, will not eat, until I have spoken my words. And he behold, Rebekah came out, who was born to Bethuel, said, Speak on. 34 And he said, I am Abraham's the son of Milcah, the wife of Nachor, Abraham's servant, 35 And the Lord hath blessed my master brother, with her pitcher upon her shoulder. 16 And greatly; and he is become great: and he hath given the maiden was of a very handsome appearance, a him flocks, and herds, and silver, and gold, and menvirgin, neither had any man known her; and she went servants, and maid-servants, and camels, and asses. down to the well, and filled her pitcher, and came 36 And Sarah my master's wife bore a son to my up. 17 And the servant ran to meet her, and said. Let master after she was become old; and he hath given me. I pray thee, drink a little water out of thy pitcher, unto him all that he hath, 37 And my master made 18 And she said, Drink, my lord; and she hastened, me swear, saying, Thou shalt not take a wife for my and let down her pitcher upon her hand, and gave son from the daughters of the Canaanites, in whose him to drink. 19 And when she had finished giving land I dwell: 38 But thou shalt go unto my father's him drink, she said, Also for thy camels will I draw house, and to my kindred, and take a wife unto my water, until they have finished drinking. 20 And she son. 39 And I said unto my master, Peradventure hastened, and emptied her pitcher into the trough, the woman will not follow me. 40 And he said unto and ran again unto the well to draw water, and drew me, The Lord, before whom I have walked will send for all his camels. 21 And the man was wondering at his angel with thee, and prosper thy way; that thou her; remaining silent, to discover whether the Lord mayest take a wife for my son from my kindred, and had made his journey prosperous or not. 22 And it from my father's house. 41 Then shalt thou be clear came to pass, as the camels had finished drinking, from my oath, when thou comest to my kindred; and

that the man took a golden earring, half a shekel in if they do not give thee one, [then] shalt thou be clear

and said, O Lord, the God of my master Abraham, And they blessed Rebekah, and said unto her, Our if thou wouldst but prosper my way on which I am sister, be thou the mother of thousands of myriads. going, 43 Behold, I stand by the well of water; and and let thy seed possess the gate of those who hate it shall be the young woman who cometh forth to them, 61 And Rebekah arose with her maidens, and draw water, and I say to her, Give me, I pray thee, they rode upon the camels, and followed the man; a little water out of thy pitcher to drink; 44 And she and the servant took Rebekah, and went his way. 62 say to me. Both drink thou, and also for thy camels. And Isaac came from a walk to the well Lachai-roi: will I draw: this shall be the wife whom the Lord hath for he dwelt in the south country: 63 And Isaac was destined for my master's son. 45 And before I had yet gone out to meditate in the field toward evening; and finished speaking to my own heart, behold, Rebekah he lifted up his eyes, and saw, and, behold, camels came forth with her pitcher on her shoulder; and were coming. 64 And Rebekah lifted up her eyes, and she went down unto the well, and drew water; and she saw Isaac; and she alighted off the camel. 65 I said unto her. Let me drink, I pray thee. 46 And And she said unto the servant. Who is vonder man she made haste, and let down her pitcher from her that walketh in the field toward us? And the servant shoulder, and said, Drink, and also to thy camels I will said, This is my master; therefore she took a vail, and give drink; and I drank, and she made the camels covered herself. 66 And the servant told Isaac all the drink also. 47 And I asked her, and said. Whose things that he had done. 67 And Isaac brought her daughter art thou? And she said. The daughter of into the tent of Sarah his mother, and took Rebekah. Bethuel, Nachor's son, whom Milcah bore unto him: and she became his wife, and he loved her; and and I put the earring upon her face, and the bracelets Isaac was comforted after his mother's death. upon her hands. 48 And I bowed down my head, and prostrated myself before the Lord; and I blessed the Lord, the God of my master Abraham, who had led me in the right way to take the daughter of my master's brother for his son. 49 And now if ve will deal kindly and truly with my master, tell me: and if not, tell me, that I may turn to the right, or to the left, 50 Then Laban and Bethuel answered and said, The thing hath proceeded from the Lord; we cannot speak unto thee bad or good. 51 Behold, Rebekah is before thee, take her, and go, and let her be the wife of thy master's son, as the Lord hath spoken. 52 And it came to pass, when Abraham's servant heard their words, that he prostrated himself to the earth unto the Lord. 53 And the servant brought forth vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and gave them to Rebekah; and precious things he gave to her brother and to her mother. 54 And they did eat and drink, he and the men that were with him, and tarried the 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 maiden abide with us, a year or ten months; after that she shall go, 56 And he said unto them. Hinder me not, seeing the Lord hath prospered my way; send me away that I may go to my master. 57 And they said, We will call the maiden, and inquire her own decision. 58 And they called Rebekah, and said unto her. Wilt thou go with this man? And she said. I will go. 59 And thereupon they sent away Rebekah their sister, and

from my oath. 42 And I came this day unto the well, her nurse, and Abraham's servant, and his men. 60

25 Then Abraham took again a wife, and her name was Keturah. 2 And she bore him Zimran, and Yokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Yishbak, and Shuach. 3 And Yokshan begat Sheba, and Dedan. And the sons of Dedan were Asshurim, and Letushim. and Leummim. 4 And the sons of Midian: Ephah. and Epher, and Chanoch, and Abida', and Eldaah. 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 was yet living, eastward, unto the east country. 7 And these are the days of the years of Abraham's life which he lived, one hundred seventy and five years. 8 Then Abraham departed this life, and died in a good old age, an old man, and full of years, and was gathered to his people. 9 And his sons Isaac and Ishmael buried him in the cave of Machpelah. in the field of Ephron the son of Zochar the Hittite. which is before Mamre: 10 The field which Abraham purchased of the sons of Heth: there was Abraham buried, with Sarah his wife. 11 And it came to pass after the death of Abraham, that God blessed Isaac his son: and Isaac dwelt by the well Lachai-roi. 12 Now theses are the generations of Ishmael, Abraham's son, whom Hagar the Egyptian, Sarah's handmaid, bore unto Abraham. 13 And these are the names of the sons of Ishmael, by their names, according to their generations: the first-born of Ishmael, Nebayoth;

and Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 14 And Mishma, 26 And there was a famine in the land, beside the and Dumah, and Massa, 15 Chadad, and Tema, Yetur, Naphish, and Kedemah. 16 These are the and Isaac went unto Abimelech, the king of the sons of Ishmael, and these are their names, by their Philistines, unto Gerar, 2 And the Lord appeared towns, and by their castles; twelve princes according unto him, and said, Go not down into Egypt; dwell in to their nations. 17 And these are the years of the the land which I shall tell thee of. 3 Sojourn in this life of Ishmael, one hundred and thirty and seven land, and I will be with thee, and will bless thee; for years: and he departed this life and died; and was unto thee, and unto thy seed, will I give all these gathered unto his people. 18 And they dwelt from countries, and I will perform the oath which I swore Chavilah unto Shur, that is before Egypt, as thou unto Abraham thy father; 4 And I will cause thy seed goest toward Assyria: he dwelt in the presence of all to multiply as the stars of heaven, and I will give his brethren. 19 And these are the generations of unto thy seed all these countries; and in thy seed Isaac, the son of Abraham: Abraham begat Isaac. 20 shall all the nations of the earth bless themselves. 5 And Isaac was forty years old when he took Rebekah, Because that Abraham obeyed my voice, and kept the daughter of Bethuel the Syrian, of Padan-aram, my charge, my commandments, my statutes, and my the sister to Laban the Syrian, to himself as wife. 21 laws. 6 And Isaac dwelt in Gerar. 7 And the men of And Isaac entreated the Lord in behalf of his wife, the place asked [him] concerning his wife; and he because she was barren; and the Lord was entreated said. She is my sister; for he feared to say. She is of him, and Rebekah his wife conceived. 22 And the my wife; lest, [said he, ] the men of the place should children struggled together within her; and she said, kill me for Rebekah, because she is of a handsome If it be so, why did I desire this? And she went to appearance. 8 And it came to pass, when he had inquire of the Lord. 23 And the Lord said unto her, been there a long time, that Abimelech, the king of Two nations are in thy womb, and two manner of the Philistines, looked out at a window, and saw, and people shall be separated from thy bowels; and one behold, Isaac was sporting with Rebekah his wife. people shall be stronger than the other people; and 9 And Abimelech called Isaac, and said, Behold, of the elder shall serve the younger. 24 And when her a surety she is thy wife; and how saidst thou. She days to be delivered were fulfilled, behold, there were is my sister? And Isaac said unto him, Because I twins in her womb. 25 And the first came out red, all thought, Perhaps I may die for her. 10 And Abimelech over like a hairy garment; and they called his name said, What is this thou hast done unto us? How easily Esau. 26 And after that came his brother out, his might one of the people have lain with thy wife, and hand holding on to Esau's heel; and his name was thou wouldst have brought guiltiness upon us. 11 And called Jacob: and Isaac was sixty years old when she Abimelech charged all his people, saying, He that bore them. 27 And the boys grew up; and Esau was toucheth this man or his wife shall surely be put to an expert hunter, a man of the field; and Jacob was a death. 12 Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received plain man, dwelling in tents. 28 And Isaac loved Esau, in the same year a hundred-fold: so the Lord blessed because he did eat of his venison; but Rebekah loved him. 13 And the man became great, and went forward Jacob. 29 And Jacob at one time boiled pottage, and and grew, until he became very great; 14 And he had Esau came from the field, and he was faint, 30 And possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and Esau said to Jacob, Let me swallow down, I pray great store of servants; and the Philistines envied thee, some of that yonder red pottage, for I am faint; him. 15 And all the wells which his father's servants therefore was his name called Edom. 31 And Jacob had dug in the days of Abraham his father, these the said, Sell me this day thy right of first-born. 32 And Philistines stopped, and filled them with earth. 16 And Esau said, Behold, I am going to die; and what profit Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go away from us; for thou then can the right of first-born be to me? 33 And hast become much mightier than we. 17 And Isaac Jacob said, Swear to me this day; and he swore unto departed thence, and pitched his tent in the valley him, and he sold his right of first-born unto Jacob. 34 of Gerar, and dwelt there. 18 And Isaac dug again Then Jacob gave Esau bread and pottage of lentiles, the wells of water, which they had dug in the days of and he did eat and drink, and he rose up, and went Abraham his father, and which the Philistines had his way: thus Esau despised the birthright.

first famine that was in the days of Abraham; stopped after the death of Abraham; and he called their names after the names by which his father had called them. 19 And the servants of Isaac dug in

the valley, and found there a well of springing water. me savory food, such as I love, and bring it to me, 20 And the herdmen of Gerar did strive with Isaac's that I may eat; that my soul may bless thee before I herdmen, saving. The water is ours; and he called die. 5 And Rebekah heard as Isaac was speaking the name of the well Essek: because they strove with to Esau his son. And Esau went to the field to hunt him. 21 And they dug another well, and they strove for venison, and to bring it. 6 And Rebekah spoke for that also: and he called the name of it Sitnah. 22 unto Jacob her son, saying, Behold, I heard thy father And he removed from there, and dug another well; speak unto Esau thy brother, saying, 7 Bring me and for that they strove not; and he called the name venison, and make me sayory food, that I may eat of it Rechoboth, and he said, For now the Lord hath and bless thee before the Lord before my death. made room for us, and we shall increase in the land. 8 And now, my son, obey my voice in that which I 23 And he went up from there to Beer-sheba. 24 And command thee. 9 Go, I pray thee, to the flock, and the Lord appeared unto him the same night, and said, fetch me from there two good kids; and I will make I am the God of Abraham thy father; fear not, for I them sayory food for thy father, such as he loveth: 10 am with thee, and I will bless thee, and multiply thy. And thou shalt bring it to thy father, that he may eat: seed for the sake of Abraham my servant, 25 And he for the sake that he may bless thee before his death. built there an altar, and called upon the name of the 11 And Jacob said to Rebekah his mother, Behold, Lord, and pitched there his tent: and the servants Esau my brother is a hairy man, and I am a smooth of Isaac dug there a well. 26 Then Abimelech went man: 12 Peradventure my father will feel me, and I to him from Gerar, and Achuzzath his friend, and shall then seem to him as a deceiver; and I would Phichol the chief captain of his army. 27 And Isaac bring upon me a curse, and not a blessing. 13 And said unto them. Wherefore come ye to me, seeing his mother said unto him, Upon me be thy curse, my that ye do hate me, and have sent me away from son; only obey my voice, and go fetch them to me. 14 vou? 28 And they said. We saw clearly that the Lord And he went, and fetched, and brought them to his was with thee; and we said, Let there be now an oath mother: and his mother made savory food, such as between us and thee; and we will make a covenant his father loved. 15 And Rebekah took the goodly with thee: 29 That thou shalt do us no hurt, as we garments of her eldest son Esau, which were with have not touched thee, and as we have done unto her in the house, and clothed therewith Jacob her thee nothing but good, and have sent thee away in younger son: 16 And the skins of the kids she put peace: thou art now one blessed of the Lord. 30 And upon his hands, and upon the smooth part of his he made them a feast, and they ate and drank. 31 neck; 17 And she gave the savory food and bread, And they rose up betimes in the morning, and they which she had prepared, into the hand of Jacob her swore one to the other; and Isaac sent them away, son. 18 And he came unto his father, and said, My and they departed from him in peace. 32 And it came father; and he said. Here am I; who art thou my son? to pass the same day, that Isaac's servants came, 19 And Jacob said unto his father, I am Esau thy firstand told him concerning the well which they had dug, born; I have done as thou didst speak to me: arise I and they said unto him, We have found water. 33 And pray thee, sit here and eat of my venison, that thy he called it Shibah: therefore is the name of the city soul may bless me. 20 And Isaac said unto his son, Beer-sheba unto this day. 34 And when Esau was How is it that thou hast found it so quickly, my son? forty years old he took to wife Judith the daughter And he said. Because the Lord thy God brought it of Beeri, the Hittite, and Bahsemath the daughter of before me. 21 And Isaac said unto Jacob, Come near, Elon the Hittite. 35 And they were a grief of mind unto I pray thee, that I may feel thee, my son, whether Isaac and to Rebekah.

**27** And it came to pass, when Isaac was old, and his eyes were too dim to see, that he called Esau his eldest son, and said unto him, My son; and he said unto him. Behold, here am I. 2 And he said. Behold now, I am grown old, I know not the day of mv death: 3 Now therefore take, I pray thee, thy weapons, thy quiver and thy bow, and go out to the field, and hunt for me some venison; 4 And make

thou be truly my son Esau or not. 22 And Jacob went near unto Isaac his father, and he felt him; and he said. The voice is the voice of Jacob, but the hands are the hands of Esau. 23 And he recognized him not, because his hands were hairy, as his brother Esau's hands: so he blessed him. 24 And he said, Art thou indeed my son Esau? and he said I am. 25 And he said, Bring it near to me, and I will eat of my son's venison, that my soul may bless thee. And he brought it near to him, and he did eat, and he brought

unto him, Come near, I pray thee, and kiss me, my Esau her elder son: and she sent and called Jacob son. 27 And he came near, and kissed him: and he her younger son, and said unto him, Behold, thy smelled the smell of his garments and blessed him, brother Esau doth comfort himself, with regard to and said. See, the smell of my son is the smell of the thee, purposing to kill thee, 43 Now therefore, my field which the Lord hath blessed. 28 And may God son, obey my voice; and arise, flee thou to Laban my give thee of the dew of heaven, and the fatness of the brother, to Charan; 44 And tarry with him a short time, earth, and plenty of corn and wine; 29 Nations shall until thy brother's fury turn away; 45 Until thy brother's serve thee, and people bow down to thee; be lord anger turn away from thee, and he forget that which over thy brethren, and thy mother's sons shall bow thou hast done to him: then will I send, and fetch thee down to thee; cursed be they that curse thee, and from there; why should I be deprived of both of you at blessed be they that bless thee. 30 And it came to once in one day? 46 And Rebekah said to Isaac, I am pass, as soon as Isaac had made an end of blessing weary of my life because of the daughters of Heth; if Jacob, and Jacob was yet scarcely gone out from the Jacob take a wife from the daughters of Heth, such presence of his father, that Esau his brother came as these, from the daughters of the land, what good in from his hunting. 31 And he also made savory will life do me? food, and brought it unto his father, and said unto his father. Let my father arise, and eat of his son's venison, in order 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 first-born, Esau. 33 And Isaac trembled greatly, exceedingly, and said, Who was it? where is he that had hunted venison, and brought it me, and I ate of all before thou camest, and blessed him? vea, he shall also remain blessed. 34 When Esau heard the words of his father, he uttered a great and exceedingly bitter cry, and said unto his father. Bless me, also me, my father. 35 And he said. Thy brother came with subtilty, and took away thy blessing. 36 And he said, Hath he been therefore named Jacob, because he hath supplanted me these two times? my right of first-born he took away; 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 corn and wine have I endowed him: and what can I do now for thee. my son. 38 And Esau said unto his father. Hast thou then but one blessing, my father? bless me, also me, my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. 39 And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and [blessed] by the dew of heaven from above; 40 And by thy sword shalt thou live, and thy brother shalt thou serve; and it shall come to pass, that when thou shalt have the dominion, thou canst break his yoke from off thy neck. 41 And Esau hated Jacob because of the blessing wherewith his father had blessed him: and Esau said in his heart. The days of mourning for my father will be at hand; then will I slay my brother

him wine, and he drank. 26 And Isaac his father said. Jacob. 42 And Rebekah was informed of the words of

 ${f 28}$  And Isaac called Jacob, and blessed him, and charged him, and said unto him, Thou shalt not take a wife from the daughters of Canaan. 2 Arise, go to Padan-aram, to the house of Bethuel thy mother's father; and take thyself from there a wife of the daughters of Laban thy mother's brother. 3 And God, the Almighty, bless thee, and make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, that thou mayest become a multitude of people; 4 And may he give thee the blessing of Abraham, to thee, and to thy seed with thee; that thou mayest inherit the land of thy sojourn, which God gave unto Abraham. 5 And Isaac sent away Jacob, and he went to Padan-aram, unto Laban. the son of Bethuel the Syrian, the brother of Rebekah. the mother of Jacob and Esau. 6 And when Esau saw that Isaac had blessed Jacob, and sent him away to Padan-aram, to take himself from there a wife: and in blessing him had given him a charge. saying, Thou shalt not take a wife of the daughters of Canaan; 7 And that Jacob had obeyed his father and his mother, and was gone to Padan-aram: 8 Then saw Esau that the daughters of Canaan were evil in the eyes of Isaac his father; 9 And Esau went unto Ishmael, and took Machalath the daughter of Ishmael. Abraham's son, the sister of Nebayoth in addition to his wives, to himself as wife. 10 And Jacob went out from Beer-sheba, and went toward Charan. 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 for his pillow, and laid himself down in that place. 12 And he dreamed, and behold a ladder was set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven; and behold, angels of God were ascending and descending on it. 13 And,

behold, the Lord stood above it, and said, I am the them, Rachel came with her father's sheep; for she Lord, the God of Abraham thy father, and the God of was a shepherdess. 10 And it came to pass when Isaac: the land whereon thou liest, to thee will I give Jacob saw Rachel the daughter of Laban his mother's it, and to thy seed: 14 And thy seed shall be as the brother, and the sheep of Laban his mother's brother. dust of the earth, and thou shalt spread abroad to the that Jacob went near, and rolled the stone from the west, and to the east, and to the north and to the mouth of the well, and watered the flock of Laban south; and in thee and thy seed shall all the families his mother's brother. 11 And Jacob kissed Rachel, of the earth be blessed. 15 And, behold, I am with and lifted up his voice, and wept. 12 And Jacob told thee, and will keep thee whithersoever thou goest, Rachel that he was her father's brother, and that he and will bring thee again into this land; for I will not was Rebekah's son: and she ran and told her father. leave thee, until I have done what I have spoken to 13 And it came to pass, when Laban heard the tidings thee of. 16 And Jacob awakened out of his sleep, and of Jacob his sister's son, that he ran to meet him, and he said. Surely the Lord is present in this place; and I embraced him, and kissed him, and brought him to knew it not. 17 And he was afraid, and said. How his house, And he told Laban all these things. 14 And fearful is this place! this is none other but the house Laban said to him. Surely thou art my bone and my of God, and this is the gate of heaven. 18 And Jacob flesh. And he abode with him the space of a month. rose up early in the morning, and took the stone that 15 And Laban then said unto Jacob. Because thou he had put for his pillow, and set it up for a pillar, and art my brother, shouldst thou therefore serve me for poured oil upon the top of it. 19 And he called the naught? tell me, what shall thy wages be? 16 And name of that place Beth-el; but Luz was the name of Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was that city in former times. 20 And Jacob made a vow, Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. 17 saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me on And the eyes of Leah were tender; but Rachel was of this way which I am going, and will give me bread to handsome form and handsome appearance. 18 And eat, and raiment to put on. 21 And I come again in Jacob loved Rachel: and he said. I will serve thee peace to my father's house: then shall the Lord be seven years for Rachel thy younger daughter. 19 And my God: 22 And this stone, which I have set for a Laban said. It is better that I give her to thee, than pillar, shall be God's house; and of all that thou wilt that I should give her to another man; abide with me. give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee.

**79** Then Jacob lifted up his feet and went unto the land of the children of the east. 2 And he looked, and behold there was a well in the field. and, lo, there were three flocks of sheep lying by it: for out of that well they watered the flocks: and the stone upon the mouth of the well was great. 3 And there all the flocks were wont to assemble; and they rolled then the stone from the mouth of the well. and watered the sheep; and they put the stone again upon the mouth of the well in its place. 4 And Jacob said unto them, My brethren, whence are ye? And they said, Of Charan are we. 5 And he said unto them. Know ve Laban the son of Nachor? And they said. We know him. 6 And he said unto them. Is he well? And they said. He is well: and, behold. Rachel his daughter cometh with the sheep. 7 And he said, Lo, the day is yet long, it is not time that the cattle should be driven home; water ve the sheep, and go and feed them. 8 And they said. We cannot, until all the flocks be gathered together, then do they roll the stone from the mouth of the well; and we water the sheep. 9 And while he was yet speaking with

20 And Jacob served for Rachel seven years: and they seemed unto him but a few days, through 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 unto his daughter Leah, Zilpah his maid for a handmaid. 25 And it came to pass that in the morning, behold, it was Leah; and he said to Laban. What is this thou hast done unto me? did I not serve with thee for Rachel? wherefore then hast thou deceived me? 26 And Laban said, It is not done so in our place, to give in marriage the younger before the first-born. 27 Fulfill the week of this, and we will give thee this one also, for the service which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years. 28 And Jacob did so, and fulfilled the week of the first; and he gave him Rachel his daughter for a wife. 29 And Laban gave to Rachel his daughter Bilhah his hand-maid to be her maid. 30 And he went in also unto Rachel, and he loved also Rachel more than Leah; and he served with him yet seven other years.

31 And when the Lord saw that Leah was hated, he thou must come in; for surely I have obtained thee as called his name Judah; and she left off bearing.

And when Rachel saw that she bore Jacob no children, Rachel envied her sister; and she said unto Jacob. Give me children, and if not, 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, [here is] my maid Bilhah, go in unto her; and she shall bear upon my knees, that I may also have children by her. 4 And she gave him Bilhah her handmaid for wife, and Jacob went in unto her. 5 And Bilhah conceived, and bore 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 maid. conceived again, and bore Jacob a second son, 8 And Rachel said, Contests of God have I contended with my sister, I have also prevailed: and she called his name Naphtali. 9 When Leah now saw that she had left off bearing, she took Zilpah her maid, and gave her to Jacob for wife. 10 And Zilpah Leah's maid bore Jacob a son. 11 And Leah said, Good luck hath come: and she called his name Gad. 12 And Zilpah Leah's maid bore a second son unto Jacob. 13 And Leah said, To my happiness; for the daughters will call me blessed: and she called his name Asher. 14 And Reuben went in the days of the wheat harvest, and found mandrakes in the field, and he brought them unto Leah his mother: then Rachel said to Leah. Give me, I pray thee, [some] of thy son's mandrakes. 15 And she said unto her, Is it not enough that thou hast taken my husband? and wouldst thou also take away my son's mandrakes? And Rachel said, Therefore shall he be with thee to-night for thy son's mandrakes. 16 And Jacob came out of the field in the evening, and Leah went out to meet him, and said. Unto me

opened her womb; but Rachel was barren. 32 And a reward with my son's mandrakes. And he lay with Leah conceived, and bore a son, and she called his her that night, 17 And God hearkened unto Leah, and name Reuben; for she said. Surely, the Lord hath she conceived and bore Jacob a fifth son. 18 And looked upon my affliction, because now my husband Leah said. God hath given me my reward, because I will love me. 33 And she conceived again and bore have given my maid to my husband: and she called a son; and she said, Because the Lord heard that I his name Issachar. 19 And Leah conceived again, was hated, he hath given me this one also; and she and bore a sixth son unto Jacob, 20 And Leah said. called his name Simeon. 34 And she conceived again, God hath endued me with a good dowry; now will my and bore a son; and she said, Now this time will my husband dwell with me, because I have borne him husband be joined unto me, because I have born him six sons; and she called his name Zebulun. 21 And three sons; therefore was his name called Levi. 35 afterward she bore a daughter, and she called her And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she name Dinah. 22 And God remembered Rachel, and said. This time will I praise the Lord; therefore she God hearkened to her, and opened her womb. 23 And she conceived, and bore a son; and she said. God hath taken away my reproach. 24 And she called his name Joseph, saying, The Lord shall add to me another son. 25 And it came to pass, when Rachel had borne Joseph, that Jacob said unto Laban, Send me away, that I may go unto my 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 with which I have served thee. 27 And Laban said unto him, If I could but find favor in thy eyes; I have learned by experience that the Lord hath blessed me for thy sake: 28 And he said. Appoint me thy wages, and I will give them. 29 And he said unto him. Thou knowest how I have served thee, and what thy cattle hath become with me. 30 For it was a little which thou hadst before I came. and it is now increased into a multitude; and the Lord hath blessed thee since my coming; and now when shall I provide also for my own house? 31 And he said, What shall I give thee? And Jacob said, Thou shalt not give me the least; if thou wilt do this thing for me, I will again feed and keep thy flock: 32 I will pass through all thy flock today, removing from there every speckled and spotted lamb, and every brown lamb among the sheep, and whatever is spotted and speckled among the goats; and such shall be after this my reward. 33 And my righteousness shall testify for me in time to come, when it shall come with my reward before thy face: every one that is not speckled and spotted among the goats, and brown among the sheep, that shall be counted stolen with me. 34 And Laban said, Well, let it be according to thy word. 35 And he removed on that day the he-goats that were ring-streaked and spotted, and all the she-goats that were speckled and spotted, every one that had some white on it, and all the brown among the sheep. and gave them into the hand of his sons. 36 And he

put a space of three days' journey between himself, and see, all the rams which leap upon the flocks are and Jacob; and Jacob fed the flocks of Laban that ring-streaked, speckled, and grizzled; for I have seen were left. 37 And Jacob took himself rods of green all that Laban doth unto thee. 13 I am the God of poplar, and of the hazel and chestnut tree; and peeled Beth-el, where thou anointedst a pillar, where thou thereon white streaks, laving bare the white which madest unto me a vow; now arise, get thee out from was on the rods. 38 And he set the rods which he this land, and return unto the land of thy birth. 14 had peeled in the gutters in the watering troughs. And Rachel and Leah answered and said unto him, where the flocks came to drink, just before the flocks. Is there yet any portion or inheritance for us in our and where they conceived, when they came to drink, father's house? 15 Were we not counted of him as 39 And the flocks conceived before the rods, and strangers? for he hath sold us; and he hath quite brought forth ring-streaked, speckled, and spotted. 40 consumed also our money. 16 For all the riches which And these lambs did Jacob separate, and set the God hath taken from our father, that is ours, and our faces of the flocks toward the ring-streaked, and children's; now then, whatsoever God hath said unto whatever was brown in the flock of Laban; and he put thee, do. 17 Then Jacob rose up, and set his sons his own flocks by themselves, and put them not with and his wives upon camels: 18 And he led away all Laban's cattle. 41 And it came to pass, whensoever his cattle, and all his goods which he had gotten, the stronger cattle did conceive, that Jacob laid the the cattle of his acquiring, which he had gotten in rods before the eves of the cattle in the gutters, that Padan-aram, to go to Isaac his father into the land they might conceive among the rods. 42 But when the of Canaan. 19 And Laban was gone to shear his cattle were feeble, he put them not in; so the feebler sheep; and Rachel stole the images that were her belonged to Laban, and the stronger to Jacob. 43 And father's. 20 And Jacob stole away unawares to Laban the man increased exceedingly, and he had many the Syrian, by not letting him know that he was going flocks, and maid-servants, and men-servants, and to flee, 21 And he fled with all that he had; and he 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 wealth. 2 And Jacob beheld the countenance of Laban, and, behold, it was not toward him as before. 3 And the Lord said unto Jacob, Return unto the land of thy fathers, and to thy birthplace; and I will be with thee, 4 And Jacob sent and called Rachel and Leah to the field unto his flock. 5 And he said unto them. I see your father's countenance, that it is not toward me as before: but the God of my father hath been with me. 6 And ye know well that with all my power I have served your father. 7 And your father hath deceived me, and changed my wages ten times: but God suffered him not to do me evil. 8 If he said thus. The speckled shall be thy wages: then bore all the flocks speckled: and if he said thus, The ringstreaked shall be thy reward: then bore all the flocks ring-streaked. 9 Thus God took away the cattle of your father, and gave them to me. 10 And it came to pass at the time that the flocks conceived, that I lifted up my eyes, and saw in a dream, and, behold, the rams which leaped upon the flocks were ringstreaked, speckled, and grizzled. 11 And an angel of God spoke unto me in the dream, Jacob: and I said. Here am I. 12 And he said, Lift up now thy eyes

rose up, and passed over the river, and set his face toward the mount Gilead. 22 And it was told to Laban on the third day that Jacob was fled. 23 And he took his brethren with him, and pursued after him a seven days' journey; and he overtook him at the mount of Gilead. 24 And God came to Laban, the Syrian, in a dream of the night, and said unto him. Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 25 Then Laban overtook Jacob; now Jacob had pitched his tent on the mount, and Laban with his brethren pitched on the mount of Gilead. 26 And Laban said to Jacob. What hast thou done, that thou hast stolen away unawares to me, and led away my daughters, as captives taken with the sword. 27 Wherefore didst thou flee away secretly, and steal away from me; and why didst thou not tell me, that I might have sent thee away with mirth, and with songs, with tabret, and with harp? 28 And [why] hast thou not suffered me to kiss my sons and my daughters? now thou hast acted foolishly in so doing. 29 It is in the power of my hand to do you hurt: but the God of your father spoke unto me yesternight, saying, Take thou heed that thou speak not to Jacob either good or bad. 30 And now, thou wouldst needs be gone, because thou greatly longedst after thy father's house: [vet] wherefore hast thou stolen my gods. 31 And Jacob answered and said to Laban. Because I was afraid. for I said, Peradventure thou wouldst take by force thy

thy gods, let him not live; before our brethren seek said, The Lord shall watch between me and thee, out thou what is thine with me, and take it to thee; when we are absent one from the other: 50 If thou but Jacob knew not that Rachel had stolen them, shouldst afflict my daughters, or if thou shouldst take 33 And Laban went into the tent of Jacob, and into other wives besides my daughters, when there is no the tent of Leah, and into the tent of the two maid- man with us: see, God is witness between me and servants; but he found nothing; he then went out of thee. 51 And Laban said to Jacob, Behold this heap, the tent of Leah, and entered into Rachel's tent. 34 and behold this pillar, which I have cast up between Now Rachel had taken the images, and put them in me and thee; 52 Witness be this heap and witness the saddle-cushion of the camel, and sat upon them; be this pillar, that I will not pass by this heap, and and Laban searched all the tent, and found nothing. that thou shalt not pass unto me by this heap and 35 And she said to her father, Let it not displease my this pillar, for evil. 53 The God of Abraham and the lord that I cannot rise up before thee; for the custom God of Nachor shall judge between us, the God of of women is upon me; and thus he searched, but their father; but Jacob swore by the Fear of his father found not the images. 36 Now Jacob became wroth, Isaac. 54 Then Jacob slew some cattle upon the and guarrelled with Laban; and Jacob answered and mount, and called his brethren to eat bread; and they said to Laban, What is my trespass? what is my sin, did eat bread, and tarried all night on the mount. 55 that thou hast so hotly pursued after me? 37 Although And early in the morning Laban rose up, and kissed thou hast searched all my goods, what hast thou his sons and his daughters and blessed them; and found of all the articles of thy household? set it here Laban departed, and returned unto his own place. before my brethren and thy brethren, that they may judge between us both. 38 These twenty years have I been with thee: thy ewes and thy she-goats have not cast their young; and the rams of thy flock have I not eaten. 39 That which was torn of beasts I brought not unto thee; I had to bear the loss of it, of my hand didst thou require it, whatever was stolen by day, or stolen by night. 40 [Where] I was in the day the heat consumed me, and the frost by night; and my sleep departed from my eyes. 41 These twenty years have I been in thy house: I have served thee fourteen years for thy two daughters, and six years for thy flocks: and thou hast changed my wages ten times. 42 Except the God of my father, the God of Abraham, and the Fear of Isaac, had been with me, surely thou hadst now sent me away empty; my affliction and the labor of my hands God hath seen, and decided 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; but as to my daughters, what can I do unto them this day, or unto their children whom they have born? 44 And now, come thou, let us make a covenant, I and thou; and let it be for a witness between me and thee. 45 And Jacob took a stone, and set it up for a pillar. 46 And Jacob said unto his brethren, Gather stones; and they took stones, and made a heap; and they ate there upon the heap. 47 And Laban called it Yegar-sahadutha; but Jacob called it Galed. 48 And Laban said, This heap is a witness between me and thee this day; therefore

daughters from me. 32 With whomsoever thou findest called he its name Galed; 49 And Mitzpah; for he

**32** And Jacob went on his way, and there met him angels of God. 2 And when Jacob saw them, he said. This is a host of God; and he called the name of that place Machanayim. 3 And Jacob sent messengers before him to Esau his brother unto the land of Seir, the country of Edom. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Thus shall ye speak unto my lord, to Esau, Thus hath said thy servant Jacob, With Laban have I soiourned, and staved until now. 5 And I have acquired oxen, and asses, flocks, and men-servants, and women-servants; and I send now to tell my lord, to find grace in thy eyes. 6 And the messengers returned to Jacob, saying, We came to thy brother, to Esau, and also he cometh to meet thee, and four hundred men with him. 7 Then Jacob was greatly afraid, and he felt distressed; and he divided the people that were with him, and the flocks, and the herds, and the camels, into two bands, 8 And he said, If Esau should come to the one band and smite it, then the other band which is left may escape. 9 And Jacob said, O God of my father Abraham, and God of my father Isaac, the Lord who saidst unto me, Return unto thy country, and to thy birthplace, and I will deal well with thee: 10 I am not worthy of all the kindness, and of all the truth, which thou hast shown unto thy servant; for with my staff I passed over this Jordan; and now I am become two bands. 11 Deliver me. I pray thee, from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau; for I fear him, lest he will come and smite me, the mother with the children. 12 And

thy seed as the sand of the sea, which cannot be the thigh, unto this day; because he struck against numbered for multitude. 13 And he lodged there that the hollow of Jacob's thigh on the sinew that shrank. same night; and he took of that which he carried 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 with 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 he said unto his servants, Pass on before me, and put a space between drove and drove. 17 And he commanded the foremost, saving. When Esau my brother should meet thee, and ask thee, saving. Whose art thou? and whither art thou going? and for whom are these before thee? 18 Then shalt thou say. They belong to thy servant, to Jacob; it is a present sent unto my lord, to Esau; and, behold, also, he is himself behind us. 19 And so he commanded also the second, also the third, as also all that followed the droves, saying, After this manner shall ye speak unto Esau, when ye find him. 20 And say ye moreover, Behold, also 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 receive me kindly. 21 The present went thus on before him; and he lodged himself that night in the camp. 22 And he rose up that night, and he took his two wives, and his two women-servants, and his eleven sons, and passed over the ford of the Yabbok. 23 And he took them, and sent them over the stream and sent over what 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 could net prevail against him, he struck against the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was put out of joint, as he was wrestling with him. 26 And he said. Let me go, for the day hath dawned. And he said, I will not let thee go until thou hast blessed me. 27 And he said unto him, What is thy name? and he said, Jacob. 28 And he said, Not Jacob shall any more be called thy name, but Israel; for as a prince hast thou power 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 I have seen an angel of God face to face, and my life hath been preserved. 31 And the sun rose unto him as he passed by Penuel, and he halted upon his thigh. 32 Therefore do the children of Israel not eat

thou saidst, I will surely do thee good, and make the sinew which shrank, which is upon the hollow of

33 And Jacob lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold. Esau came, 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 on 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, and kissed him; and they wept. 5 And he 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 came the handmaids near, they and their children. and they bowed themselves. 7 And Leah also with her children came near, and they bowed themselves; and after that came Joseph near and Rachel, and they bowed themselves. 8 And he said. What meanest thou by all this drove which I have met? And he said. To find grace in the eyes of my lord. 9 And Esau said, I have enough, my brother, keep unto thyself what thou hast. 10 And Jacob said. This must not be. I pray thee; if I have but found grace in thy eyes, then do thou receive my present at my hand; since I have seen thy face, it is as though I had seen the face of an angel, and because thou hast received me kindly. 11 Take. I pray thee, my present that is brought to thee; because God hath dealt graciously with me, and because I have a plenty of all. And he urged him, and he took it. 12 And he said, Let us depart, and move farther, and I will travel near thee. 13 And he said unto him. My lord knoweth that the children are tender, and the flocks and herds with young are a charge on me; and if they should overdrive them one day, all the flock would die. 14 Let my lord, I pray thee, pass on before his servant; and I will lead on slowly, according to the cattle that goeth before me and the children may be able to travel, until I come unto my lord unto Seir. 15 And Esau said, Let me, I pray thee, leave with thee some of the people that are with me. And he said, What needeth it? let me only final grace in the eyes of my lord. 16 So Esau returned that day on his way unto Seir. 17 And Jacob iourneved to Succoth and built himself a house, and for his cattle he made booths: therefore he called the name of the place Succoth. 18 And Jacob came in

there an altar, and called it, El-Elohe-Yisrael.

**31** And Dinah the daughter of Leah, whom she had born unto Jacob, went out to look about among the daughters of the land. 2 And Shechem the son of Chamor the Hivite, the prince of the country, saw her; and he took her, and lay with her, and did her violence. 3 And his soul clave unto Dinah the daughter of Jacob, and he loved the maiden, and spoke kindly unto the maiden. 4 And Shechem spoke unto Chamor his father, saving. Get me this girl for wife. 5 And Jacob heard that he had defiled Dinah his daughter; but his sons were with his cattle in the field: and Jacob held his peace until they were come. 6 And Chamor the father of Shechem went out unto to Jacob to speak with him. 7 And the sons of Jacob came from the field when they heard it, and the men were grieved, and it excited their anger greatly; because he had wrought a disgraceful thing in Israel to lie with the daughter of Jacob, and this ought not to be done. 8 And Chamor spoke with them, saving. The soul of Shechem my son longeth for your daughter; give her, I pray you, unto him for wife. 9 And intermarry with us; your daughters ye shall give unto us, and our daughters ye may take unto yourselves. 10 And with us shall ye dwell; and the land shall be open before you; dwell and trade ve therein, and acquire possessions therein. 11 And Shechem said unto her father and unto her brother, Let me but find grace in your eyes, and whatever ye may say unto me, I will give. 12 Ask of me ever so much dowry and gift, and I will give, just as ye may say unto me; but give me the maiden for wife. 13 And the sons of Jacob answered Shechem and Chamor his father with cunning, and spoke; because he had defiled Dinah their sister. 14 And they said unto them, We cannot do this thing, to give our sister to one that is uncircumcised; for that would be a reproach unto us. 15 But on this condition will we consent unto you; if ye will become as we are, that every male of you unto you, and we will take your daughters unto us;

good health to the city of Shechem, which is in the our way. 18 And their words were pleasing in the land of Canaan, when he came from Padan-aram; eyes of Chamor, and in the eyes of Shechem, the and he encamped before the city. 19 And he bought son of Chamor. 19 And the young man deferred not the parcel of the field, where he had spread his tent, to do the thing, because he had delight in Jacob's at the hand of the children of Chamor, the father of daughter; and he was the most honored of all the Shechem, for a hundred kessitah. 20 And he erected house of his father. 20 And Chamor and Shechem his son came unto the gate of their city, and spoke with the men of their city, saying, 21 These men are peaceably inclined with us; therefore let them dwell in the land, and trade therein; and the land, behold, it is large enough on all sides before them; their daughters we will take unto us for wives, and our daughters we will give unto them. 22 Only with 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 Their cattle and their substance and every beast of theirs will they not be ours? only let us consent unto them, that they may dwell with us. 24 And unto Chamor and unto Shechem his son hearkened all that went out of the gate of his city; and all the males were 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 brothers, took each his sword, and came upon the city unresisted and slew all the males. 26 And they slew Chamor and Shechem his son with the edge of the sword: and they took Dinah out of Shechem's house, and went out. 27 The sons of Jacob came upon the slain, and spoiled the city, because they had defiled their sister. 28 They took their sheep and their oxen, and their asses, and that which was in the city, and that which was in the field. 29 And all their wealth, and all their little ones, and their wives they took captive, and spoiled; and all that was in the house. 30 And Jacob said unto Simeon and Levi, Ye have troubled me, to cause me to be hated among the inhabitants of the land, among the Canaanites and the Perizzites: and as I am but few in number. they may gather themselves together against me, and slay me; and I would 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 be circumcised: 16 Then will we give our daughters the God that appeared unto thee when thou fleddest from the face of Esau thy brother. 2 Then said Jacob and we will dwell with you, and we will become one unto his household, and to all that were with him, people. 17 But if ye will not hearken unto us, to be Put away the strange gods that are among you, and circumcised, then will we take our daughter, and go cleanse yourselves, and change your garments. 3

make there an altar unto the God who answered of Rachel, Joseph, and Benjamin. 25 And the sons of me on the day of my distress, and was with me on Bilhah, Rachel's handmaid, Dan, and Naphtali, 26 the way which I went. 4 And they gave unto Jacob And the sons of Zilpah, Leah's handmaid, Gad, and all the strange gods which were in their hand, and Asher; these are the sons of Jacob, that were born to the earrings which were in their ears; and Jacob hid him in Padan-aram. 27 And Jacob came unto Isaac them under the oak which was near Shechem. 5 And his father unto Mamre, the city of Arba', which is they journeyed; and the terror of God was upon the Hebron, where Abraham and Isaac had sojourned, 28 cities that were round about them, and they did not And the days of Isaac were one hundred and eighty pursue after the sons of Jacob. 6 So Jacob came to years. 29 And Isaac departed this life, and died, and Luz, which is in the land of Canaan, that is, Beth- was gathered unto his people, old and full of days: el. he and all the people that were with him. 7 And and Esau and Jacob his sons buried him. he built there an altar, and called the place El-bethel: because there God appeared unto him, when he fled from the face of his brother. 8 And Deborah Rebekah's nurse died, and she was buried beneath Beth-el under an oak: and he called its named Allonbachuth. 9 And God appeared unto Jacob again. when he came from Padan-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 God the Almighty: be fruitful and multiply: a nation and an assemblage of nations shall spring from thee, and kings shall come out of thy loins. 12 And the land which I gave to Abraham and to Isaac, to thee will I give it; and to thy seed after thee will I give the land, 13 And God went up from him on the place where he had spoken with him. 14 And Jacob set up a pillar at the place where he had spoken with him, a pillar of stone; and he poured a drink offering thereon, and he poured oil thereon. 15 And Jacob called the name of the place where God had spoken with him. Beth-el. 16 And they journeyed from Beth-el: and there was yet some distance to come to Ephrath, when 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 this child also is a son for thee. 18 And it came to pass, as her soul was departing, [for she died] that she called his name Ben-oni; but his father called him Benjamin. 19 And so Rachel died, and was buried on the way to Ephrath, which is Beth-lechem. 20 And Jacob set a pillar upon her grave: this is the pillar of Rachel's grave unto this day. 21 And Israel journeyed, and spread his tent beyond the tower of flocks [Eder]. 22 And it came to pass, when Israel dwelt in that land, that Reuben went and lav with Bilhah his father's concubine: and Israel heard it. Now the sons of Jacob were twelve. 23 The sons of Leah. Jacob's first-born, Reuben, and Simeon, and Levi,

And let us arise, and go up to Beth-el: and I will and Judah, and Issachar, and Zebulun. 24 The sons

**36** Now these are the generations of Esau, who is Edom. 2 Esau took his wives of the daughters of Canaan: Adah the daughter of Elon the Hittite. and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon the Hivite; 3 And Bahsemath Ishmael's daughter, the sister of Nebayoth. 4 And Adah bore to Esau Eliphaz; and Bahsemath bore Reuel; 5 And Aholibamah bore Yeush, and Ya'lam, and Korach: these are the sons of Esau, that were born unto him in the land Canaan. 6 And Esau took his wives, and his sons, and his daughters, and all the persons of his house, and his cattle, and all his beasts, and all his substance, which he had gotten in the land of Canaan; and went into another country from the face of his brother Jacob. 7 For their riches were more than that they might dwell together; and the land of their sojourning could not bear them, because of their cattle. 8 Thus dwelt Esau in mount Seir: Esau is Edom. 9 And these are the generations of Esau the father of the Edom 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 Bahsemath the wife of Esau. 11 And the sons of Eliphaz were Teman. Omar, Zepho, and Ga'tam, and Kenaz, 12 And Timna was concubine to Eliphaz Esau's son; and she bore to Eliphaz Amalek; these were the sons of Adah, Esau's wife. 13 And these are the sons of Reuel: Nachath, and Zerach, Shammah, and Mizzah: these were the sons of Bahsemath, Esau's wife. 14 And these were the sons of Aholibamah, the daughter of Anah the daughter of Zibeon, Esau's wife: and she bore to Esau Yeush, and Ya'lam, and Korach. 15 These are the dukes of the sons of Esau: the sons of Eliphaz the first-born of Esau: duke Teman, duke Omar, duke Zepho, duke Kenaz, 16 Duke Korach, duke Ga'tam, duke Amalek; these are the dukes of Eliphaz in the land of Edom; these are the sons of Adah. 17 And these are the sons of Reuel Esau's son:

Mizzah; these are the dukes of Reuel in the land of duke Iram; these are the dukes of Edom, according Edom; these are the sons of Bahsemath, Esau's wife, to their habitations in the land of their possession; 18 And these are the sons of Aholibamah, Esau's wife: this is Esau the father of the Edom. duke Yeush, duke Ya'lam, duke Korach; these are the dukes of Aholibamah the daughter of Anah, Esau's wife. 19 These are the sons of Esau, and these are their dukes: this is Edom. 20 These are the sons of Seir the Chorite, who inhabited the land: Lotan, and Shobal, and Zibeon, and Anah, 21 And Dishon, and Etzer, and Dishan; these are the dukes of the Chorites, the children of Seir in the land of Edom. 22 And the children of Lotan were Chori and Heman: and Lotan's sister was Timna. 23 And these were the children of Shobal: Alvan, and Manachath, and Ebal, Shepho, and Onam. 24 And these are the children of Zibeon: both Ajah, and Anah; this was that Anah that found the mules in the wilderness, as he fed the asses of Zibeon his father. 25 And these are the children of Anah: Dishon, and Aholibamah the daughter of Anah. 26 And these are the children of Dishan: Chemdan, and Eshban, and Yithran, and Cheran. 27 These are the children of Etzer: Bilhan, Zaavan, and Akan, 28 These are the children of Dishan: Uz. and Aran. 29 These are the dukes of the Chorites: duke Lotan. duke Shobal, duke Zibeon, duke Anah: 30 Duke Dishon, duke Etzer, duke Dishan; these are the dukes of the Chorites, after their dukes 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 there reigned in Edom Bela the son of Beor: and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 33 And Bela died, and there reigned in his stead Yobab the son of Zerach of Bozrah. 34 And Yobab died, and there reigned in his stead Chusham of the land of Teman. 35 And Chusham died, and there reigned in his stead Hadad the son of Bedad. who smote Midian in the field of Moab: and the name of his city was Avith. 36 And Hadad died, and there reigned in his stead Samlah of Masrekah. 37 And Samlah died, and there reigned in his stead Shaul of Rechoboth by the river. 38 And Shaul died, and there reigned in his stead Baal-chanan the son of Achbor. 39 And Baal-chanan the son of Achbor died, and there reigned in his stead Hadar, and the name of his city was Pau; and his wife's name was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab. 40 And these are the names of the dukes of Esau. according to their families, after their places, by their names: duke Timna, duke Alvah, duke Yetheth. Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon. 42 Duke

duke Nachath, duke Zerach, duke Shammah, duke Kenaz, duke Teman, duke Mibzar, 43 Duke Magdiel,

37 And Jacob dwelt in the land of his father's sojourning, in the land of Canaan. 2 These are the generations of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was feeding the flock with his brothers; and he was as a lad with the sons of Bilhah, and with the sons of Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought evil reports of them unto his 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 when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably unto him. 5 And Joseph dreamed a dream, and he told it to his brothers: and they hated him yet the more. 6 And he said unto them. Hear, I pray you, this dream which I have dreamed. 7 And, behold, we were binding sheaves in the field, and, lo, my sheaf arose, and also remained standing upright; and, behold, your sheaves placed themselves round about, and made obeisance to my sheaf. 8 And his brothers 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 brothers; and he said. Behold. I have dreamed a dream more: 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 brothers; and his father rebuked him, and said unto him, What is this dream that thou hast dreamed? Shall we indeed come, I and thy mother, and thy brothers, to bow down ourselves to thee to the earth. 11 And his brothers envied him; but his father noted the matter [in his mind]. 12 And his brothers went to feed their father's flocks in Shechem. 13 And Israel said unto Joseph, Do not thy brothers feed [the flocks] 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. I pray thee, see whether it be well with thy brothers, and well with the flocks; and bring me word again. So he sent him from the vale of Hebron, and he came to Shechem. 15 And a certain man found him, and, behold, he was wandering astray in the field; and the man asked him, saying, What seekest thou? 16 And he said, I seek my brothers; tell me, I pray thee, where they are feeding their flocks? 17 And the man said, They are departed hence; for I

went after his brothers, and found them in Dothan. officer of Pharaoh's, the captain of the quards. 18 And when they saw him afar off, even before he came near unto them, they conspired against him to slay him. 19 And they said one to another, Behold, here comes this man of dreams. 20 And now, come and let us slay him, and cast him into one of the pits, and we will say, Some evil beast hath devoured him: and we shall see what will become of his dreams. 21 And when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hand; and he said, Let us not put him to death. 22 And Reuben said unto them, Do not shed blood; but cast him into this pit that is in the wilderness, but do not lav hand upon him: -in order that he might deliver him out of their hand, to bring him back again to his father. 23 And it came to pass, when Joseph was come unto his brothers, that they stript 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 company of Ishmaelites was coming from Gilead; and their camels were bearing spicery, and balm, and lotus, going to carry it down to Egypt. 26 And Judah said unto his brothers. What profit will it be if we slay our brother, and conceal his blood? 27 Come, and let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, but let our hand not be upon him; for he is our brother, our flesh. And his brothers hearkened to him. 28 And when the Midianitish men, merchants, passed by, 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 when Reuben returned unto the pit, and, behold, Joseph was not in the pit, he rent his clothes. 30 And he returned unto his brothers, and said. The child is not there; 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: acknowledge, we pray thee, whether it be thy son's coat or not. 33 And he recognized it, and said, it is my son's coat; an evil beast hath devoured him; Joseph is surely torn in pieces. 34 And Jacob rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his loins, and mourned for his son many days. 35 And all his sons and all his daughters rose up to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted; and he said. For I must go down unto my son, mourning, into the grave: thus his father wept for him. (Sheol h7585) 36 And

heard them say, Let us go to Dothan. And Joseph the Midianites sold him into Egypt unto Potiphar, an

**38** And it came to pass at that time, that Judah went down from his brothers, and he pitched his tent with a certain Adullamite whose name was Chirah. 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 bore a son; and he called his name 'Er. 4 And she conceived again, and bore a son; and she called his name Onan. 5 And she again bore another son; and she called his name Shelah: and he was at Chezib. when she bore him. 6 And Judah took a wife for 'Er his first-born, whose name was Tamar. 7 And 'Er, Judah's first-born, was displeasing in the eves of the Lord: and the Lord slew him. 8 And Judah said unto Onan. Go in unto thy brother's wife, and take her, as her brother-in-law, and raise up seed to thy brother. 9 Onan thus knew that the seed should not be his, and it came to pass, when he went in unto his brother's wife, that he spilled it on the ground, so as not to give seed unto his brother. 10 And the thing which he did was displeasing in the eyes of the Lord: wherefore he slew him also. 11 Then said Judah to Tamar his daughter-in-law, Remain a widow at thy father's house, till Shelah my son be grown: for he thought. Lest peradventure he die also, as his brothers have done. And Tamar went and dwelt in her father's house. 12 And many days had elapsed when the daughter of Shua, Judah's wife, died; and after Judah was comforted, he went up unto his sheepshearers, he and his friend Chirah the Adullamite, to Timnah. 13 And it was told unto Tamar, saying, Behold, thy father-in-law goeth up to Timnah to shear his sheep. 14 And she put her widow's garments off from her, and covered herself with a vail, and concealed her face, and seated herself at the crossroad, which is by the way to Timnah; for she saw that Shelah was grown, and she was not given unto him for wife. 15 And Judah saw her and thought her to be a harlot: because she had covered her face. 16 And he turned unto her by the way, and said, Go to, 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 from the flock. And she said, If thou wilt give me a pledge, till thou send it. 18 And he said, What is the pledge which I shall give thee? And she said. Thy signet, and thy scarf, and thy staff that is in thy hand. And

and his name was called Zerach.

39 And Joseph was brought down to Egypt; and Potiphar, an officer of Pharaoh, the captain of the guards, an Egyptian, bought him of the hands of the Ishmaelites, who had brought him down thither. 2 And the Lord was with Joseph, and he was a prosperous man; and he was thus in the house of his master the Egyptian. 3 And when his master saw that the Lord was with him, and that the Lord caused all that he did to prosper in his hand: 4 Joseph found grace in his eyes, and he served him; and he made him overseer over his house, and all that he had he put into his hand. 5 And it came to pass from the time he had made him overseer in his house, and over

he gave them unto her, and came in unto her, and all that he had, that the Lord blessed the Egyptian's she conceived by him. 19 And she arose, and went house for the sake of Joseph; and the blessing of the away, and laid by her vail from her, and put on the Lord was upon all that he had, in the house and in garments of her widowhood. 20 And Judah sent the field. 6 And he left all that he had in Joseph's kid by the hand of his friend the Adullamite, to take hand; and he troubled himself not about aught he the pledge out of the woman's hand; but he found her had, save the bread which he did eat. And Joseph not. 21 Then he asked the men of her place, saying, was handsome in form and handsome in appearance. Where is the harlot, that was at the cross-road on the 7 And it came to pass after these things, that his highway? And they said, There hath been no harlot master's wife cast her eyes upon Joseph; and she in this neighborhood. 22 And he returned to Judah, said, Lie with me. 8 But he refused, and said unto his and said, I cannot find her; and also the men of the master's wife, Behold, Thy master troubleth himself place have said. There hath been no harlot in this not about what is with me in the house, and he hath place. 23 And Judah said, Let her keep it, lest we committed all that he hath into my hand; 9 There is be put to shame; behold, I sent this kid, and thou none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept hast not found her. 24 And it came to pass about back any thing from me but thee, because thou art three months after, that it was told to Judah, saying, his wife: how then can I do this great evil, and sin Tamar thy daughter-in-law hath played the harlot; and against God? 10 And it came to pass, as she spoke also, behold, she is with child by prostitution. And to Joseph day by day, and he hearkened not unto Judah said, Lead her forth, and let her be burnt. 25 her, to lie by her, or to be with her; 11 That it came to When she was led forth, she sent to her father-in-law, pass one particular day, that he went into the house saying, By the man, whose these are, am I with child: to do his business; and there was none of the men of and she said, Acknowledge, I pray thee, to whom the house there within. 12 And she caught him by his belong these, the signet, the scarf, and staff. 26 And garment, saying, Lie with me; and he left his garment Judah acknowledged them, and said, She hath been in her hand, and fled, and ran out into the street. 13 more righteous than I; because that I gave her not to And it came to pass, when she saw that he had left Shelah my son. And he knew her not again any more. his garment in her hand, and was fled forth, 14 That 27 And it came to pass at the time of her travail, that, she called unto the men of her house, and spoke behold, twins were in her womb. 28 And it came to unto them, saying, See, he hath brought in unto us pass, when she travailed, that the one put out his a Hebrew man to have his sport with us; he came hand: and the midwife took and bound upon his hand in unto me to lie with me, and I cried with a loud a scarlet thread, saying, This came out first. 29 And it voice: 15 And it came to pass, when he heard that I came to pass, as he drew back his hand, that, behold lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment his brother came out; and she said, How hast thou with me, and fled, and ran out into the street. 16 And broken forth! this breach is upon thee: therefore his she laid up his garment by her until his lord came name was called Perez. 30 And afterward came out home. 17 And she spoke unto him according to these his brother, that had the scarlet thread upon his hand: words, saying, The Hebrew servant whom thou hast brought unto us, came in unto me to have his sport with me. 18 And it came to pass, as I lifted up my voice and cried, that he left his garment with me, and fled forth. 19 And it came to pass, when his master heard the words of his wife, which she spoke unto him, saying, After this manner hath thy servant done 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 imprisoned: and he was there in the prison. 21 But the Lord was with Joseph, and caused him to find kindness, and gave him favor in the eyes of the superintendent of the prison. 22 And the superintendent of the prison committed into Joseph's hand all the prisoners that were in the prison; and whatsoever they did there,

he did, the Lord made to prosper.

**1** And it came to pass after these things, that the butler of the king of Egypt and the baker committed an offense, against their lord the king of Egypt. 2 And 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 guards, into the prison, the place where Joseph was confined. 4 And the captain of the guards charged Joseph with them, and he served them; and they continued a season in ward. 5 And they dreamed a dream, both of them, each his dream in one night, each in accordance with the interpretation of his dream, the butler and the baker of the king of Egypt, who were confined in the prison. 6 And Joseph came in unto them in the morning, and looked at them, and, behold, they were sad. 7 And he asked the officers of Pharaoh that were with him in ward in his lord's house, saving, Wherefore look ve so sadly today? 8 And they said unto him. We have dreamed a dream, and there is none to interpret it. And Joseph said unto them, Do not interpretations belong to God? tell it to me, I pray you. 9 The chief of the butlers then told his dream to Joseph, and said to him. In my dream, behold, a vine was before me: 10 And on the vine were three branches; and it was as though it budded, shot forth its blossoms, and on its clusters the grapes became ripe: 11 And Pharaoh's cup was in my hand; and I took the grapes, and pressed them out into Pharaoh's cup, and I placed the cup into Pharaoh's hand, 12 And Joseph said unto him, This is its interpretation: The three branches are three days; 13 Within yet three days will Pharaoh lift up thy head, and restore thee unto thy office: and thou shalt place Pharaoh's cup into his hand, after the former manner when thou wast his butler. 14 Therefore if thou thinkest on me when it shall be well with thee, then 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 not done the least that they should put me into the dungeon. 16 And when the chief of the bakers saw that he had well interpreted, he said unto Joseph, I also [saw] in my dream, and, behold. I had three baskets with fine bread on my head: 17 And in the uppermost basket

was done through him. 23 The superintendent of the there was of all manner of bakemeats, used as food prison looked not after the least that was under his for Pharaoh; and the birds did eat them out of the hand, because the Lord was with him; and that which basket from my head, 18 And Joseph answered and said. This is the interpretation: The three baskets are three days: 19 Within yet three days will Pharaoh lift up thy head from off thee, and will hang thee on a tree: and the birds shall eat thy flesh from off thee. 20 And it came to pass on 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 of the butlers and the head of the chief of the bakers among his servants. 21 And he restored the chief of the butlers unto his butlership; and he placed the cup in Pharaoh's hand: 22 But the chief of the bakers he hanged, as Joseph had interpreted to them. 23 Yet the chief of the butlers did not remember Joseph, and forgot him.

> **41** And it came to pass at the end of two full years. that Pharaoh dreamed: and, behold, he stood by the river. 2 And, behold, there came up out of the river seven cows, of good appearance and fat in flesh; and they fed in the meadow. 3 And, behold, seven other cows came up after them out of the river. illfavored and lean in flesh; and they stood by the other cows upon the brink of the river. 4 And the ill-favored and lean-fleshed cows did eat up the seven wellfavored and fat cows. And Pharaoh awoke. 5 And he slept and dreamed a second time; and, behold, seven ears of corn came up on one stalk, rank and good. 6 And, behold, seven thin ears and blasted with the east wind sprung up after them. 7 And the seven thin ears swallowed up the seven rank and full ears. And Pharaoh awoke, and, behold, it was a dream. 8 And it came to pass in the morning that his spirit was troubled; and he sent and called for all the magicians of Egypt, and all the wise men thereof; and Pharaoh told them his dream: but there was none that could interpret the same unto Pharaoh. 9 Then spoke the chief of the butlers unto Pharaoh, saying, My faults I must call to remembrance this day: 10 Pharaoh was wroth with his servants, and put me in ward in the house of the captain of the guards, me and the chief of the bakers; 11 And we dreamed a dream in one night, I and he; we dreamed each in accordance with the interpretation of his dream. 12 And there was with us a Hebrew lad, a servant to the captain of the guards; and we told him, and he interpreted to us our dreams; to each according to his dream did he interpret. 13 And it came to pass, just as he had interpreted to us, so it was:

me he restored unto my office, and him he hanged, produce of the land of Egypt in the seven years of Joseph answered Pharaoh, saying, It is not in me; eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of all his servants. poor and very ill-shaped and lean in flesh; I never saw people be ruled, only in regard to the throne will I be blasted with the east wind, sprung up after them; 24 44 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, I am Pharaoh; the dream of Pharaoh is one, that which God is about him Assenath the daughter of Poti-phera', the priest the east wind, shall be seven years of famine. 28 This brought forth in the seven years of plenty by handfuls. is the thing which I have spoken unto Pharaoh: What 48 And he gathered up all the food of the seven years, unto Pharaoh twice, it is because the thing is firmly For God [said he] hath made me forget all my toil, resolved on by God, and God hasteneth to bring it and all my father's house. 52 And the name of the

14 Then Pharaoh sent and had Joseph called, and plenty. 35 And let them gather up all the food of those they brought him hastily out of the dungeon: and good years that are coming, and lay up corn under he shaved himself, and changed his garments, and the hand of Pharaoh, as food in the cities, and keep came in unto Pharaoh. 15 And Pharaoh said unto the same. 36 And that food shall be for a store to the Joseph, I have dreamed a dream, and there is none land against the seven years of famine, which shall that can interpret it: and I have heard say of thee, that be in the land of Egypt; that the land be not cut off thou canst understand a dream to interpret it. 16 And through the famine. 37 And the thing was good in the God will give an answer for the peace of Pharaoh. 17 38 And Pharaoh said unto his servants, Can we find And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, In my dream, behold, such a one as this, a man in whom the spirit of God I stood upon the brink of the river; 18 And, behold, is? 39 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Inasmuch as there came up out of the river seven cows, fat in flesh God hath caused thee to know all this, there is none and good in shape; and they fed in the meadow; 19 so discreet and wise as thou: 40 Thou shalt be over And, behold, seven other cows came up after them, my house, and according to thy word shall all my any like these in all the land of Egypt for ugliness; 20 greater than thou. 41 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, And the lean and the ill-favored cows did eat up the See. I have set thee over all the land of Egypt. 42 first seven fat cows; 21 And when they had eaten And Pharaoh took off his ring from his hand, and put them up, it could not be known that they had eaten it upon Joseph's hand, and arrayed him in vestures of them; but their appearance was still as bad as at the fine linen, and put a golden chain about his neck; 43 beginning. And I awoke. 22 And I saw in my dream, And he caused him to ride in the second chariot which and, behold, seven ears came up on one stalk, full he had; and they cried before him, Bend the knee: and good; 23 And, behold, seven ears, withered, thin, and he placed him [thus] over all the land of Egypt. And the thin ears devoured the seven good ears; and but without thee shall no man lift up his hand or his I told this unto the magicians; but there was none that foot in all the land of Egypt. 45 And Pharaoh called could tell it to me. 25 And Joseph said unto Pharaoh. Joseph's name Zaphenath-pa'neach; and he gave to do, he hath told to Pharaoh. 26 The seven good of On, for wife. And Joseph went out over all the land cows are seven years; and the seven good ears are of Egypt. 46 And Joseph was thirty years old when he seven years; the dream is one. 27 And the seven stood before Pharaoh the king of Egypt; and Joseph thin and ill-favored cows that came up after them are went out from the presence of Pharaoh, and went seven years; and the seven empty ears, blasted with throughout all the land of Egypt. 47 And the earth God is about to do he hath shown unto Pharaoh. which were in the land of Egypt, and laid up the food 29 Behold, there are coming seven years of great in the cities: the food of the field of the city, which was plenty throughout all the land of Egypt: 30 And there round about it, laid he up in the same, 49 And Joseph shall arise seven years of famine after them, when heaped up corn as the sand of the sea, very much; all the plenty shall be forgotten in the land of Egypt; until he left off numbering, for it was without number. and the famine shall consume the land; 31 And the 50 And unto Joseph were born two sons before the plenty shall not be known in the land by reason of years of famine came, whom Assenath the daughter that famine following it; for it shall be very grievous. of Poti-phera' the priest of On, bore unto him. 51 And 32 And as it respecteth that the dream was doubled Joseph called the name of the first-born Menasseh: to pass. 33 Now therefore let Pharaoh look out a second he called Ephraim; For God [said he] hath man discreet and wise, and set him over the land of caused me to be fruitful in the land of my affliction. 53 Egypt. 34 Let Pharaoh do this, and let him appoint And the seven years of plenty, that was in the land of officers over the land, and take up the fifth part [of the Egypt, were ended. 54 And the seven years of famine

began to come, just as Joseph had said; and there and if not, by the life of Pharaoh, ye are surely spies. sore in all the countries.

42 And when Jacob saw that there was corn in Egypt, Jacob said unto his sons, Why do ye look at one another? 2 And he said, Behold, I have heard that there is corn in Egypt; get you down thither, and buy for us provision from there, that we may live, and not die. 3 And ten brothers of Joseph went down to buy corn in Egypt, 4 But Benjamin, Joseph's brother, Jacob sent not with his brothers; for he said, Lest mischief befall him. 5 And the sons of Israel came to buy corn among those that came; for the famine was in the land of Canaan. 6 And Joseph—he was the governor over the land, it was he that sold corn to all the people of the land; and Joseph's brothers came, and bowed themselves down before him with the face to the earth. 7 And Joseph saw his brothers, and he recognized them; but made himself strange unto them and spoke roughly unto them; and he said unto them, Whence come ye? And they said, From the land of Canaan to buy food. 8 And Joseph recognized his brothers, but they recognized not him. 9 And Joseph remembered the dreams which he had dreamed concerning them, and he said unto them, Ye are spies: to see the nakedness of the land are ve come. 10 And they said unto him, No, my lord, thy servants are only come to buy food. 11 We are all sons of one man; we are true men; thy servants have never been spies. 12 And he said unto them, No! but to see the nakedness of the land are ye come. 13 And they said, We, thy servants, are twelve brothers, sons of one man in the land of Canaan; and, behold, the voungest is this day with our father, and one is no more. 14 And Joseph said unto them, It is as I have spoken unto you, saying, Ye are spies; 15 Hereby shall ve be proved: By the life of Pharaoh, ve shall not go forth hence, except your youngest brother come hither. 16 Send one of you, and let him fetch your brother, and ye shall be kept in prison, that your words may be proved, whether the truth be with you;

was famine in all the countries, but in all the land of 17 And he put them together into ward three days. 18 Egypt there was bread. 55 And when all the land of And Joseph said unto them on the third day. This do. Egypt also felt hunger, the people cried to Pharaoh, and live; I fear God. 19 If ye be true men, let one of for bread; and Pharaoh said unto all the Egyptians, your brothers remain imprisoned in the house of your Go unto Joseph; what he saith to you, do. 56 And the confinement; but ye, go, carry home what you have famine was over all the face of the earth: and Joseph bought for the want of your household. 20 But your opened all the store-houses, wherein corn was, and voungest brother bring unto me; so shall your words sold unto the Egyptians; for the famine grew strong in be verified, and ye shall not die. And they did so. 21 the land of Egypt. 57 And all the countries came into And they said to one another, Truly we are guilty Egypt to buy corn of Joseph; because the famine was concerning our brother, in that we saw the anguish of his soul, when he besought us, and we would not hear: therefore is this distress come upon us. 22 And Reuben answered them, saying, Did I not say unto you, thus, Do not sin against the child; and ye would not hear? and behold, his blood also is now required. 23 And they knew not that Joseph understood them; for he spoke unto them by an interpreter. 24 And he turned himself away from them, and wept; and returned to them again, and spoke with them, and took from them Simeon, and bound him before their eyes. 25 And Joseph commanded to fill their sacks with corn, and to restore every man's money into his sack, and to give them provision for the way; and he did unto them thus. 26 And they loaded their asses with their corn, and departed thence, 27 And one of them opened his sack to give his ass provender in the inn: when he espied his money, for, behold, it was in the mouth of his sack. 28 And he said unto his brothers. My money hath been restored; and, lo, it is even in my sack: and their heart failed them, and they were afraid, saying one to another, What is this that God hath done unto us? 29 And they came unto Jacob their father unto the land of Canaan, and they told him all that had befallen them; saying, 30 The man, the lord of the land, spoke roughly to us, and took us as though we were espying the country. 31 And we said unto him. We are true men: we have never been spies: 32 We are twelve brothers, sons of our father; the one is no more, and the youngest is this day with our father in the land of Canaan. 33 And the man, the lord of the country, said unto us, Hereby shall I know that ye are true men: leave one of your brothers here with me, and [the food for] the want of your households take ye and be gone; 34 And bring your youngest brother unto me; then shall I know that ye are no spies, but that ye are true men; your brother I will give up to you, and in the land ve shall be allowed to traffic. 35 And it came to pass as they were emptying their sacks, that, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack: and when they saw

the bundles of their money, they and their father, they be bereaved, let me be bereaved. 15 And the men if I bring him not to thee; deliver him into my hand, and I will bring him back to thee. 38 And he said. My son shall not go down with you; for his brother is dead, and he alone is left: and if mischief befall him by the way in which ye go, then will ye bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. (Sheol h7585)

12 And the famine was sore in the land. 2 And it came to pass, when they had completely eaten up the provisions which they had brought out of Egypt, that their father said unto them, Go again, buy us a little food. 3 And Judah said unto him, thus, The man did solemnly protest unto us, saying, Ye shall not see my face, except your brother be with vou. 4 If thou wilt send our brother with us, we will go down and buy thee food: 5 But if thou sendest him not, 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 have ye dealt so ill with me, as to tell the man that ye have yet another brother? 7 And they said. The man inquired particularly concerning us, and 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 possibly know that he would say, Bring down your brother? 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, as also our little ones. 9 I will be surety for him; from my hand shalt thou require him: if I bring him not unto thee, and set him before thee, then shall I have sinned against thee all the days. 10 For, if we had not lingered, surely we had now returned the second time. 11 And their father Israel said unto them, If it must be so now, do this: take of the best products of the land in your vessels, and carry down to the man a present, a little balm, and a little honey, spices and lotus, pistachio-nuts and almonds; 12 And twofold money take in your hand; and the money that was put back in the mouth of your sacks, you must carry back in your hand; peradventure it was an oversight; 13 Also your brother take along, and arise, go again unto the man. 14 And may God the Almighty give you mercy before the man, that he may send away to you vour other brother, and Benjamin. And I, if I am to

were afraid. 36 And Jacob their father said unto them, took that present; and twofold money they took in Me ye have bereaved of my children: Joseph is gone, their hand, as also Benjamin; and they rose up, and and Simeon is gone, and Benjamin ve will take away: went down to Egypt, and stood before Joseph. 16 all these things are against me. 37 And Reuben said And when Joseph saw Benjamin with them, he said unto his father, thus, Two of my sons shalt thou slay, to the superintendent of his house, Bring these men into the house, and slay, and make ready; for with me shall these men dine at noon. 17 And the man did as Joseph had said; and the man brought the men into Joseph's house. 18 And the men were afraid, because they were brought into Joseph's house: and they said, Because of the money that came back in our sacks at the first time are we brought in: that he may seek occasion against us, and fall upon us, and take us for bondmen, together with our asses, 19 And they came near to the man who was appointed over Joseph's house, and they spoke with him at the door of the house. 20 And they said, Pardon, my lord, we came down at the first time to buy food: 21 And it came to pass, when we came to the inn, that we opened our sacks, and, behold, every man's money was in the mouth of his sack, our money in its full weight; and we have brought it back in our hand. 22 And other money have we brought down in our hand to buy food; we know not who hath 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 a treasure in your sacks; your money hath come to me. And he brought Simeon out unto them. 24 And the man brought the men into Joseph's house; and he gave them water, and they washed their feet, and he gave provender to their asses. 25 And they made ready the present before Joseph came home at noon; for they had 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 themselves to him to the earth. 27 And he asked them after their welfare, and said. Is your old father well, of whom ve spoke? is he yet alive? 28 And they answered, Thy servant, our father, is in good health, he is yet alive. And they bowed down their heads, and prostrated themselves. 29 And he lifted up his eyes, and saw his brother Benjamin, his mother's son, and said, Is this your youngest brother, of whom ye spoke unto me? And he said, God be gracious unto thee, my son. 30 And Joseph hastened away, for his affection toward his brother became enkindled, and he sought to weep; and he entered into his chamber and wept there. 31 And he washed his face, and came out. and refrained himself, and said, Set on the bread.

32 And they set on for him by himself, and for them, we say unto my lord? what shall we speak? or how unto them from before him: but Benjamin's portion exceeded the portions of all of them fivefold. And they drank, and were merry with him.

And he commanded the superintendent of his house, saying, Fill the sacks of these men with food, as much as they can carry, and put every man's money in the mouth of his sack. 2 And my cup, the silver cup, thou shalt put in the mouth of the sack of the youngest, and the money for his corn. And he did according to the word of Joseph which he had spoken. 3 As soon as the morning was light, the men were sent away, they and their asses. 4 They were gone out of the city, not yet far off, when Joseph said unto the superintendent of his house. Up. follow after the men; and when thou hast overtaken them, say unto them. Wherefore have ve returned evil for good? 5 Is not this out of which my lord drinketh. and whereby indeed he divineth? ve have done evil in so doing. 6 And he overtook them, and he spoke unto them these same words. 7 And they said unto him. Wherefore will my lord speak such words as these? God forbid that thy servants should do any thing like this. 8 Behold the money, which we found in the mouth of our sacks, we brought back 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 bondmen unto thy lord. 10 And he said, Now also let it be according to your words: he with whom it is found shall be my servant; but ye shall be blameless. 11 And they made haste, and every one of them took down his sack to the ground, and every one opened his sack. 12 And he searched, at the eldest he began, and at the youngest he left off: and the cup was found in Benjamin's sack. 13 Then they rent their clothes, and every one loaded his ass and they returned to the city. 14 And Judah and his brothers came into Joseph's house, and he was vet there; and they fell down before him on the ground. 15 And Joseph said unto them, What deed is this that ve have done? knew ve not that such a man as I can certainly divine? 16 And Judah said. What shall

by themselves; and for the Egyptians, who did eat shall we justify ourselves? God hath found out the with him, by themselves; because the Egyptians iniquity of thy servants; behold we are servants unto may not eat bread with the Hebrews; for that is an my lord, both we, as also he in whose hand the cup abomination unto the Egyptians. 33 And they sat was found. 17 And he said. God forbid that I should before him, the first-born according to his prior birth, do this: the man in whose hand the cup was found, and the youngest according to his youth; and the men he shall be my servant; and as for you, go you up in marveled one at the other. 34 And he sent portions peace unto your father. 18 Then Judah came near unto him, and said, Pardon, my lord, let thy servant. I pray thee, speak a word in my lord's ears, and let not thy anger burn against thy servant; for thou art even as Pharaoh. 19 My lord asked his servants. saving. Have ve a father, or a brother, 20 And we said unto my lord. We have an old father, and a little child born in his old age; 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 my eye upon him, 22 And we said unto my lord. The lad cannot leave his father: for if he should leave his father, he would die. 23 And thou saidst unto thy servants, Except your youngest brother come down with you, ye shall not see my face any more. 24 And it came to pass, when we came up unto thy servant my father, that we told him the words of my lord. 25 And our father said. Go back and 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 cannot see the man's face, except our voungest brother be with us. 27 And thy servant my father said unto us. Ye know that my wife bore me two sons: 28 And the one went out from me, and I said, Surely he hath been torn to pieces; and I have not seen him up to this time. 29 And if ve take this one also from me, and mischief befall him. ye will bring down my gray hairs with sorrow to the grave. (Sheol h7585) 30 And now, when I come to thy servant my father, and the lad be not with us; seeing that his life is bound up in the lad's life: 31 It will come to pass, that when he seeth that the lad is not with us. he will die: and thy servants would thus bring down the gray hairs of thy servant our father with sorrow to the grave. (Sheol h7585) 32 For thy servant became surety for the lad unto my father, saving, If I bring him not unto thee, then shall I have sinned against my father all the days. 33 Now therefore. I pray thee, let thy servant abide instead of the lad as bond-man to my lord; and let the lad go up with his brothers. 34 For how shall I go up to my father, and the lad be not with me? I should perhaps be compelled to witness the evil which would come on my father.

every man to go out from me. And there remained no come. 20 And do ye feel no concern on account of man with him, while Joseph made himself known unto vour household goods; for the best of all the land his brothers. 2 And he raised his voice in weeping; of Egypt is yours. 21 And the children of Israel did and the Egyptians heard it, and the house of Pharaoh so; and Joseph gave them wagons, according to the heard it. 3 And Joseph said unto his brothers, I am command of Pharaoh; and he gave them provision for Joseph; doth my father yet live? And his brothers the way. 22 To all of them he gave to each changes could not answer him; for they were terrified at his of raiment; but to Benjamin he gave three hundred presence. 4 And Joseph said unto his brothers, Come pieces of silver, and five changes of raiment. 23 And near to me, I pray you; and they came near; and to his father he sent after this manner: ten asses he said, I am Joseph your brother, whom ye sold laden with the best things of Egypt, and ten sheinto Egypt. 5 But now be not grieved, nor be angry asses laden with corn and bread and other food for with yourselves, that ye sold me hither; for in order his father, for the journey. 24 And he accompanied his to preserve life did God send me before you. 6 For brothers on the way, and they departed: and he said these two years hath the famine been already in the unto them, Do not fall out by the way. 25 And they land; and there are yet five years, in which there went out of Egypt, and came into the land of Canaan, will be neither ploughing nor harvesting, 7 And God unto Jacob their father, 26 And they told him, saving, hath thus sent me before you to prepare for you a Joseph is yet alive; and that he is governor over all permanence on the earth, and to save your lives by a the land of Egypt. But his heart remained cold, for he great deliverance. 8 So now it was not you that sent believed them not. 27 But when they told him all the me hither, but God; and he hath made me a father words of Joseph, which he had said unto them; and to Pharaoh, and a lord for all his house, and a ruler when he saw the wagons which Joseph had sent to throughout all the land of Egypt. 9 Haste ye, and go carry him: the spirit of Jacob their father revived. 28 up to my father, and say unto him, Thus hath said thy And Israel said, Enough; Joseph my son is yet alive: I son Joseph. God hath made me lord of all Egypt: will go and see him before I die. 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 is thine. 11 And I will maintain thee there; for there are yet five years of famine; lest thou, and thy household, and all that thou hast, come to poverty. 12 And, behold, your own 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 honor in Egypt, and of all that ye have seen; and ye shall hasten 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 brothers, and wept upon them; and after that his brothers spoke with him. 16 And the report thereof was heard in Pharaoh's house, saying, Joseph's brothers are come; and it was pleasing in the eyes of Pharaoh, and in the eyes of his servants. 17 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph, Say unto thy brothers, This do ye; load 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 best of the land of Egypt, and ye shall eat the fat of the land. 19 And thou art commanded. This do ye, take unto yourselves

▲ Then could Joseph not refrain himself before out of the land of Egypt wagons for your little ones, all those that stood by him; and he cried, Cause and for your wives, and take up your father, and

> 46 And Israel commenced his journey with all that he had, and came to Beer-sheba, and offered sacrifices unto the God of his father Isaac. 2 And God spoke 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 a great nation will I make of thee there: 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 thy eyes. 5 And Jacob rose up from Beer-sheba: and the sons of Israel carried Jacob their father, and their little ones, and their wives, in the wagons which Pharaoh had sent to carry him. 6 And they took their cattle and their goods, which they had gotten in the land of Canaan, and came into Egypt; Jacob, and all his seed with him: 7 His sons, and his son's sons with him, his daughters, and his sons' daughters, and all his seed he brought with him into Egypt. 8 And these are the names of the children of Israel, that came into Egypt, Jacob and his sons: the first-born of Jacob, Reuben. 9 And the sons of Reuben: Chanoch, and Pallu, and Chezron, and Carmi. 10 And the sons of Simeon: Yemuel, and Yamin, and Ohad, and Yachin, and Zochar, and

the sons of Levi: Gershon, Kehath, and Merari. 12 you called, and say, What is your occupation? 34 And the sons of Judah: 'Er, and Onan, and Shelah. That ve shall say, Owners of cattle have thy servants and Perez, and Zerach: but 'Er and Onan died in been from our youth even until now, both we, as also the land of Canaan, and the sons of Perez were our fathers; in order that ve may dwell in the land of Chezron and Chamul. 13 And the sons of Issachar: Goshen; for every shepherd is an abomination unto Tola, and Puvah, and Yob, and Shimron. 14 And the the Egyptians. sons of Zebulun: Sered, and Elon, and Yachleel. 15 These are the sons of Leah, whom she bore unto Jacob in Padan-aram, with Dinah his daughter: all the souls of his sons and his daughters were thirty and three. 16 And the sons of Gad: Ziphyon, and Chaggi, Shuni, and Ezbon, 'Eri, and Arodi, and Areli, 17 And the sons of Asher: Yimnah, and Yishvah, and Yishvi, and Beriah, and Serach their sister; and the sons of Beriah: Cheber, and Malkiel. 18 These are the sons of Zilpah, whom Laban gave to Leah his daughter, and she bore these unto Jacob, sixteen souls. 19 The sons of Rachel, Jacob's wife: Joseph and Benjamin. 20 And there were born unto Joseph in the land of Egypt Menasseh and Ephraim, whom Assenath the daughter of Poti-phera', the priest of On, bore unto him. 21 And the sons of Benjamin: Bela'. and Becher, and Ashbel, Gera, and Naaman, Echi, and Rosh, Muppim and Chuppim, and Ard. 22 These are the sons of Rachel, that were born to Jacob: in all fourteen souls. 23 And the son of Dan: Chushim. 24 And the sons of Naphtali: Yachzeel, and Guni, and Yezer, and Shillem. 25 These are the sons of Bilhah, whom Laban gave unto Rachel his daughter, and she bore these unto Jacob, in all seven souls. 26 All the souls that came with Jacob into Egypt, that came out of his loins, besides the wives of Jacob's sons, were in all sixty and six souls. 27 And the sons of Joseph. who were born him in Egypt, were two souls; all the souls of the house of Jacob, that came into Egypt, were seventy. 28 And Judah he sent before him unto Joseph, to direct him beforehand 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 when he obtained sight of him, he fell on his neck, and wept on his neck a good while. 30 And Israel said unto Joseph, Let me die now, since I have seen thy face, that thou art vet alive. 31 And Joseph said unto his brothers, and unto his father's house, I will go up, and tell Pharaoh, and say unto him, My brothers and my father's house, who were in the land of Canaan, are come unto me: 32 And the men are shepherds, for they have been owners of cattle: and their flocks, and their herds. and all that they have, they have brought along. 33

Shaul the son of the Canaanitish woman. 11 And And it shall come to pass, if Pharaoh should have

17 Then came Joseph and told Pharaoh, and said, My father and my brothers, 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 he took some of his brothers, five men. and presented them before Pharaoh. 3 And Pharaoh said unto his brothers. What is your occupation? And they said unto Pharaoh. Thy servants are shepherds. both we, as also our fathers. 4 They said moreover unto Pharaoh, To sojourn in the land are we come; because there is no pasture for the flocks of thy servants, for the famine is sore in the land of Canaan; and now let thy servants dwell, we pray thee, in the land of Goshen. 5 And Pharaoh said unto Joseph. thus, Thy father and thy brothers are come unto thee: 6 The land of Egypt is before thee; in the best of the land let thy father and brothers dwell; let them dwell in the land of Goshen: and if thou knowest that there are among them men of activity, then appoint them rulers over my cattle. 7 And Joseph brought in Jacob his father, and placed him before Pharaoh; and Jacob blessed Pharaoh. 8 And Pharaoh said unto Jacob. How old art thou? 9 And Jacob said unto Pharaoh. The days of the years of my pilgrimage are one hundred and thirty years: few and evil have been the days of the years of my life, and 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 before Pharaoh. 11 And Joseph assigned places of residence for his father and his brothers, and gave them a possession in the land of Egypt, in the best of the land, in the land of Ra'meses, as Pharaoh had commanded, 12 And Joseph supplied his father, and his brothers, and all his father's household, with bread, in proportion to their families. 13 And there was no bread in all the land: for the famine was very sore; and the land of Egypt and the land of Canaan fainted 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 corn which they bought: and Joseph brought the money into Pharaoh's house. 15 And when the money failed in the land of Egypt, and

Joseph, and said, Give us bread, for why should we kindness and truth; bury me not, I pray thee, in Egypt. die in thy presence, since the money is all gone? 16 30 But when I shall lie with my fathers, thou shalt carry And Joseph said. Give up your cattle; and I will give me out of Egypt, and bury me in their burying-place. you for your cattle, if the money be all gone. 17 And And he said, I will do as thou hast said. 31 And he they brought their cattle unto Joseph; and Joseph said, Swear unto me; and he swore unto him; and gave them bread in exchange for horses, and for the Israel bowed himself upon the head of the bed. flocks of sheep, and for the herds of cattle, and for the asses; and he supplied them with bread for all their cattle for that year. 18 And when that year was ended, they came unto him in the second year, and said unto him, We will not hide it from my lord, how that our money with our herds of cattle hath entirely passed into the possession of my lord; there is naught left in sight of my lord, but our bodies, and our land. 19 Wherefore shall we die before thy eyes, both we and our land? buy us 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 rendered desolate. 20 And Joseph bought all the land of Egypt for Pharaoh; for the Egyptians sold every man his field, because the famine prevailed over them: so the land became Pharaoh's. 21 And as for the people, he removed them to the cities, from one end of the borders of Egypt to the other end thereof. 22 Only the land of the priests bought he not; for the priests had a portion assigned them by Pharaoh, and they ate their portion which Pharaoh gave them: therefore they did not sell their land. 23 Then said Joseph unto the people, Behold, I have bought you this day and your land for Pharaoh: lo, here is seed for you, and sow ye the land. 24 And it shall come to pass in the harvest times, that ye shall give the fifth part unto Pharaoh; and four parts shall be your own, for the seed of the field, and for your food, and for those belonging to your households, and for food for your little ones. 25 And they said, Thou hast saved our lives: let us but find grace in the eyes of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's servants. 26 And Joseph made it a statute unto this day over the land of Egypt, that Pharaoh should have the fifth part; except the land of the priests alone became not Pharaoh's. 27 And Israel dwelt in the land of Egypt, in the country of Goshen; and they had possessions therein, and were fruitful, and multiplied exceedingly. 28 And Jacob lived in the land of Egypt seventeen years: and the days of Jacob, the years of his life, were one hundred forty and seven years. 29 And when the time of Israel drew near that he was to die, he sent to call his son Joseph, and said unto him, if now I have found grace in thy eyes, put, I pray

in the land of Canaan, all the Egyptians came unto thee, thy hand under my thigh; and deal with me in

48 And it came to pass after these things, that some one said to Joseph, Behold, thy father is sick; and he took his two sons with him, Menasseh and Ephraim. 2 And some one told Jacob, and said, Behold, thy son Joseph is coming unto thee; and Israel strengthened himself, and sat upon the bed. 3 And Jacob said unto Joseph, God, the Almighty, appeared unto me at Luz in the land of Canaan, and blessed me. 4 And he said unto me. Behold, I will make thee fruitful, and multiply thee, and I will make of thee a multitude of people; and I will give this land to thy seed after thee for an everlasting possession. 5 And now thy two sons, who were born unto thee in the land of Egypt, before I came unto thee into Egypt, shall be mine; Ephraim and Menasseh shall be unto me as Reuben and Simeon. 6 And thy issue, which thou begettest after them, shall be thine, after the name of their brothers shall they be called in their inheritance. 7 And as for me, when I came from Padan, Rachel died by me in the land of Canaan on the way, when yet there was some distance to come unto Ephrath: and I buried her there on the way of Ephrath, the same is Beth-lechem. 8 And Israel perceived the sons of Joseph, and said, Who are these? 9 And Joseph said unto his father, They are my sons, whom God hath given me in this place. And he said, Bring them, I pray thee, unto me, and I will bless them. 10 Now the eyes of Israel were dim through age, he could not see; and he brought them near unto him, and he kissed them, and embraced them. 11 And Israel said unto Joseph, To see thy face I had not hoped; and lo, God hath shown me also thy seed. 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, and Menasseh in his left hand toward Israel's right, 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 Menasseh's head; he laid his hands wittingly; although Menasseh was the first-born. 15 And he blessed Joseph, and said, The God, before whom my fathers Abraham and Isaac

did walk, the God who fed me from my first being. He bindeth unto the vine his foal, and to the vineunto this day, 16 The angel who redeemed me from branch his ass's colt; he washeth his garments in all evil, bless the lads; and let my name be called wine, and in the blood of grapes his clothes: 12 His on them, and the name of my fathers Abraham and eves shall be red from wine, and his teeth white from Isaac; and let them grow into a multitude in the midst milk. 13 Zebulun shall dwell at the margin of the seas; of the earth. 17 And when Joseph saw that his father and he shall be at the haven of ships; and his border would lay his right hand upon the head of Ephraim, shall be near to Zidon. 14 Issachar is a strong-boned it displeased him; and he took hold of his father's ass, couching down between the stables, 15 And hand, to remove it from the head of Ephraim unto when he saw the resting-place that it was good, and the head of Menasseh. 18 And Joseph said unto his the land that it was pleasant, he bent his shoulder to father, Not so, my father; for this is the first-born, bear, and became a servant unto tribute. 16 Dan shall put thy right hand upon his head. 19 And his father judge his people, as one of the tribes of Israel. 17 refused, and said, I know, my son, I know, he also Dan shall be a serpent by the way, an adder on the shall become a people, and he also shall be great; path, that biteth the horse in the heels, so that his but truly his younger brother shall be greater than he, rider falleth backward, 18 For thy salvation, I hope. O and his seed shall become a multitude of nations. 20 Lord. 19 Gad, troops will band against him; but he And he blessed them that day, saying, With thee shall shall wound their heel. 20 Out of Asher cometh fat Israel bless, saving, God make thee as Ephraim and bread, and he shall yield royal dainties, 21 Naphtali Menasseh: and so he set Ephraim before Menasseh. is [like] a fleet hind; he bringeth pleasant words. 22 21 And Israel said unto Joseph, Behold, I die; but God Joseph is a fruitful bough, a fruitful bough by a spring; will be with you, and bring you again unto the land of the branches of which run over the wall. 23 And your fathers 22 Moreover I have given unto thee one they embittered his life, and they shot at him, and portion above thy brothers, which I took out of the they hated him, the men of the arrows. 24 But his hand of the Emorite with my sword and with my bow.

19 And Jacob called unto his sons, and said. Gather yourselves together, that I may tell you that which shall befall you in the last days. 2 Gather yourselves together, and hear, ye sons of Jacob; and hearken unto Israel your father. 3 Reuben, thou art my first-born, my might, and the beginning of my strength; the excellency of dignity, and the excellency of power [should be thine]. 4 Unstable as water, thou shalt not have the excellence: because thou wentest up to thy father's bed: then defiledst thou the one who ascended my couch. 5 Simeon and Levi are brethren: weapons of violence are their swords. 6 Into their secret shall my soul not come: unto their assembly my spirit shall not be united; for in their anger they slew the man, and in their self-will they lamed the ox. 7 Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; and their wrath, for it is cruel: I will divide them in Jacob, and scatter them in Israel. 8 Judah, thou art the one thy brothers shall praise, thy hand shall be on the neck of thy enemies: thy father's children shall bow down unto thee. 9 Like a lion's whelp, O Judah, from the prey, my son, thou risest: he stoopeth down, he croucheth as a lion, and as a lioness, who shall rouse him up? 10 The sceptre shall not depart from Judah, nor a lawgiver from between his feet; until Shiloh come, and unto him shall the gathering of the people be. 11

bow abode in strength, and his arm and his hands remained firm; from the hands of the mighty God of Jacob, from there thou becamest the shepherd, the stone of Israel. 25 From the God of thy father, who will help thee; and from the Almighty, who will bless thee, with blessings of heaven above, with blessings of the deep that coucheth beneath, with blessings of the breasts, and of the womb; 26 With the blessings of thy father that have excelled the blessings of my progenitors unto the utmost bound of the everlasting hills: these shall be on the head of Joseph, and on the crown of the head of him that was separated from his brothers. 27 Benjamin shall be as a wolf that rendeth: in the morning he shall devour the prev. and at evening he shall divide the spoil. 28 All these are the tribes of Israel, twelve in number; and this is what their father spoke unto them, and wherewith he blessed them; every one according to his proper blessing blessed he them. 29 And he charged them and said unto them. I am to be gathered unto my people: bury me near my fathers in the cave that is in the field of Ephron the Hittite. 30 In the cave that is in the field of Machpelah, which is before Mamre, in the land of Canaan, which field Abraham bought of Ephron the Hittite, for a possession as a buryingplace. 31 (There they buried Abraham and Sarah his wife: there they buried Isaac and Rebekah his wife: and there I buried Leah, ) 32 Purchasing the field and

departed this life, and was gathered unto his people.

50 And Joseph fell upon his father's face, and wept upon him, and kissed him. 2 And Joseph commanded his servants the physicians to embalm his father: and the physicians embalmed Israel. 3 And they fulfilled for him forty days: for so they fulfill the days of those that are embalmed; and the Egyptians wept for him seventy days. 4 And when the days of his mourning were past, Joseph spoke unto the house of Pharaoh, saying, If now I have found grace in your eyes, speak, I pray you, in the ears of Pharaoh, saying, 5 My father made me swear, saying, Lo, I die; in my grave, which I have dug for me in the land of Canaan, there shalt thou bury me: now therefore let me go up, I pray thee, and I will bury my father, and return again. 6 And Pharaoh said. Go up. and bury thy father, as he hath made thee swear. 7 And Joseph went up to bury his father, and there went up with him all the servants of Pharaoh, the elders of his house, and all the elders of the land of Egypt, 8 And all the house of Joseph, and his brothers, and his father's house; only their little ones, and their flocks, and their herds, they left behind in the land of Goshen. 9 And there went up with him both chariots and horsemen; and the encampment was very great. 10 And they came to the thrashing-floor of Atad, which is beyond Jordan, and they held there a great and very sore lamentation; and he made for his father a mourning of seven days. 11 And when the inhabitants of the land, the Canaanites, saw the mourning at the thrashing-floor of Atad, they said, This is a grievous mourning to the Egyptians; wherefore the name of it was called Abel-mizrayim, which is beyond the Jordan. 12 And his sons did unto him according as he had commanded them: 13 And his sons carried him into the land of Canaan, and buried him in the cave of the field of Machpelah, which field Abraham bought for a possession, as a burying-place, of Ephron the Hittite, before Mamre. 14 And Joseph returned unto Egypt, he, and his brothers, and all that were gone up with him to bury his father, after he had buried his father. 15 And when Joseph's brothers saw that their father was dead, they said, Peradventure Joseph may now hate us: and then he would certainly requite us all the evil which we have done unto him. 16 And they sent word unto Joseph, saying, Thy father did command before his death, saying, 17 So shall ye

the cave that is therein from the children of Heth. 33 say unto Joseph, O forgive, I pray thee, the trespass And when Jacob had made an end of commanding of thy brothers, and their sin; for evil have they done his sons, he gathered up his feet into the bed; and he unto thee; and now, we pray thee, forgive the trespass of the servants of the God of thy father; and Joseph wept when they spoke unto him. 18 And his brothers also went and fell down before him; and they said, Behold, we will be thy servants. 19 And Joseph said unto them. Fear not: for am I in the place of God? 20 But as for you, though ye thought evil against me, God meant it unto good; in order to bring to pass, as it is this day, to save alive a numerous people. 21 Now therefore fear ye not, I will support you, and your little ones; and he comforted them, and spoke kindly unto them. 22 And Joseph dwelt in Egypt, he, and his father's house; and Joseph lived one hundred and ten years. 23 And Joseph saw of Ephraim children of the third generation; the children also of Machir the son of Menasseh were brought up upon Joseph's knees. 24 And Joseph said unto his brothers, I shall die; but God will surely visit you, and bring you up out of this land unto the land which he hath sworn to Abraham. to Isaac, and to Jacob. 25 And Joseph caused the children of Israel to swear, saving, God will surely visit you, and then shall ye carry up my bones from here. 26 So Joseph died, being one hundred and ten years old: and they embalmed him, and he was put in a coffin in Egypt.

## **Exodus**

that came into Egypt with Jacob, every man and

son that is born ye shall cast into the river, and every daughter ve shall save alive.

 ${f 1}$  Now these are the names of the children of Israel,  ${f 2}$  And there went a man of the house of Levi, and took a daughter of Levi. 2 And the woman his household they came. 2 Reuben, Simeon, Levi, conceived, and bore a son; and when she saw him and Judah, 3 Issachar, Zebulun, and Benjamin, 4 that he was a goodly child, she hid him three months. Dan, and Naphtali. Gad, and Asher. 5 And all the 3 And when she could no longer hide him, she took souls that came out of the loins of Jacob were seventy for him a box of bulrushes, and daubed it with slime souls; together with Joseph who was already in Egypt, and with pitch; and she put the child therein, and 6 And Joseph died, and all his brothers, and all that laid it amidst the flags by the brink of the river. 4 generation. 7 And the children of Israel were fruitful, And his sister placed herself afar off, to ascertain and increased abundantly, and multiplied, and waxed what would be done to him. 5 And the daughter of exceedingly mighty; and the land was filled with them. Pharaoh came down to wash herself at the river; and 8 Now there rose up a new king over Egypt, who her maidens walked along by the side of the river; knew not Joseph. 9 And he said unto his people: and when she saw the box among the flags, she sent Behold, the people of the children of Israel are more her maid and fetched it. 6 And she opened it, and numerous and mightier than we. 10 Come, let us saw the child, and, behold, it was a weeping boy; and deal wisely with them lest they multiply, and it come she had compassion on him, and said. This is one to pass, that, when there happen to be a war, they of the Hebrews' children. 7 Then said his sister to ioin also unto our enemies, and fight against us. Pharaoh's daughter, Shall I go and call thee a nurse and depart out of the land. 11 And they set over of the Hebrew women, that she may nurse for thee taskmasters, to afflict them with their burdensome the child? 8 And Pharaoh's daughter said to her, labors; and they built treasure cities, for Pharaoh, Go; and the maiden went and called the mother of Pithom and Raamses. 12 But in the measure that they the child. 9 And Pharaoh's daughter said unto her, afflicted them, so they multiplied and so they spread Take away this child, and nurse him for me, and I out; and they felt abhorrence because of the children will give thee thy wages; and the woman took the of Israel. 13 And the Egyptians made the children of child, and nursed him. 10 And the child grew up, and Israel to labor with rigor: 14 And they made their lives she brought him unto Pharaoh's daughter, and he bitter with hard labor, in mortar, and in bricks, and in became to her as a son; and she called his name all manner of labor in the field; in all their service. Moses; and she said. Because out of the water have wherein they made them labor with rigor. 15 And the I drawn him. 11 And it came to pass in those days. king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, of whom when Moses was grown up, that he went out unto his the name of the one was Shiphrah, and the name brethren, and looked on their burdensome labors; of the other Puah; 16 And he said: When ye do the and he saw an Egyptian man smiting a Hebrew man, office of a midwife to the Hebrew women, ye shall one of his brethren. 12 And he looked this way and look upon the birth; if it be a son, then shall ye kill that way, and when he saw that there was no one by, him; but if it be a daughter, then may she live. 17 But he smote the Egyptian, and hid him in the sand. 13 the midwives feared God, and they did not as the king. And when he went out the second day, behold, two of Egypt had commanded them, but saved the men- Hebrew men were striving together; and he said unto children alive. 18 And the king of Egypt called for the him that was in the wrong. Wherefore smitest thou thy midwives, and he said unto them. Why have ve done fellow? 14 And he said. Who made thee a chief and this thing, and have saved the men-children alive? a judge over us? intendest thou to kill me, as thou 19 And the midwives said unto Pharaoh, Because hast killed the Egyptian! And Moses feared, and said, the Hebrew women are not as the Egyptian women; Surely the thing is become known. 15 And Pharaoh for they are lively; ere the midwife cometh in unto heard this thing, and he sought to slay Moses; but them they are delivered. 20 And God dealt well with Moses fled from the face of Pharaoh, and tarried in the midwives; and the people multiplied, and waxed the land of Midian, and he sat down by a well. 16 very mighty. 21 And it came to pass, because the Now the priest of Midian had seven daughters; and midwives feared God, that he made them houses. 22 they came and drew water, and filled the troughs And Pharaoh charged all his people, saying, Every to water their father's flock. 17 And the shepherds

came and drove them away; but Moses arose and the Egyptians oppress them. 10 And now then go, cognizance of them.

3 And Moses was keeping the flock of Jithro his father-in-law, the priest of Midian; and he led the flock far away into the desert, and came to the mountain of God, to Choreb. 2 And an angel of the Lord appeared unto him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a thorn-bush; and he looked, and, behold, the thorn-bush was burning with fire, but the thornbush was not consumed. 3 And Moses said, I must turn aside, and see this great sight, why the thornbush is not burnt. 4 And when the Lord saw that he turned aside to see God called unto him out of the midst of the thorn-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 whereon thou standest is holy ground. 6 And 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 up to God. 7 And the Lord said, I have truly seen the affliction of my people that is in Egypt, and have heard its cry by reason of its taskmasters; yea, I know its sorrows; 8 And I am come down to deliver it out of the hand of the Egyptians, and to bring it up out of that land unto a land, good and large, unto a land flowing with milk and honey; unto the place of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Emorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 Now therefore, behold, the cry of the children of Israel is come unto me: and I have also seen the oppression wherewith

helped them, and watered their flock. 18 And when and I will send thee unto Pharaoh, and thou shalt they came to Reuel their father, he said. Wherefore bring forth my people the children of Israel out of are ve come home so soon today? 19 And they said. Egypt. 11 And Moses said unto God. Who am I, that I An Egyptian man delivered us out of the hand of should go unto Pharaoh, and that I should bring forth the shepherds; and he also drew water for us, and the children of Israel out of Egypt? 12 And he said, watered the flock. 20 And he said unto his daughters, Because I will be with thee; and this shall be unto And where is he? wherefore have ye left the man? thee the token, that I have sent thee: when thou hast call him, that he may eat bread. 21 And Moses was brought forth the people out of Egypt, ye shall serve content to dwell with the man; and he gave Zipporah God upon this mountain. 13 And Moses said unto his daughter to Moses. 22 And she bore a son, and God, Behold, if I come unto the children of Israel, and he called his name Gershom; for he said, I have been say unto them. The God of your fathers hath sent me a stranger in a foreign land. 23 And it came to pass in unto you; and they then say to me, What is his name? this long time, that the king of Egypt died; and the what shall I say unto them? 14 And God said unto children of Israel sighed by reason of the bondage. Moses, I will be that I will be; and he said. Thus shalt and they cried; and their complaint came up unto thou say unto the children of Israel, I will be hath sent God by reason of the bondage. 24 And God heard me unto you. 15 And God said moreover unto Moses, their groaning, and God remembered his covenant. Thus shalt thou say unto the children of Israel. The with Abraham, with Isaac, and with Jacob. 25 And Everlasting One, the God of your fathers, the God of God looked upon the children of Israel, and God took 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 assemble the elders of Israel, and say unto them. The Everlasting One, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Jacob, hath appeared unto me, saving. I have surely taken cognizance of you and of 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 Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Emorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, unto a land flowing with milk and honey. 18 And they will 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, The Everlasting One, the God of the Hebrews hath met with us; and now let us go, we beseech thee, a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the Lord our God. 19 But I am sure that the king of Egypt will not let you go, unless it happen through a mighty hand. 20 And I will stretch out 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 eyes 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, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments; and ve shall put them upon your sons, and upon your daughters; and ye shall empty out Egypt.

they will say, The Lord hath not appeared unto thee. 2 are in Egypt, and see whether they be yet alive; and And the Lord said unto him. What is that in thy hand? Jithro said to Moses. Go in peace. 19 And the Lord and he said. A staff. 3 And he said. Cast it on the said unto Moses in Midian. Go. return into Egypt; for ground; and he cast it on the ground, and it became all the men are dead who sought thy life. 20 And a serpent; and Moses fled from before it. 4 And the Moses took his wife and his sons, and set them upon Lord said unto Moses. Put forth thy hand, and grasp, an ass, and he returned to the land of Egypt; and it by the tail; and he put forth his hand, and laid hold Moses took the staff of God in his hand. 21 And the of it, and it became a staff in his hand. 5 In order Lord said unto Moses, When thou goest to return into that they may believe that there hath appeared unto Egypt, regard well all the wonders which I have put thee the Everlasting One, the God of their fathers, the in thy hand, and do them before Pharaoh; but I will God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of harden his heart, and he will not let the people go. 22 Jacob. 6 And the Lord said farthermore unto him. Do And thou shalt say unto Pharaoh. Thus hath said the put thy hand into thy bosom: and he put his hand Lord, My son, my first-born, is Israel, 23 And I said into his bosom; and when he took it out, behold, his unto thee, Let my son go, that he may serve me; and hand was leprous, white as snow. 7 And he said, Put thou refusest to let him go; so, behold, I will slay thy thy hand again into thy bosom; and he put his hand son, thy first-born, 24 And as he was on the journey again into his bosom; and when he pulled it out of his in the inn, the Lord met him, and sought to kill him. bosom, behold, it was turned again as his other flesh. 25 Then took Zipporah a sharp instrument, and cut off 8 And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe the foreskin of her son, and cast it at his feet, and thee, neither hearken to the voice of the first sign, said, Surely a bloody relative art thou to me. 26 And that they will believe the voice of the latter sign. 9 then he withdrew from him; when she said. A bloody And it shall come to pass, if they will not believe also relative, but only in respect of the circumcision. 27 these two signs, and will not hearken unto thy voice, And the Lord said to Aaron, Go to meet Moses, into that thou shalt take of the water of the river, and pour the wilderness; and he went and met him by the it upon the dry land: and the water which thou shalt mount of God, and kissed him. 28 And Moses told take out of the river shall become blood upon the dry. Aaron all the words of the Lord wherewith he had land. 10 And Moses said unto the Lord, Pardon, O sent him, and all the signs which he had commanded Lord, I am not a man of words, neither yesterday, him. 29 And Moses and Aaron went and assembled nor the day before, nor since thou hast spoken unto all the elders of the children of Israel: 30 And Aaron thy servant; for I am heavy of speech, and heavy of spoke all the words which the Lord had spoken unto tongue, 11 And the Lord said unto him. Who hath Moses; and he did the signs before the eyes of the given a mouth to man? or who maketh him dumb, or people. 31 And the people believed: and when they deaf, or seeing, or blind? is it not I the Lord? 12 Now heard that the Lord had visited the children of Israel, therefore go, and I will be with thy mouth, and I will and that he had looked upon their affliction, then they teach thee what thou shalt speak. 13 And he said, bowed their heads and worshipped. Pardon, O Lord, send, I pray thee, by the hand of him whom thou wouldst send. 14 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Moses, and he said, Is there not Aaron, thy 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 I will teach you what ye shall do. 16 And he shall speak for thee unto the people; and he shall be, yea he shall be to thee as a mouth, and thou shalt be to him as a God. 17 And this staff shalt thou take in thy hand, wherewith thou shalt do the signs. 18 And Moses went and returned

✓ And Moses answered and said, But, behold, they to Jether his father-in-law, and said unto him, Let will not believe me, nor hearken unto my voice; for me go, I pray thee, and return unto my brethren that

> 5 And after that Moses and Aaron went in, and said unto Pharaoh, Thus hath said the Everlasting One, 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 the Everlasting, whose voice I am to obey, to let Israel go? I know not the Everlasting, nor will I let Israel go. 3 And they said, The God of the Hebrews hath met with us: let us go, we pray thee. a three days' journey into the desert, and sacrifice unto the Lord our God; lest he fall upon us with the pestilence, or with the sword. 4 And the king of Egypt said unto them, Wherefore do ye, Moses and Aaron, hinder the people from their works? get you unto your

own affairs. 5 And Pharaoh said, Behold, the people 6 Then said the Lord unto Moses, Now shalt thou of the land now are many, and ye disturb them in the

see what I will do to Pharaoh; for with a strong pursuit of their labors. 6 And Pharaoh commanded hand shall he send them away, and with a strong on the same day the taskmasters of the people, hand shall he drive them out of his land, 2 And God and its officers, saying, 7 Ye shall no more give the spoke unto Moses, and said unto him, I am the Lord: people straw to make the bricks, as yesterday and 3 And I appeared unto Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto the day before; they themselves shall go and gather Jacob, by the name of God, the Almighty, but by my themselves straw. 8 And the number of the bricks, name The Eternal was I not made known to them. 4 which they did make heretofore, ye shall impose upon And as I did also establish my covenant with them, to them, ye shall not diminish aught thereof; for they are give unto them the land of Canaan, the land of their idle: therefore they cry, saving, Let us go and sacrifice pilgrimage, wherein they sojourned: 5 So have I also to our God. 9 Let the work be made to lie heavily upon heard the groaning of the children of Israel, whom the the men, that they may have enough to do therein; Egyptians compel to labor; and I have remembered and that they may not pay attention to false words. 10 my covenant. 6 Therefore say unto the children of And the taskmasters of the people and its officers Israel, I am the Eternal, and I will bring you out from went out, and they said to the people, saying. Thus under the burdens of the Egyptians, and I will release saith Pharaoh, I will not give you any straw. 11 Go ye, you from their bondage, and I will redeem you with get yourselves straw from wherever ve can find it; yet an outstretched arm, and with great judgments: 7 not the least shall be taken off from your work. 12 And And I will take you to me for a people, and I will be the people scattered themselves abroad throughout to you for a God; and ye shall know that I am the all the land of Egypt to gather stubble instead of straw. Lord your God, who bringeth you out from under the 13 And the taskmasters were urgent, saying, Fulfill burdens of the Egyptians. 8 And I will bring you in your works, every day its due portion, just as when unto the land, concerning which I did lift up my hand there was straw. 14 And the officers of the children to give it to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob; and I of Israel, whom the taskmasters of Pharaoh had set will give it you for a heritage: I am the Lord. 9 And over them, were beaten, as these said. Wherefore Moses spoke thus unto the children of Israel; but have ye not fulfilled your task in making brick as they hearkened not unto Moses for anguish of spirit, heretofore, both vesterday and today? 15 And the and for cruel bondage, 10 And the Lord spoke unto officers of the children of Israel came and cried unto Moses, saying, 11 Go in, speak unto Pharaoh the Pharaoh, saying, Wherefore dealest thou thus with king of Egypt, that he shall let the children of Israel thy servants? 16 Straw is not given unto thy servants, go out of his land. 12 And Moses spoke before the and, Make bricks, say they to us: and, behold, thy Lord, saying, Behold, the children of Israel have not servants are beaten, and thy people are treated as hearkened unto me: how then shall Pharaoh hear sinners. 17 But he said, Idle are ye, idle; therefore me, whereas I am of uncircumcised lips? 13 And the say ye, Let us go and sacrifice to the Lord. 18 And Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, and gave now go, work, and straw shall not be given you; yet them a charge unto the children of Israel, and unto the required number of bricks shall ye deliver. 19 And Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, to bring forth the children the officers of the children of Israel saw themselves in of Israel out of the land of Egypt. 14 These are the the evil necessity to say, Ye shall not diminish aught heads of their family divisions: The sons of Reuben from your bricks, every day of its task. 20 And they the first-born of Israel: Chanoch, and Pallu, Chezron, met Moses and Aaron, standing in their way, as they and Carmi; these are the families of Reuben. 15 came forth from Pharaoh. 21 And they said unto them, And the sons of Simeon: Yemuel, and Yamin, and May the Lord look upon you, and judge; because ye Ohad, and Yachin, and Zochar, and Shaul the son have made our savor to be abhorred in the eyes of of the Canaanitish woman; these are the families of Pharaoh, and the eyes of his servants, to put a sword Simeon. 16 And these are the names of the sons of in their hand to slay us. 22 And Moses returned unto Levi according to their generations: Gershon, and the Lord, and said, Lord, wherefore hast thou let so Kehath, and Merari; and the years of the life of Levi much evil come upon this people? why is it that thou were one hundred and thirty and seven years. 17 The hast sent me? 23 For, since I came unto Pharaoh to sons of Gershon: Libni, and Shimi, according to their speak in thy name, he hath done more evil to this families. 18 And the sons of Kehath: Amram, and people; but thou hast in nowise delivered thy people. Yizhar, and Chebron, and 'Uzziel; and the years of

the life of Kehath were one hundred and thirty and yourselves: then shalt thou say unto Aaron, Take three years. 19 And the sons of Merari: Machli and thy staff and cast it down before Pharaoh; it shall Mushi: these are the families of Levi according to their become a serpent. 10 And Moses and Aaron went generations. 20 And Amram took himself Yochebed in unto Pharaoh, and they did so, as the Lord had his aunt for wife: and she bore unto him Aaron and commanded: and Aaron cast down his staff before Moses; and the years of the life of Amram were Pharaoh, and before his servants, and it became a one hundred and thirty and seven years. 21 And the serpent. 11 Then Pharaoh also called for the wise sons of Yizhar: Korach, and Nepheq, and Zichri. 22 men and the sorcerers; and they also, the magicians And the sons of 'Uzziah Mishael, and Elzaphan, and of Egypt, did with their secret arts in like manner, 12 Sithri, 23 And Aaron took himself Elisheba, daughter And they cast down every man his staff, and they of Amminadab, sister of Nachshon, for wife; and she became serpents; but Aaron's staff swallowed up bore unto him Nadab, and Abihu, Elazar, and Ithamar, their stayes, 13 But the heart of Pharaoh was hard. 24 And the sons of Korach: Assir, and Elkanah, and and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had Abiassaph; these are the families of the Korchites, spoken, 14 And the Lord said unto Moses. The heart 25 And Elazar the son of Aaron took himself one of of Pharaon is obdurate, he refuseth to let the people the daughters of Putiel for wife; and she bore unto qo. 15 Get thee unto Pharaoh in the morning; lo, him Phinehas: these are the heads of the divisions he goeth out unto the water; and thou shalt place of the Levites according to their families. 26 These thyself opposite to him by the brink of the river; and are Aaron and Moses, to whom the Lord said. Bring the staff which was turned to a serpent shalt thou forth the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt take in thy hand. 16 And thou shalt say unto him, The according to their armies. 27 These are they that Eternal, the God of the Hebrews, hath sent me unto spoke to Pharaoh the king of Egypt, to bring forth the thee, saving, Let my people go, that they may serve children of Israel out of Egypt; these are Moses and me in the wilderness; and, behold, thou wouldst not Aaron. 28 And it came to pass on the day when the hear, up to this time, 17 Thus hath said the Lord, By Lord spoke unto Moses in the land of Egypt. 29 Then this thou shalt know that I am the Lord; behold, I spoke the Lord unto Moses, saving. I am the Lord: will smite with the staff that is in my hand upon the speak thou unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt all that I waters which are in the river, and they shall be turned speak unto thee. 30 And Moses said before the Lord, to blood. 18 And the fish that is in the river shall Behold, I am of uncircumcised lips, and how shall die, and the river shall stink; and the Egyptians shall Pharaoh hearken unto me?

**7** And the Lord 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 shall command thee: and Aaron thy brother shall speak unto Pharaoh, that he send away the children of Israel out of his land. 3 And I will harden the heart of Pharaoh, and I will multiply my signs and my wonders in the land of Egypt. 4 And Pharaoh will not hearken unto you, and I will lay my hand upon Egypt, and bring forth my armies, my people, the children of Israel, out of the land of Egypt by means of great judgments. 5 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I stretch forth my hand over Egypt. and bring out the children of Israel from the midst of them. 6 And Moses and Aaron did so: as the Lord commanded them, so did they. 7 And Moses was eighty years old, and Aaron eighty and three years old, when they spoke unto Pharaoh, 8 And the Lord said unto Moses and unto Aaron, saving, 9 If Pharaoh shall speak unto you, saving. Show a miracle for

loath to drink water from the river. 19 And the Lord said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Take thy staff, and stretch out thy hand over the waters of Egypt, over their streams, over their rivers, and over their ponds. and over all their pools of water, that they become blood; and there shall be blood throughout all the land of Egypt, also in vessels of wood, and in vessels of stone. 20 And Moses and Aaron did so, as the Lord had commanded; and he lifted up [his hand] with the staff, and smote the waters that were in the river. before the eyes of Pharaoh, and before the eyes of his servants; and all the waters that were in the river were turned to blood. 21 And the fish that was in the river died; and the river stank, 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 so with their secret arts: and the heart of Pharaoh remained hardened, and he did not hearken unto them; as the Lord had spoken. 23 And Pharaoh turned away and went into his house. and he did not set his heart to this thing also. 24 And all the Egyptians dug in the neighborhood of the river

for water to drink; for they could not drink of the water earth, and the lice were thus on man, and on beast; of the river. 25 And full seven days elapsed, after that all the dust of the land became lice throughout all the the Lord had smitten the river. land of Egypt. 18 And the magicians did so with their

And the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus hath said the Lord, 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 bring forth frogs abundantly, and they shall go up and come into thy house, and into thy sleeping-chamber, and upon thy bed, and into the house of thy servants, and among thy people, and into thy ovens, and into thy kneading-troughs; 4 And upon thee, and upon thy people, and upon all thy servants, shall the frogs come up. 5 And the Lord said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch forth thy hand with thy staff over the streams, over the rivers, and over the ponds, and cause the frogs to come up over the land of Egypt. 6 And Aaron stretched out his hand over the waters of Egypt; and the frogs came up, and covered the land of Egypt, 7 And the magicians did so with their secret arts, and brought up the frogs over the land of Egypt. 8 Then did Pharaoh call for Moses and Aaron, and said, Entreat the Lord, that he may take away the frogs from me, and from my people; and I will let the people go, that they may sacrifice unto the Lord. 9 And Moses said unto Pharaoh, Arrogate thyself glory over me: for what time shall I entreat for thee, and for thy servants, and for thy people, to destroy the frogs from thee and from thy houses, that they may remain in the river only? 10 And he said, For tomorrow; and he said. Be it according to thy word: in order that thou mayest know that there is none like unto the Lord our God. 11 And the frogs shall depart from thee, and from thy houses, and from thy servants, and from thy people; only in the river shall they remain. 12 And Moses and Aaron went out from Pharaoh; and Moses cried unto the Lord on account of the frogs which he had inflicted on Pharaoh. 13 And the Lord 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 many heaps; and the land stank. 15 But when Pharaoh saw that there was a respite, he hardened his heart, and hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had spoken. 16 And the Lord said unto Moses, Say unto Aaron, Stretch out thy staff, and smite the dust of the earth, and it shall become lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 17 And they did so; and Aaron stretched out his hand with his staff, and smote the dust of the

land of Egypt. 18 And the magicians did so with their secret arts to bring forth the lice, but they could not: so were the lice upon man and upon beast. 19 Then said the magicians unto Pharaoh, This is a finger of God; but Pharaoh's heart remained hardened, and he hearkened not unto them; as the Lord had spoken. 20 And the Lord said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and place thyself before Pharaoh; lo, he goeth forth to the water; and say unto him, Thus hath said the Lord, Let my people go, that they may serve me. 21 For if thou wilt not let my people go, behold, I will send against thee, and against thy servants, and against thy people, and into thy houses various wild beasts: and the houses of the Egyptians shall be full of the wild beasts, and also the ground whereon they dwell. 22 And I will distinguish on that day the land of Goshen, in which my people abideth, so that no wild beasts shall be there; to the end thou mayest know that I am the Lord in the midst of the earth. 23 And I will put a distinction between my people and thy people: tomorrow shall this sign be. 24 And the Lord did so; and there came a grievous multitude of beasts into the house of Pharaoh, and into the house of his servants; and in all the land of Egypt, the land was laid waste by reason of the wild beasts. 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 to do so; for the abomination of the Egyptians must we sacrifice to the Eternal our God: lo, if we should sacrifice the abomination of the Egyptians before their eyes, would they not stone us? 27 A three days' journey will we go into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the Lord our God, just as he may say unto us. 28 And Pharaoh said, I will surely let you go, that ye may sacrifice to the Eternal your God in the wilderness; only do not go very far away: entreat for me. 29 And Moses said. Behold. I am going out from thee, and I will entreat the Lord, and the wild beasts shall depart from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people, tomorrow; only let not Pharaoh deal deceitfully any more, so as not to let the people go to sacrifice to the Lord. 30 And Moses went out from Pharaoh, and entreated the Lord. 31 And the Lord did according to the word of Moses; and he removed the wild beasts from Pharaoh, from his servants, and from his people; there remained not one. 32 But Pharaoh hardened his heart at this time also, and he did not let the people go.

And the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto Pharaoh, very grievous hail, the like of which hath not been God of the Hebrews, Let my people go, that they now. 19 And now send, and bring under shelter thy may serve me. 2 For if thou refusest to let them cattle, and all that thou hast in the field; [for] every go, and still holdest on to them, 3 Behold, the hand man and beast that shall be found in the field, and of the Lord will be sent against thy cattle which is shall not be brought into the house, upon them shall in the field, against the horses, against the asses, the hail come down, and they shall die. 20 He that against the camels, against the oxen, and against the feared the word of the Lord among the servants of sheep; —a very grievous pestilence. 4 And the Lord Pharaoh made his servants and his cattle flee into will distinguish between the cattle of Israel and the the houses; 21 And he that regarded not the word of cattle of Egypt; and not one head shall die of all that the Lord left his servants and his cattle in the field. 22 belongeth to the children of Israel. 5 And the Lord And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch forth thy hand appointed a set time, saving. Tomorrow will the Lord toward heaven, and there shall be hail in all the land do this thing in the land. 6 And the Lord did this thing of Egypt, upon man, and upon beast, and upon every on the morrow, and all the cattle of Egypt died; but herb of the field, in the land of Egypt, 23 And Moses of the cattle of the children of Israel there died not stretched forth his staff toward heaven; and the Lord one. 7 And Pharaoh sent, and, behold, there had not sent thunder and hail, and the fire ran down to the died of the cattle of the Israelites even one; but the ground; and the Lord rained hail upon the land of heart of Pharaoh remained hardened, and he did not Egypt. 24 And there was hail, and fire was flaming up let the people go. 8 And the Lord said unto Moses amidst the hail, very grievous, the like of which had and unto Aaron, Take unto yourselves your hands not been in all the land of Egypt, since it had become full of soot of the furnace, and let Moses throw it a nation. 25 And the hail smote throughout all the heavenward before the eyes of Pharaoh. 9 And it shall land of Egypt all that was in the field, both man and become small dust over all the land of Egypt, and beast; and every herb of the field did the hail smite, shall become upon man and beast an inflammation, and every tree of the field did it break. 26 Only in the producing boils, throughout all the land of Egypt. 10 land of Goshen, where the children of Israel were. And they took the soot of the furnace, and stood there was no hail. 27 And Pharaoh sent, and called before Pharaoh; and Moses threw it up heavenward; for Moses and Aaron, and he said unto them. I have and it became an inflammation, producing boils, upon sinned this time; the Eternal is the righteous, and I man, and upon beast. 11 And the magicians could and my people are the wicked. 28 Entreat the Lord not stand before Moses because of the inflammation; that there may be no more of the thunders of God, for the inflammation was upon the magicians, and and hail; and I will let you go, and ye shall no longer upon all the Egyptians. 12 And the Lord hardened the stay here. 29 And Moses said unto him. As soon as I heart of Pharaoh, and he hearkened not unto them; am gone out of the city, I will spread out my hands as the Lord had spoken unto Moses. 13 And the Lord unto the Lord: the thunders shall cease, and the hail said unto Moses, Rise up early in the morning, and shall not be any more; in order that thou mayest know place thyself before Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus how that to the Lord belongeth the earth. 30 But as hath said the Eternal, the God of the Hebrews. Let for thee and thy servants. I know that ve are not vet my people go, that they may serve me. 14 For at this afraid before the Lord God, 31 And the flax and the time I send all my plagues against thy heart, and barley were smitten; for the barley was in the ear, and against thy servants, and against thy people; in order the flax was bolled. 32 But the wheat and the millet that thou mayest know that there is none like me on were not smitten; for they are late-ripening. 33 And all the earth. 15 For even now I might have stretched Moses went away from Pharaoh out of the city, and out my hand, and I might have smitten thee and thy spread out his hands unto the Lord: and the thunders people with the pestilence; and thou wouldst have and hail ceased, and the rain was not poured out been cut off from the earth; 16 But for this cause have upon the earth. 34 And when Pharaoh saw that the I allowed thee to remain, in order to show thee my rain, and the hail, and the thunders had ceased, he power; and in order that they may proclaim my name sinned yet farther, and hardened his heart, he and throughout all the earth. 17 If thou dost yet wantonly his servants. 35 And the heart of Pharaoh remained oppress my people, so as not to let them go: 18 hardened, and he did not let the children of Israel go; Behold, then will I let rain, about this time tomorrow, a as the Lord had spoken by the hand of Moses.

and speak to him, Thus hath said the Eternal, the in Egypt since the day of its foundation even until

these my signs in the midst of them: 2 And in order and there was not left any green thing on the trees. thou refusest to let my people go, behold, I will bring very strong west wind, which bore away the locusts, hand over the land of Egypt for the locusts, and they I will not see thy face again any more. shall come up over the land of Egypt, and eat every herb of the earth, all that the hail hath left. 13 And Moses stretched forth his staff over the land of Egypt, and the Lord urged an east wind over the land all that day, and all the night; when it was morning, the east wind bore along the locusts. 14 And the locusts went up over all the land of Egypt, and rested in all the boundaries of Egypt; in very large masses; before them there were no such locusts as they, and after them there will not be any such. 15 And they

1 \( \) And the Lord said unto Moses, Go in unto covered the face of the whole earth, so that the earth Pharaoh; for I have hardened his heart, and the was darkened; and they ate every herb of the land, heart of his servants, in order that I might display and all the fruit of the trees which the hail had left: that thou mayest tell in the ears of thy son, and of thy or on the herbs of the field, throughout all the land son's son, the wonders which I have wrought in Egypt, of Egypt. 16 Then made Pharaoh haste to call for and my signs which I have shown among them; and Moses and Aaron; and he said, I have sinned against ye shall know now that I am the Lord. 3 And Moses the Lord your God, and against you. 17 And now and Aaron came in unto Pharaoh, and said unto him, forgive, I pray thee, my sin only this once, and entreat Thus saith the Eternal, the God of the Hebrews, How the Lord your God, that he may take away from me long yet wilt thou refuse to humble thyself before me? only this death. 18 And he went out from Pharaoh, let my people go, that they may serve me. 4 For, if and entreated the Lord. 19 And the Lord turned a tomorrow locusts into thy boundary. 5 And they shall and cast them into the Red Sea; there was not left cover the face of the earth, so that one shall not be one locust in all the boundary of Egypt. 20 But the able to see the earth: and they shall eat the residue Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, so that he did not of that which escaped, which hath been left unto you let the children of Israel go. 21 And the Lord said from the hail, and they shall eat off every tree which unto Moses. Stretch out thy hand toward heaven. groweth for you out of the field: 6 And thy houses, and there shall be darkness over the land of Egypt, and the houses of all thy servants, and the houses of and it shall be a darkness of the night. 22 And Moses all the Egyptians shall be full of them; such as neither stretched forth his hand toward heaven; and there thy fathers, nor thy fathers' fathers have seen, since was a thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three the day of their being upon the earth, until this day; days: 23 They saw not one another, neither did they and he turned himself, and went out from Pharaoh. 7 rise, any one from his place, for three days; but for all And the servants of Pharaoh said unto him, How long the children of Israel there was light in their dwellings. shall this man be unto us for a snare? let the men 24 And Pharaoh called for Moses, and said, Go ye, go, that they may serve the Lord their God: knowest serve the Lord; only your flocks and your herds shall thou not yet that Egypt is destroyed? 8 And Moses remain behind: also your little ones may go with you. was brought back with Aaron unto Pharaoh; and he 25 And Moses said, Even thou also must give into said unto them, Go ye, serve the Lord your God; who our hand sacrifices and burnt-offerings, that we may all are they that shall go? 9 And Moses said, With sacrifice [them] unto the Eternal, our God. 26 And our young and with our old will we go; with our sons also our cattle must go with us, there shall not be and with our daughters, with our flocks and with our left behind a single hoof, for thereof must we take to herds will we go; for we are to hold a feast unto the serve the Lord our God; and we cannot know with Lord. 10 And he said unto them, So be the Lord with what we must serve the Lord, until we come thither. you, as I will let you go, together with your little ones: 27 But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he look, surely your intentions are evil. 11 Not so; go would not let them go. 28 And Pharaoh said unto him, now ye men, and serve the Lord, for this you desire: Get thee away from me; take heed to thyself, see my and they were driven out from Pharaoh's presence. face no more; for on the day thou seest my face thou 12 And the Lord said unto Moses, Stretch out thy shalt die. 29 And Moses said, Thou hast spoken well,

> 11 And the Lord said unto Moses, Yet one plague more will I bring upon Pharaoh, and upon Egypt; after that he will let you go hence: when he doth let you go, he shall surely thrust you out altogether from here. 2 Speak now in the ears of the people, and let them ask every man of his neighbor, and every woman of her neighbor, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold. 3 And the Lord gave the people favor in the eyes of the Egyptians; also the man Moses was very

great in the land of Egypt, in the eyes of Pharaoh's remain until morning; and that which remaineth of it servants, and in the eyes of the people. 4 And Moses until morning ye shall burn with fire. 11 And thus shall said. Thus hath said the Lord. About midnight will I ve eat it. With your loins girded, your shoes on your go out in the midst of Egypt: 5 And there shall die feet, and your staff in your hand; and ye shall eat it every first-born in the land of Egypt, from the first- in haste, it is passover unto the Lord, 12 And I will born of Pharaoh that is to sit upon his throne, even pass through the land of Egypt in this night, and I unto the first-born of the maid-servant that is behind will smite every first-born in the land of Egypt, both the mill; and every first-born of cattle. 6 And there man and beast; and against all the gods of Egypt shall be a great cry throughout all the land of Egypt, will I execute judgments: I am the Lord. 13 And the the like of which hath never been, and the like of blood shall be to you for a token upon the houses which will not be any more. 7 But against any of the where ye are; and when I see the blood, I will pass children of Israel not a dog shall move his tongue, over you; and there shall be no plague against you to neither against man nor beast; in order that ye may destroy, when I smite [others] in the land of Egypt. 14 know how that the Lord doth distinguish between the And this day shall be unto you for a memorial; and ve Egyptians and Israel, 8 And all these thy servants shall celebrate it as a feast unto the Lord: throughout shall come down unto me, and bow themselves down your generations, as an ordinance for ever shall ye unto me, saying. Get thee out, and all the people that celebrate it. 15 Seven days shall ye eat unleavened followeth thee; and after that I will go out; and he went bread; but on the first day ve shall have put away out from Pharaoh in a burning anger. 9 And the Lord leaven out of your houses; for whosoever eateth said unto Moses, Pharaoh will not hearken unto you; leavened bread, that soul shall be cut off from Israel, in order that my wonders may be multiplied in the from the first day until the seventh day. 16 And on the land of Egypt. 10 And Moses and Aaron did all these first day there shall be a holy convocation, and on the wonders before Pharaoh; and the Lord hardened seventh day there shall be a holy convocation to you; Pharaoh's heart, and he did not let the children of no manner of work shall be done on them, save what Israel go out of his land.

12 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt, saying, 2 This month shall be unto you the chief of months: the first shall it be unto you of the months of the year. 3 Speak ye unto all the congregation of Israel, saying, On the tenth day of this month they shall take to themselves every man a lamb for every family, a lamb for every house: 4 And if the household be too small for a lamb, then shall he take it with his neighbor who is next unto his house, according to the number of the souls; every man according to what he eateth shall ye make a count for the lamb. 5 A lamb without blemish, a male of the first year shall ve have: from the sheep, or from the goats may ye take it. 6 And ye shall have it in keeping until the fourteenth day of the same month; and then the whole assembly of the congregation of Israel shall kill it toward evening. 7 And they shall take of the blood, and put it on the two side-posts and on the upper door-post, in the houses, wherein they shall eat it. 8 And they shall eat the flesh in that night, roasted by the fire, with unleavened bread; together with bitter herbs shall they eat it. 9 You shall not eat of it raw, nor in any wise sodden with water; but roasted by the fire; its head with its legs, and with its entrails. 10 And ye shall not let any thing of it

is eaten by every man, that only may be prepared by you. 17 And ve shall observe the unleavened bread: for on this selfsame day have I brought forth your armies out of the land of Egypt; therefore shall ye observe this day in your generations as an ordinance for ever. 18 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening, shall ye eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at evening. 19 Seven days no leaven shall be found in your houses; for whosoever eateth that which is leavened, even that soul shall be cut off from the congregation of Israel, whether he be a stranger, or one born in the land. 20 Nothing that is leavened shall ve eat: in all your habitations shall ve eat unleavened bread. 21 And Moses called for the elders of Israel. and said unto them, Draw out and take for yourselves lambs according to your families, and kill the passover sacrifice. 22 And ye shall take a bunch of hyssop, and dip 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 frown the door of his house until the morning. 23 And the Lord will pass through to smite the Egyptians; and when he seeth the blood upon the lintel, and on the two side-posts, the Lord will pass over the door, and will not suffer the destroyer to come in unto your houses to smite. 24 And ye shall observe this thing, as an ordinance for

pass, when ye be come into the land which the Lord observed was this unto the Lord to bring them out will give you, according as he hath promised, that ye from the land of Egypt: this is that night holy to the shall keep this service, 26 And it shall come to pass. Lord, to be observed by all the children of Israel in when your children shall say unto you. What mean ve their generations, 43 And the Lord said unto Moses by this service? 27 That ye shall say, It is the sacrifice and Aaron, This is the ordinance of the passover: No of the passover unto the Lord, who passed over the stranger shall eat thereof. 44 But every man's servant houses of the children of Israel in Egypt, when he that is bought for money, when thou hast circumcised smote the Egyptians, and our houses he spared; and him, then shall he eat thereof. 45 A resident foreigner the people bent the head and bowed themselves. and a hired servant shall not eat thereof. 46 In one 28 And the children of Israel went away, and did as house shall it be eaten; thou shalt not carry forth the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did aught of the flesh abroad out of the house; and no they, 29 And it came to pass at midnight, that the Lord bone shall ve break in it. 47 All the congregation smote every first-born in the land of Egypt, from the of Israel shall prepare it. 48 And when a stranger first-born of Pharaoh that was to sit on his throne unto sojourneth with thee, and will prepare the passover to the first-born of the captive that was in the dungeon; the Lord, let his males be circumcised, and then let and all the first-born of cattle. 30 And Pharaoh rose him come near and prepare it, and he shall be as one up in the night, he, and all his servants, and all the that is born in the land; but no uncircumcised person there was not a house where there was not some home-born, and unto the stranger that sojourneth one dead. 31 And he called for Moses and Aaron by among you. 50 And all the children of Israel did so; as night, and said, Rise up, get you forth from among the Lord had commanded Moses and Aaron, so did my people, both ve and the children of Israel; and go, they, 51 And it came to pass on the selfsame day. serve the Eternal, as ye have spoken. 32 Also your that the Lord did bring forth the children of Israel out flocks and your herds take, as we have spoken, and of the land of Egypt by their armies. be gone; and bless me also. 33 And the Egyptians were urgent upon the people, to make haste to send them away out of the land; for they said. We are all dving. 34 And the people took up their dough before it was yet leavened, their kneading-troughs being bound up in their clothes upon their shoulders. 35 And the children of Israel had done according to the word of Moses; and they had asked of the Egyptians vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments. 36 And the Lord had given the people favor in the eves of the Egyptians, so that they gave unto them what they required; and they emptied out Egypt. 37 And the children of Israel journeved from Ra'meses to Succoth, about six hundred thousand men on foot, beside children. 38 And a mixed multitude also went up with them; and flocks, and herds, a very large amount of cattle. 39 And they baked of the dough, which they had brought forth out of Egypt, unleavened cakes, for it was not leavened; because they were thrust out of Egypt, and could not tarry, neither had they prepared any provisions for themselves. 40 Now the time of the residence of the children of Israel, which they dwelt in Egypt, was four hundred and thirty years. 41 And it came to pass at the end of the four hundred and thirty years, and it happened even on the selfsame day, that all the armies of the Lord

thee and for thy sons for ever. 25 And it shall come to went out from the land of Egypt. 42 A night to be Egyptians; and there was a great cry in Egypt; for shall eat thereof. 49 One law shall be to him that is

> 13 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving, 2 Sanctify unto me all the first-born, 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, on which ye came out from Egypt, out of the house of slavery; for by strength of hand the Lord brought you out from here: and no leavened bread shall be eaten. 4 This day go ve out, in the month of Abib. 5 And it shall be. when the Lord doth bring thee into the land of the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Emorites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, which he hath sworn unto thy fathers to give unto thee, a land flowing with milk and honey, that thou shalt perform this service in this month. 6 Seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread, and on the seventh day shall be a feast to the Lord. 7 Unleavened bread shall be eaten these seven days; and there shall not be seen with thee any leavened bread, neither shall there be seen with thee any leaven in all thy boundaries. 8 And thou shalt tell thy son on that day, saying. This is done for the sake of that which the Lord did unto me when I came forth out of Egypt. 9 And it shall be unto thee for a sign upon thy hand, and for a memorial between thy eyes, in order that the law of the Lord may be

in thy mouth; for with a strong hand hath the Lord in the land, the wilderness hath shut them in. 4 And I brought thee forth out of Egypt. 10 And thou shalt will harden the heart of Pharaoh, that he shall follow keep this ordinance in its season, from year to year. after them; and I will get myself honor on Pharaoh, 11 And it shall be, when the Lord doth bring thee into and on all his host; and the Egyptians shall know the land of the Canaanites, as he hath sworn unto that I am the Lord; and they did so, 5 And it was thee and to thy fathers, and giveth it to thee, 12 That told to the king of Egypt that the people had fled; thou shalt set apart all that openeth the womb unto and the heart of Pharaoh and of his servants was the Lord; and every firstling that cometh of a beast changed with respect to the people, and they said. which thou shalt have, the males, shall belong to What is this which we have done, that we have let the Lord. 13 And every firstling of an ass shalt thou Israel go from serving us? 6 And he made ready his redeem with a lamb; and if thou wilt not redeem it, chariot, and took his people with him. 7 And he took then shalt thou break its neck: and all the first-born six hundred chosen chariots, and all the chariots of of man among thy children shalt thou redeem. 14 Egypt, and captains over every one of them. 8 And And it shall be, when thy son asketh thee in time to the Lord hardened the heart of Pharaoh, the king of come, saving. What is this? that thou shalt say unto Egypt, and he pursued after the children of Israel: him, By strength of hand the Lord brought us forth and the children of Israel went out with a high hand. out of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; 15 And it 9 And the Egyptians pursued after them, and they came to pass, when Pharaoh obstinately refused to overtook them encamping by the sea, all the horses let us go, that the Lord slew all the first-born in the and chariots of Pharaoh, and his horsemen, and his land of Egypt, both the first-born of man, and the army, beside Pi-hachiroth, before Baal-zephon. 10 first-born of beast; therefore do I sacrifice to the Lord And when Pharaoh drew nigh, the children of Israel all that openeth the womb, being males; but all the lifted up their eyes, and, behold, the Egyptians were first-born of my children must I redeem. 16 And it marching after them, and they were greatly afraid: shall be for a sign upon thy hand, and for frontlets and the children of Israel cried out unto the Lord. between thy eyes; that by strength of hand the Lord 11 And they said unto Moses, Is it because there brought us forth out of Egypt. 17 And it came to pass, were no graves in Egypt, that thou hast taken us when Pharaoh let the people go, that God did not away to die in the wilderness? what is this which lead them the way through the land of the Philistines, thou hast done to us, to bring us forth out of Egypt? because it was near: for God said. Lest peradventure 12 Is not this the word that we spoke unto thee in the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt, saying, Let us alone, that we may serve the Egypt. 18 But God led the people about, by the way Egyptians? for it is better for us to serve the Egyptians of the wilderness to the Red Sea: and the children of than that we should die in the wilderness. 13 And Israel went up armed out of the land of Egypt. 19 And Moses said unto the people. Fear ve not, stand still Moses took the bones of Joseph with him; for he had and see the salvation of the Lord, which he will do for caused the children of Israel to swear, saying, God you today; for as ye have seen the Egyptians today, will surely visit you, and ye shall then carry up my ye shall not see them again any more for ever. 14 The bones away hence with you. 20 And they took their Lord will fight for you, and ye shall hold your peace. iourney from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, at 15 And the Lord said unto Moses. Wherefore criest the edge of the wilderness. 21 And the Lord went thou unto me? speak unto the children of Israel, that before them by day in a pillar of cloud, to lead them they go forward; 16 But do thou lift up thy staff, and the way; and by night in a pillar of fire, to give light to stretch out thy hand over the sea, and divide it; and them; that they might go by day and by night: 22 He the children of Israel shall go through the midst of the took not away the pillar of cloud by day, nor the pillar sea on dry ground. 17 And I, behold, I will harden the of fire by night, from before the people.

1 1 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they turn back and encamp before Pi-hachiroth, between Migdol and the sea; in front of Baal-zephon; opposite to this shall ye encamp by the sea. 3 And Pharaoh will say of the children of Israel, They are entangled

heart of the Egyptians, and they shall follow them: and I will get myself honor on Pharaoh, and on all his host, on his chariots, and on his horsemen. 18 And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have got myself honor on Pharaoh, on his chariots, and on his horsemen. 19 And the angel of God, that went before the camp of Israel, removed and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud removed from

servant.

15 Then sang Moses and the children of Israel this song unto the Lord, and thus did they say, I will sing unto the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. 2 My strength and song is the Lord, and he is become my salvation: he is my God, and I will declare his praise, the God of my father, and I will exalt him. 3 The Eternal is the Lord of war; the Eternal is his

before them, and stood behind them: 20 And it came name. 4 The charjots of Pharaoh and his host hath between the camp of the Egyptians and the camp of he hurled into the sea; and the chosen of his captains Israel; and it was a cloud and darkness [to the first], are sunk in the Red Sea, 5 The depths have covered but it gave light by night [to these]; and the one came them; they went down to the bottom as a stone. 6 Thy not near unto the other all the night. 21 And Moses right hand, O Lord, is become glorious in power; thy stretched out his hand over the sea; and the Lord right hand, O Lord, hath dashed in pieces the enemy. drove back the sea with a strong east wind all that 7 And in the greatness of thy excellency hast thou night, and made the sea dry land, and the waters overthrown those that rose up against thee; thou didst were divided. 22 And the children of Israel went into send forth thy wrath, it consumed them as stubble. 8 the midst of the sea upon the dry ground: and the And with the breath of thy nostrils the waters were waters were a wall unto them, on their right hand, heaped up together, the floods stood upright as a and on their left. 23 And the Egyptians pursued, and wall; congealed were the depths in the heart of the went in after them, all Pharaoh's horses, his chariots, sea. 9 The enemy said, I will pursue, I will overtake, I and his horsemen, to the midst of the sea. 24 And it will divide the spoil; my desire shall be satisfied upon came to pass in the morning watch, that the Lord them: I will draw my sword, my hand shall destroy looked unto the camp of the Egyptians with the pillar them. 10 Thou didst blow with thy wind, the sea of fire and of the cloud, and brought into confusion covered them: they sunk as lead in mighty waters. 11 the camp of the Egyptians: 25 And he took off the Who is like unto thee. O Lord, among the mighty? wheels of their chariots, and caused them to move who is like unto thee, glorious in holiness, fearful in onward with difficulty; and the Egyptians said, Let us praises, doing wonders? 12 Thou didst stretch out thy flee from the face of Israel; for the Lord fighteth for right hand, the earth swallowed them. 13 Thou leadest them against the Egyptians. 26 And the Lord said forth in thy kindness the people thou hast redeemed; unto Moses. Stretch out thy hand over the sea, and thou guidest it in thy strength unto the habitation of the waters shall return over the Egyptians, over their thy holiness. 14 Nations hear it and tremble: sorrow chariots, and over their horsemen. 27 And Moses seizeth the inhabitants of Palestine. 15 Then were stretched forth his hand over the sea, and the sea, troubled the dukes of Edom; the mighty men of Moab. returned, when the morning appeared, to its strength; trembling seizeth them; faint-hearted become all the while the Egyptians were fleeing against it; and the inhabitants of Canaan, I 16 Fear and dread shall fall Lord overthrew the Egyptians in the midst of the sea. upon them; by the greatness of thy arm they shall be 28 And the waters returned, and covered the chariots, still as a stone: till thy people pass over, O Lord, till and the horsemen with all the host of Pharaoh that this people pass over, which thou hast purchased. 17 came after them into the sea: there remained of them Thou wilt bring them, and plant them on the mountain not even one. 29 But the children of Israel walked of thy inheritance, the place, O Lord, which thou hast upon dry ground in the midst of the sea; and the wrought for thy residence, the sanctuary, O Lord, waters were unto them a wall on their right hand, and which thy hands have established. 18 The Lord will on their left. 30 Thus the Lord saved Israel on that reign for ever and ever. 19 For the horse of Pharaoh day out of the land of the Egyptians; and Israel saw went in with his chariots and with his horsemen into the Egyptians dead upon the shore of the sea, 31 the sea, and the Lord brought again upon them the And Israel saw that great power which the Lord had waters of the sea: but the children of Israel went on shown on the Egyptians: and the people feared the dry ground through the midst of the sea. 20 Then took Lord, and then believed in the Lord, and in Moses his Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, a timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances. 21 And Miriam began her song to them, Sing ye to the Lord, for he hath triumphed gloriously: the horse and his rider hath he thrown into the sea. 22 And Moses caused Israel to depart from the Red Sea, and they went out into the wilderness of Shur: and they went three days in the wilderness, and found no water. 23 And they came to Marah: but they could not drink the waters of Marah. for they were bitter; therefore they called its name

Marah. 24 And the people murmured against Moses, the wilderness, and, behold, the glory of the Lord diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, am the Eternal your God. 13 And it came to pass, palm-trees; and they encamped there by the water.

1 **6** 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 Aaron in the wilderness: 3 And the children of Israel said unto them. Would to God that we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the flesh-pot, when we ate bread to the full; for ye have brought us forth into this wilderness, to kill this whole assembly with hunger. 4 Then said the Lord unto Moses, Behold, I will let rain for you bread from heaven; and the people shall go out and gather a certain portion every day, in order that I may prove it, whether it will walk in my law, or not. 5 And it shall come to pass, on the sixth day, when they prepare what they shall have brought in, that it shall be twice as much as they shall gather daily. 6 And Moses and Aaron said unto all the children of Israel, At evening, then shall ye know that it is the Lord who hath brought you out from the land of Egypt: 7 And in the morning, then shall ye see the glory of the Lord; since he heareth your murmurings against the Lord; and what are we, that ye should murmur against us? 8 And Moses said, When the Lord giveth you in the evening flesh to eat, and bread in the morning to the full: since the Lord heareth your murmurings which ve murmur against him: —what are we then? not against us are your murmurings, but against the Lord. 9 And Moses said unto Aaron, Say unto all the congregation of the children of Israel. Come near before the Lord: for he hath heard your murmurings. 10 And it came to pass, as Aaron was speaking unto the whole congregation of the children of Israel, that they turned round toward

saying, What shall we drink? 25 And he cried unto the appeared in the cloud. 11 And the Lord spoke unto Lord: and the Lord showed him a tree, which he cast Moses, saving, 12 I have heard the murmurings of the into the waters, and the waters were made sweet; children of Israel; speak unto them, saving, Toward there he made for them a statute and an ordinance, evening ye shall eat flesh, and in the morning ye and there he proved them. 26 And he said, If thou wilt shall be filled with bread; and ye shall know that I and wilt do that which is right in his eyes, and wilt that at evening the quails came up, and covered the give ear to his commandments, and wilt keep all his camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew statutes: I will put none of those diseases upon thee, round about the camp. 14 And when the layer of dew which I have brought upon the Egyptians; for I the was gone up, behold, there was upon the face of Lord am thy physician. 27 And they came to Elim, the wilderness something fine in grains, small as the and there were twelve wells of water, and seventy hoar-frost, on the ground. 15 And when the children of Israel saw it, they said one to another. It is manna. for they knew not what it was: and Moses said unto them. This is the bread which the Lord hath given you to eat. 16 This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded. Gather of it every man according to his eating: an omer for every head, according to the number of your persons that every man hath in his tent, shall ye take. 17 And the children of Israel did so; and they gathered, some much, some little. 18 And when they measured it with an omer, he that had gathered much had nothing over, and he that had gathered little had no lack; every man according to his eating, had they gathered. 19 And Moses said. Let no man leave of it till the morning. 20 But they hearkened not unto Moses; but some men left of it until morning, and it bred worms, and stank; and Moses was wroth with them. 21 And so they gathered it every morning, every man according to his eating; and when the sun waxed hot, it melted. 22 And it came to pass on the sixth day, that they gathered twofold bread, two omers for every one; all the rulers of the congregation came and told it to Moses. 23 And he said unto them. This is what the Lord hath spoken, A rest, a holy rest is unto the Lord tomorrow: that which ye will bake bake today, and what ye will seethe seethe today; and all the remaining lay up for you to be kept until the morning. 24 And they laid it up till the morning, as Moses had bidden; and it did not stink, nor was there any worm therein. 25 And Moses said. Eat it today: for a sabbath is this day unto the Lord: today ve will not find it in the field. 26 Six days shall ye gather it; but on the seventh day, the sabbath, on 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; but they found nothing. 28 And the Lord said unto Moses, How long refuse ye to keep my commandments and my laws? 29 See, that the Lord hath given you the sabbath, therefore he

eat, until they came unto the borders of the land of with Amalek from generation to generation. Canaan. 36 But the omer is a tenth part of an ephah.

**17** And all the congregation of the children of Israel journeyed from the wilderness of Sin, after their journeyings, by the order of the Lord; and they encamped in Rephidim, and there was no water for the people to drink. 2 And the people guarrelled with Moses, and said, Give us water that we may drink; and Moses said unto them, Why will ye quarrel with me? why will ye tempt the Lord? 3 And the people thirsted there for water; and the people murmured against Moses, and said, For what purpose is it that thou hast brought us up out of Egypt, to kill me and my children and my cattle with thirst? 4 And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, What shall I do unto this people? but little is wanting and they will stone me. 5 And the Lord said unto Moses, Pass on before the people, and take with thee some of the elders of Israel; and thy staff, wherewith thou smotest the river, take in thy hand, and go. 6 Behold, I will be standing before thee there upon the rock at Horeb; and thou shalt smite the rock, and there shall come out from it water, and the people shall drink; and Moses did so before the eyes of the elders of Israel. 7 And he called the name of the place Massah and Meribah; because of the quarrelling of the children of Israel, and because they tempted the Lord, saying, Is then the Lord among us, or not? 8 Then came Amalek, and fought with Israel in Rephidim. 9 And Moses said unto Joshua, Choose for us men, and go out, fight with Amalek; tomorrow I will stand on the top of the

giveth you on the sixth day bread for two days; remain did as Moses had said to him, to fight with Amalek; ye, every man in his place, let no man go out of his and Moses, Aaron, and Chur went up to the top of the place on the seventh day. 30 So the people rested on hill. 11 And it came to pass, when Moses held up his the seventh day, 31 And the house of Israel called hand, that Israel prevailed; and when he let down his the name thereof Manna, [[Man]]; and it was like hand, that Amalek prevailed. 12 But when the hands coriander-seed, white, and its taste was like wafers of Moses became heavy, they took a stone, and put it made with honey. 32 And Moses said, This is the under him, and he sat thereon; and Aaron and Chur thing which the Lord hath commanded, One omer-full supported his hands, one on one side, and the other of it is to be kept for your generations; in order that on the other side; and his hands were steady until the they may see the bread which I gave you to eat in going down of the sun. 13 And Joshua discomfited the wilderness, when I brought you forth out of the Amalek and his people with the edge of the sword. land of Egypt. 33 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take a 14 And the Lord said unto Moses, Write this for a flask, and put therein an omer-full of manna, and lay memorial in the book, and rehearse it in the ears of it up before the Lord, to be kept for your generations. Joshua; for I will utterly blot out the remembrance of 34 As the Lord had commanded Moses, so did Aaron Amalek from under the heavens. 15 And Moses built lay it up before the Testimony, to be kept. 35 And an altar, and called its name Adonay Nissy [The Lord the children of Israel ate the manna forty years, until is my Banner]]. 16 And he said, Because the Lord they came to an inhabited land: the manna they did hath sworn on his throne, that the Lord will have war

18 And Jithro, the priest of Midian, Moses' fatherin-law, heard all that God had done for Moses, and for Israel his people, that the Lord had brought forth Israel out of Egypt. 2 Then took Jithro, the father-in-law of Moses, Zipporah, the wife of Moses, after he had sent her back, 3 And her two sons; of whom the name of the one was Gershom; for he said. I have been a stranger in a foreign land: 4 And the name of the other was Eliezer; for the God of my father was my help, and delivered me from the sword of Pharaoh. 5 And Jithro, the father-in-law of Moses. came with his sons and his wife unto Moses, unto the wilderness, where he was encamped at the mount of God. 6 And he sent word unto Moses, I thy father-inlaw Jithro am coming unto thee, with thy wife, and her two sons with her. 7 And Moses went out to meet his father-in-law, and bowed himself, and kissed him; and they asked each other after their welfare; and they went into the tent. 8 And Moses told his father-in-law all which the Lord had done unto Pharaoh and to the Egyptians on account of Israel, all the hardship which had come upon them by the way, and how the Lord had delivered them. 9 And Jithro rejoiced over all the goodness which the Lord had done to Israel, that he had delivered it out of the hand of the Egyptians. 10 And Jithro said, Blessed be the Lord, 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 the Eternal is great above all gods; for by hill with the staff of God in my hand. 10 And Joshua the very thing wherein they sinned presumptuously

was punishment brought upon them. 12 And Jithro, 19 In the third month, after the children of Israel the father-in-law of Moses, offered a burnt-offering and sacrifices unto God; and Aaron came, with all the same day they came into the wilderness of Sinai. elders of Israel, to eat bread with the father-in-law of 2 For they had departed from Rephidim, and they Moses, before God. 13 And it came to pass on the came to the desert of Sinai, and encamped in the morrow, that Moses sat to judge the people; and the wilderness; and Israel encamped there opposite the people stood around Moses from the morning unto mount. 3 And Moses went up unto God, and the Lord the evening. 14 And the father-in-law of Moses saw called unto him from the mount, saving. Thus shalt all that he did to the people; and he said, What is this thou say to the house of Jacob, and tell the children of thing that thou doest to the people? why sittest thou Israel. 4 Ye have yourselves seen what I have done thyself alone, and all the people standeth around thee unto the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' from morning until evening? 15 And Moses said unto wings, and brought you unto myself. 5 Now therefore, his father-in-law, Because the people cometh unto if you will truly obey my voice, and keep my covenant, me to inquire of God. 16 When they have a matter of then shall ve be unto me a peculiar treasure above dispute, they come unto me; and I judge between one all nations; for all the earth is mine: 6 And ve shall and the other, and I make them know the statutes be unto me a kingdom of priests, and a holy nation; of God, and his laws. 17 And the father-in-law of these are the words which thou shalt speak unto the Moses said unto him. The thing that thou doest is children of Israel. 7 And Moses came and called for not good. 18 Thou wilt surely wear away, both thou, the elders of the people, and laid before them all and this people that is with thee; for the thing is too these words which the Lord had commanded him. 8 heavy for thee; thou wilt not be able to perform it by And all the people answered unanimously, and said, thyself alone. 19 Now hearken unto my voice, I will all that the Lord hath spoken will we do; and Moses give thee counsel, and may God be with thee. Be returned the words of the people unto the Lord, 9 And thou for the people a mediator with God, that thou the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, I will come unto mayest bring the causes unto God. 20 And thou shalt thee in a thick cloud, for the sake that the people may explain to them the statutes and the laws; and thou hear when I speak with thee, and that also in thee shalt make them know the way wherein they must they shall believe for ever; and Moses told the words walk, and the work that they must do. 21 Moreover, of the people unto the Lord, 10 And the Lord said thou shalt select out of all the people able men, such unto Moses, Go unto the people, and sanctify them as fear God, men of truth, hating [their own] gain; today and tomorrow, and let them wash their clothes. and place these over them, as rulers of thousands, 11 And they shall be ready against the third day; for rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens. on the third day will the Lord come down, before the 22 And let them judge the people at all times; and eves of all the people, upon mount Sinai, 12 And it shall be, that every great matter they shall bring thou shalt set bounds unto the people, round about, unto thee, but every small matter they shall judge saying, Take heed to yourselves, that ye go not up themselves: so shall it be easier for thee, when they into the mount, nor touch the border of it; whosoever shall bear with thee. 23 If thou wilt do this thing, and toucheth the mount shall surely be put to death. 13 God commandeth it thee, then wilt thou be able to Yet not a hand shall touch him, but he shall surely be endure; and also the whole of this people will come stoned, or shot through; whether it be beast or man, to its place in peace. 24 And Moses hearkened to it shall not live; when the trumpet soundeth long, the voice of his father-in-law, and did all that he had they may come up to the mount. 14 And Moses went said. 25 And Moses chose able men out of all Israel, down from the mount unto the people, and sanctified and placed them as heads over the people, rulers of the people: and they washed their clothes. 15 And thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and he said unto the people, Be ready against the third rulers of tens. 26 And they judged the people at all day; approach not unto a woman. 16 And it came to times; any difficult cause they brought unto Moses, pass on the third day when it was morning, that there but every small cause they judged themselves. 27 were thunders and lightnings, and a heavy cloud was And Moses dismissed his father-in-law; and he went upon the mount, and the voice of the cornet was his way unto his own land.

were gone forth out of the land of Egypt, the exceedingly loud; so that all the people that were in the camp trembled. 17 And Moses brought forth the people out of the camp to meet with God; and they

went down unto the people, and spoke unto them.

20 And God spoke all these words, saying, 21 am the Lord thy God, who have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery. 3 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 4 Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. 5 Thou shalt not bow thyself down to them, nor serve them; for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; 6 And showing mercy unto the thousandth generation of them that love me, and keep my commandments. 7 Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. 8 Remember the sabbath day to keep it holy. 9 Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work. 10 But the seventh day is the sabbath in honor of the Lord thy God; on it thou shalt not do any work, neither thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea. and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day: therefore the Lord blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it. 12 Honor thy father and thy mother: in order that thy days may be prolonged upon the land

placed themselves at the foot of the mount. 18 And, which the Lord thy God giveth thee. 13 Thou shalt not mount Sinai smoked in every part, because the Lord kill. 14 Thou shalt not commit adultery. 15 Thou shalt had descended upon it in fire; and the smoke thereof not steal. 16 Thou shalt not bear false witness against ascended as the smoke of a furnace, and the whole thy neighbor. 17 Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's mount guaked greatly. 19 And the voice of the cornet house. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor went on, and waxed louder and louder; Moses spoke, his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, and God answered him with a loud voice. 20 And the nor his ass, nor any thing that is thy neighbor's. Lord came down upon mount Sinai, on the top of the 18 And all the people perceived the thunders, and mount; and the Lord called Moses up to the top of the the lightnings, and the sound of the cornet, and the mount, and Moses went up. 21 And the Lord said unto mountain smoking; and when the people saw it, they Moses, Go down, charge the people, lest they break removed trembling, and stood afar off. 19 And they through unto the Lord to gaze, and many of them said unto Moses, Speak thou with us, and we will might perish. 22 And the priests also, who come near hear; but let not God speak with us, lest we die. 20 to the Lord, shall sanctify themselves; lest the Lord And Moses said unto the people. Fear not; for in break forth among them. 23 And Moses said unto the order to prove you, did God come, and in order that Lord, The people cannot come up to mount Sinai; for his fear may be before your faces, that ye sin not. 21 thou hast charged us, saying. Set bounds about the And the people stood afar off, and Moses drew near mount and sanctify it. 24 And the Lord said unto him. unto the thick darkness where God was, 22 And the Go, get thee down, and then shalt thou come up, Lord said unto Moses, Thus shalt thou say unto the thou, and Aaron with thee; but the priests and the children of Israel, Ye have seen that from heaven I people shall not break through to come up unto the have spoken with you. 23 Ye shall not make any thing Lord, lest he break forth among them. 25 So Moses with me; gods of silver, and gods of gold ye shall not make unto vourselves. 24 An altar of earth shalt thou make unto me, and shalt sacrifice thereon thy burnt-offerings, and thy peace-offerings, thy sheep, and thy oxen; in every place where I shall permit my name to be mentioned, I will come unto thee, and I will bless thee. 25 And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone; for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it. 26 Neither shalt thou go up by steps upon my altar, that thy nakedness be not laid open thereon.

21 And these are the laws of justice which thou shalt set before them. 2 If thou buy a Hebrew servant, six years shall he serve; and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. 3 If he came in by himself, he shall go out by himself; if he was the husband of a woman, then shall his wife go out with him. 4 If his master should give him a wife, and she bear him sons or daughters: the wife and her children shall belong to her master, and he shall go out by himself. 5 And if the servant should plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: 6 Then shall his master bring him unto the judges, and he 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 till the jubilee. 7 And if a man sell his daughter for a maid-servant. she shall not go out as the men-servants go out. 8 If she please not her master, to whom he hath assigned her.

nation he shall have no power to sell her, seeing he laid upon him. 31 lf he gore a son, or gore a daughter, hath dealt faithlessly with her. 9 And if he should according to this judgment shall be done unto him. 32 assign her unto his son, then shall he do unto her If the ox gore a man-servant or a maid-servant, thirty after the right of the daughters. 10 If he take himself shekels of silver shall he give to his master, and the another wife, her food, her raiment, and her duty of ox shall be stoned. 33 And if a man open a pit, or if a marriage, shall he not diminish. 11 And if he do not man dig a pit, and do not cover it, and an ox or an these three things unto her, then shall she go out ass fall therein: 34 The owner of the pit shall make it free, without money. 12 He that smiteth a man, so that good, he shall make restitution in money unto the he die, shall surely be put to death. 13 And if he did owner thereof; and the dead beast shall be his. 35 not lie in wait, but God let it come into his hand, then And if one man's ox hurt the ox of another, that he will I appoint thee a place whither he shall flee. 14 But die: then shall they sell the live ox, and divide his if a man come presumptuously upon his neighbor, to money; and the dead ox also they shall divide, 36 But slav him with quile, from my altar shalt thou take him, if it be known that the ox was wont to gore in time that he may die. 15 And he that smiteth his father, or past, and his owner hath not kept him in: he shall his mother, shall surely be put to death. 16 And he surely pay ox for ox; and the dead shall belong to that stealeth a man, and selleth him, and he be found him. in his hand, 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 strive together, and one smite the other with a stone, or with the fist, and he die not, but keepeth his bed: 19 If he rise again, and walk abroad upon his crutch, then shall he that smote him be guit; 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, it shall be surely avenged. 21 Nevertheless, if he continue alive a day or two, it shall not be avenged; for he is his money. 22 If men strive, and hurt a woman with child, so that her children depart from her, and yet no farther mischief follow: he shall be surely punished, [with a fine, ] according as the husband of the woman will lay upon him; and he shall pay this by the decision of the judges. 23 And if any mischief follow, then shalt thou give life for life. 24 Eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot. 25 Burning for burning, wound for wound, bruise for bruise. 26 And if a man smite the eve of his servant, or the eve of his maid, that it perish, he shall let him go free for the sake of his eye. 27 And if he strike out his man-servant's tooth, or his maidservant's tooth, he shall let him go free for the sake of his tooth. 28 If an ox gore a man or a woman, that he die: then shall the ox be surely stoned, and his flesh shall not be eaten; but the owner of the ox shall be guit. 29 But if the ox were wont to gore in time past, and warning have been given to his owner, and he hath not kept him in, and he killeth a man or a woman: the ox shall be stoned, and his owner also should of right be put to death: 30 But there shall be laid on him a sum of money in atonement, and he

then shall he aid her to be redeemed: unto a strange shall give the ransom of his life whatsoever may be

**22** If a man steal an ox or a sheep, and kill it, or sell it: five oxen shall he restore for one ox, and four sheep for one sheep. 2 If a thief be found while breaking in, and be smitten so that he die, there shall no blood be shed for him. 3 If the sun be risen upon him, there shall be blood shed for him; he shall make full restitution; if he have nothing, then shall he be sold for his theft. 4 If the thing stolen be actually found in his hand alive, whether it be ox, or ass, or sheep, he shall restore double. 5 If a man cause a field or vineyard to be eaten off, and he let his beasts enter, and they feed in another man's field; with the best of his own field, and with best of his own vineyard, shall he make restitution. 6 If a fire break out, and meet with thorns, so that stacks of corn, or the standing corn, or the field, be consumed thereby. he that kindled the fire shall surely make restitution. 7 If a man do deliver unto his neighbor money or vessels 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 shall the master of the house be brought unto the judges, [to swear] that he have not stretched out his hand against his neighbor's goods. 9 For all manner of trespass, for ox, for ass. for lamb, for raiment, or for any manner of lost thing, of which he can say. This is it, before the judges shall come the cause of both parties, and he, whom the judges may condemn, shall pay double unto his neighbor. 10 If a man deliver unto his neighbor an ass, or an ox, or a lamb, or any beast, to keep; and it die. or be hurt, or driven away, no man seeing it: 11 Then shall an oath of the Lord be between them both, that he have not stretched out his hand against

23 Thou shalt not receive 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 speak in a cause, to incline after many, to wrest judgment. 3 Neither shalt thou countenance a poor man in his cause. 4 If thou meet thy enemy's ox or his ass going astray, thou shalt surely bring it back to him again. 5 If thou see the ass

his neighbor's goods; and the owner of it shall accept of him that hateth thee lying under his burden, and this, and he shall not make it good. 12 But if it be wouldest forbear to unload him, [thou must not do so, stolen from him, he shall make restitution unto the but] thou shalt surely unload with him. 6 Thou shalt owner thereof. 13 If it be torn in pieces, then let him not wrest the judgment of thy poor in his cause, 7 bring it as evidence; that which was torn he shall not Keep thyself far from a false speech; and him who make good. 14 And if a man borrow aught of his hath been declared innocent and righteous thou shalt neighbor, and it be hurt, or die, the owner thereof not slay; for I will not justify the wicked. 8 And thou not being with it, he shall surely make it good. 15 shalt take no bribe; for the bribe blindeth the clear-But if the owner thereof be with it, he shall not make sighted, and perverteth the words of the righteous. 9 it good; if it be a hired thing, the loss is included in And a stranger shalt thou not oppress; for ye know its hire. 16 And if a man seduce a virgin that is not well the spirit of the stranger, seeing ye yourselves betrothed, and lie with her, he shall surely endow her were strangers in the land of Egypt. 10 And six years to be his wife. 17 If her father refuse to give her unto shalt thou sow thy land, and shalt gather in the fruits him, he shall pay money according to the dowry of thereof; 11 But the seventh year shalt thou let it rest virgins. 18 Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live. 19 and lie still; that the needy of thy people may eat [of Whosoever lieth with a beast shall surely be put to it]; and what they leave the beasts of the field shall death. 20 He that sacrificeth unto any god, save unto eat: in like manner shalt thou deal with thy vineyard, the Lord only, shall be utterly destroyed. 21 And a and with thy olive tree. 12 Six days shalt thou do thy stranger thou shalt not vex, and shalt not oppress work, and on the seventh day shalt thou rest; that him; for strangers ye were in the land of Egypt. 22 Ye thy ox and thy ass may repose, and the son of thy shall not afflict any widow, or fatherless child. 23 If hand-maid, and the stranger, may be refreshed. 13 thou afflict him in any wise; [for if he cry at all unto And in all things that I have said unto you be on your me, I will surely hear his cry: ] 24 My wrath shall wax guard; and of the name of other gods ye shall make hot, and I will slay you with the sword; and your wives no mention, it shall not be heard out of thy mouth. 14 shall be widows, and your children fatherless. 25 If Three times shalt thou keep a feast unto me in the thou lend money to my people, to the poor by thee, year. 15 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou thou shalt not be to him as a lender of money; thou keep; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread, shalt not lay upon him usury. 26 If thou take at all thy as I commanded thee, in the time appointed of the neighbor's raiment in pledge, thou shalt restore it unto month of Abib; for in it thou camest out from Egypt: him by the time the sun goeth down; 27 For it is his and none shall appear before me empty. 16 And only covering, it is his raiment for his skin; wherein the feast of harvest, of the first-fruits of thy labors, shall he sleep? and it shall come to pass, when he which thou hast sown in thy field: and the feast of crieth unto me, that I will hear; for I am gracious. 28 ingathering, at the conclusion of the year, when thou The judges thou shalt not revile; and a ruler among gatherest in thy labors out of the field. 17 Three times thy people thou shalt not curse. 29 The first of thy in the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord, ripe fruits, and of thy liquors, shalt thou not delay to the Eternal. 18 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my offer; the first-born of thy sons shalt thou give unto sacrifice with leavened bread; neither shall the fat of me. 30 In like manner shalt thou do with thy ox, with my festive sacrifice remain until morning. 19 The first thy sheep; seven days it shall be with its dam; on the of the first-fruits of thy land shalt thou bring unto the eighth day thou shalt give it me. 31 And holy men house of the Lord thy God. Thou shalt not seethe a shall ye be unto me: and flesh that is torn of beasts in kid in its mother's milk. 20 Behold, I send an angel the field, shall ye not eat; to the dogs shall ye cast it. before thee, to keep thee on the way, and to bring thee unto the place which I have prepared. 21 Beware of him, and obey his voice, disobey him not; for he will not pardon your transgression, because my name is in him. 22 But if thou wilt carefully hearken to his voice, and do all that I shall speak: then will I be an enemy unto thy enemies, and afflict those that afflict thee. 23 For my angel shall go before thee, and bring thee in unto the Emorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, the Hivites, and the

would surely be a snare unto thee.

21 And unto Moses he said, Come up unto the Lord, thou, and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel: and ve shall bow vourselves down afar off. 2 And Moses alone shall come near unto the Lord, but they shall not come And Moses came and told the people all the words of the Lord, and all the laws of justice; and all the people answered with one voice, and said, all the words which the Lord hath spoken will we do. 4 And Moses wrote down all the words of the Lord, and he rose up early in the morning, and built an altar at the foot of the mount, and twelve pillars, according to the twelve tribes of Israel. 5 And he then sent the voung men of the children of Israel, and they offered burnt-offerings, and sacrificed peace-offerings unto the Lord, of oxen. 6 And Moses took the half of the blood, and put it in basins; and the fother half of the blood he sprinkled on the altar. 7 And he took the book of the covenant, and read in the hearing of the people; and they said, all that the Lord hath spoken will we do and obey. 8 And Moses took the blood and

Jebusites; and I will cut them off. 24 Thou shalt not sprinkled it on the people, and said, Behold the blood bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do after of the covenant, which the Lord hath made with you their deeds: but thou shalt utterly overthrow them, concerning all these words, 9 Then went up Moses, and completely break down their statuary images. 25 with Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the And ve shall serve the Lord your God, and he will elders of Israel. 10 And they saw the God of Israel: bless thy bread, and thy water; and I will remove and the place under his feet was like a paved work sickness from the midst of thee. 26 There shall be of brilliant sapphire, and like the color of heaven in no one casting her children, nor a barren woman, clearness, 11 And against the nobles of the children in thy land; the number of thy days I will make full. of Israel he stretched not forth his hand; and they 27 My terror will I send before thee, and will bring in saw [the glory of] God, and did eat and drink. 12 confusion all the people to which thou shalt come; And the Lord said unto Moses, come up to me to and I will make all thy enemies turn their back unto the mount, and remain there: and I will give thee the thee. 28 And I will send hornets before thee, and tables of stone, with the law, and the commandment they shall drive out the Hivite, the Canaanite, and the which I have written, to teach them. 13 And Moses Hittite, from before thee, 29 I will not drive them out rose up, and his servant Joshua; and Moses went from before thee in one year; lest the land become up to the mount of God. 14 And unto the elders he desolate, and the beast of the field multiply against said, Tarry ye for us here, until the time we come thee, 30 Little by little will I drive them out from before again unto you; and, behold, Aaron and Chur are with thee, until thou be increased and canst possess the you, whoever may have any cause to be decided, let land. 31 And I will set thy bounds from the Red Sea him come unto them. 15 And Moses went up to the unto the sea of the Philistines, and from the desert mount, and the cloud covered the mount. 16 And the unto the river; for I will deliver into your hand the glory of the Lord abode upon mount Sinai, and the inhabitants of the land, and thou shalt drive them out cloud covered it six days; and he called unto Moses before thee. 32 Thou shalt not make a covenant with on the seventh day out of the midst of the cloud. 17 them, nor with their gods. 33 They shall not dwell in And the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like thy land, lest they cause thee to sin against me; for a devouring fire on the top of the mount, before the thou mightest [be led to] serve their gods, and this eyes of the children of Israel. 18 And Moses went into the midst of the cloud, and ascended the mount; and Moses was on the mount forty days and forty nights.

**25** And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, that they may bring me an offering; from every man whose heart prompteth him thereto shall ye take my offering. 3 niah; and the people shall not go up with him. 3 And this is the offering which ye shall take from them: gold, and silver, and copper, 4 And blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, and linen thread, and goats' hair, 5 And rams' skins died red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood, 6 Oil for lighting, spices for the anointing oil, and for the incense of spices, 7 Onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod, and for the breastplate. 8 And they shall make me a sanctuary; and I will dwell in the midst of them. 9 In accordance with all that I show thee, the pattern of the tabernacle. and the pattern of all the instruments thereof, even so shall ye make it. 10 And they shall make an ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. 11 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, within and without shalt thou overlay it; and thou shalt make upon it a crown of gold round about. 12

them on the four corners thereof; namely, two rings the candlestick out of the other side. 33 Three bowls, shall be on the one side of it, and two rings on the almond-shaped, shall be on one branch, with a knob other side of it. 13 And thou shalt make staves of and a flower; and three bowls, almond-shaped, on shittim wood, and overlay them with gold. 14 And thou the other branch, with a knob and a flower: so on the shalt place the staves into the rings, upon the sides six branches that come out of the candlestick. 34 And of the ark, that the ark may be borne with them. 15 In on the candlestick itself shall be four bowls, almondthe rings of the ark shall the staves remain: they shall shaped, [with] its knobs and its flowers. 35 And there not be removed therefrom. 16 And thou shalt put into shall be a knob under the two branches that come the ark the testimony which I will give unto thee. 17 out of the same, and a knob under the two branches And thou shalt make a cover of pure gold; two cubits that come out of the same, and a knob under the and a half shall be its length, and a cubit and a half two branches that come out of the same; for the six its breadth. 18 And thou shalt make two cherubim of branches that proceed out of the candlestick. 36 Their gold, of beaten work shalt thou make them, on the knobs and their branches shall be out of one piece two ends of the cover. 19 And make one cherub on with it; all of it shall be one piece of beaten work of the one end, and the other cherub on the other end; pure gold. 37 And thou shalt make its seven lamps; from the cover itself shall ye make the cherubim on and when they light its lamps, it shall give light toward the two ends thereof. 20 And the cherubim shall be the body of it. 38 And its tongs, and its snuff-dishes spreading forth their wings on high, overshadowing shall be of pure gold. 39 Out of a talent of pure gold the cover with their wings, with their faces turned one shall he make it, with all these vessels. 40 And look to the other; toward the cover shall the faces of the that thou make them after their pattern, which thou cherubim be directed. 21 And thou shalt put the cover wast shown on the mount. testimony which I will give unto thee. 22 And I will 26 The tabernacle also shalt thou make of ten meet with thee there, and I will speak with thee from above the cover, from between the two cherubim which are upon the ark of the testimony, all that which I will command thee unto the children of Israel, 23 Thou shalt also make a table of shittim wood: two cubits shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. 24 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, and make thereto a crown of gold round about. 25 And thou shalt make unto it a rim of a hand's breadth round about; and thou shalt make a golden crown on its rim round about. 26 And thou shalt make for it four rings of gold, and thou shalt put the rings on the four corners that are on its four feet. 27 Close under the rim shall the rings be: as receptacles for the staves, to bear the table. 28 And thou shalt make the staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold; and the table shall be borne with them. 29 And thou shalt make its dishes, and its spoons, and its supporters, and its purifying tubes, wherewith [the bread] is to be covered: of pure gold shalt thou make them. 30 And thou shalt set upon the table show-bread before me always. 31 And thou shalt make a candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work shall the candlestick be made; its shaft, and its branches, its bowls, its knobs, and its flowers, shall be out of one piece with it. 32 And six branches shall come out of its sides; three branches of the

And thou shalt cast for it four rings of gold, and put candlestick out of the one side, and three branches of

purple, and scarlet yarn, with cherubim, of weaver's work shalt thou make them. 2 The length of each curtain shall be eight and twenty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: there shall be one measure for all the curtains. 3 Five of the 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 on the edge of the one curtain which is on the outside in the [one] coupling; and the like shalt thou make on the edge of the curtain which is the outmost in the second coupling. 5 Fifty loops shalt thou make on the one curtain, and fifty loops shalt thou make on the edge of the curtain that is in the second coupling; the loops shall be fixed opposite each other. 6 And thou shalt make fifty hooks of gold; and thou shalt couple the curtains together one unto the other with the hooks, and the tabernacle shall thus be one piece. 7 And thou shalt make curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the tabernacle; eleven curtains shalt thou make the same. 8 The length of each curtain shall be thirty cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: there shall be one measure for the eleven curtains. 9 And thou shalt couple five of the curtains by themselves, and six of the curtains by themselves: and thou shalt double the sixth curtain toward the

fifty loops on the edge of the one curtain that is the the fashion thereof, which thou hast been shown on outmost in the [one] coupling, and fifty loops on the the mount. 31 And thou shalt make a vail of blue. edge of the curtain of the second coupling, 11 And and purple, and scarlet varn, and twisted linen, of thou shalt make fifty hooks of copper; and thou shalt weavers' work shall it be made, with cherubim, 32 put the hooks into the loops, and couple the tent And thou shalt hang it upon four pillars of shittim together, that it may be one piece. 12 And the part wood overlaid with gold: their hooks also shall be of hanging over in the excess of the curtains of the tent, gold: upon four sockets of silver, 33 And thou shalt the half curtain which is over, shall hang down over hang up the vail under the hooks; and thou shalt the back part of the tabernacle. 13 And the cubit on bring in thither within the vail the ark of the testimony; the one side, and the cubit on the other side in the and the vail shall divide unto you between the holy excess in the length of the curtains of the tent, shall place and the holy of holies. 34 And thou shalt put the be hanging down over the sides of the tabernacle cover upon the ark of the testimony in the holy of on this side and on that side, to cover it. 14 And holies, 35 And thou shalt set the table without the thou shalt make a cover for the tent of rams' skins vail, and the candlestick over against the table on dyed red, and a cover of badgers' skins above. 15 the side of the tabernacle, toward the south; and the And thou shalt make the boards for the tabernacle of table thou shalt put on the north side. 36 And thou shittim wood, standing up. 16 Ten cubits shall be the shalt make a hanging for the door of the tent, of blue, length of each board, and a cubit and a half shall be and purple, and scarlet varn, and twisted linen; the the breadth of each one board. 17 There shall be work of the embroiderer. 37 And thou shalt make for two tenons for every board, fitted in, one against the the hanging five pillars of shittim wood, and overlay other: the like shalt thou make for all the boards of the them with gold, their hooks also shall be of gold; and tabernacle. 18 And thou shalt make the boards for the thou shalt cast for them five sockets of copper. tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side, on the right. 19 And forty sockets of silver shalt thou make under the twenty boards: two sockets under the one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under the other board for its two tenons. 20 And for the other side of the tabernacle, for the north side, there shall be twenty boards: 21 And their forty sockets of silver: two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the other board. 22 And for the back wall of the tabernacle, westward, thou shalt make six boards. 23 And two boards shalt thou make for the corners of the tabernacle in the back wall. 24 And they shall be closely fitting together beneath, and thev shall be closely joined together on the top by means of one ring: thus shall it be for both of them; for the two corners shall they be. 25 And so they shall be eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets: two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the other board. 26 And thou shalt make bars of shittim wood: five for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle: 27 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the side of the tabernacle, for the back wall, westward: 28 And the middle bar in the midst of the boards, passing from the one end to the other end. 29 And the boards thou shalt overlay with gold, and their rings thou shalt make of gold, as receptacles for the bars; and thou shalt overlay the bars with gold. 30

front side of the tabernacle. 10 And thou shalt make. And thou shalt rear up the tabernacle, according to

And thou shalt make the altar of shittim wood: five cubits long, and five cubits broad. a foursquare shall the altar be, and three cubits shall be its height. 2 And thou shalt make its horns on its four corners, from itself shall its horns be; and thou shalt overlay it with copper. 3 And thou shalt make its pots to receive its ashes, and its shovels, and its basins, and its forks, and its fire-pans; all its vessels thou shalt make of copper. 4 And thou shalt make for it a grating, of a network of copper; and thou shalt make upon the net four rings of copper, on its four corners. 5 And thou shalt put it under the compass of the altar beneath, and the net shall reach even to the half of the altar. 6 And thou shalt make staves for the altar, staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with copper. 7 And the staves shall be put into the rings. and the staves shall be upon the two sides of the altar, when they bear it. 8 Hollow, of boards, shalt thou make it; as it was shown to thee on the mount, so shall they make it. 9 And thou shalt make the court of the tabernacle: for the south side, on the right, the hangings for the court, of twisted linen, shall be a hundred cubits in length, for the one side. 10 And its pillars shall be twenty, with their twenty sockets of copper: the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall be of silver. 11 And likewise for the north side in the length there shall be hangings one hundred cubits in

length, and its pillars twenty with their twenty sockets the two edges thereof; by which it shall be joined of copper; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets shall together. 8 And the belt for girding, which is upon it, be of silver. 12 And [for] the breadth of the court on shall be of the same make, out of the same piece the west side shall be fifty cubits of hangings; their with itself; of gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet breadth of the court on the front side, eastward, shall only stones, and engrave on them the names of be on the one wing; their pillars shall be three and one stone, and the names of the remaining six on their sockets three. 15 And on the other wing shall the other stone, according to the order of their birth. be fifteen cubits of hangings; their pillars shall be 11 With the work of an engraver in stone, like the three, and their sockets three. 16 And for the gate engraving of a signet, shalt thou engrave the two of the court shall be a hanging of twenty cubits, of stones with the names of the children of Israel; fitted blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, and twisted linen, in settings of gold shalt thou make them. 12 And thou the work of the embroiderer; with four pillars for the shalt put the two stones upon the shoulder-pieces of same, and their four sockets. 17 All the pillars round the ephod as stones of memorial unto the children of about the court shall be filleted with silver; their hooks Israel; and Aaron shall bear their names before the shall be of silver and their sockets of copper. 18 The Lord upon his two shoulders for a memorial. 13 And length of the court shall be one hundred cubits, and thou shalt make casings of gold: 14 And two chains the breadth fifty by fifty, and the height five cubits, of of pure gold, with knots at the ends, of wreathed twisted linen, and the sockets for the same of copper. work shalt thou make them, and thou shalt fasten the 19 All the vessels of the tabernacle in all the service wreathed chains to the casings. 15 And thou shalt thereof, and all its pins, and all the pins of the court, make the breastplate of judgment, of weaver's work; shall be of copper. 20 And thou shalt command the after the work of the ephod thou shalt make it; of children of Israel, that they bring thee pure olive oil, gold, of blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, and of beaten out, for the lighting, to cause a light to burn twisted linen, shalt thou make it. 16 Four-square shall without the vail, which is before the testimony, shall 17 And thou shalt set in it settings of stones, even four Aaron with his sons arrange it [for] from the evening rows of stones; the first row, a sardius, a topaz, and to the morning, before the Lord; as a statute for ever an emerald; this shall be the first row. 18 And the unto their generations, on behalf of the children of second row, a carbuncle, a sapphire, and a diamond. Israel.

**28** And thou shalt let come near unto thee Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him, from among the children of Israel, that he may be a priest unto me; Aaron, Nadab and Abihu, Elazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron. 2 And thou shalt make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, for glory and for ornament. 3 And thou shalt speak unto all that are wisehearted, whom I have filled with the spirit of wisdom, that they may make garments for Aaron, to sanctify him, that he may be a priest unto me. 4 And these are the garments which they shall make: a breastplate, and an ephod, and a robe, and a checkered coat, a mitre, and a girdle; and they shall make holy garments for Aaron thy brother, and for his sons, to be a priest unto me. 5 And they shall take the gold, and the blue, and purple, and scarlet varn, and the linen. 6 And they shall make the ephod, of gold, of blue, and of purple, of scarlet yarn, and twisted linen, of weaver's work. 7 Two shoulder-pieces shall it have joined at

pillars shall be ten, and their sockets ten. 13 And the yarn, and twisted linen. 9 And thou shalt take two be fifty cubits. 14 And fifteen cubits of hangings shall the children of Israel: 10 Six of their names on the always. 21 In the tabernacle of the congregation, it be, double; a span in length, and a span in breadth. 19 And the third row, an opal, a turguoise, and an amethyst. 20 And the fourth row, a chrysolite, and an onyx, and a jasper: they shall be fitted in golden casings when they are set in. 21 And the stones shall be according to the names of the children of Israel, twelve, according to their names; [engraved] with the engraving of a signet, every one according to his name, shall they be for the twelve tribes. 22 And thou shalt make on the breastplate chains with knots at the ends, of wreathed work, of pure gold. 23 And thou shalt make on 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 wreathed chains of gold in the two rings, on the ends of the breastplate. 25 And the [other] two ends of the two wreathed chains thou shalt fasten on the two casings, and put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod on the outside thereof. 26 And thou shalt make two rings of gold, and thou shalt put them on the two ends of the breastplate on its border, which is on the opposite side of the ephod, inward. 27 And thou shalt make

shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, toward its come in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, or front part, close by its seam, above the girdle of the when they come near unto the altar to minister in ephod. 28 And they shall fasten the breastplate by its the holy place; that they bear not iniquity, and die; a rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of blue, statute for ever shall it be for him and for his seed that it may remain on the girdle of the ephod, and after him. 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 the Lord continually. 30 And thou shalt put into the breastplate of judgment the Urim and the Thummim, and they shall be upon Aaron's heart. when he goeth in before the Lord; and Aaron shall bear the judgment of the children of Israel upon his heart before the Lord continually. 31 And thou shalt make the robe of the ephod altogether of blue woolen varn. 32 And there shall be an opening in the top of it, in the midst thereof; it shall have a binding of woven work, round about its opening, as it is on the opening of a habergeon, so shall it be thereon, that it be not rent. 33 And thou shalt make on its lower hem pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet varn, round about its lower hem; and bells of gold between them round about: 34 A golden bell and a pomegranate, a golden bell and a pomegranate, on the lower hem of the robe round about. 35 And it shall be upon Aaron when he ministereth; and his sound shall be heard when he goeth in into the holy place before the Lord, 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 engraving of a signet, Holy unto the Lord. 37 And thou shalt fasten it on a lace of blue, and it shall be upon the mitre: upon the front of the mitre shall it be. 38 And it shall be upon Aaron's forehead: and Aaron shall atone for the iniquity of the holy things, which the children of Israel shall hallow in all their holy gifts; and it shall be upon his forehead always, that they may be received in favor before the Lord. 39 And thou shalt make the coat of linen checkered, and thou shalt make a mitre of linen, and a girdle shalt thou make of embroiderer's work. 40 And for Aaron's sons shalt thou make coats, and thou shalt make for them girdles; and bonnets thou shalt make for them, for glory and for ornament, 41 And thou shalt clothe therewith Aaron thy brother, and his sons with him: and thou shalt anoint them, and consecrate them, and sanctify them. that they may be priests unto me. 42 And thou shalt make them linen breeches to cover their nakedness: from the loins even unto the thighs shall they reach. 43 And they

two more rings of gold, and shalt put them on the two shall be upon Aaron, and upon his sons, when they

29 And this is the thing that thou shalt do unto them to hallow them, to become priests unto me: Take one young bullock, and two rams without blemish. 2 And unleavened bread, and unleavened cakes, mingled with oil, and unleavened wafers, anointed with oil; of fine wheaten flour shalt thou make them. 3 And thou shalt put them into one basket, and bring them near in the basket, with the bullock and the two rams. 4 And Aaron and his sons shalt thou bring near unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, and shalt wash them with water. 5 And thou shalt take the garments, and clothe Aaron with the coat. and the robe of the ephod, and the ephod, and the breastplate, and gird him with the girdle of the ephod: 6 And thou shalt put the mitre upon his head, and thou shalt fasten 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 his sons shalt thou bring near, and clothe them with coats. 9 And thou shalt gird them with the girdles, Aaron and his sons, and bind the bonnets on them; and the priest's office shall be theirs for a perpetual statute: and thus shalt thou consecrate Aaron and his sons. 10 And thou shalt cause the bullock to be brought before the tabernacle of the congregation: and Aaron and his sons shall lav their hands upon the head of the bullock. 11 And thou shalt kill the bullock before the Lord, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 12 And thou shalt take of the blood of the bullock, and put it upon the horns of the altar with thy finger, and all the remaining blood shalt thou pour out beside the bottom of the altar. 13 And thou shalt take all the fat that covereth the inwards, and the midriff above 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 his skin, and his dung, shalt thou burn with fire, without the camp: it is a sin-offering. 15 And the one ram shalt thou take: and Aaron and his sons shall lav their hands upon the head of the ram. 16 And thou shalt slay the ram, and thou shalt take his blood, and sprinkle it upon the altar round about. 17 And the ram shalt thou cut in pieces, and wash his inwards, and his leas, and put them with his pieces, and with his head. 18 And thou shalt burn the whole ram upon

of Israel, from the sacrifices of their peace-offerings, as their heave-offering unto the Lord. 29 And the holy garments belonging to Aaron shall be for his sons after him, to anoint them therein, and to consecrate them therein. 30 Seven days shall that one of his sons put them on who is to be priest in his place, who is to go into the tabernacle of the congregation to minister in the sanctuary. 31 And the ram of the consecration shalt thou take, and seethe his flesh in a holy place. 32 And Aaron with his sons shall eat the flesh of the ram, and the bread that is in the basket, by the door

the altar, it is a burnt-offering unto the Lord; it is a of the tabernacle of the congregation. 33 And they sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto the Lord. shall eat those things wherewith the atonement was 19 And thou shalt take the other ram; and Aaron and made, to consecrate them and to sanctify them; but his sons shall lay their hands upon the head of the a stranger shall not eat thereof, because they are ram. 20 Then shalt thou kill the ram, and take of his holy. 34 And if aught of the flesh of the consecration blood, and put it upon the tip of Aaron's right ear, and sacrifice, or of the bread, remain unto the morning, upon the tip of the right ear of his sons, and upon the then shalt thou burn the remainder with fire; it shall thumb of their right hand, and upon the great toe of not be eaten, because it is holy. 35 And thou shalt their right foot, and sprinkle the blood upon the altar do unto Aaron, and to his sons thus, all as I have round about. 21 And thou shalt take of the blood that commanded thee; seven days shalt thou consecrate is upon the altar, and of the anointing oil, and sprinkle them. 36 And a bullock shalt thou offer every day them upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and upon for a sin-offering as an atonement: and thou shalt his sons, and upon the garments of his sons with him: cleanse the altar, in as much as thou makest an and he shall be hallowed, together with his garments, atonement upon it; and thou shalt anoint it, to sanctify and his sons, and the garments of his sons with him, it, 37 Seven days shalt thou make an atonement upon 22 And thou shalt take from the ram the fat and the the altar and sanctify it; and the altar shall be most rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, and the holy; whatsoever toucheth the altar shall be holy. 38 midriff above the liver, and the two kidneys, and the And this is what thou shalt offer upon the altar: Two fat that is upon them, and the right shoulder; for it is a sheep of the first year for every day, continually. 39 ram of consecration; 23 And one loaf of bread, and The one sheep shalt thou offer in the morning; and one cake of the oiled bread, and one wafer, out of the the other sheep shalt thou offer toward evening. 40 basket of the unleavened bread that is before the And a tenth part of fine flour mingled with the fourth Lord. 24 And thou shalt put all this upon the hands part of a hin of beaten oil, and the fourth part of of Aaron, and upon the hands of his sons; and thou a hin of wine for a drink-offering, shall be for the shalt make with them a waving before the Lord. 25 one sheep. 41 And the other sheep shalt thou offer And thou shalt then take them from their hands, and toward evening; according to the meat-offering of burn them upon the altar upon the burnt-offering; for a the morning, and according to its drink-offering shalt sweet savor before the Lord, it is an offering made by thou do unto it, for a sweet savor, an offering made fire unto the Lord. 26 And thou shalt take the breast of by fire unto the Lord. 42 A continual burnt-offering the ram of the consecration that belongeth to Aaron, throughout your generations [shall this be] at the door and make therewith a waving before the Lord; and of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord; it shall belong to thee as thy portion. 27 And thou where I will meet with you, to speak unto thee there. shalt sanctify the breast which hath been waved, and 43 And I will meet there with the children of Israel, and the shoulder which hath been lifted up, which was it shall be sanctified by my glory. 44 And I will sanctify waved, and which was heaved up, of the ram of the the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: and consecration, of that which belongeth to Aaron, and both Aaron and his sons will I sanctify, that they may of that which belongeth to his sons: 28 That they shall he priests unto me. 45 And I will dwell among the belong to Aaron and to his sons, as a statute forever, children of Israel, and I will be to them for a God. 46 from the children of Israel; for it is a heave-offering. And they shall know that I am the Eternal, their God. and a heave-offering it shall remain from the children who brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, that I might dwell among them: I am the Lord their God.

30 And thou shalt make an altar to burn incense upon, of shittim wood shalt thou make it. 2 A cubit shall be its length, and a cubit its breadth, foursquare shall it be: and two cubits shall be its height: from itself shall its horns be. 3 And thou shalt overlay it with pure gold, its top, and its sides round about, and its horns; and thou shalt make unto it a crown of gold round about. 4 And two rings of gold shalt thou make for it beneath its crown, on its two

and they shall be as receptacles for the staves to throughout their generations. 22 And the Lord spoke bear it by means of them, 5 And thou shalt make the unto Moses, saving, 23 And thou, take unto thyself staves of shittim wood, and overlay them with gold, principal spices; of pure myrrh five hundred shekels. 6 And thou shalt put it before the vail that is before and of sweet cinnamon, its half shall be two hundred the ark of the testimony, before the mercy-seat that and fifty shekels, and of sweet calamus two hundred is over the testimony, where I will meet with thee. and fifty shekels, 24 And of cassia five hundred 7 And Aaron shall burn thereon incense of spices: shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary, and of every morning when he dresseth the lamps, shall he olive-oil one hin. 25 And thou shalt make of it an oil of burn it. 8 And when Aaron lighteth the lamps toward holy anointing, a mixture, compounded after the art of evening, shall he burn it; a perpetual incense before the apothecary: an oil of holy anointing shall it be. 26 the Lord, throughout your generations. 9 Ye shall not And thou shalt anoint therewith the tabernacle of the offer thereon any strange incense, or burnt-sacrifice, congregation, and the ark of the testimony, 27 And or meat-offering; and a drink-offering shall ve not the table and all its vessels, and the candlestick and pour thereon. 10 And Aaron shall make an atonement its vessels, and the altar of incense, 28 And the altar upon its horns once in a year; with the blood of the of burnt-offering with all its vessels, and the laver sin-offering of the day of atonement, once in the and its foot. 29 And thou shalt sanctify them, and year, shall be make atonement upon it, throughout they shall be most holy; whatsoever toucheth them your generations; it is most holy unto the Lord. 11 shall be holy. 30 And Aaron and his sons shalt thou And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 12 When anoint, and consecrate them to be priests unto me. thou takest the sum of the children of Israel of those 31 And unto the children of Israel shalt thou speak, who are to be numbered of them, then shall they saying, An oil of holy anointing shall this be unto me give every man a ransom for his soul unto the Lord, throughout your generations, 32 Upon the flesh of when they number them; that there be no plague man shall it not be poured, and after its proportion among them, when they number them. 13 This shall shall ye not make any thing like it; it is holy, and holy they give, every one that passeth among those that shall it be unto you, 33 Whosoever compoundeth are numbered. Half a shekel after the shekel of the the like of it, or whosoever putteth any of it upon a sanctuary; twenty gerahs to the shekel; the half of the stranger, shall be cut off from his people. 34 And shekel shall be the tribute to the Lord. 14 Every one the Lord said unto Moses, Take unto thee spices, that passeth among those that are numbered, from balm, and onycha, and galbanum, spices, with pure twenty years old and above, shall give the tribute frankincense: of each shall there be an equal weight. unto the Lord. 15 The rich shall not give more, and 35 And thou shalt make it an incense, a mixture after the poor shall not give less than the half of a shekel, the art of the apothecary, well mingled together, pure as a tribute unto the Lord, to make an atonement and holy, 36 And thou shalt pour some of it fine, and for your souls. 16 And thou shalt take the money offer of it before the testimony in the tabernacle of the of the atonement from the children of Israel, and congregation, where I will meet with thee; most holy shalt employ it for the service of the tabernacle of the shall it be unto you. 37 And as for the incense which congregation; and it shall be unto the children of Israel thou shalt make, according to its proportion, shall ve as a memorial before the Lord, to make an atonement not make any unto yourselves; holy shall it be unto for your souls. 17 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, thee for the Lord. 38 Whosoever shall make the like of saying, 18 Thou shalt also make a layer of copper, it, to smell thereon, shall be cut off from his people. with its foot of copper, to wash withal: and thou shalt set it between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put therein water. 19 And Aaron and his sons shall wash out of it their hands and their feet. 20 When they go into the tabernacle of the congregation, shall they wash themselves with water, that they die not; or when they come near to the altar to minister, to burn an offering made by fire unto the Lord. 21 And they shall wash their hands and their feet, that they die not; and it shall be to

corners shalt thou make them, upon both its sides; them a statute for ever, even to him and to his seed

31 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 See, I have called by name Bezalel the son of Uri. the son of Chur, 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 works of art, to work in gold, and in silver, and in copper, 5 And in the cutting of stones, to set them, and in the carving of wood, to work in all manner of workmanship. 6 And

Achissamach, of the tribe of Dan, and in the heart O Israel, that have brought thee up out of the land of of all that are wise-hearted have I put wisdom; and Egypt. 5 And when Aaron saw this, he built an altar they shall make all that I have commanded thee; 7 before it; and Aaron called out, and said. A feast unto The tabernacle of the congregation, and the ark of the Lord is tomorrow. 6 And they rose up early on the the testimony, and the cover that is thereupon, and morrow, and offered burnt-offerings, and brought near all the vessels of the tabernacle; 8 And the table peace-offerings; and the people sat down to eat and and its vessels, and the pure candlestick with all its to drink, and rose up to play. 7 And the Lord spoke vessels, and the altar of incense; 9 And the altar of unto Moses, Go, get thee down; for thy people, which burnt-offering with all its vessels, and the laver and thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, hath its foot; 10 And the cloths of service, and the holy become corrupt: 8 They have turned aside quickly garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments of from the way which I have commanded them; they his sons, to minister therein; 11 And the anointing oil, have made themselves a molten calf: and they have and the incense of spices for the holy place: all as bowed themselves to it, and have sacrificed unto it, I have commanded thee shall they do. 12 And the and have said, These are thy gods, O Israel, that have Lord said unto Moses as followeth, 13 And thou shalt brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 9 And the speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Above all, Lord said unto Moses, I have seen this people, and, my sabbaths shall ve keep; for a sign it is between behold, it is a stiffnecked people, 10 And now let me me and you throughout your generations; that ye may alone, and my wrath shall wax hot against them, and know that I am the Lord who doth sanctify you. 14 I will make an end of them; and I will make of thee a And ye shall keep the sabbath, for it is holy unto you; great nation. 11 Thereupon Moses besought the Lord every one that defileth it shall surely be put to death; his God, and said, Why, O Lord, shall thy wrath wax for whosoever doeth any work thereon, that soul shall hot against thy people, that thou hast brought forth be cut off from among his people. 15 Six days may out of the land of Egypt, with great power and with a work be done; but on the seventh is the sabbath of mighty hand? 12 Wherefore should the Egyptians rest, holy to the Lord: whosoever doeth any work say thus, For mischief did he bring them out, to slay on the sabbath-day, shall surely be put to death. 16 them in the mountains, and to destroy them from the And the children of Israel shall keep the sabbath, to face of the earth? Turn from thy fierce wrath, and observe the sabbath throughout their generations, repent thee of the evil decreed against thy people. 13 for a perpetual covenant. 17 Between me and the Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, thy servants, children of Israel it shall be a sign for ever; for in six to whom thou didst swear by thy own self, and speak days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, and unto them, I will multiply your seed as the stars of on the seventh day he rested, and was refreshed: heaven; and all this land that I have spoken of will I 18 And he gave unto Moses, when he had finished give unto your seed, and they shall inherit it for ever. speaking with him upon mount Sinai, the two tables 14 And the Lord bethought himself of the evil which of the testimony, tables of stone, inscribed with the he had spoken to do unto his people. 15 And Moses finger of God.

**32** And when the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mount, the people assembled themselves together around Aaron, and they said unto him, Up, make us gods, that shall go before us; for of this man Moses, who hath brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what is become of him. 2 And Aaron said unto them, Take out the golden earrings, which are in the ears of your wives, of your sons, and of your daughters, and bring them unto me. 3 And all the people took out the golden earrings, which were in their ears, and brought them unto Aaron. 4 And he took them from their hand, and fashioned it in a mould, and he made

behold, I have also given with him Aholiab, the son of of it a molten calf; and they said. These are thy gods, turned about, and went down from the mount with the two tables of the testimony in his hand: tables inscribed on both their sides: on the one side and on the other were they inscribed. 16 And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, engraved upon the tables. 17 And Joshua heard the noise of the people in its shouting, and he said unto Moses, There is a noise of war in the camp. 18 And he said, It is not the voice of a shout for mastery, neither is it the voice of a cry for defeat; the noise of singing do I hear. 19 And it came to pass, when he came nigh unto the camp, and he saw the calf, and the dancing: that the anger of Moses waxed hot, and he cast from his hands the tables, and broke them at the foot of the mount. 20 And he took the calf which

powder, and he strewed it upon the water, and made will send before thee an angel; and I will drive out the children of Israel drink of it. 21 And Moses said the Canaanite, the Emorite, and the Hittite, and the unto Aaron. What hath this people done unto thee. Perizzite, the Hivite, and the Jebusite: — 3 Unto a that thou hast brought upon it so great a sin? 22 And land flowing with milk and honey; for I will not go up Aaron said, Let not the anger of my Lord wax hot: in the midst of thee, because thou art a stiffnecked thou knowest the people, that it is bent on mischief, people; lest I consume thee on the way. 4 And when 23 And they said unto me. Make us gods that shall the people heard these evil tidings, they mourned: go before us; for of this man Moses, who brought and no man did put his ornaments on him. 5 For the us up out of the land of Egypt, we know not what Lord had said unto Moses, Say unto the children of hath become of him. 24 And I said unto them, Who Israel, Ye are a stiffnecked people; should I go up one hath any gold? They took it off themselves and gave moment in the midst of thee, I would consume thee; it to me, and I cast it into the fire, and there came now therefore put off thy ornaments from thee, and I out this calf. 25 And Moses saw the people that it shall know what I will do unto thee. 6 The children of had become unruly; for Aaron had made it unruly for Israel then stripped themselves of their ornaments a disgrace among their opponents. 26 Moses then [they wore] from [the time they were at] mount Horeb. placed himself in the gate of the camp, and said, 7 And Moses took the tent, and pitched it without the Whoever is on the Lord's side, let him come unto me! camp, afar off from the camp, and called it, Tabernacle and there assembled themselves unto him all the of the congregation; and it came to pass, that every sons of Levi. 27 And he said unto them, Thus hath one who sought [instruction of] the Lord went out said the Eternal, the God of Israel, Put ye every man unto the tabernacle of the congregation, which was his sword by his side, and go ye hither and thither, without the camp. 8 And it came to pass, that when from gate to gate in the camp, and slay ye every Moses went out unto the tent, all the people would man his brother, and every man his companion, and rise up, and stand every man at the door of his tent, every man his relative. 28 And the children of Levi did and look after Moses, until he was gone into the tent. according to the word of Moses; and there fell of the 9 And it came to pass, that as Moses entered into the people on that day about three thousand men. 29 And tent, the pillar of cloud descended, and stood at the Moses said. Consecrate yourselves today to the Lord, door of the tent, and spoke with Moses, 10 And when yea even every man on his son, and on his brother; all the people saw the pillar of cloud stand at the door and to bestow upon you this day a blessing. 30 And it of the tent: then all the people rose up and prostrated came to pass on the morrow, that Moses said unto themselves, every man at the door of his tent. 11 And the people, Ye have sinned a great sin: and now I the Lord spoke unto Moses face to face, as a man will go up unto the Lord; peradventure I may obtain speaketh unto his friend; and then he returned into an atonement for your sin. 31 And Moses returned the camp; but his servant, Joshua the son of Nun, unto the Lord, and said, Oh, this people hath sinned a young man, departed not out of the tent. 12 And a great sin, and they have made themselves gods of Moses said unto the Lord, See, thou sayest unto me, gold. 32 Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin-; but if Bring up this people; but thou hast not let me know not, blot me out, I pray thee, from thy book which whom thou wilt send with me; and yet thou hast said, I thou hast written. 33 And the Lord said unto Moses. have chosen thee by name, and thou hast also found Whosoever hath sinned against me, him will I blot out grace in my eyes. 13 Now, therefore, I pray thee, if I from my book. 34 And now go, lead the people unto have found grace in thy eyes, do make me know thy the place of which I have spoken unto thee; behold, way, that I may know thee, in order that I may find my angel shall go before thee; but on the day when I grace in thy eyes; and consider that this nation is visit I will visit their sin upon them. 35 And the Lord thy people. 14 And he said, My presence shall go in sent a plaque among the people, because that they advance, and I will give thee rest. 15 And he said unto had made the calf which Aaron made.

33 And the Lord said unto Moses, Depart, go up from here, thou and the people that thou hast brought up out of the land of Egypt, unto the land which I swore unto Abraham, to Isaac, and to

they had made, and burnt it in fire, and ground it to a Jacob, saying. Unto thy seed will I give it; — 2 And I him, If thy presence go not [with us, ] carry us not up from here. 16 For wherein shall it be known in any wise that I have found grace in thy eyes. I with thy people? is it not in that thou goest with us? so shall we be distinguished, I and thy people, from all the people that are upon the face of the earth. 17 And the

Lord said unto Moses, Also this thing that thou hast that I will do with thee. 11 Observe thou that which I see my back parts; but my face shall not be seen.

**3** And the Lord said unto Moses, Hew thyself two tables of stone like unto the first; and I will write upon these tables the words which were on the first tables, which thou didst break. 2 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. 3 And no man shall come up with thee, neither let any man be seen throughout all the mount; neither let the flocks or herds feed near this mount. 4 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 the Lord had commanded him; and he took in his hand the two tables of stone. 5 And the Lord descended in a cloud, and stood with him there, and proclaimed, by name, the Lord. 6 And the Lord passed by before him, and proclaimed, The Lord is the immutable, eternal Being, the omnipotent God, merciful and gracious, long-suffering and abundant in beneficence and truth; 7 Keeping mercy unto the thousandth [generation], forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin, but who will by no means clear the guilty; visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon the children's children, unto the third and to the fourth generation. 8 And Moses made haste, and bowed his head toward the earth, and prostrated himself. 9 And he said, If now I have found grace in thy eyes, O Lord, let the Lord, I pray thee, go among us: even because it is a stiffnecked people: and pardon thou our iniquity and our sin, and take us for thy heritage. 10 And he said, Behold, I make a covenant: before all thy people will I perform wonders, such as have not been done on all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people amongst whom thou art shall see the work of the Lord; for it is a terrible thing

spoken will I do; for thou hast found grace in my eyes, command thee this day; behold, I will drive out before and I have chosen thee by name. 18 And he said, Let thee the Emorite, and the Canaanite, and the Hittite, me see. I beseech thee, thy glory. 19 And he said, I and the Perizzite, and the Hivite, and the Jebusite, 12 will cause all my goodness to pass before thy face, Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with and I will proclaim, by name, the Lord before thee; the inhabitants of the land against which thou goest and I will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and up, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee; 13 But I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy. 20 And their altars shall ye destroy, and their statues shall he said, Thou canst not see my face; for no man can ye break, and their groves shall ye cut down. 14 For see me, and live. 21 And the Lord said, Behold, there thou shalt worship no other God; for the Lord whose is a place by me, and thou shalt stand upon the rock: name is Watchful, is a watchful God. 15 Make thou 22 And it shall come to pass, while my glory passeth then no covenant with the inhabitants of the land; lest by, that I will put thee in the cleft of the rock, and I will that, if they go astray after their gods, and sacrifice cover thee with my hand, until I have passed by. 23 unto their gods, any one call thee, and thou eat of his And then I will take away my hand, and thou shalt sacrifice: 16 And lest thou take of his daughters unto thy sons; and when his daughters go astray after their gods, they make thy sons also go astray after their gods. 17 Thou shalt not make unto thyself any molten gods. 18 The feast of unleavened bread shalt thou keep; seven days shalt thou eat unleavened bread, as I have commanded thee, in the time of the month of Abib; for in the month of Abib thou wentest forth out of Egypt. 19 All that openeth the womb is mine: and every firstling that is a male among thy cattle, whether ox or lamb. 20 But the firstling of an ass shalt thou redeem with a lamb; and if thou redeem him not. then shalt thou break his neck; all the first-born of thy sons shalt thou redeem; and none shall appear before me empty. 21 Six days thou mayest work, but on the seventh day shalt thou rest: even in ploughing time and in harvest shalt thou rest. 22 And the feast of weeks shalt thou observe, with the firstfruits of the wheat harvest: and the feast of ingathering at the closing of the year. 23 Thrice in the year shall all thy males appear before the Lord, the Eternal, the God of Israel. 24 For I will cast out nations before thee, and enlarge thy borders; yet shall no man desire thy land, when thou goest up to appear in the presence of the Lord thy God thrice in the year. 25 Thou shalt not offer the blood of my sacrifice with leaven; neither shall be left unto the morning the sacrifice of the feast of the passover. 26 The first of the first-fruits of thy land shalt thou bring unto the house of the Lord thy God: thou shalt not seethe a kid in his mother's milk. 27 And the Lord said unto Moses. Write thee down these words; for after the tenor of these words have I made with thee a covenant and with Israel. 28 And he remained there with the Lord forty days and forty nights: bread he did not eat, and water he did not drink; and he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments. 29 And it came to

pass, when Moses came down from mount Sinai, for the lighting, and its vessel, and its lamps, with the with the two tables of the testimony in Moses' hand, oil for the lighting: 15 And the altar of incense, and when be came down from the mount, that Moses its stayes, and the anointing oil, and the incense of knew not that the skin of his face shone, because spices, and the hanging for the door at the entrance he had spoken with him. 30 And Aaron and all the of the tabernacle: 16 The altar of burnt-offering, with children of Israel saw Moses, and, behold, the skin of its grating of copper, its staves, and all its vessels, his face shone: and they were afraid to come nigh the laver and its foot; 17 The hangings of the court, unto him. 31 But Moses called unto them, and then its pillars, and its sockets, and the hanging for the returned unto him Aaron and all the princes of the door of the court; 18 The pins of the tabernacle, and congregation: and Moses spoke to them. 32 And the pins of the court, and their cords; 19 The cloths of afterward all the children of Israel came nigh: and he service, to do service therewith in the holy place, the commanded them all that which the Lord had spoken holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments with him on mount Sinai. 33 And when Moses had of his sons, to minister in as priests, 20 And all the done speaking with them, he put a vail over his face, congregation of the children of Israel departed from 34 But when Moses went in before the Lord to speak the presence of Moses. 21 And they came, every with him, he took the vail off, until he came out; and man whose heart stirred him up; and every one whom then he came out, and spoke unto the children of his spirit made willing, brought the Lord's offering for Israel that which he had been commanded, 35 And the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, and the children of Israel saw the face of Moses, that the for all its service, and for the holy garments, 22 And skin of Moses' face shone: and Moses put the vail they came, the men with the women; whoever was again over his face, until he went in to speak with willing-hearted, brought bracelets, and earrings, and him.

**35** And gathered together all the Moses congregation of the children of Israel, and said unto them. These are the things which the Lord hath commanded, that ve should do them. 2 Six days shall work be done, but on the seventh day there shall be to you a holy day, a sabbath of rest to the Lord: whosoever doth work thereon shall be put to death. 3 Ye shall not kindle any fire throughout your habitations upon the sabbath day, 4 And Moses said unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, as followeth, This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, saying, 5 Take ye from among you an offering unto the Lord; whosoever is of a willing heart, let him bring it, an offering of the Lord: Gold, and silver, and copper. 6 And blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, and linen thread, and goats' hair, 7 And rams' skills dyed red, and badgers' skins, and shittim wood. 8 And oil for the lighting, and spices for the anointing oil, and for the incense of spices 9 And onyx stones, and stones for setting, for the ephod, and for the breastplate. 10 And all the wisehearted among you shall come, and make all that which the Lord hath commanded: 11 The tabernacle. its tent, and its covering, its hooks, and its boards. its bars, its pillars, and its sockets; 12 The ark, and its staves, [with] the mercy-seat, and the vail of the separation; 13 The table, and its staves, and all its vessels, and the showbread: 14 And the candlestick

finger-rings, and tablets, all kinds of ornaments of gold, and every man that offered an offering of gold unto the Lord. 23 And every man, with whom was found blue, and purple, and scarlet varn, and linen thread, and goats' hair, and rams' skins dyed red, and badgers' skins, brought them. 24 Every one that did offer an offering of silver and copper brought it as the Lord's offering; and every one with whom was found shittim wood for any work of the service, brought it. 25 And all the women that were wise-hearted spun with their hands, and they brought that which they had spun, of the blue, and of the purple, and of the scarlet varn, and of the linen thread, 26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up in wisdom spun the goats' hair. 27 And the princes brought the onyx stones, and the stones for setting, for the ephod, and for the breastplate: 28 And the spice and the oil, for lighting, and for the anointing oil, and for the incense of spices. 29 Every man and woman, whose heart made them willing to bring for all manner of work, which the Lord had commanded to be made, by the hand of Moses, even that brought the children of Israel as a free-will offering unto the Lord. 30 And Moses said unto the children of Israel, See, the Lord hath called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Chur, of the tribe of Judah; 31 And he hath filled him with the spirit of God, in wisdom, in understanding, and in knowledge, and in all manner of workmanship: 32 And to devise works of art, to work in gold, and in silver, and in copper, 33 And in the cutting of stones,

to set them, and in the carving of wood, to make any the loops were fixed opposite to each other. 13 And manner of work of art. 34 And to teach hath he put he made fifty hooks of gold; and he coupled the in his heart, both to him, and to Aholiab, the son of curtains together one unto the other with the hooks, Achissamach, of the tribe of Dan. 35 He hath filled them with wisdom of heart, to execute all manner of he made curtains of goats' hair for a tent over the work, of the engraver, and of the designing weaver, and of the embroiderer, in blue, and in purple, in scarlet yarn, and in linen thread, and of the weaver, cubits was the breadth of each curtain: there was one of those that do every species of work, and of those five of the curtains by themselves, and six of the

36 And Bezalel and Aholiab, and every wisehearted man, in whom the Lord hath put wisdom and understanding to know how to do every manner of work for the service of the sanctuary, shall make all. iust as the Lord hath commanded. 2 And Moses called for Bezalel and Aholiab, and every wise-hearted man in whose heart the Lord had put wisdom, every one whose heart stirred him up to come near unto the work to do it: 3 And they received from Moses the whole of the offering, which the children of Israel had brought for the work of the service of the sanctuary, to make it; and these brought unto him yet more freewill offerings morning after morning. 4 And then came all the wise men, that wrought all the work of the sanctuary, every man from his own work which they were doing. 5 And they said unto Moses, thus, The people bring more than is required for the service of the work, which the Lord hath commanded to make. 6 And Moses gave the command, and they caused it to be proclaimed throughout the camp, saying, Let neither man nor woman do any more work for the offering of the sanctuary: so the people were restrained from bringing [more]. 7 And the stuff prepared was sufficient for all the work to make it, and there was some over. 8 And all the wise-hearted men, among those who wrought the work, made the tabernacle of ten curtains; of twisted linen thread, and blue, and purple, and scarlet varn; with cherubim. of weaver's work, made he them. 9 The length of each curtain was twenty-eight cubits, and the breadth of each curtain four cubits: there was one measure for all the curtains. 10 And he coupled together five of the curtains one to another: and the other five curtains he coupled one to another. 11 And he made loops of blue on the edge of the one curtain, which was the outside in the coupling: the like he made on the border of the curtain, which was the outmost on the second coupling. 12 Fifty loops made he on the one curtain, and fifty loops made he on the edge of the curtain which was in the second coupling:

five of the curtains by themselves, and six of the curtains by themselves. 17 And he made fifty loops on the edge of the curtain that was the outmost in the coupling, and fifty loops made he on the edge of the curtain of the second coupling. 18 And he made fifty hooks of copper, to couple the tent together that it might be one piece. 19 And he made a covering for the tent of rams' skins dyed red, and a covering of badgers' skins above. 20 And he made the boards for the tabernacle, of shittim wood, standing up. 21 Ten cubits was the length of each board, and one cubit and a half was the breadth of each one board. 22 There were two tenons for every board, fitted in, one against the other: the like made he for all the boards of the tabernacle. 23 And he made the boards for the tabernacle: twenty boards for the south side, on the right. 24 And forty sockets of silver made he under the twenty boards; two sockets under the one board for its two tenons, and two sockets under the other board for its two tenons. 25 And for the other side of the tabernacle, for the north side, he made twenty boards: 26 And their forty sockets of silver; two sockets under the one board, and two sockets under the other board. 27 And for the back wall of the tabernacle, westward, he made six boards. 28 And two boards made he for the corners of the tabernacle in the back wall. 29 And they were closely fitting beneath, and they were closely joined together on the top, by means of one ring; thus he did to both of them, for both the corners, 30 And so there were eight boards, and their sockets of silver, sixteen sockets, two sockets under every board. 31 And he made bars of shittim wood; five, for the boards of the one side of the tabernacle; 32 And five bars for the boards of the other side of the tabernacle, and five bars for the boards of the tabernacle for the back wall, westward. 33 And he made the middle bar to pass through the midst of the boards from the one end to the other end. 34 And the boards he overlaid with gold, and their rings he made of gold, as receptacles for the bars, and he overlaid the bars with gold. 35 And he made the vail of blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn,

and twisted linen; of weaver's work made he it, with it. 18 And six branches were coming out of its sides; cherubim. 36 And he made thereunto four pillars of three branches of the candlestick out of its one side, shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, their hooks and three branches of the candlestick out of the other also were of gold; and he cast for them four sockets of silver. 37 And he made a hanging for the door of on one branch, with a knob and a flower; and three the tabernacle, of blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, and twisted linen; the work of the embroiderer; 38 with a knob and a flower; so on the six branches that And its five pillars with their hooks: and he overlaid them with gold; and their tops and made their fillets with gold; and their candlestick itself were four bowls, almond-shaped, with its knobs, and its flowers: 21 And a knob was

**37** And Bezalel made the ark of shittim wood: two cubits and a half was its length, and a cubit and a half its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height. 2 And he overlaid it with pure gold within and without. and made for it a crown of gold round about. 3 And he cast for it four rings of gold, for the four corners thereof; even two rings on the one side of it, and two rings on the other side of it. 4 And he made staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold. 5 And he put the staves into the rings upon the sides of the ark, to bear the ark, 6 And he made a cover of pure gold: two cubits and a half was its length, and one cubit and a half its breadth. 7 And he made two cherubim of gold, of beaten work made he them, on the two ends of the cover: 8 One cherub was on the one end. and the other cherub on the other end; out of the cover itself made he the cherubim on the two ends thereof. 9 And the cherubim were spreading forth their wings on high, overshadowing with their wings the cover, with their faces one to the other; toward the cover were the faces of the cherubim directed. 10 And he made the table of shittim wood: two cubits was its length, and a cubit its breadth, and a cubit and a half its height; 11 And he overlaid it with pure gold, and made thereto a crown of gold round about. 12 And he made unto it a rim of a hand's breadth round about, and made a golden crown on its rim round about. 13 And he cast for it four rings of gold, and he put the rings on the four corners, that were on the four feet thereof. 14 Close under the rim were the rings, as receptacles for the staves to bear the table. 15 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold, to bear the table. 16 And he made the vessels which were upon the table, its dishes, and its spoons, and its purifying tubes, and the supporters wherewith [the bread] was covered, of pure gold. 17 And he made the candlestick of pure gold: of beaten work made he the candlestick, its shaft, and its branches, its bowls. its knobs, and its flowers, were out of one piece with

with its knobs, and its flowers: 21 And a knob was under two branches that came out of the same, and a knob under two branches that came out of the same. and a knob under two branches that came out of the same, for the six branches that proceeded out of it. 22 Their knobs and their branches were out of one piece with it: all of it was one piece of beaten work, of pure gold. 23 And he made its seven lamps, and its snuffers, and its snuff-dishes, of pure gold, 24 Of a talent of pure gold made he it, and all its vessels. 25 And he made the altar of incense of shittim wood: its length was a cubit, and its breadth a cubit; it was foursquare, and two cubits was its height; from itself were its horns. 26 And he overlaid it with pure gold. its top, and its sides round about, and its horns: and he made unto it a crown of gold round about. 27 And two rings of gold he made for it beneath its crown, on its two corners, upon both its sides, as receptacles for the staves to bear it by means of them. 28 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with gold. 29 And he made the holy anointing oil, and the pure incense of spices, according to the work of the apothecary.

**38** And he made the altar of burnt-offering of shittim wood: five cubits was its length, and five cubits its breadth; it was foursquare, and three cubits was its height. 2 And he made its horns on its four corners. from itself were its horns; and he overlaid it with copper. 3 And he made all the vessels of the altar. the pots, and the shovels, and the basins, and the forks, and the fire-pans; all its vessels made he of copper. 4 And he made for the altar a grating, a network of copper, under its compass beneath, even unto the half of it. 5 And he cast four rings on the four corners of the grating of copper, as receptacles for the staves. 6 And he made the staves of shittim wood, and overlaid them with copper. 7 And he put the staves into the rings on the sides of the altar, to bear it by means of them; hollow, of boards. made he it. 8 And he made the laver of copper, and its foot of copper, of the mirrors of the assembled women

who had assembled in troops at the door of the the sanctuary: 26 A bekah for every head, that is, tabernacle of the congregation. 9 And he made the half a shekel, after the shekel of the sanctuary, for court: on the south side, on the right, the hangings every one that went to be numbered, from twenty of the court were of twisted linen, of one hundred years old and upward, for six hundred thousand and cubits; 10 Their pillars were twenty, with their twenty three thousand and five hundred and fifty. 27 And the sockets of copper; the hooks of the pillars and their hundred talents of silver served to cast the sockets fillets were of silver. 11 And for the north side one of the sanctuary, and the sockets of the vail: one hundred cubits; their pillars were twenty, with their hundred sockets to the hundred talents, a talent for twenty sockets of copper; the hooks of the pillars and every socket. 28 And of the thousand seven hundred their fillets were of silver. 12 And for the west side and seventy and five shekels he made hooks for the were hangings of fifty cubits; their pillars were ten, pillars, and overlaid their tops and filleted them. 29 and their sockets ten; the hooks of the pillars and And the copper of the offering was seventy talents, their fillets were of silver. 13 And for the front side, and two thousand and four hundred shekels. 30 eastward, fifty cubits. 14 Hangings of fifteen cubits, And he made therewith the sockets of the door of were on the one wing: their pillars were three, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar of their sockets three. 15 And for the other wing, on copper, and the grating of copper for it, and all the both sides of the gate of the court, were hangings vessels of the altar; 31 And the sockets of the court of fifteen cubits; their pillars were three, and their round about, and the socket of the court gate, and sockets three. 16 all the hangings of the court round all the pins of the tabernacle, and all the pins of the about were of twisted linen. 17 And the sockets for court round about. the pillars were of copper; the hooks of the pillars and their fillets, of silver; and the overlaying of their tops was of silver; and all the pillars of the court were filleted with silver. 18 And the hanging for the gate of the court was the work of the embroiderer, of blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, and twisted linen; and twenty cubits was the length, and the height, in the breadth, was five cubits, answering to the hangings of the court. 19 And the pillars for the same were four, with their four sockets of copper; their hooks were of silver, and the overlaying of their tops and their fillets, of silver. 20 And all the pins of the tabernacle, and of the court round about were of copper. 21 These are the accounts [of the articles furnished] for the tabernacle, even of the tabernacle of the testimony, which were counted, according to the order of Moses, the service of the Levites, by the hand of Ithamar, the son of Aaron, the priest. 22 And Bezalel the son of Uri, the son of Chur, of the tribe of Judah, made all that the Lord had commanded Moses. 23 And with him was Aholiab the son of Achissamach, of the tribe of Dan, an engraver, and a skilful weaver, and an embroiderer in blue, and in purple, and in scarlet yarn, and in linen thread. 24 All the gold that was applied to the work in all the work of the sanctuary, to wit, the gold of the offering, was twenty and nine talents, and seven hundred and thirty shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 25 And the silver of those that were numbered of the congregation was one hundred talents, and a thousand seven hundred and seventy and five shekels, after the shekel of

**39** And of the blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, they made the cloths of service, to do the service in the holy place; and they made the holy garments which were for Aaron, as the Lord had commanded Moses. 2 And he made the ephod, of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, and twisted linen; 3 And they did heat the gold into thin plates, and cut it into wires, to work it in the blue, and in the purple, and in the scarlet varn, and in the linen. with weaver's work. 4 They made shoulder-pieces for it, joined on; on both its edges was it thus joined together. 5 And the belt for girding it on, that was upon it, was of the same piece with itself, of the same make: of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, and twisted linen; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 6 And they wrought the onyx stones enclosed in casings of gold, engraved with the engraving of a signet, after the names of the children of Israel. 7 And he put them on the shoulder-pieces of the ephod, as stones of memorial to the children of Israel; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 8 And he made the breastplate with weaver's work, like the work of the ephod: of gold, blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, and twisted linen. 9 It was foursquare, double did they make the breastplate: it was a span in length, and a span in breadth, double. 10 And they set in it four rows of stones: the first row, a sardius, a topaz, and an emerald: this was the first row. 11 And the second row, a carbuncle, a sapphire, and a diamond. 12 And the third row, an opal, a turquoise, and an amethyst.

jasper: they were fitted in golden casings when they and the children of Israel had made it in accordance were set in. 14 And the stones were according to the with all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so had names of the children of Israel, twelve, according they made it, 33 And they brought the tabernacle to their names. [engraved] with the engraving of a unto Moses, the tent, and all its vessels, its hooks, its signet, every one according to his name, for the boards, its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, 34 And twelve tribes. 15 And they made upon the breastplate the covering of rams' skins dyed red, and the covering chains with knots at the ends, of wreathed work, of of badgers' skins, and the vail of the separation: 35 pure gold. 16 And they made two casings of gold, The ark of the testimony, and its staves, and the and two golden rings; and they put the two rings mercy-seat; 36 The table, and all its vessels, and the on the two ends of the breastplate. 17 And they put showbread: 37 The pure candlestick, with its lamps, the two wreathed chains of gold in the two rings on the lamps to be set in order thereupon, and all its the ends of the breastplate. 18 And the two ends of vessels, and the oil for the lighting. 38 And the golden the two wreathed chains they fastened on the two altar, and the anointing oil, and the incense of spices, casings, and they put them on the shoulder-pieces and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle: 39 of the ephod, on the outside thereof. 19 And they The copper altar, and the grating of copper which made two golden rings, and put them on the two belonged to it, its staves, and all its vessels, the laver ends of the breastplate, on its border, which was on and its foot: 40 The hangings of the court, its pillars the opposite side of the ephod, inward, 20 And they and its sockets, and the hanging for the court-gate, its made two more golden rings, and put them on the cords, and its pins, and all the vessels of the service two shoulder-pieces of the ephod underneath, toward of the tabernacle, for the tent of the congregation; 41 its front part, close by its seam, above the girdle of The cloths of service to do the service in the holy the ephod. 21 And they fastened the breastplate by place, and the holy garments for Aaron the priest. its rings unto the rings of the ephod with a lace of and the garments of his sons, to minister therein, 42 blue, that it might remain on the girdle of the ephod, All, just as the Lord had commanded Moses, so had and that the breastplate might not be loosed from the children of Israel done all the work. 43 And Moses the ephod: as the Lord had commanded Moses. 22 did look over all the work, and, behold, they had done And he made the robe of the ephod of woven work, it as the Lord had commanded, even so had they altogether of blue woolen varn. 23 And there was an done it: and Moses blessed them. opening in the midst of the robe, as the opening of a habergeon, with a binding round about the opening, that it should not be rent. 24 And they made upon the lower hem of the robe pomegranates of blue, and purple, and scarlet varn, twisted. 25 And they made bells of pure gold; and they put the bells between the pomegranates upon the lower hem of the robe. round about, between the pomegranates: 26 A bell and a pomegranate, a bell and a pomegranate, round about the lower hem of the robe, to minister therein: as the Lord had commanded Moses. 27 And they made the coats of linen, of woven work, for Aaron and for his sons, 28 And the mitre of linen, and the goodly bonnets of linen, and linen breeches of twisted linen thread, 29 And the girdle of twisted linen, and blue, and purple, and scarlet yarn, the work of the embroiderer; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 30 And they made the plate of the holy crown of pure gold, and wrote upon it a writing, like the engrafting of a signet. Holy to the Lord. 31 And they put on it a lace of blue, to place it upon the mitre above; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 32 Thus was finished all the

13 And the fourth row, a chrysolite, an onyx, and a work of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation:

40 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying. 2 On the first day of the first month shalt thou set up the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation. 3 And thou shalt put therein the ark of the testimony, and separate the ark with the vail. 4 And thou shalt bring in the table, and arrange the order of the showbread upon it; and thou shalt bring in the candlestick, and light the lamps thereof. 5 And thou shalt set the altar of gold for the incense before the ark of the testimony; and thou shalt put up the hanging at 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 the congregation. 7 And thou shalt set the layer between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and thou shalt put water therein. 8 And thou shalt set up the court round about, and put up the hanging at the gate of the court. 9 And thou shalt take the anointing oil, and anoint the tabernacle. and all that is therein; and thou shalt hallow it, with all its vessels, and it shall be holy. 10 And thou shalt anoint the altar of burnt-offering, and all its

altar shall be most holy. 11 And thou shalt anoint the And he reared up the court round about the tabernacle laver with its foot, and sanctify it. 12 And thou shalt and the altar, and put up the hanging of the gate bring near Aaron and his sons unto the door of the of the court; and so did Moses finish the work, 34 tabernacle of the congregation, and wash them with And the cloud covered the tent of the congregation. water. 13 And thou shalt clothe Aaron with the holy and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 35 garments; and thou shalt anoint him, and sanctify And Moses was not able to enter into the tent of him, that he may be a priest unto me. 14 And his the congregation; because the cloud abode thereon, sons shalt thou bring near, and clothe them with and the glory of the Lord filled the tabernacle. 36 coats: 15 And thou shalt anoint them, as thou hast And when the cloud was taken up from over the anointed their father, that they may be priests unto tabernacle, the children of Israel were wont to go me; and this shall be, that their anointing shall be onward in all their journeyings. 37 But if the cloud unto them for an everlasting priesthood throughout was not taken up, then they journeyed not till the day their generations. 16 And Moses did so; all, just as that is was taken up. 38 For the cloud of the Lord the Lord had commanded him, so did he. 17 And it was upon the tabernacle by day, and a fire was by came to pass in the first month in the second year, night on it, before the eyes of all the house of Israel, on the first of the month, that the tabernacle was throughout all their journeyings. reared up. 18 And Moses reared up the tabernacle. and placed its sockets, and set up its boards, and put in its bars, and reared up its pillars. 19 And he spread the tent over the tabernacle, and put the covering of the tent over it above; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 20 And he took and put the testimony into the ark, and placed the staves on the ark; and he put the mercy-seat upon the ark above. 21 And he brought the ark into the tabernacle, and set up the vail of the separation, and made therewith a separation for the ark of the testimony: as the Lord had commanded Moses. 22 And he put the table in the tabernacle of the congregation, upon the side of the tabernacle, northward, without the vail. 23 And he arranged upon it the order of bread before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 24 And he placed the candlestick in the tabernacle of the congregation, opposite the table, on the side of the tabernacle, southward. 25 And he lighted the lamps before the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 26 And he placed the golden altar in the tabernacle of the congregation before the vail. 27 And he burnt thereon the incense of spices: as the Lord had commanded Moses. 28 And he put up the hanging at the door to the tabernacle. 29 And the altar of burnt-offering he placed by the door of the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation; and he offered upon it the burnt-offering and the meatoffering; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 30 And he set the laver between the tabernacle of the congregation and the altar, and put water there, for washing. 31 And Moses and Aaron and his sons washed therefrom their hands and their feet. 32 When they went in unto the tabernacle of the congregation. and when they came near unto the altar, they washed

vessels; and thou shalt sanctify the altar, and the themselves; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 33

## Leviticus

1 And the Lord called unto Moses, and spoke unto saving. 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and sav unto them. If any one of you wish to bring an offering unto the Lord: of the cattle, either of the herds, or of the flocks, shall ye bring your offering. 3 If his offering be a burnt-sacrifice of the herds, then shall he offer a male without blemish: unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation shall he bring it, that it may be favorably received for him before the Lord, 4 And he shall lav his hand upon the head of the burntoffering; and it shall be accepted for him to make atonement for him. 5 And he shall kill the young steer before the Lord: and the sons of Aaron the priests shall bring near the blood, and they shall sprinkle the blood round about upon the altar that is by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 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 lay the wood in order upon the fire; 8 And the sons of Aaron the priests shall lay in order the parts, the head, and the fat, upon the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: 9 But its inwards and its legs shall he wash in water; and the priest shall burn the whole on the altar, as a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the Lord. 10 And if his offering be of the flocks, of the sheep, or of the goats, for a burnt-sacrifice; then shall he offer a male without blemish as the same. 11 And he shall kill it on the side of the altar, northward, before the Lord; and the sons of Aaron 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 on the wood that is on the fire which is upon the altar: 13 But the inwards and the legs shall be wash with water; and the priest shall bring near the whole, and burn it upon the altar; it is a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the Lord. 14 And if of fowls be the burnt-sacrifice for his offering to the Lord: then shall he bring his offering of turtle-doves, or of young pigeons. 15 And the priest shall bring it near unto the altar, and pinch off its head, and burn it on the altar; and the blood thereof shall be wrung out on the wall of the altar. 16 And he shall remove its crop with its feathers, and cast it beside the altar on the east part, by its wings, but shall not divide it asunder; and the

priest shall burn it upon the altar, upon the wood that is on the fire: it is a burnt-sacrifice, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the Lord.

him out of the tabernacle of the congregation, 2 And when any person wish to offer a meat-offering unto the Lord: then shall his offering be of fine flour: and he shall pour upon it oil, and put thereon frankincense: 2 And he shall bring it to one of the sons of Aaron the priest; and he shall take therefrom his handful of its flour, and of its oil, with all its frankincense; and the priest shall burn the memorial of it upon the altar, as an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the Lord. 3 And what is left of the meat-offering shall belong to Aaron and to his sons: it is a most holy thing, from the fire-offerings of the Lord. 4 And if thou bring an oblation of a meatoffering baked in the oven, it shall be of fine flour, unleavened cakes mingled with oil, or unleavened wafers anointed with oil. 5 And if thy oblation be a meat-offering baked in a pan, it shall be made of fine flour mingled with oil, unleavened. 6 Thou shalt break it in pieces, and pour thereon oil: it is a meat-offering. 7 And if thy oblation be a meat-offering baked in the deep pan, it shall be made of fine flour with oil, 8 And thou shalt bring the meat-offering, which shall be made of these things, unto the Lord; and the offerer shall present it unto the priest, who shall bring it near unto the altar. 9 And the priest shall take up from the meat-offering its memorial, and shall burn it upon the altar: it is an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the Lord. 10 And that which is left of the meatoffering shall belong to Aaron and his sons: it is a most holy thing, from the fire-offerings of the Lord. 11 No meat-offering, which ye shall bring unto the Lord, shall be prepared leavened; for of whatever is leaven, or of any honey, ye shall not sacrifice an offering made by fire unto the Lord. 12 As an oblation of the first-fruits shall ye offer them unto the Lord: but on the altar shall they not come for a sweet savor. 13 And every oblation of thy meat-offering shalt thou season with salt; and thou shalt not suffer the salt of the covenant of thy God to be lacking from thy meatoffering: with all thy offerings shalt thou offer salt. 14 And if thou offer a meat-offering of the first-fruits unto the Lord: of ripe ears of corn dried by the fire, of pounded corn out of full ears, shalt thou offer the meat-offering of thy first-fruits. 15 And thou shalt put upon it oil, and lay thereon frankincense: it is a meatoffering. 16 And the priest shall burn its memorial. at the place of the ashes. 17 And he shall cleave it from its pounded corn, and from its oil, with all its

frankincense; it is an offering made by fire unto the 4 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak Lord.

3 And if his oblation be a sacrifice of peace-offering, if he offer it of the herds, whether it be a male or female, he shall offer it without blemish before the Lord. 2 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron the priests shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar round about. 3 And he shall offer the sacrifice of the peace-offering, as a fire-offering unto the Lord, 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 on the flanks, and the midriff above the liver, with the kidneys, shall he remove it. 5 And Aaron's sons 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 the Lord. 6 And if of the flocks be his offering for a sacrifice of peace-offering unto the Lord, male or female, without blemish, shall he offer it. 7 If he offer a sheep for his offering, then shall he bring it near before the Lord. 8 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of his offering, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation; and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood upon the altar round about. 9 And he shall offer the sacrifice of the peace-offering, as a fire-offering unto the Lord, the best part thereof, the whole rump, hard by the backbone shall he take it off; 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 on the flanks, and the midriff above the liver, with the kidneys, shall he remove it. 11 And the priest shall burn it upon the altar: it is the food of the offering made by fire unto the Lord. 12 And if a goat be his offering, then shall he bring it near before the Lord. 13 And he shall lav his hand upon its head, and kill it before the tabernacle of the congregation: and the sons of Aaron shall sprinkle its blood upon the altar round about. 14 And he shall offer thereof his offering, as a fire-offering unto the Lord, 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 on the flanks, and the midriff above the liver, with the kidneys shall he remove it. 16 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar; as the food of the offering made by fire for a sweet savor, is all the fat unto the Lord. 17 A perpetual statute shall it be for your generations throughout all vour dwellings: no fat nor blood shall ve eat.

unto the children of Israel, saying, If any person do sin through ignorance against any of the prohibitions of the Lord which ought not to be done, and do any of them: 3 If the anointed priest do sin to bring guiltiness on the people: then shall he bring near for his sin, which he hath committed, a young bullock without blemish, unto the Lord, for a sin-offering. 4 And he shall bring the bullock unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation before the Lord; and he shall lay his hand upon the head of the bullock, and kill the bullock before the Lord. 5 And the anointed priest shall take some of the bullock's blood, and bring it into the tabernacle of the congregation: 6 And the priest shall dip his finger in the blood; and he shall sprinkle of the blood seven times before the Lord. before the vail of the sanctuary. 7 And the priest shall put some of the blood upon the horns of the altar of the incense of spices before the Lord, which is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and all the [remaining] blood of the bullock shall he pour out at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering, which is at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 8 And all the fat of the bullock of the sin-offering shall he take off from the same: the fat that covereth the inwards, and all the fat that is upon the inwards, 9 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is upon them, which is on the flanks, and the midriff above the liver. with the kidneys, shall he remove it; 10 As it is taken off from the bullock of the sacrifice of peace-offering; and the priest shall burn the same upon the altar of burnt-offering. 11 And the skin of the bullock, and all his flesh, with his head, and with his legs, and his inwards, and his dung, 12 Even the whole bullock, shall he carry forth without the camp, unto a clean place, to where the ashes are poured out, and burn him on the wood with fire; upon where the ashes are poured out shall he be burnt. 13 And if the whole congregation of Israel sin through ignorance, and a thing be hidden from the eyes of the assembly, and they do any one of all the prohibitions of the Lord which ought not to be done, and they become guilty; 14 When now the sin becometh known, through which they have sinned: then shall the congregation offer a young bullock for a sin-offering, and shall bring him before the tabernacle of the congregation. 15 And the elders of the congregation shall lay their hands upon the head of the bullock before the Lord; and they shall kill the bullock before the Lord. 16 And the anointed priest shall bring some of the bullock's blood into the tabernacle of the congregation: 17 And the

sprinkle it seven times before the Lord, before the of the sin-offering, and slay it for a sin-offering on the vail. 18 And some of the blood shall be put upon place where they kill the burnt-offering. 34 And the the horns of the altar which is before the Lord, that priest shall take some of the blood of the sin-offering is in the tabernacle of the congregation; and all the with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar [remaining] blood shall he pour out at the bottom of burnt-offering; and all the [remaining] blood thereof of the altar of burnt-offering, which is at the door of shall he pour out at the bottom of the altar: 35 And all the tabernacle of the congregation. 19 And all his fat the fat thereof shall he remove, as the fat of the sheep shall he take from him, and burn it upon the altar. 20 is removed from the sacrifice of the peace-offering; And he shall do with the bullock as he did with the and the priest shall burn the same upon the altar, bullock of the sin-offering; so shall he do with this: upon the offerings made by fire unto the Lord; and the and the priest shall make an atonement for them, priest shall make an atonement for him for his sin that and it shall be forgiven unto them. 21 And he shall he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven unto him. carry forth the bullock to without the camp, and burn him as he burnt the first bullock; it is a sin-offering of the congregation. 22 If a ruler should sin, and do any one of the prohibitions of the Lord his God which ought not to be done, through ignorance, and become guilty; 23 If now his sin, wherein he hath sinned, come to his knowledge: he shall bring as his offering, a goat, a male, without blemish; 24 And he shall lay his hand upon the head of the goat, and kill it on the place where they kill the burnt-offering before the Lord; it is a sin-offering. 25 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin-offering with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burntoffering; and [the remainder of] its blood shall he pour out at the bottom of the altar of burnt-offering. 26 And all its fat shall he burn upon the altar, as the fat of the sacrifice of peace-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin, and it shall be forgiven unto him. 27 And if any person of the common people should sin through ignorance. by his doing any one of the prohibitions of the Lord, which ought not to be done, and become guilty; 28 If now his sin, which he hath committed, come to his knowledge: then shall he bring as his offering, a goat, a female, without blemish, for his sin which he hath committed: 29 And he shall lav his hand upon the head of the sin-offering, and slay the sin-offering on the place of the burnt-offering. 30 And the priest shall take some of the blood thereof with his finger, and put it upon the horns of the altar of burnt-offering; and all the [remaining] blood thereof shall he pour out at the bottom of the altar. 31 And all the fat thereof shall he remove, as the fat is removed from off the sacrifice of peace-offering; and the priest shall burn it upon the altar for a sweet savor unto the Lord; and the priest shall make an atonement for him, and it shall be forgiven unto him. 32 And if he bring a sheep for a sin-offering, a female without blemish shall he

priest shall dip his finger in some of the blood, and bring it. 33 And he shall lay his hand upon the head

**5** And if any person sin, because he heareth the voice of adjuration, and he is a witness, since he hath either seen or knoweth something; if he do not tell it, and thus bear his iniquity; 2 Or if there be a person who toucheth any unclean thing, whether it be the carcass of an unclean beast, or the carcass of unclean cattle, or the carcass of an unclean creeping thing, and it escape his recollection; but The becometh aware that he is unclean, and hath [thus] incurred guilt; 3 Or if he touch the uncleanness of man, whatsoever uncleanness of the kind it be by which he can be defiled, and it escape his recollection; but he becometh aware of it, and [that] he hath [thus] incurred guilt; 4 Or if any person swear, by pronouncing with his lips to do evil, or to do good [to himselfl, in whatsoever it be that a man pronounceth with an oath, and it escape his recollection; but he becometh aware of it that he hath incurred guilt by any one of these: 5 And it shall be, if he have incurred quilt by any one of these [things, ] that he shall confess that concerning which he hath sinned; 6 And he shall bring his trespass-offering unto the Lord for his sin which he hath committed, a female from the flocks, a sheep or a goat, for a sin-offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for him concerning his sin. 7 And if his means be not sufficient for a sheep, then shall he bring as his offering [for the trespass] which he hath committed, two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, unto the Lord; one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering. 8 And he shall bring them unto the priest, and he shall offer that which is for the sin-offering first, and pinch off its head by the back of its neck, but shall not divide it asunder: 9 And he shall sprinkle some of the blood of the sin-offering upon the wall of the altar: and the rest of the blood shall be wrung out at the bottom of the altar; it is a sin-offering. 10 And the second shall he prepare as a

burnt-offering, according to the prescribed order; and was delivered to him to keep, or the lost thing which the priest shall make an atonement for him for his he hath found, 5 Or any one thing about which he sin which he hath committed, and it shall be forgiven may have sworn falsely; and he shall restore it in unto him. 11 But if his means be not sufficient for its principal, and the fifth part thereof shall he add two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, then shall he thereto; unto him to whom it appertaineth shall he bring as his offering for that which he hath sinned, give it, on the day when he confesseth his trespass. the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a sin- 6 And his trespass-offering shall he bring unto the offering; he shall not put upon it any oil, nor shall Lord, a ram without blemish out of the flocks, of the he put thereupon any frankincense; for it is a sin- usual value, for a trespass-offering, unto the priest: offering. 12 And he shall bring it to the priest; and the 7 And the priest shall make an atonement for him priest shall take from it his handful, as its memorial, before the Lord, and it shall be forgiven unto him, and burn it on the altar, upon the fire-offerings of for any one thing of all that he may have done to the Lord: it is a sin-offering. 13 And the priest shall trespass thereby. 8 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, make an atonement for him concerning his sin that saying, 9 Command Aaron and his sons, saying, This he hath committed in one of these, and it shall be is the law of the burnt-offering. It is the burnt-offering, forgiven unto him; and it shall belong to the priest, which shall be burning upon the altar all night unto as the meat-offering. 14 And the Lord spoke unto the morning, and the fire of the altar shall be burning Moses, saving, 15 If any person commit a trespass, on it, 10 And the priest shall put on his linen garment. and sin through ignorance, against the holy things of and linen breeches shall he put upon his flesh, and the Lord: then shall he bring as his trespass-offering he shall lift up the ashes which the fire hath made unto the Lord a ram without blemish out of the flocks, by consuming the burnt-offering on the altar, and he in value of two shekels of silver, after the shekel of shall place them beside the altar. 11 And he shall the sanctuary, for a trespass-offering. 16 And that, in take off his garments, and put on other garments, which he hath sinned against the holy thing, shall he and carry forth the ashes to without the camp, unto a pay, and shall add its fifth part thereto, and give it unto clean place. 12 And the fire upon the altar shall be the priest; and the priest shall make an atonement for burning on it, it shall not be put out, and the priest him with the ram of the trespass-offering, and it shall burn wood on it every morning; and he shall lay be forgiven unto him. 17 And if any person sin, and in order upon it the burnt-offering, and he shall burn commit any one of the prohibitions of the Lord which thereon the fat of the peace-offerings. 13 A perpetual ought not to be done; and he know not whether he fire shall be burning upon the altar; it shall not go have incurred guilt, and so bear his iniguity: 18 Then out. 14 And this is the law of the meat-offering: [one shall he bring a ram without blemish out of the flocks, of the sons of Aaron shall bring it near before the of the usual value, for a trespass-offering, unto the Lord, in front of the altar. 15 And he shall lift up from priest: and the priest shall make an atonement for it his handful, of the flour of the meat-offering, and him concerning his sin of ignorance, wherein he hath of its oil, and all the frankincense which is upon the erred and knoweth it not, and it shall be forgiven unto meat-offering, and he shall burn it upon the altar, him. 19 It is a trespass-offering; he hath in trespassing for a sweet savor, as its memorial, unto the Lord. trespassed against the Lord.

And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 If any person sin, and commit a trespass against the Lord: if he, namely, lie unto his neighbor in that which was delivered to him to keep, or in a loan, or in a thing taken away by violence, or if he have withheld the wages of his neighbor; 3 Or if he have found something which was lost, and lie concerning it, and swear falsely; in any one of all these which a man can do, to sin thereby: 4 Then shall it be, when he hath sinned and is conscious of his guilt, that he shall restore what be hath taken violently away, or the wages which he hath withheld, or that which

16 And what is left thereof shall Aaron and his sons eat: unleavened shall it be eaten in a holy place: in the court of the tabernacle of the congregation shall they eat it. 17 It shall not be baked leaven; as their portion have I given it from my offerings made by fire; it is most holy, as is the sin-offering, and as is the trespass-offering. 18 all the males among the children of Aaron shall eat of it, as a fixed portion for ever in your generations from the fire-offerings of the Lord: every one that toucheth the same shall be holy. 19 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving, 20 This is the offering of Aaron and of his sons, which they shall offer unto the Lord on the day when he is anointed: the tenth part of an ephah of fine flour for a meat-

offering perpetually; half of it in the morning, and the 10 And every meat-offering which is mingled with oil, offer it for a sweet savor unto the Lord, 22 And the offer unto the Lord, 12 If he offer it for a thanksgiving. Lord: it shall be wholly burnt. 23 And every meat- wafers anointed with oil, and fine flour, well sodden. be eaten. 24 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, cakes of leavened bread shall he bring his offering, 25 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, saying, This is with the sacrifice of his thanksgiving peace-offering. be burnt in fire.

**7** And this is the law of the trespass-offering: It is most holy. 2 On the place where they kill the burntoffering shall they kill the trespass-offering; and the blood thereof shall be sprinkled upon the altar round about, 3 And all its fat shall be offered up from it; the rump, and the fat that covereth the inwards, 4 And the two kidneys, and the fat that is on them, which is on the flanks, and the midriff above the liver, with the kidneys shall he remove the same: 5 And the priest shall burn them upon the altar for an offering made by fire unto the Lord; it is a trespass-offering. 6 Every male among the priests may eat thereof; in a holy place shall it be eaten; it is most holy. 7 As the sinoffering is, so is the trespass-offering; there is one law for them: the priest that maketh atonement therewith. his shalt it be. 8 And the priest that offereth any man's burnt-offering, -the skin of the burnt-offering which he hath offered shall belong to this priest alone. 9 And every meat-offering that is baked in the oven, and all that is dressed in the deep pan, and in the flat pan, shall belong to the priest that offereth it alone.

other half of it in the evening. 21 In a pan, with oil, or dry, shall belong to all the sons of Aaron, to one shall it be made, well sodden shalt thou bring it: twice as much as the other, 11 And this is the law of the baked, a meat-offering of broken pieces, shalt thou sacrifice of peace-offering, which one may happen to priest that shall be anointed in his stead among his then shall he offer with the sacrifice of thanksgiving sons shall offer it: it is a statute for ever, unto the unleavened cakes mingled with oil, and unleavened offering of a priest shall be wholly burnt, it shall not made into cakes mingled with oil. 13 Together with the law of the sin-offering: On the place where the 14 And he shall offer thereof one out of every oblation burnt-offering is killed shall the sin-offering be killed for a heave-offering unto the Lord; to the priest that before the Lord; it is most holy. 26 The priest who sprinkleth the blood of the peace-offering—to him maketh at nement with its blood shall eat it; in a holy shall it belong. 15 And the flesh of the sacrifice of his place shall it be eaten, in the court of the tabernacle thanksgiving-peace-offering shall be eaten the same of the congregation. 27 Whatsoever may touch the day that it is offered; he shall not leave any of it until flesh thereof shall be holy; and if there should be the morning. 16 But if the sacrifice of his offering be a sprinkled any of its blood upon a garment, whatever vow, or a voluntary offering, it shall be eaten the same it hath been sprinkled on shalt thou wash out in a day that he offereth his sacrifice: and on the morrow holy place. 28 And any earthen vessel wherein it may also shall what is left thereof be eaten. 17 But what is have been boiled shall be broken: and if it have been left of the flesh of the sacrifice, on the third day shall boiled in a copper vessel, it shall be both scoured and it be burnt with fire. 18 And if the intention was to eat rinsed with water. 29 Every male among the priests of the flesh of the sacrifice of his peace-offering on may eat thereof: it is most holy. 30 And every sin- the third day, it shall not be favorably received; to him offering whereof any of the blood is brought into the who offereth it shall it not be accounted; it shall be an tabernacle of the congregation to make atonement abomination, and the person that eateth of it shall therewith in the holy place, shall not be eaten; it shall bear his iniquity, 19 And the flesh, that toucheth any unclean thing, shall not be eaten, with fire shall it be burnt: and as for the flesh, every one that is clean may eat thereof. 20 But the person that eateth the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offering, that pertaineth unto the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him. even that person shall be cut off from his people. 21 And any person that toucheth any unclean thing, as the uncleanness of man, or any unclean beast, or any abominable unclean thing, and eateth of the flesh of the sacrifice of peace-offering, which pertaineth unto the Lord, even that person shall be cut off from his people. 22 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 23 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, Every manner of fat, of ox, or of sheep, or of goat shall ye not eat. 24 And the fat of a beast that dieth of itself. and the fat of that which is torn by beasts, may be used for any manner of work, but ye shall in no wise eat of it. 25 For whosoever eateth the fat of the cattle, of which one can offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, even the person that eateth it shall be cut off from his people. 26 Moreover ye shall eat no manner of blood, in any of your dwellings, whether it be of fowl or of cattle. 27 Whatsoever person it be that

eateth any manner of blood, even that person shall robe, and put upon him the ephod, and he girded Sinai.

And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Take Aaron and his sons with him, and the garments, and the anointing oil, and the bullock for the sin-offering, and the two rams, and the basket of unleavened bread: 3 And all the congregation shalt thou assemble together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 4 And Moses did as the Lord had commanded him; and the assembly came together unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 5 And Moses said unto the congregation, This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded to do. 6 And Moses brought near 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

be cut off from his people. 28 And the Lord spoke him with the belt of the ephod, and bound it unto him unto Moses, saying, 29 Speak unto the children of therewith. 8 And he put on him the breastplate; and Israel, saving. He that offereth the sacrifice of his he put in the breastplate the Urim and the Thummim. peace-offering unto the Lord shall bring his oblation 9 And he put the mitre upon his head; and he placed unto the Lord from the sacrifice of his peace-offering, upon the mitre, toward the front thereof, the golden 30 His own hands shall bring it, as the fire-offerings of plate, the holy crown; as the Lord had commanded the Lord: the fat with the breast shall he bring, the Moses. 10 And Moses took the anointing oil, and breast that it may be waved for a wave-offering before anointed the tabernacle and all that was therein, and the Lord. 31 And the priest shall burn the fat upon sanctified them. 11 And he sprinkled thereof upon the altar; but the breast shall belong to Aaron and the altar seven times; and he anointed the altar and to his sons. 32 And the right shoulder shall ye give all its vessels, also the laver and its foot, to sanctify unto the priest for a heave-offering, of the sacrifices them. 12 And he poured of the anointing oil upon of your peace-offerings. 33 The one that offereth the Aaron's head, and he anointed him, to sanctify him. blood of the peace-offerings and the fat, among the 13 And Moses brought near the sons of Aaron, and sons of Aaron, shall have the right shoulder for his clothed them with coats, and girded them with girdles, part. 34 For the breast which hath been waved and and bound the bonnets on them; as the Lord had the shoulder which hath been lifted up have I taken commanded Moses. 14 And he brought near the from the children of Israel from the sacrifices of their bullock of the sin-offering; and Aaron and his sons peace-offerings; and I have given them unto Aaron laid their hands upon the head of the bullock of the the priest and unto his sons as a fixed portion for ever sin-offering. 15 And some one slew him; and Moses from the children of Israel. 35 This is the portion of the took the blood, and put it upon the horns of the altar anointing of Aaron, and of the anointing of his sons, round about with his finger, and purified the altar, and from the fire-offerings of the Lord, on the day when he the [remaining] blood he poured out at the bottom brought them near to become priests unto the Lord; of the altar, and sanctified it, to make henceforth 36 Which the Lord commanded to give unto them, atonement upon it. 16 And he took all the fat that on the day that he anointed them, from the children was upon the inwards, and the midriff of the liver, and of Israel, as a fixed portion for ever throughout their the two kidneys, and their fat, and Moses burnt them generations, 37 This is the law of the burnt-offering, of upon the altar, 17 But the bullock, and his hide, and the meat-offering, and of the sin-offering, and of the his flesh, and his dung, he burnt with fire without the trespass-offering, and of the consecration-offering, camp; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 18 And and of the sacrifice of the peace-offering; 38 Which he brought near the ram of the burnt-offering; and the Lord commanded Moses on mount Sinai, on the Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of day that be commanded the children of Israel to offer the ram. 19 And some one killed him; and Moses their oblations unto the Lord, in the wilderness of sprinkled the blood upon the altar round about. 20 And the ram he cut into the proper pieces; and Moses burnt the head, and the pieces, and the fat. 21 And he washed the inwards and the legs in water; and Moses burnt the whole ram upon the altar: it was a burnt-sacrifice for a sweet savor, an offering made by fire unto the Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 22 And he brought near the other ram, the ram of consecration; and Aaron and his sons laid their hands upon the head of the ram. 23 And some one slew him; and Moses took some of his blood, 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 near Aaron's sons, and Moses put some 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 for a burnt-offering; 4 Also a bullock and a ram for And he took the fat, and the rump, and all the fat that peace-offerings, to sacrifice before the Lord, and a was upon the inwards, and the midriff of the liver, and meat-offering mingled with oil: for this day the Lord the two kidneys, and their fat, and the right shoulder: will appear unto you, 5 And they brought that which 26 And out of the basket of unleavened bread, that Moses had commanded before the tabernacle of the was before the Lord, he took one unleavened cake, congregation; and all the congregation drew near and and one cake of oiled bread, and one wafer, and he stood before the Lord. 6 And Moses said, This thing put them on the fat, and upon the right shoulder: 27 which the Lord hath commanded shall ve do: and And he placed the whole upon the hands of Aaron, then will the glory of the Lord appear unto you. 7 And and upon the hands of his sons, and made with them Moses said unto Aaron, Draw near unto the altar, and a waving before the Lord. 28 And Moses then took prepare thy sin-offering, and thy burnt-offering, and these things from off their hands, and burnt them make an atonement for thyself, and for the people; on the altar upon the burnt-offering; they were a and prepare the offering of the people, and make an consecration-offering for a sweet savor, a fire-offering atonement for them; as the Lord hath commanded, were they unto the Lord. 29 And Moses took the 8 And Aaron drew near unto the altar; and he slew breast, and made therewith a waving before the Lord; the calf of the sin-offering, which was for himself. 9 from the ram of consecration was it given to Moses And the sons of Aaron brought the blood unto him; as his portion; as the Lord had commanded Moses, and he dipped his finger in the blood, and put it upon 30 And Moses took some of the anointing oil, and of the horns of the altar; and the [remaining] blood he the blood which was upon the altar, and sprinkled poured out at the bottom of the altar. 10 And the the same upon Aaron, and upon his garments, and fat, and the kidneys, and the midriff from the liver upon his sons, and his sons with sanctified upon the of the sin-offering, he burnt upon the altar; as the garments of him: and he Aaron, his garments, and his Lord had commanded Moses, 11 And the flesh and sons, and the garments of his sons with him. 31 And the hide he burnt with fire without the camp. 12 And Moses said unto Aaron and to his sons, Boil ye the he slew the burnt-offering; and the sons of Aaron flesh at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; presented unto him the blood, and he sprinkled it and there shall ye eat it with the bread that is in the upon the altar round about. 13 And the burnt-offering basket of the consecration; as I have commanded, they presented unto him, in its proper pieces, together saying, Aaron and his sons shall eat it. 32 And that with the head: and he burnt them upon the altar. 14 which is left of the flesh and of the bread shall ye And he washed the inwards and the legs; and he burn with fire. 33 And from the door of the tabernacle burnt them upon the burnt-offering on the altar. 15 of the congregation shall ye not go forth seven days, And he brought near the people's offering; and he until the days of your consecration be at an end; for took the goat of the sin-offering which belonged to seven days shall your consecration last. 34 As they the people, and slew it, and made atonement with its have done this day, so hath the Lord commanded to blood, as the first. 16 And he brought near the burntdo farther, to make an atonement for you. 35 And at offering, and offered it according to the prescribed the door of the tabernacle of the congregation shall manner. 17 And he brought near the meat-offering, ve abide day and night seven days, and keep the and he filled his hand thereof, and burnt it upon the charge of the Lord, that we die not: for so have I been altar, beside the burnt-sacrifice of the morning, 18 He commanded. 36 And Aaron and his sons did all the slew also the bullock and the ram, the sacrifice of things which the Lord had commanded by the hand peace-offering which belonged to the people: and the of Moses.

• 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 unto thyself a young calf for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering, without blemish, and bring them near before the Lord. 3 And unto the children of Israel shalt thou speak, saying, Take ye a he-goat for a sin-offering; and a calf and a sheep, both of the first year, without blemish,

sons of Aaron presented unto him the blood, and he sprinkled it upon the altar round about, 19 Also the fat of the bullock, and of the ram, the rump, and that which covereth the inwards, and the kidneys, and the midriff of the liver; 20 And they put these pieces of fat upon the breasts, and he burnt the fat upon the altar: 21 And with the breasts and the right shoulder Aaron made a waving before the Lord: as Moses had commanded. 22 And Aaron lifted up his hands toward the people, and blessed them; and came down after

he had offered the sin-offering, and the burnt-offering, thy sons, from the fire-offerings of the Lord; for so and peace-offerings. 23 And Moses and Aaron went have I been commanded. 14 And the breast which into the tabernacle of the congregation, and came hath been waved and the shoulder which hath been then out, and blessed the people; and the glory of the lifted up, shall ve eat in a clean place, thou, and thy Lord appeared unto all the people. 24 And there came sons, and thy daughters with thee; for as thy fixed forth a fire from before the Lord, and consumed upon portion, and the fixed portion of thy sons, have they the altar the burnt-offering and the fat; and when all been given from the sacrifices of peace-offerings of the people saw this, they shouted, and fell on their the children of Israel. 15 The shoulder which is waved faces.

1 And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took each his censer, and they put therein fire, and put thereon incense: and they brought near before the Lord a strange fire, which he had not commanded them. 2 And there went out a fire from before the Lord, and consumed them, and they died before the Lord. 3 Then said Moses unto Aaron, This is what the Lord hath spoken, saying, On those who are near unto me will I be sanctified, and before all the people will I be glorified: and Aaron held his peace. 4 And Moses called unto Mishael and Elzaphan, the sons of 'Uzziel, the uncle of Aaron, and said unto them, Come near, carry your brethren from before the sanctuary to without the camp. 5 And they came near, and carried them in their coats to without the camp; as Moses had spoken. 6 And Moses said unto Aaron, and unto Elazar and unto Ithamar, his sons, The hair of your head you shall not let grow long, and your garments you shall not rend, that ye die not, and that he be not wroth upon the whole congregation; but your brethren, the whole house of Israel, may bewail the burning which the Lord hath kindled. 7 And from ye not go out, lest ye die; for the anointing oil of the Lord is upon you; and they did according to the word of Moses. 8 And the Lord spoke unto Aaron, saying, 9 Wine or strong drink shalt thou not drink, neither thou, nor thy sons with thee, when ve go in unto the tabernacle of the congregation, lest ye die: it shall be a statute for ever throughout your generations. 10 So that ye may be able to distinguish between the holy and the unholy, and between the unclean and the clean; 11 And that ye may be able to teach the children of Israel all the statutes which the Lord hath spoken unto them by the hand of Moses. 12 And Moses spoke unto Aaron, and unto Elazar and meat-offering that is left of the fire-offerings of the

and the breast which is lifted up, shall they bring with the fat of the fire-offering, to make therewith a waving before the Lord: and then shall it be thine, and thy sons with thee, as a fixed portion for ever; as the Lord hath commanded. 16 And the goat of the sin-offering Moses sought diligently, and behold, it was burnt: and he was angry with Elazar and Ithamar, the sons of Aaron who had been left, and said, 17 Wherefore have ye not eaten the sin-offering in the holy place. seeing that it is most holy, and that he hath given it to you to bear the iniquity of the congregation, to make atonement for them before the Lord? 18 Behold, its blood was not brought within the holy place: ye should then have eaten it in the holy place, as I commanded. 19 And Aaron spoke unto Moses, Behold, this day have they offered their sin-offering, and their burntoffering before the Lord; and things as these have befallen me: and if I had eaten the sin-offering today, would it have been pleasing in the eyes of the Lord? 20 And when Moses heard this, it was pleasing in his eyes.

11 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and to Aaron, saying unto them, 2 Speak unto the children of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation shall Israel, saying, These are the beasts which ye may eat among all the beasts that are on the earth. 3 Whatsoever divideth the hoof, and is cloven-footed. and cheweth the cud, among the beasts, that may ye eat. 4 But these shall ye not eat, of those that chew the cud, or of those that divide the hoof: the camel; because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. 5 And the cony; because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. 6 And the hare; because he cheweth the cud, but divideth not the hoof; he is unclean unto you. 7 And the swine: because he divideth the hoof, and is cloven-footed, but he cheweth not the cud; he is unclean unto you. 8 Of unto Ithamar his sons, that were left, Take ye the their flesh shall ye not eat, and their carcass shall ye not touch; they are unclean unto you. 9 These Lord, and eat it unleavened beside the altar; for it may ve eat, of all that are in the waters: all that have is most holy. 13 And ye shall eat it in a holy place, fins and scales in the waters, in the seas, and in the because it is thy fixed portion, and the fixed portion of rivers, them may ye eat. 10 But all that have not fins

and scales in the seas, and in the rivers, of whatever be unclean until the evening, when it shall be clean, moveth in the waters, and of any living thing which is 33 And every earthen vessel whereinto any part of in the waters, shall be an abomination unto you: 11 them falleth, whatsoever is in it shall be unclean; and And an abomination shall they remain unto you; of itself shall ve break, 34 All kinds of food which may be their flesh shall ve not eat, and their carcasses ve eaten, on which water cometh, shall be unclean; and shall have in abomination. 12 Whatsoever hath not all drink that may be drunk, shall be rendered unclean fins and scales in the waters, shall be an abomination in every vessel. 35 And every thing whereupon any unto vou. 13 And these shall ve have in abomination part of their carcass falleth, shall be unclean; an among the fowls; they shall not be eaten, they are an oven, or ranges for pots, shall be broken down, they abomination: The eagle, and the ossifrage, and the are unclean; and unclean shall they be unto you. 36 osprey, 14 And the vulture, and the kite after his kind; Nevertheless, a fountain, or pit, receptacles for water, 15 Every raven after his kind: 16 And the ostrich, and shall be clean; but he that toucheth their carcass the night-hawk, and the cuckoo, and the hawk after shall be unclean. 37 And if any part of their carcass his kind: 17 And the little owl, and the cormorant, and fall upon any sowing-seed which hath been sown, it the great owl. 18 And the swan, and the pelican, and shall be clean, 38 But if any water be put upon the the gier-eagle, 19 And the stork, the heron after his seed, and any part of their carcass fall thereon, it kind, and the lapwing, and the bat. 20 All flying insects shall be unclean unto you. 39 And if any cattle die, that walk upon four feet, shall be an abomination unto which is allowed to you as food; he that toucheth you. 21 Yet these may ye eat, among all the flying its carcass shall be unclean until the evening. 40 insects that walk on four feet, which have spring-legs And he that eateth of its carcass shall wash his above their feet, to leap therewith upon the earth. clothes, and be unclean until the evening; he also 22 These of them may ye eat: The locust after its that beareth its carcass shall wash his clothes, and kind, and the sol'am after its kind, and the chargol be unclean until the evening, 41 And every creeping after its kind, and the chaqab after its kind. 23 But thing that creepeth upon the earth is an abomination, all flying insects, which have four feet, shall be an it shall not be eaten. 42 Whatsoever goeth upon the abomination unto you: 24 And through these shall belly, and whatsoever goeth upon four feet, down ye be rendered unclean: whosoever toucheth the to whatsoever hath many feet among all creeping carcass of them shall be unclean until the evening: 25 things that creep upon the earth, shall ve not eat: And whosoever beareth aught of their carcass shall for they are an abomination. 43 Ye shall not make wash his clothes, and be unclean until the evening. yourselves abominable with any creeping thing that 26 Every species of beast, which divideth the hoof and creepeth; and ye shall not make yourselves unclean is not cloven-footed nor cheweth the cud, is unclean with them, that ye should be defiled thereby. 44 For unto you; every one that toucheth the same shall I am the Lord your God; ve shall therefore sanctify be unclean. 27 And all that walk upon their paws, yourselves, and ye shall be holy; for I am holy: neither among all manner of beasts that walk on four feet, are shall ye make yourselves unclean with any manner of unclean unto you; whosoever toucheth their carcass creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth. 45 For I shall be unclean until the evening. 28 And he that am the Lord that have brought you up out of the land beareth their carcass shall wash his clothes, and be of Egypt, to be your God; ve shall therefore be holy. unclean until the evening; unclean shall they be unto for I am holy. 46 This is the law of the beasts, and of you. 29 And these shall be unclean unto you among the fowl, and of every living creature that moveth in the creeping things that creep upon the earth: The the waters, and of every creature that creepeth upon weasel, and the mouse, and the tortoise after its kind, the earth: 47 To distinguish between the unclean and 30 And the hedgehog, and the chameleon, and the the clean, and between the beast that may be eaten lizard, and the snail, and the mole, 31 These shall be and the beast that may not be eaten. unclean to you among all that creep; whosoever doth touch them, when they are dead, shall be unclean until the evening. 32 And every thing upon which any part of them, when they are dead, doth fall, shall be unclean; whether it be any vessel of wood, or raiment, or skin, or sack, every vessel wherewith any work can be done, must be put into water, and it shall

12 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If a woman have conceived seed, and born a male child: then shall she be unclean seven days, even as in the days of the separation for her infirmity shall she be unclean. 3 And on the eighth day shall the

flesh of his foreskin be circumcised. 4 And thirty and him unclean: it is leprosy. 9 If the plaque of leprosy be clean.

13 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 2 If a man shall have in the skin of his flesh a swelling, a rising, or a bright spot, and it might become in the skin of his flesh the plaque of leprosy: then shall he be brought unto Aaron the priest, or unto one of his sons the priests. 3 And if the priest shall see the plague in the skin of the flesh, and the hair in the plague be turned white, and the appearance of the plague be deeper than the skin of his flesh: it is a plague of leprosy; and [so soon as] the priest shall see him, he shall pronounce him unclean. 4 But if it be a white bright spot in the skin of his flesh, and its appearance be not deeper than the skin, and the hair be not turned white: then shall the priest shut up the plague seven days. 5 And the priest shall see him on the seventh day; and, behold, if the plague have remained unchanged in its appearance, the plague have not spread in the skin: then shall the priest shut him up seven days more. 6 And the priest shall see him again on the seventh day; and, behold, if the plague be somewhat pale, and the plague have not spread in the skin: then shall the priest pronounce him clean; it is a rising, and he shall wash his clothes, and be clean. 7 But if the rising should spread abroad in the skin, after he hath been seen by the priest for his cleansing, he shall be seen again by the priest. 8 And if the priest see that, behold, the rising have spread abroad in the skin, then shall the priest pronounce

three days shall she then continue in the blood of her happen to be on a man, then shall he be brought unto purification; any thing hallowed shall she not touch, the priest; 10 And the priest shall see, and, behold, if and into the sanctuary shall she not come, until the there be a white swelling in the skin, and the hair in it days of her purification be at an end. 5 But if she bear have turned white, or there be a trace of healthy flesh a female child, then shall she be unclean two weeks in the swelling: 11 It is an inveterate leprosy in the as in her separation; and sixty and six days shall she skin of his flesh, and the priest shall pronounce him continue in the blood of the purification. 6 And at the unclean; he shall not shut him up, for he is unclean. completion of the days of her purification, for a son, 12 And if the leprosy break out abroad in the skin, or for a daughter, she shall bring a sheep of the first and the leprosy cover all the skin of [him that hath] year for a burnt-offering, and a young pigeon, or a the plague from his head even to the feet, so far as turtle-dove, for a sin-offering, unto the door of the the eyes of the priest can see: 13 If now the priest tabernacle of the congregation, unto the priest. 7 And should see, that, behold, the leprosy have covered all he shall bring it near before the Lord, and make an his flesh, he shall pronounce the plague clean; it is atonement for her, and she shall be cleansed from all turned white, he is clean. 14 But on the day that the issue of her blood: this is the law for her that hath healthy flesh appeareth therein, he shall be unclean. given birth to a male or to a female. 8 And if her 15 And the priest shall see the healthy flesh, and means will not suffice for a lamb, then shall she take pronounce him to be unclean; the healthy flesh is two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, the one for a unclean, it is the leprosy. 16 Or if the healthy flesh burnt-offering, and the other for a sin-offering; and the turn again, and be changed unto white, he shall come priest shall make an atonement for her, and she shall unto the priest; 17 And if the priest see him, and, behold, the plague be turned into white: then shall the priest pronounce the plague clean, he is clean. 18 And if there be a person who hath had in his skin an inflammation, and hath been healed, 19 And if there be on the place of the inflammation a white swelling. or a white and dark red bright spot, he shall be shown to the priest: 20 And if the priest see, and, behold. its appearance be lower than the skin, and the hair thereof have been turned white: then shall the priest pronounce him unclean, it is the plague of leprosy broken out in the inflammation. 21 But if the priest see it, and, behold, there be no white hair therein, and if it be not lower than the skin, and it be pale: then shall the priest shut him up seven days. 22 And if it now spread abroad in the skin, then shall the priest pronounce him unclean: it is the plague [of leprosy]. 23 But if the bright spot remain in its place, and spread not, it is a scar of the inflammation; and the priest shall pronounce him clean. 24 Or if there be a person in whose skin there is a place burnt by fire, and the mark of the burning become a bright spot, white and dark red, or white; 25 And if the priest see it, and, behold, the hair in the bright spot have been turned white, and its appearance be deeper than the skin: it is leprosy, broken out in the fire-wound; and the priest shall pronounce him unclean, it is the plaque of leprosy. 26 But if the priest see it, and, behold, there be in the bright spot no white hair, and it be not lower than the skin, and it be pale: then shall the priest shut him up seven days. 27 And the priest shall see him

on the seventh day: if now it have spread abroad in unclean; the priest shall pronounce him unclean; his the skin, then shall the priest pronounce him unclean: plague is on his head. 45 And the leper on whom the it is the plaque of leprosy. 28 And if the bright spot plaque is, his clothes shall be rent, and his head shall remain in its place. [and] it have not spread abroad in be bare, and he shall cover himself up to his upper the skin, and it be pale: it is a swelling of the fire- lip, and, Unclean, unclean, shall he call out. 46 All the wound; and the priest shall pronounce him clean; for days whereon the plaque which rendereth unclean is it is a scar of the fire-wound. 29 And if there be a on him, he shall be unclean; alone shall he dwell; man or woman on whom there arise a plaque, on the without the camp shall his habitation be. 47 And if head or on the beard; 30 Then shall the priest see the there be a garment on which there arise a plague of plaque; and, behold, if its appearance be deeper than leprosy, whether it be on a woollen garment, or on a the skin, and there be in it a yellow thin hair: then linen garment; 48 Whether it be on the warp, or on shall the priest pronounce him unclean, it is a dry the woof; of linen, or of woollen; whether on a skin, or scall, it is the leprosy of the head or of the beard. on any thing made of skin; 49 And the plaque be dark 31 And if the priest see the plaque of the scall, and, green or dark red, on the garment, or on the skin, or behold, its appearance be not deeper than the skin, on the warp, or on the woof, or on any article made of and there be no black hair in it: then shall the priest skin: it is the plaque of leprosy; and it shall be shown shut up the plaque of the scall seven days. 32 And unto the priest. 50 And the priest shall see the plaque, the priest shall see the plague on the seventh day; and shut up the plague seven days, 51 And if he see and, behold, if the scall have not spread, and there the plague on the seventh day, that the plague have be in it no yellow hair, and the appearance of the spread in the garment, either in the warp, or in the scall be not deeper than the skin: 33 Then shall he woof, or in the skin, or in any article that is made of be shaved, but the scall he shall not shave; and the skin: the plague is a corroding leprosy; it is unclean. priest shall shut up the scall seven days more. 34 And 52 And he shall then burn that garment, whether warp the priest shall see the scall on the seventh day; and, or woof, in woollen or in linen, or any article of skin, behold, if the scall have not spread in the skin, and its whereon the plaque is; for it is a corroding leprosy, in appearance be not deeper than the skin; then shall fire shall it be burnt. 53 And if the priest shall see, and, the priest pronounce him clean, and he shall wash behold, the plaque have not spread on the garment, his clothes, and be clean. 35 But if the scall should either on the warp, or on the woof, or on any article spread abroad in the skin after his being pronounced of skin: 54 Then shall the priest command that they clean: 36 Then shall the priest see him; and, behold, wash the thing whereon the plague is, and he shall if the scall have spread in the skin, the priest shall not shut it up seven days more. 55 And if the priest see, seek for the yellow hair; he is unclean. 37 But if the after the plague hath been washed, and, behold, the scall have remained stationary in its color, and black plague have not changed its color, and the plague hair have grown up therein: the scall is then healed, have not spread: it is unclean, in fire shalt thou burn he is clean; and the priest shall pronounce him clean. it; it is a decay on its inside or on its outside. 56 And if 38 And if there be a man or a woman having in the the priest see, and, behold, the plague have become skin of their flesh bright spots, white bright spots; 39 pale after its having been washed: then shall he tear And if the priest do see, and, behold, there are in the it out from the garment, or from the skin, or from the skin of their flesh bright spots, pale and white: it is warp, or from the woof. 57 And if it appear again on a freckly eruption grown in the skin; he is clean. 40 the garment, either on the warp, or on the woof, or on And if there be a man whose hair of the head fall any instrument of skin: it is a growing plaque; with fire off, he is a bald head; he is clean. 41 And if from the shalt thou burn that whereon the plague is. 58 And side of his face his hair fall off, he is forehead-bald; the garment, either the warp or the woof, or every he is clean. 42 But if there be on the bald head, or instrument of skin, which thou shalt wash, and the the bald forehead, an eruption, white and dark red: plague depart therefrom, shall be washed the second it is the leprosy sprung up on his bald head, or his time, when it shall be clean. 59 This is the law of the bald forehead. 43 And the priest shall see him; and, plaque of leprosy on a garment of woollen or linen, behold, if the swelling of the eruption be white and either in the warp, or the woof, or any article of skin, dark red on his bald head, or on his bald forehead, to pronounce it clean, or unclean. like the appearance of the leprosy on the [other parts of the] skin of the flesh: 44 He is a leprous man, he is

1 1 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 This his hand shall the priest put upon the tip of the right being cleansed: He shall be brought unto the priest. 3 of his right hand, and upon the great toe of his right And the priest shall go forth to without the camp; and foot, upon the blood of the trespass-offering, 18 And if the priest see, and, behold, the plaque of leprosy be what is left of the oil that is in the priest's hand, he healed on the leper: 4 Then shall the priest command shall put upon the head of him that is to be cleansed: to take for him that is to be cleansed two healthy, and the priest shall [thus] make an atonement for him clean birds, and cedar wood, and a string of scarlet before the Lord. 19 And the priest shall prepare the yarn, and hyssop. 5 And the priest shall command sin-offering, and make an atonement for him that is that one of the birds be killed in an earthen vessel to be cleansed from his uncleanness; and afterward over running water. 6 As for the living bird, he shall shall he kill the burnt-offering: 20 And the priest shall take it, and the cedar wood, and the string of scarlet offer the burnt-offering and the meat-offering upon the yarn, and the hyssop, and he shall dip these and the altar; and the priest shall [thus] make an atonement living bird into the blood of the bird that was killed for him, and he shall be clean. 21 But if he be poor. over the running water: 7 And he shall sprinkle upon and his means do not suffice, then shall he take him that is to be cleansed from the leprosy seven one sheep for a trespass-offering to be waved, to times; and when he hath cleansed him, he shall let make an atonement for him; and one-tenth part of the living bird fly forth into the open field. 8 And he fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering, and that is to be cleansed shall wash his clothes, and a log of oil; 22 And two turtle-doves, or two young shave off all his hair, and wash himself in water, and pigeons, for which his means suffice; and one shall he shall be clean, and after that he may come into be a sin-offering, and the other a burnt-offering. 23 the camp; but he shall tarry outside of his tent seven And he shall bring them on the eighth day of his days. 9 And it shall be on the seventh day, that he being cleansed unto the priest, unto the door of the shall shave off all his hair, his head, and his beard, tabernacle of the congregation, before the Lord. 24 and his eyebrows, even all his hair shall he shave off: And the priest shall take the sheep of the trespassand he shall wash his clothes, he shall also wash his offering, and the log of oil; and the priest shall make flesh in water, when he shall be clean. 10 And on the with them a waving before the Lord. 25 And he shall eighth day he shall take two sheep without blemish. kill the sheep of the trespass-offering; and the priest and one ewe of the first year without blemish, and shall take some of the blood of the trespass-offering, three-tenth parts of fine flour for a meat-offering, and put it upon the tip of the right ear of him that is to mingled with oil, and one log of oil. 11 And the priest be cleansed, and upon the thumb of his right hand, who cleanseth shall cause the man that is to be made and upon the great toe of his right foot. 26 And some clean, and these things, to stand before the Lord, at of the oil shall the priest pour into the palm of his the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: 12 own left hand: 27 And the priest shall sprinkle with his And the priest shall take the one sheep, and offer the finger of the right hand some of the oil that is in his same for a trespass-offering, with the log of oil; and left hand, seven times before the Lord; 28 And the he shall make with them a waving before the Lord. priest shall put of the oil that is in his hand upon the 13 And he shall slav the sheep on the place where tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and the sin-offering and the burnt-offering are killed, in upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great the holy place; for as the sin-offering so doth the toe of his right foot; upon the place of the blood of the trespass-offering belong to the priest; it is most holy. trespass-offering; 29 And what is left of the oil that is 14 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the in the priest's hand he shall put upon the head of trespass-offering; and the priest shall put it upon the him that is to be cleansed, to make an atonement for tip of the right ear of him that is to be cleansed, and him before the Lord. 30 And he shall offer the one of upon the thumb of his right hand, and upon the great the turtle-doves, or of the young pigeons, from what toe of his right foot. 15 And the priest shall take some his means enable him [to bring]; 31 Even what his of the log of oil, and pour it into the palm of his own means enable him, the one for a sin-offering, and left hand. 16 And the priest shall dip his finger of the the other for a burnt-offering, with the meat-offering: right hand in the oil that is in his left hand, and he and the priest shall [thus] make an atonement for him shall sprinkle of the oil with his finger seven times that is to be cleansed, before the Lord. 32 This is the before the Lord. 17 And of the rest of the oil that is in law of him on whom is the plaque of leprosy, whose

shall be the law of the leper on the day of his ear of him that is to be cleansed, and upon the thumb

the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saving, and in the running water, and sprinkle on the house 34 When ve come into the land of Canaan, which I seven times: 52 And he shall atone for the house with give to you for a possession, and I put the plague of the blood of the bird, and with the running water, and leprosy on a house of the land of your possession: with the living bird, and with the cedar wood, and with 35 Then shall he that owneth the house come and the hyssop, and with the string of scarlet yarn; 53 But tell the priest, saving, Something like a leprosy hath he shall let fly forth the living bird out of the city into shown itself to me in the house. 36 And the priest the open field, and make [thus] an atonement for the shall command that they clear out the house, before house, and it shall be clean. 54 This is the law for all the priest go into it to see the plague, that all be not manner of plague of leprosy, and scall, 55 And for the made unclean that is in the house; and after this shall leprosy of a garment and of a house. 56 And for a the priest go in to see the house. 37 And he shall swelling, and for a rising, and for a bright spot: 57 To view the plague, and, behold, if the plague be in the teach on the day when something is unclean, and on walls of the house, in depressions, dark green or dark the day when it is clean; this is the law of the leprosy, red, and their appearance be deeper than the wall: 38 Then shall the priest go out of the house to the door of the house, and lock up the house seven days. 39 And the priest shall come again on the seventh day; and if he see, that, behold, the plague have spread in the walls of the house: 40 Then shall the priest command that they break out the stones on which the plaque is: and they shall cast them forth without the city on an unclean place. 41 And the house he shall cause to be scraped within round about; and they shall pour out the rubbish that they have scraped off without the city on an unclean place. 42 And they shall take other stones, and put them into the place of these stones: and other mortar shall he take, and shall plaster the house. 43 And if the plague come again. and break out in the house, after he hath taken away the stones, and after the house hath been scraped. and after it hath been plastered: 44 Then shall the priest come; and if he see that, behold, the plaque have spread in the house, it is a corrosive leprosy in the house: it is unclean. 45 And he shall break down the house, its stones, and the timbers thereof, and all the mortar of the house; and he shall carry them forth to without the city, unto an unclean place. 46 And he that goeth into the house, all the days that it is locked up, shall be unclean until the evening. 47 And he that lieth in the house shall wash his clothes; and he that eateth in the house shall wash his clothes. 48 But if the priest should come in, and see, and, behold, the plaque have not spread in the house, after the house was plastered; then shall the priest pronounce the house clean, because the plaque is healed. 49 And he shall take, to atone for the house, two birds, and cedar wood, and a string of scarlet varn, and hyssop: 50 And he shall kill the one bird in an earthen vessel over running water: 51 And he shall take the cedar wood, and the hyssop, and the scarlet yarn, and the

means are not sufficient when he is cleansed. 33 And living bird, and dip them in the blood of the slain bird.

15 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and to Aaron, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them. When any man have a running issue out of his flesh: because of his issue is he 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 may lie that hath the issue. shall be unclean; and every vessel, whereon he may sit, shall be unclean. 5 And any man that toucheth his bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 6 And he that sitteth on any vessel whereon he that hath the issue may sit, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening, 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 evening. 8 And if he that hath the issue spit upon him that is clean; then shall this one wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water. and be unclean until the evening. 9 And what saddle soever he that hath the issue may ride upon shall be unclean. 10 And whatsoever toucheth any thing, that may be under him, shall be unclean until the evening: and he that beareth any of these things shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 11 And whomsoever he that hath the issue may touch, and he have not rinsed his hands in water, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 12 And an earthen vessel that he who hath the issue may touch. shall be broken; and every vessel of wood shall be rinsed in water. 13 And when he that hath an issue becometh clean of his issue: then shall he number to himself seven days for his cleansing, and wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in running water. and

he take unto himself two turtle-doves, or two young the priest shall make an atonement for her before the pigeons, and come before the Lord, unto the door of Lord for the issue of her uncleanness. 31 And ye shall the tabernacle of the congregation, and give them separate the children of Israel from their uncleanness; unto the priest: 15 And the priest shall offer them, that they may not die in their uncleanness, when they the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt- defile my tabernacle that is in their midst. 32 This is offering; and the priest shall make an atonement for the law of him that hath an issue, and of him whose him before the Lord for his issue. 16 And if any man's seed goeth from him, and is defiled therewith; 33 And seed of copulation go out from him, then shall he of her that is suffering in her separation, and of him bathe all his flesh in water, and be unclean until the that hath an issue, of the man, and of the woman, evening. 17 And any garment, and any skin, whereon and of him that lieth with her that is unclean. the seed of copulation may be, shall be washed with water, and be unclean until the evening. 18 And if a man should lie with a woman with seed of copulation, then shall they bathe themselves in water, and be unclean until the evening. 19 And if a woman have an issue, so that blood flow from her flesh: then shall she be in her state of separation seven days; and whosoever toucheth her shall be unclean until the evening. 20 And every thing that she may lie upon in her separation shall be unclean: and whatever she may sit upon shall be unclean. 21 And whosoever toucheth her bed shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 22 And whosoever toucheth any vessel, that she may sit upon, shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 23 And if something be on the bed, or on any thing whereon she may sit, when he toucheth it, he shall be unclean until the evening. 24 And if any man should lie with her, and the uncleanness of her separation come upon him, he shall be unclean seven days; and every bed whereon he may lie shall be unclean. 25 And if a woman have an issue of her blood many days out of the time of her separation, or if it run beyond the time of her separation: all the days of the issue of her uncleanness shall she be as in the days of her separation; she shall be unclean. 26 Every bed whereon she may lie all the days of her issue shall be unto her as the bed of her separation; and whatever vessel she may sit upon shall be unclean, as the uncleanness of her separation. 27 And whosoever toucheth these things shall be unclean; and he shall wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be unclean until the evening. 28 And when she becometh clean of her issue, then shall she number to herself seven days, and after that shall she be clean. 29 And on the eighth day shall she take unto herself two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, and bring them unto the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 30 And the priest shall offer the one for

then shall he be clean. 14 And on the eighth day shall a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering; and

6 And the Lord spoke unto Moses after the death of the two sons of Aaron, when they had come near before the Lord, and died: 2 And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto Aaron thy brother, that he come not at all times into the holy place within the vail, before the mercy-seat, which is upon the ark, that he die not; for in the cloud will I appear upon the mercy-seat. 3 With this shall Aaron come into the holy place: with a young bullock for a sin-offering, and a ram for a burnt-offering. 4 A holy linen coat shall be put on, and linen breeches shall he have upon his flesh, and with a linen girdle shall he gird himself, and a linen mitre shall he bind on his head: these are holy garments; therefore shall he wash his flesh in water, and then put them on. 5 And from the congregation of the children of Israel shall he take two goats for a sin-offering, and one ram for a burntoffering. 6 And Aaron shall bring near the bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and make an atonement for himself, and for his house. 7 And he shall take the two goats, and place them before the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 8 And Aaron shall put lots upon the two goats; one lot "for the Lord," and the other lot "for 'Azazel," 9 And Aaron shall bring near the goat upon which fell the lot "for the Lord," and offer him for a sin-offering. 10 But the goat on which fell the lot "for 'Azazel," shall be placed alive before the Lord, to make an atonement with him, by sending him away to 'Azazel into the wilderness. 11 And Aaron shall bring near the bullock of the sin-offering, which is for himself, and he shall make an atonement for himself, and for his house; and he shall kill the bullock of the sin-offering which is for himself. 12 And he shall take a censer full of burning coals of fire from off the altar before the Lord. and both his hands full of incense of spices, pounded fine, and bring it within the vail; 13 And he shall put the incense upon the fire, before the Lord; that the cloud of the incense may envelop the mercy-seat that

take of the blood of the bullock, and sprinkle it with which was brought in to make atonement in the holy his finger above toward the mercy-seat, eastward; place, shall one carry forth without the camp; and they and before the mercy-seat shall he sprinkle seven shall burn in fire their skins, and their flesh, and their times of the blood with his finger. 15 And he shall dung. 28 And he that burneth them shall wash his kill the goat of the sin-offering, that is for the people, clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward and bring his blood to within the vail, and do with he may come into the camp. 29 And it shall be unto that blood as he did with the blood of the bullock, you a statute for ever: in the seventh month, on the and sprinkle it above the mercy-seat, and before the tenth of the month, ye shall afflict yourselves [by mercy-seat. 16 And he shall make an atonement for fasting, and no work shall ye do, whether it be one the holy place, because of the uncleanness of the of your own country, or the stranger that sojourneth children of Israel, and because of their transgressions among you; 30 For on that day shall [the high-priest] in all their sins: and so shall he do for the tabernacle make an atonement for you, to cleanse you; from of the congregation, that abideth among them in the all your sins before the Lord shall ye be clean. 31 midst of their uncleanness. 17 And there shall not. It shall be a sabbath of rest unto you, and ve shall be any man in the tabernacle of the congregation afflict yourselves [by fasting], as a statute for ever. 32 when he goeth in to make an atonement in the holy And the priest, who shall be anointed, and who shall place, until he come out; and so shall he make an be consecrated to minister as priest in his father's atonement for himself, and for his household, and stead, shall make the atonement; and he shall put on for the whole congregation of Israel. 18 And he shall the linen clothes, the holy garments. 33 And he shall then go out unto the altar that is before the Lord, and make an atonement for the holy of holies; and for the make an atonement upon it; and he shall take of the tabernacle of the congregation, and for the altar shall blood of the bullock, and of the blood of the goat, and he make an atonement; and also for the priests, and put it upon the horns of the altar round about. 19 And for all the people of the congregation shall he make he shall sprinkle upon it of the blood with his finger an atonement. 34 And this shall be unto you as a seven times; and he shall cleanse it, and hallow it statute for everlasting, to make an atonement for the from the uncleanness of the children of Israel. 20 And children of Israel for all their sins once a year: and he when he hath made an end of atoning for the holy did as the Lord had commanded Moses. place, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the altar: then shall he bring near 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 in all their sins, putting them upon the head of the goat, and he shall send him away by the hand of a man appointed thereto into the wilderness: 22 And the goat shall bear upon him all their iniquities unto a land not inhabited; and so shall he send away the goat into the wilderness. 23 And Aaron shall then go into the tabernacle of the congregation, and he shall take off the linen garments, which he had put on when he went into the holy place, and he shall leave them there: 24 And he shall bathe his flesh with water in a holy place, and put on his garments; and come then forth, and offer his burnt-offering, and the burntoffering of the people, and make an atonement for himself, and for the people. 25 And the fat of the sinoffering shall he burn upon the altar. 26 And he that carrieth the goat to 'Azazel shall wash his clothes, and bathe his flesh in water, and afterward he may come into the camp. 27 And the bullock for the sin-

is upon the testimony, that he die not. 14 And he shall offering, and the goat for the sin-offering, the blood of

17 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and say unto them, This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded, saying, 3 Any man whatsoever of the house of Israel, that killeth an ox, or a sheep, or a goat, in the camp, or that killeth it out of the camp, 4 And bringeth it not to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it as an offering unto the Lord before the tabernacle of the Lord: as blood-guiltiness shall it be imputed unto that man, blood hath he shed; and that man shall be cut off from among his people. 5 In order that the children of Israel may bring their sacrifices, which they slay in the open field, and bring them unto the Lord, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. unto the priest, and slay them as sacrifices of peaceofferings unto the Lord. 6 And the priest shall sprinkle the blood upon the altar of the Lord at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and he shall burn the fat for a sweet savor unto the Lord. 7 So that they shall offer no more their sacrifices unto evil spirits, after which they have gone astray: a statute for ever

shall this be unto them throughout their generations. 8 nakedness of thy father's wife shalt thou not uncover: shall he bear his iniquity.

18 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, I am the Lord your God. 3 After the doings of the Land of Egypt, wherein ye have dwelt, shall ye not do; and after the doings of the land of Canaan whither I am bringing you, shall ye not do; and in their customs shall ye not walk. 4 My ordinances shall ye do, and my statutes shall ye keep, to walk therein: I am the Lord your God. 5 And ye shall keep my statutes, and my ordinances, which if a man do, he shall live in them: I am the Lord. 6 None of you shall approach to any that are near of kin to him, to uncover their nakedness: I am the Lord. 7 The nakedness of thy father, or the nakedness of thy mother, shalt thou not uncover: she is thy mother, thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. 8 The

And unto them shalt thou say, Whatsoever man there it is thy father's nakedness. 9 The nakedness of thy be of the house of Israel, or of the strangers who may sister, the daughter of thy father, or the daughter of sojourn among them, that offereth a burnt-offering or thy mother, whether she be born at home, or born a sacrifice. 9 And bringeth it not unto the door of the abroad. —even the nakedness of any of these shalt tabernacle of the congregation, to offer it unto the thou not uncover. 10 The nakedness of thy son's Lord: even that man shall be cut off from among his daughter, or of thy daughter's daughter, —even the people. 10 And if there be any man of the house of nakedness of any of these, shalt thou not uncover; for Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, theirs is thy own nakedness. 11 The nakedness of thy that eateth any manner of blood: I will set my face father's wife's daughter, begotten of thy father, she is against the person that eateth the blood, and I will cut thy sister, —thou shalt not uncover her nakedness. him off from among his people. 11 For the life of the 12 The nakedness of thy father's sister shalt thou flesh is in the blood; and I have appointed it for you not uncover: she is thy father's near kinswoman. 13 upon the altar to make an atonement for your souls; The nakedness of thy mother's sister shalt thou not for the blood it is that maketh an atonement for the uncover; for she is thy mother's near kinswoman. soul. 12 Therefore have I said unto the children of 14 The nakedness of thy father's brother shalt thou Israel, No one of you shall eat blood, and the stranger not uncover: his wife shalt thou not approach, she is that sojourneth among you shall not eat blood. 13 thy aunt. 15 The nakedness of thy daughter-in-law And if there be any man whatsoever of the children of shalt thou not uncover: she is thy son's wife, thou Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn among them, shalt not uncover her nakedness. 16 The nakedness who catcheth by hunting any beast or fowl that may of thy brother's wife shalt thou not uncover: it is thy be eaten: then shall he pour out the blood thereof, brother's nakedness. 17 The nakedness of a woman and cover it up with dust. 14 For the life of all flesh is and her daughter shalt thou not uncover; her son's its blood, on which its life dependeth; therefore have I daughter, or her daughter's daughter shalt thou not said unto the children of Israel, The blood of every take, to uncover her nakedness; for they are near manner of flesh shall ye not eat; for the life of all flesh kinswomen; it is incest. 18 And a woman together with is its blood, every one who eateth it shall be cut off. her sister shalt thou not take, to vex her, to uncover 15 And every person that eateth that which hath died her nakedness, beside the other, in her lifetime. 19 of itself, or that which was torn by beasts, be this one And a woman in the separation of her uncleanness born in your own country, or a stranger, shall both shalt thou not approach, to uncover her nakedness. wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and be 20 And with thy neighbor's wife shalt thou not lie unclean until the evening, when he shall be clean. 16 carnally, to defile thyself with her. 21 And any of But if he wash [them] not, nor bathe his flesh, then thy seed shalt thou not let pass through [the fire] to Molech, and thou shalt not profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord. 22 And with a man shalt thou not lie, as with a woman: it is an abomination. 23 And with any beast shalt thou not lie to defile thyself therewith: neither shall any woman stand before a beast to lie down thereto: it is confusion. 24 Do not defile yourselves through any of these things.; for through all these have become defiled the nations which I cast out before you: 25 And the land became defiled; wherefore I have visited its iniquity upon it, and the land itself vomited out its inhabitants. 26 Ye shall therefore keep my statutes and my ordinances, and ye shall not commit any of these abominations; neither any of your own nation, nor the stranger that sojourneth among you: 27 (For all these abominations have the men of the land done, who were before you, and the land hath become defiled: ) 28 That the land may not vomit you out also, when ye defile it, as it hath

vomited out the nations that were before you. 29 For not bear sin on account of him. 18 Thou shalt not am the Lord vour God.

1 Q And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, and say unto them, Ye shall be holy; for I the Eternal your God am holy. 3 Ye shall fear, every man, his mother and his father, and my sabbaths shall ye keep: I am the Lord your God. 4 Ye shall not turn unto the idols, and molten gods shall ve not make to vourselves: I am the Lord vour God. 5 And if ve offer a sacrifice of peace-offering unto the Lord, ye shall offer it so that it may be favorably received from you. 6 On the same day ye offer it shall it be eaten, and on the morrow: and whatever is left until the third day, shall be burnt with fire. 7 And if the intention was that it should be eaten on the third day, it is an abomination, it shall not be favorably received. 8 And whoever eateth it shall bear his iniquity; because he hath profaned the hallowed thing of the Lord: and that soul shall be cut off from among his people. 9 And when ve reap the harvest of your land, thou shalt not wholly reap the corners of thy field, neither shalt thou gather up the gleanings of thy harvest. 10 And thou shalt not glean thy vineyard, and the single grapes that drop in thy vineyard shalt thou not gather up; for the poor and the stranger shalt thou leave them: I am the Lord your God. 11 Ye shall not steal; neither shall ye deny [another's property in your hands], nor lie one to another. 12 And ye shall not swear by my name falsely, and thou shalt not thus profane the name of thy God: I am the Lord. 13 Thou shalt not withhold any thing from thy neighbor, nor rob him: there shall not abide with thee the wages of him that is hired, through the night until morning. 14 Thou shalt not curse the deaf, nor put a stumbling-block before the blind; but thou shalt be afraid of thy God: I am the Lord. 15 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment; thou shalt not respect the person of the poor, nor honor the person of the great; in righteousness shalt thou judge thy neighbor. 16 Thou shalt not go up and down as a talebearer among thy people; thou shalt not stand [idly] by the blood of thy neighbor: I am the Lord. 17 Thou shalt not hate thy brother in thy heart: thou shalt indeed rebuke thy neighbor, and

whosoever shall commit any of these abominations, avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children — even the souls that commit them shall be cut off of thy people; but thou shalt love thy neighbor as from among their people, 30 Therefore shall ve keep, thyself; I am the Lord, 19 My statutes shall ve keep; my charge, so that ve commit not any one of these thy cattle shalt thou not let gender with a diverse kind: abominable customs, which were committed before thy field shalt thou not sow with mingled seeds; and you, and that ye do not defile yourselves therewith: I a garment of mingled kinds, of linen and woollen, shall not come upon thee. 20 And if a man lie carnally with a woman, that is a bond-maid, betrothed to a man, but who hath neither been redeemed, nor hath her freedom been given her: there shall a scourging be decreed: they shall not be put to death, because she was not free. 21 And he shall bring his trespassoffering unto the Lord, unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: a ram for a trespass-offering. 22 And the priest shall make an atonement for him with the ram of the trespass-offering before the Lord for his sin which he hath done; and he shall be forgiven for his sin which he hath committed. 23 And when ve come into the land, and plant any kind of tree bearing edible fruit, then shall ye count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto vou, it shall not be eaten. 24 But in the fourth year shall all its fruit be holy for praisegiving unto the Lord. 25 And in the fifth year shall ve eat of its fruit, in order that it may increase unto you its productiveness: I am the Lord your God. 26 Ye shall not eat upon the blood; nor shall ve use enchantment, nor observe times. 27 Ye shall not cut round the corners [of the hair] of your head, neither shalt thou destroy the corners of thy beard. 28 And for the dead shall ye not make any incision in your flesh; and any etched-in writing shall you not fix on vourselves: I am the Lord. 29 Do not profane thy daughter, to cause her to be a prostitute; lest the land fall to prostitution, and the land become full of incest. 30 My sabbaths shall ye keep, and my sanctuary shall ve reverence: I am the Lord. 31 Turn not unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards; seek [them] not, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God. 32 Before the hoary head shalt thou rise up. and honor the face of the old man; and thou shalt be afraid of thy God: I am the Lord. 33 And if a stranger sojourn with thee, in your land, ye shall not vex him. 34 As one born in the land among you, shall be unto you the stranger that sojourneth with you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt: I am the Lord your God. 35 Ye shall do no unrighteousness in judgment, in meteyard, in weight, or in measure. 36 Just balances, just weights. a just ephah, and a just hin, shall ye have: I am the

Lord your God, who have brought you forth out of the 17 And if a man take his sister, the daughter of his the Lord.

20 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 And to the children of Israel shalt thou say, Whatsoever man of the children of Israel, or of the strangers that sojourn in Israel, that giveth any of his seed unto Molech, shall surely be put to death; the people of the land shall stone him with stones. 3 And I will set my face against that man, and I will cut him off from among his people; because of his seed hath he given unto Molech, in order to defile my sanctuary, and to profane my holy name. 4 And if the people of the land should in any way hide their eyes from that man, when he giveth of his seed unto Molech, so as not to kill him: 5 Then will I set my face against that man, and against his family, and I will cut him off, and all that go astray after him, to go astray after Molech, from among their people. 6 And the person that turneth unto such as have familiar spirits, and unto wizards, to go astray after them. —then will I set my face against that person, and will cut him off from among his people. 7 Sanctify yourselves therefore, and be ye holy; for I am the Lord your God. 8 And ye shall keep my statutes, and do them: I am the Lord who sanctify you. 9 For every one whatever that curseth his father or his mother shall be put to death: his father or his mother hath he cursed, his blood shall be upon him. 10 And if there be a man that committeth adultery with a man's wife, [whoever it be] that committeth adultery with his neighbor's wife: then shall the adulterer be put to death, together with the adulteress. 11 And a man that lieth with his father's wife, hath uncovered his father's nakedness: both of them shall be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. 12 And if a man lie with his daughter-inlaw, both of them shall be put to death: they have committed an unnatural deed; their blood shall be upon them. 13 And if a man lie with a male, as they abomination: they shall be put to death: their blood

land of Egypt. 37 Ye shall therefore observe all my father, or the daughter of his mother, and he see statutes, and all my ordinances, and do them: I am her nakedness, and she see his nakedness; it is a disgraceful deed; and they shall be cut off before the eves of their people: the nakedness of his sister hath he uncovered; his iniquity shall he bear. 18 And if a man lie with a woman suffering of her separation, and uncover her nakedness, and he lav open her fountain. and she uncover the fountain of her blood: then shall both of them be cut off from the midst of their people. 19 And the nakedness of thy mother's sister, or of thy father's sister shalt thou not uncover; for his near of kin he uncovereth: their iniquity shall they bear. 20 And the man that lieth with his uncle's wife, hath uncovered his uncle's nakedness: their sin shall they bear; childless shall they die. 21 And if a man do take his brother's wife, it is an abominable act: the nakedness of his brother hath he uncovered: childless shall they remain. 22 And keep ye all my statutes, and all my ordinances, and do them; that the land, whither I bring you to dwell therein, may not vomit you forth. 23 And ye shall not walk in the customs of the nation which I cast out before you; for all these things they committed, and therefore I felt loathing for them. 24 And I said unto you, Ye shall possess their land, and I will give it unto you to possess it, a land flowing with milk and honey: I am the Eternal your God, who have separated you from the nations. 25 Ye shall therefore make a difference between the clean beast and the unclean, and between the unclean fowl and the clean; and ye shall not make your souls abominable by the beast, or by the fowl, or by any manner of thing that creepeth on the ground, which I have separated from you as unclean. 26 And ye shall be holy unto me, for I the Lord am holy; and I have separated you from the nations, that ye should be mine. 27 And if there be among men or women one that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, they shall be put to death; with stones shall they stone them; their blood shall be upon them.

lie with a woman, both of them have committed an 21 And the Lord said unto Moses, Speak unto the priests the sons of Aaron, and say unto shall be upon them. 14 And if a man take a woman them, None [of them] shall defile himself on the dead, and her mother, it is incest: in fire shall they burn among his people; 2 But on his kin, that is near unto him and them; that there be no incest among you. him, [that is, ] on his mother, and on his father, and 15 And a man that lieth with a beast shall be put to on his son, and on his daughter, and on his brother, 3 death: and the beast also shall ye slay. 16 And if a And on his sister that is a virgin, that is nigh unto woman approach unto any beast to lie down thereto, him, who hath had no husband: on her may he defile then shalt thou kill the woman, and the beast; they himself. 4 The chief man among his people shall shall be put to death; their blood shall be upon them. not defile himself, to be profaned thereby. 5 They

the corner of their beard shall they not shave off, unto all the children of Israel. and in their flesh shall they not make any incision. 6 Holy shall they be unto their God, and they shall not profane the name of their God; for the fire-offerings of the Lord, the bread of their God, do they offer, they shall therefore be holy. 7 A woman that is a harlot, or one profaned, shall they not take; and a woman put away from her husband shall they not take; for holy is he unto his God. 8 And thou shalt sanctify him; for the bread of thy God doth he offer: holy shall he be unto thee; for I the Lord, who sanctify you, am holy. 9 And if the daughter of any priest profane herself by committing incest, her father doth she profane: with fire shall she be burnt. 10 And the priest that is highest among his brethren, upon whose head the anointing oil hath been poured, and who hath been consecrated to put on the garments, shall not let the hair of his head grow long, and his garments shall he not rend; 11 Neither shall he go in to any dead body; even on his father, and on his mother shall he not defile himself. 12 And out of the sanctuary shall he not go, that he may not profane the sanctuary of his God; for the crown of the anointing oil of his God is upon him: I am the Lord. 13 And he shall take a wife in her virgin state. 14 A widow, and a divorced woman, and one profaned, [and] a harlot, these shall he not take: but a virgin of his own people shall he take for wife; 15 So that he may not profane his seed among his people; for I, the Lord, do sanctify him. 16 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 17 Speak unto Aaron, saying, Whosoever of thy seed in their generations it be on whom there is any blemish, shall not approach to offer the bread of his God. 18 For whatsoever man it be on whom there is a blemish, shall not approach: a blind, or a lame man, or one that hath a flattened nose, or a man one of whose limbs is too long. 19 Or a man who hath a broken foot, or a broken hand. 20 Or a crookbacked, or a dwarf, or one that hath a blemish in his eye, or the itch. or the scurvy, or the testicles broken. 21 Every man on whom there is a blemish, of the seed of Aaron the priest, shall not come nigh to offer the fireofferings of the Lord: there is a blemish on him: he shall not come nigh to offer the bread of his God. 22 The brewed of his God, both of the most holy, and of the holy things he may eat. 23 Only unto the vail, and unto the altar shall he not come nigh, because there is a blemish on him; that he profane not my holy things; for I the Lord do sanctify them. 24 And

shall not make any baldness upon their head, and Moses spoke thus unto Aaron, and to his sons, and

**22** And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron and to his sons, that they keep themselves away from the holy things of the children of Israel, [so that they profane not my holy name] which they hallow unto me: I am the Lord. 3 Say unto them, In your generations, if there be any man of all your seed, that approacheth unto the holy things, which the children of Israel hallow unto the Lord, having his uncleanness upon him, that soul shall be cut off from my presence: I am the Lord. 4 Any man whatsoever of the seed of Aaron, that is a leper, or hath a running issue, shall not eat of the holy things, until he be clean; and whoso toucheth any thing that is unclean by the dead, or a man whose seed goeth from him: 5 Or a man who toucheth any creeping thing, whereby he may be made unclean, or a man through whom he can be rendered unclean, through any kind of uncleanness which he hath: 6 The person that toucheth any such shall be unclean until the evening, and he shall not eat of the holy things, unless he have bathed his flesh in water. 7 And when the sun hath set, he shall be clean; and afterward he may eat of the holy things; because it is his food. 8 That which dieth of itself, or is torn by beasts, shall he not eat, to defile himself therewith: I am the Lord. 9 And they shall keep my charge, that they may not bear sin through it, and die therefore, if they profane it: I am the Lord who sanctify them. 10 And no stranger shall eat of a holy thing: a sojourner of a priest, or a hired servant, shall not eat of a holy thing. 11 But if a priest buy a person with his money, then may he eat of it; and those that are born in his house, may eat of his bread. 12 And if the daughter of a priest be married unto a stranger, she may not eat of the offered part of holy things. 13 But the daughter of a priest, if she be a widow, or divorced, and have no child, and is returned unto her father's house, as in her youth, may eat of her father's bread; but no stranger shall eat thereof. 14 And if a man eat a holy thing unwittingly, then shall he add the fifth part thereof unto it, and he shall make good unto the priest the holy thing. 15 And they shall not profane the holy things of the children of Israel, which they offer unto the Lord; 16 And load on themselves the iniquity of trespass, when they eat their holy things; for I am the Lord who sanctify them. 17 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 18 Speak unto Aaron, and unto his sons, and unto all the children of Israel, and

of Egypt, to be unto you a God: I am the Lord.

23 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them. The feasts of the Lord, which ve shall proclaim to be holy convocations, —these are my feasts: 3 Six days may work be done; but on the seventh day is the sabbath of rest, a holy convocation; no kind of work shall ye do thereon; it is the sabbath

say unto them, If there be any man of the house of [holy] unto the Lord in all your dwellings. 4 These Israel, or of the strangers in Israel, that offereth his are the feasts of the Lord, the holy convocations, oblation, be it for any manner of vows, or for any which ye shall proclaim in their seasons: 5 On the manner of freewill-offerings, which they may offer fourteenth day of the first month, toward evening, is unto the Lord for a burnt-offering: 19 Then shall it the passover-lamb to be offered unto the Lord. 6 And be, that it may be favorably received for you, a male on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of without blemish, of the oxen, of the sheep, or of the unleavened bread unto the Lord: seven days must ye goats, 20 Whatsoever on which there is a blemish eat unleavened bread. 7 On the first day there shall shall ye not offer; for it will not be favorably received be a holy convocation unto you; no servile work shall for you. 21 And when a man offereth a sacrifice of ye do thereon. 8 And ye shall offer an offering made peace-offering unto the Lord as a vow, or a freewill- by fire unto the Lord seven days: on the seventh day offering of the herds or of the flocks: it shall be without is a holy convocation; no servile work shall ye do. 9 blemish to be favorably received; no kind of bodily And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak defect shall be thereon. 22 A blind, or broken-limbed, unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When or maimed animal, or one having a wen, or itch, or ye shall have come into the land which I give unto scurvy,—ye shall not offer these unto the Lord, and you, and reap the harvest thereof: then shall ye bring a fire-offering shall ye not make of them upon the an omer full of the first of your harvest unto the priest; altar unto the Lord. 23 And an ox or a lamb that hath 11 And he shall wave the omer before the Lord, that it a limb too long or too short, that mayest thou offer may be favorably received for you; on the morrow for a freewill-offering; but for a vow it shall not be after the holy day shall the priest wave it. 12 And favorably received. 24 And one that is bruised, or ye shall offer on the day when ye wave the omer, crushed, or broken, or cut in the testicles, shall ye a male sheep without blemish of the first year for a not offer unto the Lord; and in your land shall ye not burnt-offering unto the Lord. 13 And the meat-offering make the like. 25 And from a stranger's hand shall ye thereof shall be two tenth parts of fine flour mingled not offer the bread of your God from any of these; with oil, as an offering made by fire unto the Lord, because their corruption is on them, a bodily defect is for a sweet sayor; with its drink-offering of wine, the on them: they shall not be favorably received for you. fourth part of a hin. 14 And neither bread, nor parched 26 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving, 27 When corn, nor green ears, shall ve eat, until the self-same a bullock, or a sheep, or a goat, is brought forth, then day, until ye have brought the offering of your God: it shall it remain seven days by its mother; and from shall be a statute forever throughout your generations the eighth day and thenceforth shall it be favorably in all your dwellings. 15 And ye shall count unto you received for an offering made by fire unto the Lord. 28 from the morrow after the holy day, from the day that And whether it be ox or sheep, ye shall not kill it and ye bring the omer of the wave-offering, [that] it be its young both in one day. 29 And when ye offer a seven complete weeks: 16 Even unto the morrow sacrifice of thanksgiving unto the Lord, offer it so that after the seventh week shall ye number fifty days; it may be favorably received of you. 30 On the same and ye shall then offer a new meat-offering unto the day shall it be eaten up; ye shall leave none of it until Lord. 17 Out of your own habitations shall ye bring the morning: I am the Lord. 31 And ye shall keep my two wave-loaves of two tenth parts; of fine flour shall commandments and do them: I am the Lord, 32 And they be; leavened shall they be baked; they are the ye shall not profane my holy name; so that I may be first-fruits unto the Lord. 18 And ye shall offer with the sanctified among the children of Israel; I am the Lord bread seven sheep without blemish of the first year, who sanctify you, 33 That brought you out of the land and one young bullock, and two rams: they shall be for a burnt-offering unto the Lord, with their meatoffering, with their drink-offerings, an offering made by fire, of a sweet savor unto the Lord. 19 And ye shall sacrifice one he-goat for a sin-offering, and two sheep of the first year for a sacrifice of peace-offering. 20 And the priest shall make with them together with the bread of the first-fruits a waving before the Lord, together with the two sheep; holy shall they be to the Lord for the priest. 21 And ye shall proclaim on unto you; no servile work shall ye do; it shall be a be a rest, and on the eighth day shall be a rest. 40 statute for ever in all your dwellings throughout your And ve shall take unto yourselves on the first day generations. 22 And when we reap the harvest of your the fruit of the tree hadar, branches of palm-trees. land, thou shalt not cut away altogether the corners and the boughs of the myrtle-tree, and willows of the of thy field when thou reapest, and the gleaning of brook: and ye shall rejoice before the Lord your God thy harvest shalt thou not gather up; unto the poor, seven days. 41 And ye shall keep it as a feast unto and to the stranger shalt thou leave them: I am the the Lord seven days in the year: it shall be a statute Lord your God. 23 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, for ever throughout your generations; in the seventh saying, 24 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, month shall ye celebrate it. 42 In booths shall ye dwell In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, seven days; all that are Israelites born shall dwell in shall ve have a rest, a [day of] memorial of sounding booths. 43 In order that your generations may know. the cornet, a holy convocation. 25 No servile work that I caused the children of Israel to dwell in booths. shall ve do; and ve shall offer an offering made by fire when I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt; I unto the Lord, 26 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, am the Lord your God, 44 And Moses declared the saving, 27 But on the tenth day of this seventh month feasts of the Lord unto the children of Israel. is the day of atonement, a holy convocation shall it be unto you, and ve shall fast; and ve shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord. 28 And no manner of work shall ye do on this same day; for it is a day of atonement, to make an atonement for you before the Lord your God. 29 For whatsoever person it be that fasteth not on this same day, shall be cut off from among his people. 30 And if there be any person that doth any work on this same day. then will I destroy the same person from among his people. 31 No manner of work shall ye do: it shall he a statute for ever throughout your generations. in all your dwellings. 32 A sabbath of rest it shall be unto you, and ve shall fast: on the ninth day of the month at evening [shall ye begin], from evening unto evening shall ye celebrate your sabbath. 33 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving, 34 Speak unto the children of Israel, saving. On the fifteenth day of this seventh month, shall be the feast of tabernacles for seven days unto the Lord. 35 On the first day shall be a holy convocation; no servile work shall ve do. 36 Seven days shall ve offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord: on the eighth day shall be a holy convocation unto you; and ye shall offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, it is a solemn assembly; no servile work shall ye do. 37 These are the feasts of the Lord, which ye shall proclaim to be holy convocations, to offer an offering made by fire unto the Lord, burnt-offering, and meat-offering. sacrifice, and drink-offerings, every thing upon its day: 38 Beside the sabbaths of the Lord, and beside your gifts, and beside all your yows, and beside all your freewill-offerings, which ve may give unto the Lord. 39 But on the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when ye have gathered in the fruit of the land, shall ye keep

the self-same day, that it may be a holy convocation, the feast of the Lord seven days; on the first day shall

**24** And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving, <sub>2</sub> Command the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee pure beaten olive-oil, for the lighting, to cause the lamp to burn continually, 3 Without the vail of the testimony, in the tabernacle of the congregation. shall Aaron put it in order [for] from evening unto morning before the Lord continually; as a statute for ever in your generations. 4 Upon the pure candlestick shall be put in order the lamps, before the Lord, continually. 5 And thou shalt take fine flour, and bake thereof twelve cakes: of two tenth parts shall each one cake be. 6 And thou shalt place them in two rows, six in a row, upon the pure table before the Lord, 7 And thou shalt put upon each row pure frankincense. that it may be unto the bread for a memorial, as a fire-offering unto the Lord. 8 On every and each sabbath day shall he place it in order before the Lord continually. [obtained] from the children of Israel as an everlasting covenant. 9 And it shall belong to Aaron and to his sons; and they shall eat it in a holy place; for it is most holy unto him, from the fire-offerings of the Lord, as a perpetual fixed portion. 10 And there went forth a son of an Israelitish woman, but who was the son of an Egyptian man, among the children of Israel: and there quarrelled together in the camp this son of the Israelitish woman and an Israelitish man. 11 And the son of the Israelitish woman pronounced the [holv] Name, and blasphemed; and they brought him unto Moses: [and his mother's name was Shelomith, the daughter of Dibri, of the tribe of Dan; 1 12 And they placed him in ward, until the decision of the Lord could be explained to them. 13 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 14 Lead forth the blasphemer to without the camp; and all that have heard him

shall lay their hands upon his head; and all the ye sound the cornet throughout all your land. 10 And congregation shall stone him. 15 And unto the children ye shall hallow the fiftieth year, and proclaim freedom of Israel shalt thou speak, saying, Whatsoever man throughout the land unto all the inhabitants thereof; that blasphemeth his God shall bear his sin. 16 it shall be a jubilee unto you; and ye shall return. blasphemy] shall be put to death, all the congregation every man, unto his family. 11 A jubilee shall this, the shall stone him; be he a stranger, or be he one that fiftieth year, be unto you; ye shall not sow, nor reap is born in the land, when he pronounceth the [holy] that which groweth of itself in it, nor gather in it the Name [with blasphemy, ] he shall be put to death. 17 fruit of the undressed vines. 12 For it is the jubilee; And he that taketh the life of any man shall surely holy shall it be unto you: from the field shall ye eat be put to death. 18 And he that taketh the life of a the products thereof. 13 In this year of the jubilee beast shall make it good: beast for beast. 19 And if shall ye return, every man, unto his possession. 14 a man cause a bodily defect in his neighbor, as he And if thou sell aught unto thy neighbor, or buy aught hath done, so shall be done to him; 20 Breach for of thy neighbor's hand, ye shall not overreach one breach, eye for eye, tooth for tooth: in the manner as the other; 15 According to the number of years after he hath caused a bodily defect in a man, so shall it the jubilee shalt thou buy of thy neighbor, according be done to him. 21 And he that killeth a beast, shall unto the number of harvest-years shall he sell unto make restitution for it: and he that killeth a man, shall thee: 16 According to the multitude of years shalt be put to death. 22 One manner of judicial law shall thou increase the price thereof, and according to ye have, the stranger shall be equal with one of your the fewness of years shalt thou diminish the price own country; for I am the Lord your God. 23 And thereof; for a number of harvests doth he sell unto forth the blasphemer to without the camp, and they but thou shalt be afraid of thy God; for I am the Lord stoned him with stones; and the children of Israel did your God. 18 And ye shall do my statutes, and my as the Lord had commanded Moses.

25 And the Lord spoke unto Moses on mount Sinai, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them. When ve come into the land which I give unto you; then shall the land keep a sabbath unto the Lord. 3 Six years shalt thou sow thy field, and six years shalt thou prune thy vineyard, and gather in the fruit thereof; 4 But in the seventh year there shall be a sabbath of rest unto the land, a sabbath [in honor] of the Lord: thy field shalt thou not sow, and thy vineyard shalt thou not prune. 5 That which groweth of its own accord of thy harvest shalt thou not reap, and the grapes of thy undressed vine shalt thou not gather: a year of rest shall it be unto the land. 6 And [the product of] the sabbath of the land shall be unto you for food, for thee, and for thy manservant, and for thy maid-servant, and for thy hired laborer, and for thy stranger, that sojourn with thee; 7 And for thy cattle, and for the beasts that are in thy land, shall all its products be [left] for food. 8 And thou shalt number unto thee seven sabbaths of years, seven years seven times; and the space of the seven sabbaths of years shall be unto thee forty and nine years. 9 And then shalt thou cause the sound of the cornet to be heard, in the seventh month, on the tenth day of the month: on the day of atonement shall

But he that pronounced the name of the Lord [with every man, unto his possession, and ye shall return, Moses spoke to the children of Israel; and they led thee. 17 And ye shall not overreach one the other; ordinances shall ye keep and do them; and then shall ye dwell in the land in safety. 19 And the land shall yield its fruit, and ye shall eat your fill, and dwell in safety therein. 20 And if ve should say. What shall we eat in the seventh year? behold, we are not permitted to sow, and we cannot gather in our harvest: 21 Then will I command my blessing unto you in the sixth year, and it shall bring forth a harvest for three years. 22 And when ve sow in the eighth year, then shall ye eat yet of the old harvest; until the ninth year, until its harvest come in, shall ye eat of the old store. 23 And the land shall not be sold for a permanence [to the purchaser]; for the land is mine; for strangers and sojourners are ye with me. 24 And in all the land of your possession ve shall grant a redemption for the land. 25 If thy brother become poor, and sell away some of his possession: then may his nearest of kin come and redeem what his brother hath sold. 26 And if the man have none to redeem it, and he acquire the means, sufficient to be able to redeem it himself: 27 Then let him reckon the years since his sale, and restore the overplus unto the man to whom he sold it; and so shall he return unto his possession. 28 But if his means do not suffice to enable him to restore it to him: then shall that which he hath sold remain in the hand of him that hath bought it until the year of the jubilee; and it shall be freed in the jubilee, and he

a dwelling-house in a walled city: then shall the time them to service for ever; but over your brethren the of redemption last till the end of the year of his sale; a children of Israel, one over the other, ve shall not rule full year shall his time of redemption last. 30 And if it with rigor, 47 And if a stranger or sojourner wax rich be not redeemed within the expiration of a full year: near thee, and thy brother become poor near him. then shall the house which is in the walled city remain and he sell himself unto the sojourning stranger near as a permanence to him that bought it throughout his thee, or to a descendant of a stranger's family: 48 generations: it shall not become freed in the jubilee. After he hath sold himself shall he have the right of 31 But the houses of the villages which have no wall redemption; one of his brethren may redeem him. round about them shall be counted as the fields of 49 Either his uncle, or his uncle's son, may redeem the country: they shall have the right of redemption, him, or any that is near of kin unto him of his family and they shall become freed in the jubilee. 32 And may redeem him; or if he obtain the means, he may [respecting] the cities of the Levites, the houses of redeem himself, 50 And he shall reckon with him that the cities of their possession, a perpetual right of bought him from the year that he sold himself to him redemption shall belong to the Levites. 33 And if a unto the year of the jubilee; and the price of his sale man of the Levites redeem something: then shall the shall be according to the number of years, as the time house that was sold, and the city of his possession, of a hired laborer shall he have been with him. 51 lf become freed in the jubilee; for the houses of the there be yet many years, according to them shall he cities of the Levites are their possession among the return the price of his redemption out of his purchasechildren of Israel. 34 And a field of the suburbs of their money. 52 And if there remain but few years unto the cities shall not be sold; for a perpetual possession year of the jubilee: then shall he reckon with him; is it unto them. 35 And if thy brother become poor, according to his years shall he return the price of his and fall in decay with thee: then shalt thou assist redemption. 53 As a laborer hired from year to year him, [yea] a stranger, or a sojourner, that he may live shall he be with him; he shall not rule over him with with thee. 36 Thou shalt not take of him any usury or rigor before thy eyes. 54 And if he be not redeemed increase; but thou shalt be afraid of thy God; that thy by [one of] these means; then shall be go out in the brother may live with thee. 37 Thy money shalt thou year of the jubilee, both he, and his children with him. not give him upon usury, nor lend him thy victuals 55 For unto me are the children of Israel servants, my for increase. 38 I am the Lord your God, who have servants are they, whom I have brought forth out of brought you forth out of the land of Egypt, to give the land of Egypt: I am the Eternal your God. unto you the land of Canaan, to be unto you a God. 39 And if thy brother become poor near thee, and be sold unto thee: thou shalt not compel him to work as a bond-servant. 40 But as a hired laborer, as a sojourner, shall he be with thee; until the year of the jubilee shall he serve with thee: 41 And then shall he depart from thee, he and his children with him; and he shall return unto his own family, and unto the possession of his fathers shall he return. 42 For my servants are they, whom I brought forth out of the land of Eqvpt: they shall not be sold as bond-men are sold. 43 Thou shalt not rule over him with rigor; but thou shalt have fear of thy God. 44 But thy bond-man, and thy bond-woman that shall remain thine, shall be of the nations that are round about you; of them may ye buy bond-man and bond-woman. 45 And also of the children of the strangers that sojourn with you, of them may ve buy, and of their families that are with you, which they have begotten in your land; and they shall remain to you as a possession. 46 And ye may transfer them as an inheritance for your children after

shall return unto his possession. 29 And if a man sell you, to inherit them for a possession; you may hold

26 Ye shall not make yourselves any idols, and a graven image, or a standing image shall ye not rear up unto you, and any carved stone shall you not place in your land, to bow down upon it; for I am the Eternal your God. 2 My sabbaths shall ye keep, and my sanctuary shall ye reverence: I am the Lord. 3 If in my statutes ye walk, and if my commandments ye keep, and do them: 4 Then will I give you rains in their due season, and the earth shall yield her products, and the tree of the field shall yield its fruit. 5 And the threshing shall reach with you unto the vintage, and the vintage shall reach unto sowing-time; and ye shall eat your bread to the full, and ve shall dwell in safety in your land. 6 And I will give peace in the land, and ye shall lie down, with none to make you afraid; and I will remove evil beasts out of the land, and the sword shall not pass 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 will I also walk contrary unto you in fury; and I, even I, And I will turn myself unto you, and make you fruitful, will chastise you, sevenfold for your sins. 29 And ye and multiply you; and I will establish my covenant shall eat the flesh of your sons, and the flesh of your with you. 10 And ve shall eat very old store, and the daughters shall ve eat, 30 And I will destroy your highold shall ye remove away because of the new. 11 And places, and cut down your sun-images, and cast your I will set my dwelling among you; and my soul shall carcasses upon the carcasses of your idols; and my not loath you. 12 And I will walk among you, and I will soul shall loath you. 31 And I will render your cities be to you a God, and ye shall be to me a people. 13 a waste, and I will make desolate your sanctuaries, I am the Eternal your God, who have brought you and I will not smell the savor of your sweet odors. 32 forth out of the land of Egypt, that ye should not be And I will surely make desolate the land: and your their bond-men; and I have broken the bands of your enemies who dwell therein shall be astonished at it. yoke, and caused you to walk upright. 14 But if ye 33 And you will I scatter among the nations, and I will not hearken unto me, and will not do all these will draw out after you the sword; and your land shall commandments; 15 And if my statutes ye despise, be a desolate wild, and your cities shall be a waste. and if my ordinances your soul loath, so as not to do 34 Then shall the land satisfy its sabbaths, all the all my commandments, in that ye break my covenant: days of its desolation, when ye are in the land of 16 Then will I also do this unto you, and I will inflict your enemies: then shall the land rest, and satisfy its on you terror, consumption, and the burning ague, sabbaths, 35 All the days of its desolation shall it rest. that consume the eyes, and cause sorrow of heart; the time which it did not rest in your sabbaths, when and ye shall sow in vain your seed, for your enemies ye dwelt upon it. 36 And regarding those that are left shall eat it. 17 And I will set my face against you, of you, I will send a faintness into their hearts in the and ye shall be struck down before your enemies: lands of their enemies; and the sound of a leaf shaken and they that hate you shall bear rule over you; and shall chase them; and they shall flee, as fleeing from ye shall flee while there is no one pursuing you. 18 the sword; and they shall fall with none pursuing. 37 And if with these things even ye will not yet hearken And they shall stumble one over the other, as before unto me: then will I chastise you yet more, sevenfold the sword, without one pursuing: and ye shall have for your sins. 19 And I will break the pride of your no power to stand up before your enemies. 38 And ye power; and I will make your heaven as iron, and your shall be lost among the nations, and the land of your earth as copper: 20 And in vain shall your strength be enemies shall consume you. 39 And they that are left spent; for your land shall not yield her products, and of you shall pine away in their iniquity in the land of the tree of the land shall not yield its fruit. 21 And if your enemies; and also through the iniquities of their ye walk yet contrary unto me, and if you refuse to fathers shall they pine away with them. 40 And they hearken unto me: then will I bring more plagues upon shall then confess their iniquity, and the iniquity of you, sevenfold according to your sins. 22 And I will their fathers, [that] through their trespass which they send out against you the beasts of the field, which trespassed against me, and also that [because] they shall rob you of your children, and destroy your cattle, had walked contrary unto me: 41 l also had to walk and diminish yourselves; so that your roads shall be contrary unto them, and to bring them into the land desolate. 23 And if notwithstanding these things ye of their enemies; and then shall their uncircumcised will not be reformed by me, and walk contrary unto heart be humbled, and then shall they satisfy their me: 24 Then will I also walk contrary unto you, and iniquity. 42 And I will then remember my covenant I also will punish you, sevenfold for your sins. 25 with Jacob, and also my covenant with Isaac, and And I will bring over you the sword, avenging the also my covenant with Abraham will I remember; and quarrel of my covenant, so that ye shall be gathered the land will I remember. 43 For the land shall be together within your cities; and then will I send the forsaken by them, and shall satisfy its sabbaths, while pestilence among you, that ye shall deliver yourselves it lieth desolate without them, and they shall satisfy into the hand of the enemy; 26 When I break unto their iniquity; because, even because my ordinances you the staff of bread; and ten women shall bake they despised, and my statutes their soul loathed. your bread in one oven, and they shall deliver your 44 And yet for all that, though they be in the land bread again by weight; and ye shall eat, and not be of their enemies, will I not cast them away, neither satisfied. 27 And if notwithstanding this ye will not will I loath them, to destroy them utterly, to break hearken unto me, but walk contrary unto me: 28 Then my covenant with them; for I am the Lord their God.

45 But I will remember for their sakes the covenant a chomer of barley at fifty shekels of silver. 17 If mount Sinai, by the hand of Moses.

27 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If a man make a particular vow, [to give] the estimated value of persons in honor of the Lord: 3 If the estimated value concern a male from twenty years old, and unto sixty years old, then shall the estimation be fifty shekels of silver, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 4 And if it be a female, then shall the estimation be thirty shekels. 5 And if [the person be] from five years old and unto twenty years old, then shall the estimation of the male be twenty shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 6 And if [the person bel from a month old and unto five years old, then shall the estimation of the male be five shekels of silver, and for the female the estimation [shall be] three shekels of silver. 7 And if [the person be] from sixty years old and upward, if it be a male, then shall the estimation be fifteen shekels, and for the female ten shekels. 8 But if he be too poor for this estimation. then shall he present himself before the priest, and the priest shall value him; according to the ability to pay of him that hath vowed shall the priest value him. 9 And if it he a beast, whereof men can bring an offering unto the Lord, all that a man giveth of such unto the Lord shall be holy. 10 He shall not alter it, nor change it, a good for a bad one, or a bad for a good one; and if he should change beast for beast, then shall it together with its exchange be holy. 11 And if it be any unclean beast, of which they cannot offer a sacrifice unto the Lord, then shall he present the beast before the priest: 12 And the priest shall value it, whether it be good or bad; as the priest valueth it, so shall it be. 13 And if he will redeem it, then shall he add a fifth part thereof unto the estimated value. 14 And if a man sanctify his house as holy unto the Lord, then shall the priest value it, whether it be good or bad; as the priest may value it, so shall it stand. 15 And if he that sanctified it will redeem his house, then shall he add the fifth part of the money of the estimated value unto it, and it shall remain his. 16 And if a man sanctify some part of a field of his possession unto the Lord, then shall the estimation be in proportion to its required seed; the seed of

of their ancestors, whom I brought forth out of the immediately after the year of the jubilee he sanctify land of Egypt before the eyes of the nations, that I his field, according to this estimation shall it stand. 18 might be unto them a God: I am the Lord. 46 These But if after the jubilee he sanctify his field, then shall are the statutes and ordinances and laws, which the priest reckon unto him the money in proportion to Lord made between him and the children of Israel on the years that remain, until the year of the jubilee, and it shall be deducted from the estimation. 19 And if he that sanctified the field will redeem it, then shall he add the fifth part of the money of the estimated value unto it, and it shall be assured to him. 20 But if he will not redeem the field, or if he have sold the field to another man, it shall not be redeemed any more. 21 But the field, when it is freed in the jubilee. shall be holy unto the Lord, as a devoted field: to the priest shall it belong as his possession. 22 And if a man sanctify a field which he hath bought, which is not of the fields of his possession, unto the Lord: 23 Then shall the priest reckon unto him the amount of the estimated value to the year of the jubilee; and he shall give this estimation on that day, as a holy thing unto the Lord. 24 In the year of the jubilee the field shall return unto him of whom he bought it, to the one to whom belongeth the possession of the land. 25 And all estimations of value shall be according to the shekel of the sanctuary; twenty gerahs shall be the shekel, 26 Only the first-born which shall, by being first born, be sacred unto the Lord among cattle, no man shall sanctify: whether it be ox. or lamb. it is the Lord's. 27 And if it be an unclean animal, then shall he redeem it according to the estimated value, and he shall add its fifth part thereto; and if it be not redeemed, then shall it be sold according to the estimated value. 28 But any devoted thing. which a man may devote unto the Lord of all that he hath, both of man and beast, and of the field of his possession, shall not be sold nor redeemed: every devoted thing is most holy unto the Lord. 29 Any one condemned, who shall be condemned to death among men, shall not be redeemed; he shall be put to death. 30 And every tithe of the land, of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, belongeth to the Lord; it is holy unto the Lord. 31 And if a man will redeem any part of his tithe, its fifth part shall he add thereto. 32 And concerning the tithe of the herds, or of the flocks, whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord. 33 He shall not search whether it be good or bad, neither shall he change it: and if he should change it, then both it and the exchange thereof shall be holy: it shall not be redeemed. 34 These are the commandments.

which the Lord commanded Moses for the children on mount Sinai.

## **Numbers**

1 And the Lord spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the tabernacle of the congregation. on the first day of the second month, in the second year after their going out of the land of Egypt, saving, 2 Take ve the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, after their families, by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the names, every male according to their polls: 3 From twenty years old and upward, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel: these shall ve number according to their armies, thou and Aaron, 4 And with you there shall be one man each of every tribe; a man who is the head of his family division. 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 Zurishaddai. 7 Of Judah: Nachshon the son of 'Amminadab. 8 Of Issachar: Nethanel the son of Zuar. 9 Of Zebulun: Fliab the son of Chelon. 10 Of the children of Joseph, of Ephraim: Elishama the son of 'Ammihud: of Menasseh: Gamliel the son of Pedahzur. 11 Of Benjamin: Abidan the son of Gidoni. 12 Of Dan: Achiezer the son of 'Ammishaddai, 13 Of Asher: Pagiel the son of 'Ochran, 14 Of Gad: Elvassaph the son of Deuel. 15 Of Naphtali: Achira the son of 'Enan. 16 These were the selected of the congregation, the princes of the tribes of their fathers: the heads of the thousands of Israel were they. 17 And Moses and Aaron took these men who are expressed by name: 18 And all the congregation they assembled together on the first day of the second month, and they were enrolled in the lists of their pedigrees after their families, by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the names, from twenty vears old and upward, according to their polls. 19 As the Lord had commanded Moses, so did he number them in the wilderness of Sinai. 20 And there were of the children of Reuben the first-born of Israel, by their generations, after their families, by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the names according to 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 the tribe of Reuben, were forty and six thousand and five hundred. 22 Of the children of Simeon, by their generations, after their families, by the descent from their fathers, those that were numbered of them, by numbering the names according to 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 the tribe of Simeon. were fifty and nine thousand and three hundred. 24 Of the children of Gad, by their generations, after their families, by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the names, from twenty years old and upward. all that were able to go forth to war; 25 Those that were numbered of the tribe of Gad, were forty and five thousand six hundred and fifty. 26 Of the children of Judah, by their generations, after their families, by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the names, from twenty years old and upward. all that were able to go forth to war: 27 Those that were numbered of the tribe of Judah, were seventy and four thousand and six hundred. 28 Of the children of Issachar, by their generations, after their families. by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: 29 Those that were numbered of the tribe of Issachar, were fifty and four thousand and four hundred. 30 Of the children of Zebulun, by their generations, after their families, by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: 31 Those that were numbered of the tribe of Zebulun, were fifty and seven thousand and four hundred. 32 Of the children of Joseph, namely, of the children of Ephraim. by their generations, after their families, by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war. 33 Those that were numbered of the tribe of Ephraim, were forty thousand and five hundred. 34 Of the children of Menasseh, by their generations, after their families, by the descent from their fathers. by numbering the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: 35 Those that were numbered of the tribe of Menasseh. were thirty and two thousand and two hundred. 36 Of the children of Benjamin, by their generations, after their families, by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war; 37 Those that were numbered of the tribe of Benjamin. were thirty and five thousand and four hundred. 38 Of the children of Dan, by their generations, after their families, by the descent from their fathers. by numbering the names, from twenty years old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war: 39 Those that were numbered of the tribe of Dan, were sixty and two thousand and seven hundred. 40 Of the children of Asher, by their generations, after their families,

by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the armies: and the prince of the children of Judah shall names, from twenty years old and upward, all that be Nachshon the son of 'Amminadab. 4 And his were able to go forth to war; 41 Those that were host, and those that were numbered of them, were numbered of the tribe of Asher, were forty and one seventy and four thousand and six hundred. 5 And thousand and five hundred. 42 Of the children of those that encamp next unto him shall be the tribe of Naphtali, by their generations, after their families, Issachar: and the prince of the children of Issachar by the descent from their fathers, by numbering the shall be Nethanel the son of Zuar. 6 And his host, names, from twenty years old and upward, all that and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and were able to go forth to war; 43 Those that were four thousand and four hundred. 7 [Then] the tribe of numbered of the tribe of Naphtali, were fifty and three Zebulun: and the prince of the children of Zebulun thousand and four hundred. 44 These are those that shall be Eliab the son of Chelon. 8 And his host, were numbered, whom Moses numbered with Aaron, and those that were numbered thereof, were fifty and and the princes of Israel, being twelve men; one man seven thousand and four hundred. 9 All that were each for his family division were they. 45 Thus were numbered of the camp of Judah were one hundred all those that were numbered of the children of Israel, thousand and eighty thousand and six thousand and by the descent from their fathers, from twenty years four hundred, according to their armies: they shall old and upward, all that were able to go forth to war in first set forward. 10 The standard of the camp of Israel. — 46 Even all they that were numbered, were Reuben shall be on the south side, according to their six hundred thousand and three thousand and five armies: and the prince of the children of Reuben shall hundred and fifty. 47 But the Levites, after the tribe of be Elizur the son of Shedeur. 11 And his host, and their fathers, were not numbered among them. 48 those that were numbered thereof, were forty and six For the Lord had spoken unto Moses, saying, 49 thousand and five hundred. 12 And those that encamp Only the tribe of Levi shalt thou not number, and by him shall be the tribe of Simeon: and the prince of their sum shalt thou not take, among the children of the children of Simeon shall be Shelumiel the son of Israel; 50 But thou shalt appoint the Levites over the 'Zurishaddai. 13 And his host, and those that were tabernacle of the testimony, and over all its vessels, numbered of them, were fifty and nine thousand and and over all things that belong to it: they shall carry three hundred. 14 Then the tribe of Gad: and the the tabernacle, and all its vessels; and they shall prince of the sons of Gad shall be Elyassaph the minister unto it; and round about the tabernacle shall son of Reuel. 15 And his host, and those who were they encamp. 51 And when the tabernacle is to be numbered of them, were forty and five thousand and carried forward, the Levites shall take it down; and six hundred and fifty. 16 All that were numbered of when the tabernacle is to be pitched, the Levites shall the camp of Reuben were one hundred thousand set it up: and the stranger that cometh nigh shall and fifty and one thousand and four hundred and be put to death. 52 And the children of Israel shall fifty, according to their armies; and as the second pitch their tents, every man by his own camp, and shall they set forward. 17 Then shall the tabernacle every man by his own standard, according to their of the congregation, the camp of the Levites, set armies. 53 But the Levites shall encamp round shout forward in the midst of the camps: as they encamp, the tabernacle of the testimony, that there be no wrath so shall they set forward, every man in his place upon the congregation of the children of Israel: and after their standards. 18 The standard of the camp of the Levites shall keep the charge of the tabernacle of Ephraim shall be on the west side, according to their the testimony. 54 And the children of Israel did so: all, armies: and the prince of the sons of Ephraim shall

2 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 2 Every man by his own standard, by the ensign of their family division, shall the children of Israel pitch their tent: at some distance round about the tabernacle of the congregation shall they encamp. 3 And they, who encamp on the east, toward the rising of the sun, shall be [those who belong to] the standard of the camp of Judah according to their

just as the Lord had commanded Moses, so did they. be Elishama the son of 'Ammihud. 19 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were forty thousand and five hundred. 20 And by him shall be the tribe of Menasseh; and the prince of the children of Menasseh shall be Gamliel the son of Pedahzur. 21 And his host, and those that were numbered of them, were thirty and two thousand and two hundred. 22 Then the tribe of Benjamin: and the prince of the sons of Benjamin shall be Abidan the son of Gidoni, 23 And his host, and those that were numbered of them,

were thirty and five thousand and four hundred. 24 All 8 And they shall keep all the vessels of the tent of that were numbered of the camp of Ephraim were the congregation, and the charge of the children of one hundred thousand and eight thousand and one Israel, to do the service of the tabernacle, 9 And thou hundred, according to their armies; and as the third shalt give the Levites unto Aaron and to his sons; shall they set forward. 25 The standard of the camp as associates are they given unto him out of the of Dan shall be on the north side, according to their children of Israel. 10 And Aaron and his sons shalt armies: and the prince of the children of Dan shall be thou instruct, that they shall guard well their priest's Achiezer the son of 'Ammishaddai, 26 And his host, office; and the stranger that cometh high shall be put and those that were numbered of them, were sixty to death. 11 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, and two thousand and seven hundred. 27 And those 12 And I, behold, I have taken the Levites from the that encamp by him shall be the tribe of Asher: and midst of the children of Israel instead of every firstthe prince of the children of Asher shall be Pagiel the born that openeth the womb among the children of son of 'Ochran, 28 And his host, and those that were Israel: and the Levites shall be mine. 13 Because numbered of them, were forty and one thousand and mine is every first-born; on the day when I smote five hundred. 29 Then the tribe of Naphtali: and the every first-born in the land of Egypt I hallowed unto prince of the children of Naphtali shall be Achira the me every first-born in Israel, both man and beast: son of 'Enan. 30 And his host, and those that were mine shall they be; I am the Lord. 14 And the Lord numbered of them, were fifty and three thousand and spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, saving, four hundred. 31 All those that were numbered of the 15 Number the children of Levi after their divisions, camp of Dan were one hundred thousand and fifty by their families; every male of them from a month and seven thousand and six hundred; the hindmost old and upward shalt thou number. 16 And Moses shall they set forward according to their standards. 32 numbered them according to the order of the Lord, as These are those that were numbered of the children, he had been commanded. 17 And these were the of Israel according to their family divisions: and all sons of Levi by their names: Gershon, and Kehath, those that were numbered of the camps, according to and Merari. 18 And these are the names of the sons their armies, were six hundred thousand and three of Gershon after their families; Libni, and Shimi, 19 thousand and five hundred and fifty, 33 But the Levites And the sons of Kehath after their families: 'Amram, were not numbered among the children of Israel: as and Yizhar, Chebron, and 'Uzziel, 20 And the sons of the Lord had commanded Moses. 34 And the children Merari after their families: Machli, and Mushi; these of Israel did all just as the Lord had commanded are the families of the Levites according to their Moses, so did they encamp by their standards, and family divisions. 21 Of Gershon: the family of the so did they set forward every one after his family, by Libnites, and the family of the Shimites; these are his division.

3 And these are the generations of Aaron and Moses, on the day that the Lord spoke with Moses on mount Sinai. 2 And these are the names of the sons of Aaron: the firstborn Nadab, and Abihu, Elazar. and Ithamar. 3 These are the names of the sons of Aaron, the priests that were anointed, who were consecrated to minister as priests. 4 And Nadab and Abihu died before the Lord, when they offered a strange fire before the Lord, in the wilderness of Sinai. and they had no children: and Elazar and Ithamar ministered as priests in the life-time of Aaron their father. 5 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 6 Bring the tribe of Levi near, and present the same before Aaron the priest, that they may serve him. 7 And they shall keep his charge, and the charge of the whole congregation before the tent of the congregation, to do the service of the tabernacle.

the families of the Gershunites. 22 Those that were numbered of them, by the numbering of all the males from a month old and upward, even those that were numbered of them, were seven thousand and five hundred. 23 The families of the Gershunites used to encamp behind the tabernacle, westward. 24 And the prince of the family division of the Gershunites was Elyassaph the son of Lael. 25 And the charge of the sons of Gershon in the tabernacle of the congregation was the tabernacle and the tent, its covering, and the hanging for the door of the tabernacle of the congregation, 26 And the hangings of the court, and the curtain for the door of the court, which is by the tabernacle and by the altar, round about, and its cords for all the service thereof. 27 And of Kehath: the family of the 'Amramites, and the family of the Yizharites, and the family of the Chebronites, and the family of the 'Uzzielites: these are the families of the Kehathites. 28 By the numbering of all the

thousand and six hundred, keeping the charge of the cattle; and the Levites shall be mine: I am the Lord. sanctuary. 29 The families of the sons of Kehath used 46 And [for] those that are to be redeemed, the two to encamp on the side of the tabernacle, southward, hundred and seventy and three of the first-born of the 30 And the prince of the division of the families of children of Israel, who are more than the Levites, 47 the Kehathites was Elizaphan the son of 'Uzziel. 31 Thou shalt take five shekels apiece for the poll; after And their charge was the ark, and the table, and the shekel of the sanctuary shalt thou take, twenty candlestick, and the altars, and the vessels of the gerahs to the shekel: 48 And thou shalt give unto sanctuary which are used for the service, and the vail, Aaron and to his sons the money, [for] those who are and all belonging thereto. 32 And the chief over the to be redeemed of those that are over the number princes of the Levites was Elazar the son of Aaron of them. 49 And Moses took the redemption-money the priest, having the oversight of those that kept the of those that were over in number above those who charge of the sanctuary. 33 Of Merari: the family of were redeemed by the Levites: 50 Of the first-born the Machlites, and the family of the Mushites; these of the children of Israel did he take the money; a are the families of Merari. 34 And those that were thousand three hundred and sixty and five shekels. numbered of them, by the numbering of all the males, after the shekel of the sanctuary. 51 And Moses gave from a month old and upward, were six thousand and the money of those who were redeemed unto Aaron two hundred. 35 And the chief of the division of the and unto his sons, by the order of the Lord; as the families of Merari was Zuriel the son of Abichavil: Lord had commanded Moses. they used to encamp on the side of the tabernacle, northward. 36 And under the custody and charge of 4 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, the sons of Merari were the boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its pillars, and its sockets, and all its vessels, and all that belongeth thereto, 37 And the pillars of the court round about, and their sockets. and their pins, and their cords. 38 But those that encamped before the tabernacle toward the east, even before the tabernacle of the congregation toward the rising of the sun, were Moses, and Aaron, and his sons, keeping the charge of the sanctuary for the charge of the children of Israel; and the stranger that came nigh was to be put to death. 39 All that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses numbered with Aaron, at the order of the Lord, according to their families, all the males from a month old and upward, were twenty and two thousand. 40 And the Lord said unto Moses. Number all the first-born 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 me, I am the Lord, instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel; and the cattle of the Levites instead of all the first-born among the cattle of the children of Israel. 42 And Moses numbered, as the Lord had commanded him. all the first-born among the children of Israel. And all the first-born males, by the numbering of the names, from a month old and upward, of those that were numbered of them, were twenty and two thousand two hundred and seventy and three. And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving, 45 Take the Levites instead of all the first-born among the children

males, from a month old and upward, they were eight of Israel, and the cattle of the Levites instead of their

saying, 2 Take the sum of the sons of Kehath from among the sons of Levi, after their families, by their divisions, 3 From thirty years old and upward even until fifty years old, all that are fitted for the service, to do work at the tabernacle of the congregation. 4 This shall be the service of the sons of Kehath at the tabernacle of the congregation: The most holy things. 5 And Aaron shall come with his sons, when the camp setteth forward, and they shall take down the vail of the separation, and cover therewith the ark of the testimony; 6 And they shall put over it a covering of badgers' skins, and they shall spread over all a cloth wholly of blue [woollen yarn], and they shall put in its staves. 7 And over the table of the showbread shall they spread a cloth of blue, and put thereon the dishes, and the spoons, and the tubes, and the staves of the covering; and the continual bread shall be thereon: 8 And they shall spread over them a cloth of scarlet, and cover the same with a covering of badgers' skins; and they shall put in its staves. 9 And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the lighting, and its lamps. and its tongs, and its snuff-dishes, and all the oilvessels thereof, wherewith they minister by it: 10 And they shall put it and all its vessels within a covering of badgers' skins, and they shall put it upon a barrow. 11 And over the golden altar shall they spread a cloth of blue, and cover it with a covering of badgers' skins; and they shall put in its staves. 12 And they shall take all the vessels of the service, wherewith they

minister in the sanctuary, and put them in a cloth of of the families of the sons of the Gershunites at the blue, and cover them with a covering of badgers' tabernacle of the congregation; their charge shall be skins; and they shall put them on a barrow. 13 And under the supervision of Ithamar the son of Aaron the they shall take away the ashes from the altar, and priest, 29 The sons of Merari, shalt thou number after spread over it a cloth of purple: 14 And they shall their families, by their divisions: 30 From thirty years put upon it all its vessels, wherewith they minister old and upward, even until fifty years old, shalt thou upon it, the fire-pans, the forks, and the shovels, number them, every one that is fitted for the service, to and the basins, all the vessels of the altar; and they do the work of the tabernacle of the congregation, 31 shall spread over it a covering of badgers' skins, and And this is what is confided to them to carry, regarding put in its staves. 15 And when Aaron and his sons all their service at the tabernacle of the congregation: have thus made an end of covering the sanctuary. The boards of the tabernacle, and its bars, and its and all the vessels of the sanctuary, when the camp pillars, and its sockets, 32 And the pillars of the court is to set forward; then shall, after that, the sons of round about, and their sockets, and their pins, and Kehath come to carry it; but they shall not touch any their cords, with all their instruments, and all which holy thing, lest they die: these are the things which belongeth thereto; and by name shall ve designate the sons of Kehath are to carry at the tabernacle of [to them] the vessels which are confided to them to the congregation. 16 And under the supervision of carry. 33 This is the service of the families of the sons Elazar the son of Aaron the priest shall be the oil for of Merari, regarding all their service, at the tabernacle the lighting, and the incense of spices, and the daily of the congregation, under the supervision of Ithamar meat-offering, and the anointing-oil; the supervision the son of Aaron, the priest. 34 And Moses with Aaron of all the tabernacle, and of all that is therein, over and the princes of the congregation numbered the the sanctuary, and over its vessels. 17 And the Lord sons of the Kehathites after their families, and after spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saving, 18 Do ve their divisions, 35 From thirty years old and upward. not cause the tribe of the families of the Kehathites to even until fifty years old, every one that was fitted be cut off from among the Levites; 19 But thus do for the service, for the work at the tabernacle of the unto them, that they may live, and not die, when they congregation, 36 And those that were numbered of approach unto the most holy things: Aaron and his them after their families were two thousand seven sons shall go in, and appoint them, every one, to hundred and fifty. 37 These were they that were his service and to his burden: 20 That they may not numbered of the families of the Kehathites, all that go in to see when the holy things are covered, and could do service at the tabernacle of the congregation, die. 21 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 22 whom Moses with Aaron numbered by the order of Take also the sum of the sons of Gershon, by their the Lord through the hand of Moses. 38 And those divisions, after their families: 23 From thirty years old that were numbered of the sons of Gershon, after and upward until fifty years old shalt thou number their families, and after their divisions, 39 From thirty them; all that are fitted for the service, to do work years old and upward, even until fifty years old, every in the tabernacle of the congregation. 24 This shall one that was fitted for the service, for the work at be the service of the families of the Gershunites, to the tabernacle of the congregation, 40 Even those serve, and to carry: 25 They shall carry the curtains that were numbered of them, after their families, after of the tabernacle, and of the tent of the congregation, their divisions, were two thousand and six hundred its covering, and the covering of the badgers' skins and thirty. 41 These are they that were numbered of that is over it above, and the hanging for the door the families of the sons of Gershon, all that could of the tabernacle of the congregation, 26 And the do service at the tabernacle of the congregation, hangings of the court, and the hanging for the door of whom Moses with Aaron numbered by the order of the gate of the court, which is by the tabernacle and the Lord. 42 And those that were numbered of the by the altar round about, and their cords, and all the families of the sons of Merari, after their families, after vessels of their service; and all that is delivered to their divisions, 43 From thirty years old and upward, them shall they perform. 27 By the order of Aaron even until fifty years old, every one that was fitted and his sons shall be all the service of the sons of for the service, for the work at the tabernacle of the the Gershunites, in all their carrying, and in all their congregation. 44 Even those that were numbered of service; and ve shall designate unto them in charge them after their families, were three thousand and two all which they have to carry. 28 This is the service hundred. 45 These are those that were numbered of

the families of the sons of Merari, whom Moses with Aaron numbered by the order of the Lord through the be jealous of his wife, and she have been defiled; hand of Moses. 46 All those that were numbered of the Levites, whom Moses with Aaron and the chiefs jealous of his wife, and she have not been defiled: of Israel numbered, after their families, and after their divisions, 47 From thirty years old and upward, even until fifty years old, every one that came to do the service of the ministry, and the service of the carrying at the tabernacle of the congregation, 48 Even those it is a meat-offering of jealousy, a meat-offering of that were numbered of them, were eight thousand and five hundred and eighty. 49 By the order of the Lord; 17 And the priest shall take holy water in an every one to his proper service, and to his proper carrying: and they were numbered, as the Lord had commanded Moses.

And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, Command the children of Israel, that they send out of the camp every leper, and every one that hath an issue, and whosoever is defiled by the dead: 3 Both male and female shall ye send out, to without the camp shall ve send them; that they defile not their camps, in the midst whereof I dwell. 4 And the children of Israel did so, and they sent them out to without the camp: as the Lord had spoken unto Moses, so did the children of Israel. 5 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 6 Speak unto the children of Israel, If any man or woman commit any sin against a fellow-man, thereby doing a trespass against the Lord, and this person thus become guilty: 7 Then shall they confess their sin which they have committed: and he shall make restitution for his trespass with the principal thereof, and its fifth part shall he add thereto, and give it unto him against whom he hath trespassed. 8 But if the man have no kinsman to whom restitution could be made for the trespass, then shall the trespass which is restored unto the Lord, belong to the priest; besides the ram of the atonement, whereby an atonement shall be made for him. 9 And every offering of all the holv things of the children of Israel, which they bring unto the priest, shall be his. 10 And every man's hallowed things shall be his: whatsoever any man giveth to the priest, shall belong to him. 11 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 12 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, If the wife of any man go aside, and commit a trespass against him, 13 And a man lie with her carnally, and it be hidden from the eyes of her husband, because she hath been secretly defiled; and there be no witness against her, and she have not been detected and in the fact: 14

the water: 18 And the priest shall place the woman before the Lord, and uncover the woman's head, and put upon her hands the meat-offering of memorial, it is the meat-offering of jealousy; and in the hand of the priest shall be the bitter waters that bring the curse. 19 And the priest shall charge her by an oath, and he shall say unto the woman, If no man have lain with thee, and if thou hast not gone aside to uncleanness behind thy husband: then be thou free from these bitter waters that bring the curse. 20 But if thou hast gone aside behind thy husband, and if thou hast been defiled, and some man have lain with thee besides thy husband: — 21 And the priest shall charge the woman with an oath of imprecation, and the priest shall say unto the woman, The Lord then make thee a curse and an oath among thy people, when the Lord doth cause thy thigh to fall away, and thy belly to swell; 22 And these waters that bring the curse shall go into thy bowels, to cause the belly to swell, and the thigh to fall away; and the woman shall say, Amen, amen. 23 And the priest shall write these curses on a roll, and he shall blot them out with the bitter waters. 24 And he shall cause the woman to drink the bitter waters that bring the curse; and the waters that bring the curse shall enter into her for bitterness. 25 And the priest shall take out of the woman's hand the meat-offering of jealousy, and he shall wave the meat-offering before the Lord, and bring it near to the altar: 26 And the priest shall take a handful from the meat-offering, as its memorial, and burn it upon the altar, and after that shall he cause the woman to drink the water. 27 And when he hath made her drink the water, then shall it come to pass, if she have been defiled, and have committed a trespass against her husband, that the waters that bring the curse shall enter into her, for bitterness, and her belly shall swell, and her thigh shall fall away; and

the woman shall become a curse among her people. the tabernacle of the congregation: 14 And he shall woman shall bear her iniquity.

And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When either man or woman pronounce an especial vow, the vow of a Nazarite, to be abstinent in honor of the Lord: 3 Then shall he abstain from wine and strong drink, vinegar of wine, or vinegar of strong drink shall he not drink, and any infusion of grapes shall he not drink, and grapes, fresh or dried, shall he not eat. 4 All the days of his abstinence shall he eat nothing that is made of the grape-vine, from the kernels even to the husk. 5 All the days of the yow of his abstinence no razor shall pass over his head: until the days be completed, in which he abstaineth in honor of the Lord, shall he be holy, letting grow untouched the hair of his head. 6 All the days of his abstinence in honor of the Lord shall he not come near any dead body. 7 On his father, or on his mother, on his brother, or on his sister, shall he not make himself unclean, when they die; because the consecration of his God is upon his head. 8 All the days of his abstinence is he holy unto the Lord. 9 And if some one die very suddenly by him, and he thus defile his consecrated head: then shall he shave his head on the day of his being cleansed. on the seventh day shall he shave it. 10 And on the eighth day shall he bring two turtle-doves, or two young pigeons, to the priest, to the door of the tabernacle of the congregation: 11 And the priest shall prepare the one for a sin-offering, and the other for a burnt-offering, and make an atonement for him, because he hath sinned through the dead; and he shall hallow his head on that same day. 12 And he

28 And if the woman have not been defiled, but be bring his offering unto the Lord, one male sheep of clean; then shall she remain unharmed, and she shall the first year without blemish for a burnt-offering. conceive seed. 29 This is the law of jealousies, when and one ewe of the first year without blemish for a woman goeth aside behind her husband, and hath a sin-offering, and one ram without blemish for a been defiled; 30 Or when the spirit of jealousy cometh peace-offering, 15 And a basket of unleavened bread, over him, and he be jealous of his wife; and he shall cakes of fine flour mingled with oil, and unleavened place the woman before the Lord, and the priest wafers anointed with oil: and their meat-offering, and shall do unto her altogether according to this law. 31 their drink-offerings. 16 And the priest shall bring And the man shall be quiltless from iniquity; but this them near before the Lord, and he shall prepare his sin-offering, and his burnt-offering: 17 And the ram shall be prepare for a sacrifice of peace-offering unto the Lord, with the basket of unleavened bread: and the priest shall prepare his meat-offering and his drink-offering. 18 And the Nazarite shall shave at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation his consecrated head; and he shall take the hair of his consecrated head, and put it on the fire which is under the sacrifice of the peace-offering. 19 And the priest shall take the shoulder of the ram when it is cooked, and one unleavened cake out of the basket, and one unleavened wafer, and he shall put them upon the hands of the Nazarite, after he hath shaved his consecrated [head]. 20 And the priest shall make with them a waving before the Lord; it is a holy gift for the priest, together with the breast that was waved and the shoulder that was lifted up: and after that may the Nazarite drink wine. 21 This is the law of the Nazarite who hath vowed; his offering unto the Lord for his abstinence, besides that which he may be able to give: according to his vow which he may vow, so must he do in addition to what is required by the law of his abstinence. 22 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving, 23 Speak unto Aaron and unto his sons, saying, Thus shall ye bless the children of Israel, saying unto them, 24 The Lord bless thee. and preserve thee; 25 The Lord make his face shine unto thee, and be gracious to thee: 26 The Lord lift up his countenance unto thee, and give thee peace. 27 And they shall 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 finally set up the tabernacle, and had anointed. shall consecrate unto the Lord [again] the days of and sanctified it, and all its vessels, as also the his abstinence, and he shall bring a sheep of the altar and all its vessels, and had anointed them, and first year for a trespass-offering; but the prior days sanctified them; 2 That the princes of Israel, the shall not be counted, because his consecration hath heads of their family divisions, who were the princes been defiled. 13 And this is the law of the Nazarite: of the tribes, the same who had superintended the On the day when the days of his abstinence are numbering, offered. 3 And they brought their offering completed, shall he present himself at the door of before the Lord, six covered wagons, and twelve

oxen; a wagon for two princes, and an ox for each fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering; 26 One

one: and they presented them before the tabernacle. spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense; 27 One 4 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 5 Take it young bullock, one ram, one sheep of the first year, from them, that they may be used to do the service of for a burnt-offering; 28 One he-goat for a sin-offering; the tabernacle of the congregation; and thou shalt 29 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two oxen, five give them unto the Levites, to every man according to rams, five he-goats, five sheep of the first year; this his service. 6 And Moses took the wagons and the was the offering of Eliab the son of Chelon. 30 On the oxen, and gave them unto the Levites. 7 Two of the fourth day Elizur the son of Shedeur, the prince of the wagons and four of the oxen he gave unto the sons children of Reuben, [did offer]: 31 His offering was of Gershon, according to their service: 8 And four of one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred the wagons and eight of the oxen he gave unto the and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, sons of Merari, according to their service, under the after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of supervision of Ithamar, the son of Aaron the priest. 9 fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering; 32 One But unto the sons of Kehath he gave none; because spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense; 33 One the service of the sanctuary belonged unto them, they young bullock, one ram, one sheep of the first year, were to bear upon their shoulders. 10 The princes for a burnt-offering; 34 One he-goat for a sin-offering; also offered for the dedicating of the altar on the day 35 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two oxen, five that it was anointed; and the princes presented their rams, five he-goats, five sheep of the first year; this offering before the altar. 11 And the Lord said unto was the offering of Elizur the son of Shedeur. 36 On Moses, One prince each on a given day, shall they the fifth day Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai, the offer their offering, for the dedication of the altar. 12 prince of the children of Simeon, [did offer]: 37 His And he that offered his offering on the first day was offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof Nachshon the son of 'Amminadab, of the tribe of was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of Judah: 13 And his offering was one silver charger, the seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the meat-offering; 38 One spoon of ten shekels of gold, sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with full of incense; 39 One young bullock, one ram, one oil for a meat-offering: 14 One spoon of ten shekels of sheep of the first year, for a burnt-offering: 40 One gold, full of incense; 15 One young bullock, one ram, he-goat for a sin-offering; 41 And for a sacrifice of one sheep of the first year, for a burnt-offering; 16 peace-offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, One he-goat for a sin-offering; 17 And for a sacrifice five sheep of the first year; this was the offering of of peace-offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, Shelumiel the son of Zurishaddai. 42 On the sixth five sheep of the first year; this was the offering of day Elyassaph the son of Deuel, the prince of the Nachshon the son of 'Amminadab. 18 On the second children of Gad, [did offer]: 43 His offering was one day Nethanel the son of Zuar, the prince of Issachar, silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and did offer: 19 He offered for his offering one silver thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering; 44 One shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense; 45 One mingled with oil for a meat-offering; 20 One spoon of young bullock, one ram, one sheep of the first year, ten shekels of gold, full of incense; 21 One young for a burnt-offering; 46 One he-goat for a sin-offering; bullock, one ram, one sheep of the first year, for a 47 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two oxen, five burnt-offering; 22 One he-goat for a sin-offering; 23 rams, five he-goats, five sheep of the first year; this And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two oxen, five was the offering of Elyassaph the son of Deuel. 48 On rams, five he-goats, five sheep of the first year; this the seventh day Elishama the son of 'Ammihud, the was the offering of Nethanel the son of Zuar. 24 On prince of the children of Ephraim, [did offer]: 49 His the third day Eliab the son of Chelon, the prince of offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof the children of Zebulun, [did offer]: 25 His offering was was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of meat-offering; 50 One spoon of ten shekels of gold,

sheep of the first year, for a burnt-offering; 52 One 77 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two oxen, five he-goat for a sin-offering: 53 And for a sacrifice of rams, five he-goats, five sheep of the first year; this peace-offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, was the offering of Pagiel the son of 'Ochran, 78 On five sheep of the first year; this was the offering of the twelfth day Achira the son of 'Enan, the prince of Elishama the son of 'Ammihud. 54 On the eighth the children of Naphtali, [did offer]: 79 His offering was day Gamliel the son of Pedahzur, the prince of the one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred children of Menasseh. [did offer]: 55 His offering was and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels. one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering; 80 after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of One spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense; 81 fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering; 56 One One young bullock, one ram, one sheep of the first spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense; 57 One year, for a burnt-offering; 82 One he-goat for a sinyoung bullock, one ram, one sheep of the first year, offering; 83 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two for a burnt-offering: 58 One he-goat for a sin-offering; oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five sheep of the first 59 And for a sacrifice of peace-offering, two oxen, year; this was the offering of Achira the son of 'Enan. five rams, five he-goats, five sheep of the first year; 84 This was the dedication-offering of the altar, on the this was the offering of Gamliel the son of Pedahzur, day when it was anointed, from the princes of Israel: 60 On the ninth day Abidan the son of Gidoni, the Twelve silver chargers, twelve silver bowls, twelve prince of the children of Benjamin, [did offer]: 61 His golden spoons; 85 A hundred and thirty shekels was offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof the weight of each silver charger, and seventy of each was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of bowl; the silver of all the vessels was two thousand seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; and four hundred shekels, after the shekel of the both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a sanctuary; 86 Twelve golden spoons, full of incense; meat-offering. 62 One spoon of ten shekels of gold, ten shekels was the weight of each spoon, after the full of incense: 63 One young bullock, one ram, one shekel of the sanctuary; all the gold of the spoons sheep of the first year, for a burnt-offering; 64 One he- was a hundred and twenty shekels. 87 all the oxen goat for a sin-offering; 65 And for a sacrifice of peace- for the burnt-offering were twelve bullocks, the rams offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five sheep were twelve, the sheep of the first year twelve, with of the first year; this was the offering of Abidan the their meat-offering; and the he-goats for sin-offering son of Gidoni. 66 On the tenth day Achiezer the son were twelve. 88 And all the oxen for the sacrifice of of 'Ammishaddai, the prince of the children of Dan, the peace-offerings were twenty and four bullocks, Idid offer]: 67 His offering was one silver charger, the the rams were sixty, the he-goats sixty, the sheep of weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, the first year sixty: this was the dedication offering of one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the altar, after it had been anointed. 89 And when the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled Moses went into the tabernacle of the congregation with oil for a meat-offering; 68 One spoon of ten to speak with Him, then heard he the voice speaking shekels of gold, full of incense: 69 One young bullock, unto him from off the mercy-seat that was upon the one ram, one sheep of the first year, for a burnt- ark of testimony, from between the two cherubim; and offering; 70 One he-goat for a sin-offering; 71 And for thus he spoke unto him. a sacrifice of peace-offering, two oxen, five rams, five he-goats, five sheep of the first year; this was the offering of Achiezer the son of 'Ammishaddai, 72 On the eleventh day Pagiel the son of 'Ochran, the prince of the children of Asher, [did offer]: 73 His offering was one silver charger, the weight whereof was a hundred and thirty shekels, one silver bowl of seventy shekels, after the shekel of the sanctuary; both of them full of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering: 74 One spoon of ten shekels of gold, full of incense: 75 One young bullock, one ram, one sheep of the first year,

full of incense; 51 One young bullock, one ram, one for a burnt-offering; 76 One he-goat for a sin-offering;

8 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto Aaron, and say unto him, When thou lightest the lamps, then shall the seven lamps give light toward the body of the candlestick. 3 And Aaron did so; toward the body of the candlestick did he light its lamps; as the Lord had commanded Moses. 4 And this was the workmanship of the candlestick: It was of beaten gold, from the shaft thereof, unto the flowers thereof, it was beaten work; according unto the pattern which the Lord had shown Moses, so

Moses, saying, 6 Take the Levites from the midst of the Lord: and Aaron made an atonement for them to the children of Israel, and cleanse them. 7 And thus cleanse them. 22 And after that went the Levites in to shalt thou do unto them, to cleanse them: Sprinkle do their service in the tabernacle of the congregation upon them water of purification, after they have let before Aaron, and before his sons: as the Lord had the razor pass over all their flesh, and then let them commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did wash their clothes, and so shall they be clean. 8 they unto them. 23 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, And they shall take a young bullock with his meat-saying, 24 This shall be the rule for the Levites: From offering, fine flour mingled with oil; and another young twenty and five years old and upward shall he go into bullock shalt thou take for a sin-offering. 9 And thou the ranks to do the service of the tabernacle of the shalt bring near the Levites before the tabernacle of congregation; 25 And from the age of fifty years shall the congregation: and thou shalt assemble together he go out of the ranks of the service, and he shall the whole congregation of the children of Israel. 10 serve no more; 26 But he shall wait on his brethren And when thou hast brought near the Levites before in the tabernacle of the congregation, to keep the the Lord, then shall the children of Israel lay their charge, but the service shall he not perform; thus hands upon the Levites: 11 And Aaron shall make shalt thou do unto the Levites in the discharge of their with the Levites a waving before the Lord from the office. children of Israel, that they may be ready to execute the service of the Lord. 12 And the Levites shall lay their hands upon the heads of the bullocks: and thou shalt prepare the one as a sin-offering, and the other as a burnt-offering, unto the Lord, to make an atonement for the Levites. 13 And thou shalt place the Levites before Aaron and before his sons, and make with them a waving before the Lord. 14 Thus shalt thou separate the Levites from the midst of 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 tabernacle of the congregation: after thou shalt have cleansed them, and made with them a waving. 16 For they are wholly given unto me from the midst of the children of Israel: instead of every one that openeth the womb, of every first-born of the children of Israel, have I taken them unto me. 17 For mine are all the first-born of the children of Israel, both of man and beast: on the day that I smote every firstborn in the land of Egypt did I sanctify them unto myself. 18 And I have taken the Levites, instead of all the first-born among the children of Israel, 19 And I have given the Levites as a gift to Aaron and to his sons from the midst of the children of Israel, to do the service of the children of Israel in the tabernacle of the congregation, and to make an atonement for the children of Israel; that there be no plague among the children of Israel, when the children of Israel come nigh unto the sanctuary. 20 And so did Moses, and Aaron, and all the congregation of the children of Israel, to the Levites: according unto all that the Lord had commanded Moses concerning the Levites, so did the children of Israel unto them. 21 And the Levites purified themselves, and they washed their

made he the candlestick. 5 And the Lord spoke unto clothes; and Aaron made with them a waving before

 $\boldsymbol{9}$  And the Lord spoke unto Moses in the wilderness of Sinai, in the second year after their coming out of the land of Egypt, in the first month, saying, 2 That the children of Israel shall prepare the passover-lamb at its appointed season. 3 On the fourteenth day of this month, toward evening, shall ye prepare it at its appointed season: according to all its ordinances, and according to all its prescribed rules, shall ye prepare it. 4 And Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, that they should prepare the passover-lamb. 5 And they prepared the passover-lamb on the fourteenth day of the first month toward evening in the wilderness of Sinai: according to all that the Lord had commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel. 6 But there were certain men, who had been defiled by the dead body of a man, and they could not prepare the passoverlamb on that day: and they came before Moses and before Aaron on that day. 7 And these men said unto him, We are defiled by the dead body of a man: wherefore shall we be kept back, so as not to offer the sacrifice of the Lord at its appointed season in the midst of the [other] children of Israel? 8 And Moses said unto them. Wait ve. and I will hear what the Lord will command concerning you. 9 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, saying, If any man whatever should be unclean by reason of a dead body, or be on a distant journey. among you or your posterity: yet shall he prepare the passover-lamb unto the Lord; 11 In the second month on the fourteenth day toward evening shall they prepare it, with unleavened bread and bitter herbs shall they eat it. 12 They shall leave none of it until morning, and no bone shall they break on it:

according to the whole ordinance of the passover- they shall blow with both, all the congregation shall lamb shall they prepare it. 13 But the man that is assemble themselves unto thee at the door of the clean, and is not on a journey, and forbeareth to tabernacle of the congregation, 4 And if they blow prepare the passover-lamb, even that same soul shall with but one, then shall assemble themselves unto be cut off from his people; because the offering of the thee the princes, the heads of the thousands of Israel. Lord hath he not brought at its appointed season, 5 And when ye blow an alarm, then shall set forward his sin shall that man bear. 14 And if a stranger the camps that encamp on the east side. 6 And when sojourn among you, and will prepare the passover- ye blow an alarm the second time, then shall set lamb unto the Lord: according to the ordinance of forward the camps that encamp on the south side: the passover-lamb, and according to its prescribed an alarm shall they blow for their setting forward. rule, so shall he prepare it; one statute shall be for 7 But at the assembling of the assembly, ye shall you, both for the stranger, and for the native born in blow, but ye shall not sound an alarm. 8 And the sons the land. 15 And on the day that the tabernacle was of Aaron, the priests, shall blow with the trumpets: reared up the cloud covered the tabernacle of the and they shall be to you for an ordinance for ever tent of the testimony: and in the evening there was throughout your generations. 9 And if ye go to war in upon the tabernacle as it were the appearance of fire, your land against the oppressor that oppresseth you, until morning. 16 So it used to be always: the cloud then shall ye blow an alarm with the trumpets; and covered it [by day], and the appearance of fire by ve shall be remembered before the Lord your God. night. 17 And as the cloud was taken up from the and ye shall be saved from your enemies. 10 And tabernacle, then after that did the children of Israel on the day of your gladness, and on your appointed journey forward: and in the place where the cloud festivals, and on the beginnings of your months, shall halted, there did the children of Israel encamp. 18 At ye blow with the trumpets over your burnt-offerings, the order of the Lord did the children of Israel journey and over the sacrifices of your peace-offerings; and forward, and at the order of the Lord they encamped: they shall be to you for a memorial before your God: all the days that the cloud abode upon the tabernacle I am the Lord your God. 11 And it came to pass did they remain in camp. 19 And when the cloud in the second year, in the second month, on the tarried upon the tabernacle many days, then did the twentieth day of the month, that the cloud was taken children of Israel keep the charge of the Lord, and up from off the tabernacle of the testimony. 12 And journeyed not forward. 20 And at times it was, that the the children of Israel set forward on their journeys cloud remained but a few days upon the tabernacle; from the wilderness of Sinai, and the cloud halted at the order of the Lord they abode in camp, and in the wilderness of Paran. 13 And they set forward at the order of the Lord they journeyed forward. 21 for the first time at the order of the Lord by the hand And at times it was, that the cloud remained from of Moses, 14 And the standard of the camp of the evening until morning; and when the cloud was taken children of Judah set forward at the first, according to up in the morning, they journeyed forward; or a day their armies: and over their host was Nachshon the and a night, and when the cloud was taken up, they son of 'Amminadab. 15 And over the host of the tribe journeyed forward; 22 Or two days, or a month, or a of the children of Issachar was Nethanel the son of year; so long as the cloud tarried upon the tabernacle, Zuar. 16 And over the host of the tribe of the children to remain thereon, did the children of Israel remain of Zebulun was Eliab the son of Chelon, 17 And lin encamped, and journeyed not forward; but when it the mean time] the tabernacle was taken down; and was taken up, they journeyed forward. 23 At the order then set forward the sons of Gershon and the sons of the Lord they remained in camp, and at the order of Merari, the bearers of the tabernacle. 18 Then of the Lord they journeyed forward: the charge of the set forward the standard of the camp of Reuben, Lord they kept, at the order of the Lord by the hand of according to their armies: and over their host was Moses.

1 n And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Make unto thyself two trumpets of silver, beaten out of one piece shalt thou make them; and they shall serve thee for the calling of the congregation, and for the setting forward of the camps. 3 And when

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 Elvassaph the son of Deuel. 21 And then set forward the Kehathites. the bearers of the sanctuary; and the others set up the tabernacle against they came. 22 Then set forward

according to their armies; and over their host was remember the fish, which we could eat in Egypt for Elishama the son of 'Ammihud. 23 And over the host naught; the cucumbers, and the melons, and the of the tribe of the children of Menasseh was Gamliel leeks, and the onions, and the garlic: 6 But now the son of Pedahzur. 24 And over the host of the our soul is faint; there is nothing at all, only to the tribe of the children of Benjamin was Abidan the son manna are our eyes [directed]. 7 But the manna was of Gidoni. 25 Then set forward the standard of the like coriander-seed, and its color as the color of the camp of the children of Dan, the rereward of all the bdellium. 8 The people went about and gathered it. camps, according to their hosts: and over their host and ground it in a mill, or pounded it in a mortar, was Achiezer the son of 'Ammishaddai. 26 And over and boiled it in a pot, or made cakes of it: and its the host of the tribe of the children of Asher was taste was as the taste of cakes mixed with oil. 9 Pagiel the son of 'Ochran. 27 And over the host of And when the dew fell upon the camp in the night, the tribe of the children of Naphtali was Achira the the manna fell upon it. 10 And Moses heard the son of 'Enan. 28 In this order were the journeyings of people weep according to their families, every man the children of Israel according to their armies, when at the door of his tent; and the anger of the Lord they set forward. 29 And Moses said unto Chobab, was kindled greatly; and in the eyes of Moses also the son of Reuel the Midianite, the father-in-law of was it displeasing. 11 And Moses said unto the Lord, Moses. We are journeying unto the place of which Wherefore hast thou done evil to thy servant? and the Lord hath said, This will I give unto you: come wherefore have I not found favor in thy eyes, that thou with us, and we will do thee good; for the Lord thou layest the burden of all this people upon me? hath spoken [to bring] good upon Israel. 30 And he 12 Was it I who have conceived all this people? or said unto him, I will not go; but to my own land, and was it I who have begotten them? that thou shouldst to my birthplace will I go. 31 And he said, Do not, say unto me, Carry them in thy bosom, as a nursing I pray thee, leave us; since thou didst find out the father beareth the sucking child, unto the land which places where we were to encamp in the wilderness, thou hast sworn unto their fathers? 13 Whence shall and thou hast been to us instead of eyes. 32 And it I obtain flesh to give unto all this people? for they shall be, if thou go with us, yea, it shall be, that the weep around me, saying, Give us flesh, that we may same goodness which the Lord may do unto us, will eat, 14 I am not able by myself alone to bear all we do unto thee, 33 And they set forward from the this people, because it is too heavy for me, 15 And mount of the Lord a three days' journey; and the ark if thou wilt thus deal with me, then slay me. I pray of the covenant of the Lord went before them in the thee, at once, if I have found favor in thy eyes: that three days' journey, to search out for them a resting- I may not see my wretchedness. 16 And the Lord place. 34 And the cloud of the Lord was over them by said unto Moses, Gather unto me seventy men of day, when they set forward from the camp. 35 And it the elders of Israel, whom thou knowest to be the came to pass, when the ark set forward, that Moses elders of the people, and its officers; and take them said, Rise up, Lord, and let thy enemies be scattered; unto the tabernacle of the congregation, and they and let those that hate thee flee before thy face. 36 shall stand there with thee. 17 And I will come down And when it rested, he said, Return, O Lord, among and speak with thee there; and I will take some of thy myriads of the thousands of Israel.

11 And it came to pass that as the people complained in a manner displeasing in the ears of the Lord, the Lord heard it, and his anger was kindled, and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed at the uttermost part of the camp. 2 And the people then cried unto Moses; and Moses prayed unto the Lord, and the fire disappeared. 3 And he called the name of the place Tab'erah; because the fire of the Lord had burnt among them. 4 And the mixed multitude that was among them felt a lustful longing: and the children of Israel also wept

the standard of the camp of the children of Ephraim again, and said, Who will give us flesh to eat? 5 We the spirit which is upon thee, and I will put it upon them; and they shall bear with thee the burden of the people, and thou shalt not bear it by thyself alone. 18 And unto the people shalt thou say, Hold yourselves ready against tomorrow, that ye may eat flesh; for ye have wept in the ears of the Lord, saying. Who shall give us flesh to eat? for it was better with us in Egypt: thus will the Lord give you flesh, and ye shall eat. 19 Not one day shall ye eat, nor two days, nor five days, nor ten days, nor twenty days; 20 But up to a full month, until it come out at your nostrils, and it become loathsome unto you; because that ye have despised the Lord who is in the midst of you,

come forth out of Egypt? 21 And Moses said, Six hundred thousand men on foot is the people, in the had married; for an Ethiopian woman had he married. midst of whom I am; and vet thou hast said. Flesh will 2 And they said. Hath then only with Moses the Lord I give them, that they may eat a whole month, 22 spoken? hath he not also spoken with us? And the Shall flocks and herds be slain for them, that they Lord heard it. 3 (But the man Moses was very meek, may suffice for them? or shall all the fish of the sea more so than any man who was upon the face of the be gathered together for them, that they may suffice earth.) 4 And the Lord said suddenly unto Moses, and for them? 23 And the Lord said unto Moses, Should unto Aaron, and unto Miriam, Go out ye three unto the the Lord's hand be too short? now shalt thou see tabernacle of the congregation; and these three went whether my word shall come to pass unto thee or not. out. 5 And the Lord came down in a pillar of cloud, 24 And Moses went out, and spoke to the people the and stood at the door of the tabernacle; and he called words of the Lord; and he assembled seventy men. Aaron and Miriam, and both of them went out. 6 And from the elders of the people, and placed them round he said. Hear now my words: If there be a prophet of about the tabernacle. 25 And the Lord came down in your kind. I, the Lord, do make myself known unto spirit that was upon him, and put it upon the seventy so is my servant Moses, in all my house is he faithful. men, the elders: and it came to pass, that, when the 8 Mouth to mouth do I speak with him, even evidently, spirit rested upon them, they prophesied, but they did and not in dark speeches; and the similitude of the not so any more. 26 And there remained two men Lord doth he behold: wherefore then were ye not in the camp, the name of the one was Eldad, and afraid to speak against my servant, against Moses? the name of the other Medad; and the spirit rested 9 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against upon them; and they were of those that were written them, and he went away. 10 And the cloud departed down, but they had not gone out unto the tabernacle: from off the tabernacle; and, behold, Miriam became and they prophesied in the camp. 27 And there ran a leprous, [white] as snow; and Aaron turned toward young man, and told to Moses, and said, Eldad and Miriam, and, behold, she was leprous, 11 Then said Medad are prophesying in the camp. 28 And Joshua Aaron unto Moses, Alas, my Lord, do not, I beseech the son of Nun, the servant of Moses from his youth, thee, account to us as sin that wherein we have done answered and said. My Lord Moses, forbid them. 29 foolishly, and wherein we have sinned. 12 Let her not And Moses said unto him, Art thou zealous for my be as a dead-born child, of which half the flesh is sake? And oh that one might render all the people of consumed, when it cometh out of its mother's womb. the Lord prophets, that the Lord would put his spirit 13 And Moses cried unto the Lord, saying, O God! do upon them! 30 And Moses retired back into thy camp, thou heal her, I beseech thee, 14 And the Lord said he with the elders of Israel. 31 And a wind went forth unto Moses. If her father had spit in her face, would from the Lord, and drove up quails from the sea, and she not be ashamed seven days? let her be shut up on this side, and about a day's journey on the other her be brought in again. 15 And Miriam was shut up side, round about the camp, and about two cubits high outside of the camp seven days; and the people did over the face of the earth, 32 And the people arose not set forward till Miriam was brought in again, 16 all that day, and all that night, and all the following And afterward the people removed from Chazeroth, day, and they gathered the guails; he that had taken and encamped in the wilderness of Paran. the least, had gathered ten chomers: and they spread them out for themselves round about the camp. 33 The flesh was vet between their teeth, it was not vet chewed: when the wrath of the Lord was kindled against the people, and the Lord smote among the people a very great plague. 34 And he called the name of that place Kibroth-hattaavah; because there they buried the people that had Justfully craved. 35 From Kibroth-hattaavah the people journeved unto Chazeroth; and they remained at Chazeroth.

and ye have wept before him, saying, Why did we 12 And Miriam and Aaron spoke against Moses, on account of the Ethiopian woman whom he a cloud and spoke unto him; and he took some of the him in a vision, in a dream do I speak with him. 7 Not scattered them over the camp, about a day's journey seven days outside of the camp, and after that let

13 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Send thou out some men that they may spy out the land of Canaan, which I give unto the children of Israel: one man each of every tribe of their fathers shall ve send, every one who is a prince among them. 3 And Moses sent them out from the wilderness of Paran by the order of the Lord: they all were men, [who] were heads of the children of Israel. 4 And these are their names: Of the tribe of Reuben, Shammua

the son of Chori. 6 Of the tribe of Judah, Caleb the seen there. 29 The Amalekites dwell in the southern son of Yephunneh. 7 Of the tribe of Issachar, Yigal country; and the Hittites, and the Jebusites, and the the son of Joseph. 8 Of the tribe of Ephraim, Hoshea, Emorites, dwell in the mountains; and the Canaanites the son of Nun. 9 Of the tribe of Benjamin, Palti the dwell by the sea, and by the margin of the Jordan. 30 son of Raphu. 10 Of the tribe of Zebulun, Gaddiel And Caleb stilled the people toward Moses, and he the son of Sodi. 11 Of the tribe of Joseph, of the said, We can easily go up, and take possession of it; tribe of Menasseh, Gaddi the son of Sussi. 12 Of for we are well able to overcome it. 31 But the men the tribe of Dan, 'Ammiel the son of Gemalli. 13 Of who had gone up with him said, We are not able to the tribe of Asher, Sethur the son of Michael. 14 go up against the people; for they are stronger than Of the tribe of Naphtali, Nachbi the son of Vophsi. we. 32 And they brought up an evil report of the land 15 Of the tribe of Gad, Geuel the son of Machi. 16 which they had spied out unto the children of Israel, to spy out the land; and Moses called Hoshea the spy it out, is a land that consumeth its inhabitants; son of Nun, Joshua [[Yehoshua']]. 17 And Moses and all the people that we saw in it are men of a great sent them to spy out the land of Canaan, and he stature. 33 And there we saw the giants, the sons of said unto them, Go you up this way at the south 'Anak, of the giants' [family]: and we were in our own side, and go up into the mountain: 18 And see the eyes as grasshoppers, and so were we in their eyes. 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 on which they dwell, whether it be good or bad; and what the cities are in which they dwell, whether in open places, or in strongholds; 20 And what the land is, whether it be fat or lean, whether there be trees therein, or not; and take ve courage, and take away some of the fruit of the land. Now the time was the season of the first ripening of grapes. 21 And they went up. and spied out the land from the wilderness of Zin unto Rechob, on the road to Chamath. 22 And they ascended on the south side, and came unto Hebron; and there were Achiman, Sheshai, and Talmai, the children of 'Anak; [now Hebron had been built seven years before Zoan in Egypt.] 23 And they came unto the valley of Eshcol, and they cut down from there a branch with one cluster of grapes, and they bore it upon a barrow between two; and [they took some] of the pomegranates and of the figs. 24 That place was called the valley of Eshcol, on account of the cluster which the children of Israel cut down from there. 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 they 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 didst send us. and truly doth it flow with milk and honey; and this is its fruit. 28 Nevertheless the people are strong that dwell in the land, and the cities are very strongly walled,

the son of Zaccur. 5 Of the tribe of Simeon, Shaphat and great; and the children of 'Anak also have we These are the names of the men whom Moses sent saying. The land through which we have passed to

> **14** And all the congregation lifted up their voice. and cried aloud; and the people wept that night. 2 And all the people murmured against Moses and against Aaron; and the whole congregation said unto them, Oh who would grant that we had died in the land of Egypt! or that we might but die in this wilderness! 3 And wherefore doth the Lord bring us unto yonder land, to fall by the sword? that our wives and our children may become a prey? is it not better for us to return to Egypt? 4 And they said one to another, Let us appoint a chief, and let us return to Egypt. 5 Then fell Moses and Aaron 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 Yephunneh, of those that had spied out the land, rent their garments. 7 And they said unto all the congregation of the children of Israel, as followeth, The land, through which we have passed to spy it out, this land is exceedingly good. 8 If the Lord have delight in us, then will he bring us into this land, and give it to us: a land which is flowing with milk and honey. 9 Only against the Lord do ye not rebel; and then ve need not fear the people of the land: for they are our bread: their shadow is departed from them, while the Lord is with us; fear them not. 10 But all the congregation said to stone them with stones: when the glory of the Lord appeared in the tabernacle of the congregation unto all the children of Israel. 11 And the Lord said unto Moses, How long yet shall this people provoke me? and how long yet will they not believe in me, with all the signs which I have shown in the midst of them? 12 I will smite them with

thee a nation greater and mightier than they. 13 And my hand to let you dwell therein; save Caleb the son Moses said unto the Lord, But when the Egyptian of Yephunneh, and Joshua the son of Nun. 31 But hear, from the midst of whom thou hast brought up in your little ones of which ve said. They would become thy might this people: — 14 And when they tell to the a prey, them will I bring in, and they shall know the inhabitants of this land, who have heard that thou, land which ye have despised. 32 But as for you, Lord, art in the midst of this people, that face to face your carcasses shall fall in this wilderness. 33 And thou, Lord, art seen, and that thy cloud standeth over your children shall wander about in the wilderness them, and that in a pillar of cloud thou goest before forty years, and bear your backslidings, until your them by day, and in a pillar of fire by night; — 15 That carcasses be spent in the wilderness. 34 After the thou hast killed this people as one man: then will the number of the days in which ye spied out the land, nations that have heard thy fame, say in this manner, forty days, yea, each one day for a year, shall ye 16 That because the Lord was not able to bring this bear for your iniquities, forty years; and ye shall people into the land which he had sworn unto them, experience my withdrawal [of protection]. 35 I the hath he slain them in the wilderness. 17 And now. Lord have spoken it, surely, this will I do unto all this I beseech thee, let the greatness of the power of evil congregation that have assembled against me: in the Lord be made manifest, as thou hast spoken, this wilderness shall they be spent, and therein shall saving. 18 The Eternal is long-suffering, and abundant they die. 36 And the men whom Moses had sent to in beneficence, forgiving iniquity and transgression; spy out the land, and who returned, and caused all but who will by no means clear the guilty, visiting the the congregation to murmur against him, by bringing iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the up an evil report against the land, 37 Even these third and upon the fourth generation. 19 Pardon, I men, that had brought up the evil report of the land, beseech thee, the iniquity of this people, according died by the plaque before the Lord, 38 But Joshua to the greatness of thy beneficence, and as thou the son of Nun, and Caleb the son of Yephunneh, hast been indulgent to this people, from Egypt even remained alive of those men, who had gone to spy until hitherto. 20 And the Lord said. I have pardoned out the land. 39 And Moses spoke these words unto according to thy word. 21 But as truly as I live, and all the children of Israel; and the people mourned as all the earth is filled with the glory of the Lord: greatly, 40 And they rose up early in the morning, and - 22 That all the men who have seen my glory, went up to the top of the mountain, saying, Lo, here and my signs, which I have displayed in Egypt and we are, and we will go up unto the place of which the in the wilderness, and have tempted me these ten Lord hath spoken; for we have sinned. 41 And Moses times, and have not hearkened to my voice, 23 Shall said, Wherefore now do ye transgress the order of surely not see the land which I have sworn unto their the Lord? and it will not prosper. 42 Do not go up. fathers, yea all those that have provoked me shall not for the Lord is not among you; that ye may not be see it. 24 But my servant Caleb, as a reward that he smitten before your enemies. 43 For the Amalekites had another spirit with him, and followed me fully, and the Canaanites are there before you, and ye —therefore will I bring him into the land whereinto will fall by the sword; since, because ye are turned he went; and his seed shall possess it. 25 And the away from the Lord, the Lord also will not be with Amalekites and the Canaanites dwell in the valley: you, 44 Yet they persisted to go up unto the top of the tomorrow turn you, and set forward into the wilderness mountain; but the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and by the way to the Red Sea. 26 And the Lord spoke Moses, did not move out of the camp. 45 Then came unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 27 How long down the Amalekites, and the Canaanites that dwelt [shall indulgence be given] to this evil congregation, on that mountain, and smote them, and discomfited that murmur against me? the murmurings of the them, even unto Chormah. children of Israel, which they murmur against me, have I heard. 28 Say unto them, As truly as I live, saith the Lord, as ye have spoken in my ears, so will I do to you: 29 In this wilderness shall your carcasses fall. and all that were numbered of you, according to your whole number, from twenty years old and upward; ve who have murmured against me; 30 Truly ye shall not

the pestilence, and root them out, and I will make of come into the land, concerning which I have lifted up

15 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel and say unto them. When ve shall have come into the land of your habitations, which I give unto you, 3 And ve will prepare a fire-offering unto the Lord, a burnt-offering, or a sacrifice, in performing a pronounced vow, or

as a freewill-offering, or on your solemn feasts, to the congregation shall prepare one young bullock for prepare a sweet savor unto the Lord, of the herds of a burnt-offering, for a sweet savor unto the Lord, with the flocks: 4 Then shall he that bringeth his offering his meat-offering, and his drink-offering, according to unto the Lord, bring as a meat-offering a tenth part, the prescribed manner, and one he-goat for a sinof fine flour mingled with the fourth of a hin of oil. offering. 25 And the priest shall make an atonement 5 And wine for a drink-offering, the fourth of a hin, for all the congregation of the children of Israel, and shalt thou prepare with the burnt-offering or sacrifice, it shall be forgiven unto them; for it is [a sin of] for each one sheep. 6 But for a ram, shalt thou ignorance; and they have brought their offering, a prepare as a meat-offering two tenth parts of fine sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord, and their sinflour mingled with the third of a hin of oil. 7 And wine offering before the Lord, for their [sin of] ignorance: for the drink-offering, the third of a hin, shalt thou 26 And it shall be forgiven unto all the congregation bring, for a sweet savor unto the Lord. 8 And when of the children of Israel, and unto the stranger that thou preparest a bullock for a burnt-offering, or for sojourneth among them; for by all the people [was it a sacrifice, in performing a pronounced vow, or a done] in ignorance. 27 And if any person sin through peace-offering unto the Lord: 9 Then shall he bring ignorance, then shall he bring a she-goat of the first with the bullock as a meat-offering, three tenth parts year for a sin-offering. 28 And the priest shall make of fine flour mingled with half a hin of oil. 10 And wine an atonement for the person that hath erred, in his shalt thou bring for a drink-offering, half a hin, as a sinning through ignorance before the Lord; to make fire-offering of a sweet savor unto the Lord. 11 Thus an atonement for him, that it may be forgiven unto shall it be done for each one bullock, or for each one him. 29 For the native born among the children of ram, or for a lamb, be it of the sheep or of the goats. Israel, and for the stranger that sojourneth among 12 According to the number that ye may prepare, so them: —one law shall be for you, for him that acteth shall ye do to every one according to their number. 13 through ignorance. 30 But the person that doth aught All that are born in the country shall do these things with a high hand, be he one born in the land, or a after this manner, in offering a fire-offering of a sweet stranger, the same dishonoreth the Lord; and that savor unto the Lord. 14 And if a stranger sojourn person shall be cut off from among his people. 31 with you, or whosoever may be among you in your Because the word of the Lord hath he despised, and generations, and will make an offering made by fire, his commandment hath he broken; that person shall of a sweet savor unto the Lord: as ye do, so shall he be cut off, his iniquity is upon him. 32 And while the do. 15 Congregation! one statute shall be for you, children of Israel were in the wilderness, they found a and for the stranger that sojourneth: a statute for ever man gathering sticks upon the sabbath-day. 33 And in your generations; as ye are, so shall the stranger they that found him gathering sticks brought him for be before the Lord. 16 One law and one code shall judgment unto Moses and Aaron, and unto all the be for you, and for the stranger that sojourneth with congregation. 34 And they put him in ward; because you. 17 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 18 it had not been declared what should be done to Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, him. 35 And the Lord said unto Moses, The man When ye come into the land whither I bring you: 19 shall be put to death: all the congregation shall stone Then shall it be, that, when ye eat of the bread of him with stones without the camp. 36 And all the the land, ye shall set aside a heave-offering unto the congregation brought him forth to without the camp, Lord. 20 As the first of your doughs shall ye set aside and they stoned him with stones, and he died; as the a cake for a heave-offering; like the heave-offering of Lord had commanded Moses, 37 And the Lord said the threshing-floor, so shall ye set this aside. 21 Of unto Moses, as followeth, 38 Speak unto the children the first of your doughs shall ye give unto the Lord of Israel, and say to them, that they shall make a heave-offering, in your generations. 22 And if ye themselves fringes on the corners of their garments err, and do not observe all these commandments, throughout their generations, and that they shall put which the Lord hath spoken unto Moses, 23 All upon the fringe of the corner a thread of blue: 39 And that the Lord hath commanded you by the hand of it shall be unto you for a fringe, that ye may look Moses, from the day that the Lord commanded [the upon it, and remember all the commandments of the same] and thenceforward, among your generations: Lord, and do them; and that ye seek not after [the 24 Then shall it be, if, through inadvertence of the inclination of your own heart and [the delight of your

congregation, it was committed by ignorance, that all eyes, in pursuit of which ye have been led astray.

40 In order that we may remember, and do all my unto their offering; I have not taken away an ass of of Egypt, to be your God: I am the Lord your God.

16 Now Korach, the son of Yizhar, the son of Kehath. the son of Levi, was presumptuous, together with Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab. and On, the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben: 2 So that they rose up before Moses, with certain men of the children of Israel, in number two hundred and fifty; [who were] princes of the congregation, called to the assembly, men of renown. 3 And they assembled themselves against Moses, and against Aaron, and said unto them, Ye assume too much; for the whole of the congregation are all of them holy, and the Lord is among them; wherefore then will you lift yourselves up above the congregation of the Lord? 4 And when Moses heard it, he fell upon his face: 5 And he spoke unto Korach and unto all his company, saying, Tomorrow. —then will the Lord make known who is his, and who is holy, that he may cause them to come near unto him: and him whom he shall choose will he cause to come near unto him. 6 This do ye: Take vourselves censers, Korach and all his company; 7 And put therein fire, and put upon them incense before the Lord, tomorrow; and it shall be that the man whom the Lord will choose, he shall be the holy one; you assume too much, ye sons of Levi. 8 And Moses said unto Korach, Hear, I pray you, ve sons of Levi: 9 It is too little for you, that the God of Israel hath separated you from the congregation of Israel, to bring you near unto himself, to do the service of the tabernacle of the Lord, and to stand before the congregation to minister for them? 10 And he hath brought thee near, and all thy brethren the sons of Levi with thee: and now will ye seek the priesthood also? 11 For which cause [beware], thou and all thy company that are gathered together against the Lord; for Aaron, what is he, that ye should murmur against him: 12 And Moses sent to call Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab; but they said, We will not come up: 13 Is it too little that thou hast brought us up out of a land flowing with milk and honey, to kill us in the wilderness, that thou wilt assume to make thyself also a prince over us? 14 Moreover thou hast not brought us into a land flowing with milk and honey, and thou hast not given us inheritance of fields and vineyards: wilt thou bore out the eyes of these men? we will not come up. 15 And this displeased Moses greatly, and he said unto the Lord, Have no respect

commandments, and be holy unto your God. 41 I am any one of them, nor have I done wrong to any one of the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land them. 16 And Moses said unto Korach. Thou and all thy company, be ve before the Lord, thou, and they. and Aaron, tomorrow: 17 And take ve every man his censer, and put incense upon them, and bring ye near before the Lord every man his censer, two hundred and fifty censers; thou also, and Aaron, each his censer. 18 And they took every man his censer, and put fire on them, and laid incense thereupon; and they stood at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation with Moses and Aaron.— 19 And Korach assembled against them all the congregation unto the door of the tabernacle of the congregation; and the glory of the Lord then appeared unto all the congregation. 20 And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron. saying, 21 Separate yourselves from the midst of this congregation, and I will make an end of them in a moment. 22 And they fell upon their faces, and said. O God, the God of the spirits of all flesh, this one man doth sin, and with all the congregation wouldst thou be wroth! 23 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving, 24 Speak unto the congregation, saying, Get you away from about the dwelling of Korach, Dathan, and Abiram. 25 And Moses rose up and went unto Dathan and Abiram; and there went after him the elders of Israel. 26 And he spoke unto the congregation, saving, Depart, I pray you, from the tents of these wicked men, and touch nothing which belongeth to them, lest ye be destroyed through all their sins. 27 So they got away from the dwelling of Korach, Dathan, and Abiram, on every side: and Dathan and Abiram came out, standing [boldly] at the door of their tents, with their wives, and their sons, and their little ones. 28 And Moses said, Through this shall ye know that the Lord hath sent me to do all these deeds; that [I have] not done them out of my own heart. 29 If these men die as all men die. and if the visitation of all men be visited on them: then hath the Lord not sent me. 30 But if the Lord do create a new thing, and the earth open her mouth, and swallow them up, with all that appertaineth unto them, and they go down alive into the pit: then shall ve understand that these men have provoked the Lord. (Sheol h7585) 31 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking all these words, that the ground that was under them was cloven asunder: 32 And the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their houses, and all the men that appertained unto Korach, and all their goods. 33 And they went down, they, and all they that appertained

them, and they disappeared from the midst of the the congregation, after the plague had been stayed. congregation. (Sheol h7585) 34 And all Israel that were round about them fled at their cry: for they said. Perhaps the earth may swallow us up [also]. 35 And there came out a fire from the Lord, and consumed the two hundred and fifty men that had offered the incense. 36 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 37 Speak unto Elazar the son of Aaron the priest, that he lift up the censers out of the burning, and throw out the fire far away; for they have been hallowed: 38 The censers of these sinners against their own lives; and they shall make of them broad plates for a covering for the altar; for they brought them near before the Lord, and they have thus become hallowed; and they shall serve for a sign unto the children of Israel. 39 And Elazar the priest took the copper censers, which they that were burnt had brought near; and they beat them out for a covering unto the altar: 40 As a memorial unto the children of Israel, in order that no stranger, who is not of the seed of Aaron, should come near to burn incense before the Lord; that he become not as Korach, and as his company; as the Lord had spoken to him by the hand of Moses. 41 And all the congregation of the children of Israel murmured against Moses and Aaron, on the morrow, saying, It is you who have caused the people of the Lord to die. 42 And it came to pass, when the congregation assembled against Moses and against Aaron, that they looked toward the tabernacle of the congregation, and, behold, the cloud covered it; and the glory of the Lord appeared. 43 And Moses came with Aaron before the tabernacle of the congregation. 44 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 45 Remove yourselves from the midst of this congregation, that I may consume them in a moment. And they fell upon their faces. 46 And Moses said unto Aaron, Take the censer, and put therein fire from off the altar, and put on incense, and carry [it] quickly unto the congregation, and make an atonement for them; for the wrath is gone forth from the Lord; the plague hath begun. 47 And Aaron took as Moses assembly; and, behold, the plague had begun among the people: and he put on the incense, and made an atonement for the people. 48 And he stood between the dead and the living; and the plague was stayed. 49 And those who died in the plague were fourteen thousand and seven hundred, besides those that

to them, alive into the pit; and the earth closed over returned unto Moses, to the door of the tabernacle of

17 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Speak unto the children of Israel, and take from them one staff each for a family division, from all their princes, according to their family divisions, twelve staves: the name of each man shalt thou write upon his staff. 3 And the name of Aaron shalt thou write upon the staff of Levi; for there shall be but one staff for the head of their family division. 4 And thou shalt lay them down in the tabernacle of the congregation before the testimony, where I usually meet with you. 5 And it shall come to pass, that the staff of the man whom I shall choose, shall blossom: and I will allay from around me the murmurings of the children of Israel, which they murmur against you. 6 And Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, and all their princes gave him each a staff, one for every prince, according to their family divisions, twelve staves: and the staff of Aaron was among their staves. 7 And Moses laid down the staves before the Lord in the tabernacle of the testimony. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, that as Moses went into the tabernacle of the testimony, behold, the staff of Aaron for the house of Levi had budded; and it brought forth buds, and produced blossoms, and vielded ripe almonds. 9 And Moses brought out all the staves from before the Lord unto all the children of Israel; and they looked [at them], and took away every one his staff. 10 And the Lord said unto Moses. Carry back the staff of Aaron before the testimony, to be kept as a token against the children of rebellion, that there may be an end of their murmurings from around me, and they die not. 11 And Moses did so; as the Lord had commanded him, so did he. 12 And the children of Israel said unto Moses, thus, Behold, we perish, we are lost, we are all lost. 13 Every one that cometh near at all unto the tabernacle of the Lord must die: shall we totally perish?

18 And the Lord said unto Aaron, Thou and thy sons and thy father's house with thee shall bear had commanded, and he ran into the midst of the the iniquity of the sanctuary; and thou and thy sons with thee shall bear the iniquity of your priesthood. 2 And also thy brethren, the tribe of Levi, the tribe of thy father, bring thou near with thee, that they may be joined with thee, and minister unto thee; while thou and thy sons with thee shall be before the tabernacle of the testimony. 3 And they shall keep thy charge, had died about the matter of Korach. 50 And Aaron and the charge of all the tabernacle: only unto the vessels of the sanctuary and unto the altar shall they

not come near, that they may not die, either they or and their fat shalt thou burn as a fire-offering, for a you. 4 And they shall be joined unto thee, and keep sweet savor unto the Lord. 18 And their flesh shall be respecting all the service of the tabernacle; and a shoulder shall it be thine. 19 All the heave-offerings of stranger shall not come nigh unto you. 5 And ye shall the holy things, which the children of Israel set apart keep the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of unto the Lord, I have given to thee, and to thy sons the altar; that there be not any more wrath upon the and to thy daughters with thee, as a fixed portion children of Israel, 6 And I, behold, I have taken your for ever; it is a covenant of salt for ever before the brethren the Levites from the midst of the children Lord for thee and for thy seed with thee. 20 And the of Israel; unto you are they given as a gift for the Lord said unto Aaron, In their land shalt thou have Lord, to perform the service of the tabernacle of the no inheritance, and any portion shalt thou not have congregation. 7 And thou and thy sons with thee shall among them: I am thy portion and thy inheritance keep your priesthood concerning every matter of the among the children of Israel. 21 And to the children of altar, and for that within the vail, where ye shall serve: Levi, behold, I have given every tithe in Israel, for an as a service of gift do I give you your priesthood; and inheritance, in lieu of their service which they render, the stranger that cometh nigh shall be put to death. the service of the tabernacle of the congregation. 8 And the Lord spoke unto Aaron, And I, behold, I 22 And the children of Israel shall not henceforth give thee the charge of my heave-offerings; of all the come night unto the tabernacle of the congregation. hallowed things of the children of Israel, unto thee to bear sin, to die thereby. 23 But they of the tribe have I given them as an official portion, and to thy of Levi themselves shall perform the service of the sons, as a fixed right for ever. 9 This shall belong to tabernacle of the congregation, and they shall bear thee of the most holy things, from the fire-[offerings]: their iniquity: a statute for ever shall it be throughout every oblation of theirs, namely, every meat-offering your generations; and among the children of Israel of theirs, and every sin-offering of theirs, and every, shall they not possess any inheritance. 24 But the trespass-offering of theirs, which they shall render tithes of the children of Israel, which they offer as unto me, shall, as most holy things, belong to thee a heave-offering unto the Lord, have I given to the and to thy sons. 10 In a most holy place shalt thou Levites for an inheritance: therefore have I said unto eat it; every male shall eat it; holy shall it be unto them. Among the children of Israel shall they obtain thee. 11 And this shall be thine, as the heave-offering no inheritance. 25 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, of their gift, of all the wave-offerings of the children of saying, 26 And unto the Levites shalt thou speak, and Israel; unto thee have I given them, and to thy sons say unto them. When ye take from the children of and to thy daughters with thee, as a fixed portion Israel the tithes which I have given you from them for for ever: every one that is clean in thy house may your inheritance: then shall ye separate therefrom eat thereof. 12 All the best of oil, and all the best of a heave-offering of the Lord, the tenth part of the wine, and of corn, the first-fruits thereof which they tithe. 27 And your heave-offering shall be reckoned shall offer unto the Lord, to thee have I given them. unto you, like the corn of the threshing-floor, and as 13 The first ripe fruit of whatsoever is in their land, the fulness of the wine-press. 28 Thus shall ye also which they may bring unto the Lord, shall be thine: offer a heave-offering unto the Lord from all your every one that is clean in thy house may eat thereof, tithes, which ve may receive from the children of 14 Every thing devoted in Israel shall be thine. 15 Israel; and ye shall give thereof the heave-offering of Whatever openeth the womb of all flesh, which they the Lord to Aaron the priest. 29 From all your gifts bring unto the Lord, be it of men or of cattle, shall be shall ye set apart every heave-offering of the Lord, thine: nevertheless thou shalt redeem the first-born from every best part thereof, its hallowed portion of man, and the firstling of the unclean cattle shalt therefrom. 30 And thou shalt say unto them, When ye thou redeem. 16 And those that are to be redeemed have separated the best thereof from it: then shall from a month old shalt thou redeem, according to the [the remainder] be counted unto the Levites as the shekel of the sanctuary, which is twenty gerahs. 17 the wine-press, 31 And ve may eat it in every place. But the firstling of an ox, or the firstling of a sheep, or ye and your households; for it is your reward in lieu of holy: their blood shalt thou sprinkle upon the altar, And ye shall not bear any sin by reason of it, when

the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, thine: as the breast that is waved and as the right usual estimation of five shekels of silver, after the produce of the threshing-floor, and as the produce of the firstling of a goat, thou shalt not redeem; they are your service at the tabernacle of the congregation. 32

lest ye die.

1 Q And the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, 2 This is the statute of the law which the Lord hath commanded, saying, Speak unto the children of Israel, that they bring unto thee a completely red cow, on which there is no blemish, upon which no voke hath ever come. 3 And ye shall give her unto Elazar the priest, and he shall lead her forth to without the camp, and some one shall slay her before his face: 4 And Elazar the priest shall take some of her blood with his finger; and he shall sprinkle in the direction of the front of the tabernacle of the congregation of her blood seven times. 5 And some one shall burn the cow before his eyes; her skin, and her flesh, and her blood, with her dung, shall he burn. 6 And the priest shall take cedar-wood, and hyssop, and a scarlet string, and cast it into the midst of the burning of the cow. 7 And the priest shall wash his clothes, and he shall bathe his flesh in water, and afterward may he come into the camp; and the priest shall be unclean until the evening. 8 And he that burneth her shall wash his clothes in water, and bathe his flesh in water; and he shall be unclean until the evening. 9 And a man that is clean shall gather up the ashes of the cow, and lay them up without the camp in a clean place; and it shall be kept for the congregation of the children

ye have separated its best part from it: and the holy whosoever toucheth in the open field one that hath things of the children of Israel shall ye not profane, been slain with a sword, or a dead body, or a bone of a man, or a grave, shall be unclean seven days. 17 And they shall take for the unclean person some of the ashes of the burnt purification-offering, and they shall put thereupon running water 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 persons that have been there, and upon him that hath touched the bone, or the one 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 when he hath purified him on the seventh day, then shall he wash his clothes, and bathe himself in water, and shall be clean at evening. 20 But a man that is unclean, and doth not purify himself, that soul shall be cut off from among the congregation; because the sanctuary of the Lord hath he defiled; the water of sprinkling hath not been sprinkled upon him; he is unclean. 21 And it shall be unto them for a perpetual statute; and he that sprinkleth the water of sprinkling shall wash his clothes; and he that toucheth the water of sprinkling shall be unclean until the evening. 22 And whatsoever the unclean person may touch shall be unclean; and the person that toucheth him shall be unclean until the evening.

20 And the children of Israel, the whole congregation, came into the desert of Zin in of Israel for a water of sprinkling: it is a purification- the first month, and the people abode in Kadesh; offering. 10 And he that gathereth up the ashes of the and Miriam died there, and was buried there. 2 cow shall wash his clothes, and be unclean until the And there was no water for the congregation; and evening: and it shall be unto the children of Israel, they assembled themselves together against Moses and unto the stranger that sojourneth among them, and against Aaron. 3 And the people quarreled with for a statute for ever. 11 He that toucheth the dead Moses, and said thus, Oh that we had but perished body of any human person shall be unclean seven when our brethren perished before the Lord! 4 And days. 12 Such a one shall purify himself with it on why have ye brought the congregation of the Lord the third day and on the seventh day, when he shall into this wilderness, to die there, we and our cattle! be clean; but if he purify himself not on the third day 5 And wherefore have ye caused us to come up and on the seventh day, he shall not be clean. 13 out of Egypt, to bring us in unto this evil place? it Whosoever toucheth the dead body, the person of is no place for sowing, or of figs, or of vines, or of any man that is dead, and purifieth himself not, hath pomegranates; and water even there is none to drink. defiled the tabernacle of the Lord; and that soul shall 6 And Moses and Aaron went from the presence of be cut off from Israel; because the water of sprinkling the assembly unto the door of the tabernacle of the was not sprinkled upon him, he shall be unclean; his congregation, and they fell upon their faces: and the uncleanness is yet upon him. 14 This is the law, when glory of the Lord appeared unto them. 7 And the a man dieth in a tent: Every one that cometh into Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 8 Take the staff, the tent, and all that is in the tent, shall be unclean and gather the assembly together, thou, with Aaron seven days. 15 And every open vessel, on which thy brother, and ye shall speak unto the rock before there is not a closely fitting cover, is unclean. 16 And their eyes, that it shall give forth its water; and thou

give drink to the congregation and their cattle. 9 therewith Elazar his son; and Aaron shall be gathered And Moses took the staff from before the Lord, as in, and he shall die there, 27 And Moses did as the he had commanded him. 10 And Moses and Aaron Lord had commanded; and they went up to mount assembled the congregation together before the rock. Hor before the eyes of all the congregation. 28 And and he said unto them, Hear now, ye rebels! shall Moses caused Aaron to take off his garments, and we out of this rock bring forth water for you? 11 And he clothed therewith Elazar his son; and Aaron died Moses lifted up his hand, and he smote the rock with there on the top of the mount; and Moses and Elazar his staff twice: and there came out much water, and then came down from the mount, 29 And when all the the congregation drank, together with their cattle. 12 congregation saw that Aaron was departed, they wept And the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron, Because for Aaron thirty days, even all the house of Israel. ve have not confided in me, to sanctify me before the eves of the children of Israel: therefore shall ve not bring this congregation into the land which I have given to them. 13 These are the waters of Meribah; where the children of Israel guarreled with the Lord, and through which he was sanctified. 14 And Moses sent messengers from Kadesh unto the king of Edom. Thus hath said thy brother Israel. Thou knowest all the hardship that hath befallen us. 15 How our fathers went down into Egypt, and we dwelt in Egypt many days; and the Egyptians did evil to us, and to our fathers: 16 And we cried unto the Lord. and he heard our voice, and he sent a messenger. and caused us to go forth out of Egypt; and, behold, we are in Kadesh, a city at the outmost end of thy border. 17 Let us pass, we pray thee, through thy country: we will not pass through field, or through vineyard, and we will not drink the water of the wells: by the king's highway will we go, we will not turn 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 my land, lest I come against thee with the sword. 19 And the children of Israel said unto him, We will go by the highway: and if we drink of thy water, I and my cattle, then will I pay its value; I will do thee no injury, only on foot will I pass through. 20 And he said. Thou shalt not pass through: and Edom came out against him with much people, and with a strong hand. 21 And as Edom thus refused to permit Israel to pass through his border, Israel turned away from him. 22 And they set forward from Kadesh; and the children of Israel, the whole congregation, came unto mount Hor. 23 And the Lord said unto Moses and Aaron at mount Hor, by the boundary of the land of Edom, as followeth, 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 ve rebelled against my order at the waters of Meribah. 25 Take Aaron and Elazar, his son, and cause them to go up unto mount Hor: 26

shalt bring forth for them water out of the rock, and And cause Aaron to take off his garments, and clothe

1 And when the Canaanite, the king of 'Arad. who dwelt in the south, heard that Israel was coming by the way of the spies: he made an attack on Israel. and took from them some prisoners. 2 And Israel made a vow unto the Lord, and said, If thou wilt but deliver this people into my hand, then will I devote their cities. 3 And the Lord hearkened to the voice of Israel, and he delivered up the Canaanites; and they devoted them and their cities: and they called the name of the place Chormah. 4 And they set forward from mount Hor by the way to the Red Sea, to go round the land of Edom: and the spirit of the people became impatient because of the way. 5 And the people spoke against God, and against Moses. Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, and there is no water; and our soul loatheth this miserable bread. 6 And the Lord let loose against the people poisonous serpents, and they bit the people; and there died much people of Israel. 7 And the people then came to Moses, and they said. We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away from us the serpents. And Moses prayed for the people. 8 And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thyself a serpent, and set it upon a pole: and it shall come to pass, that whoever is bitten shall look at it, and he shall live. 9 And Moses made a serpent of copper, and put it upon a pole; and it came to pass, that, when a serpent had bitten any man, and he looked up to the serpent of copper, he remained alive. 10 And the children of Israel set forward, and encamped in Oboth. 11 And they journeyed from Oboth, and encamped at 'Iveha'abarim, in the wilderness, which is before Moab. toward the rising of the sun. 12 From there they set forward and encamped in the valley of Zered. 13 From there they set forward, and encamped on the other side of Arnon, which is in the wilderness, and which cometh out of the boundary of the Emorites: for Arnon

the Emorites. 14 Therefore mention is made in the the Lord said unto Moses, Fear him not; for into thy book of the wars of the Lord, of Vaheb in Supha, and hand have I delivered him, and all his people, and his of the brooks of Arnon. 15 And the descent of the land; and thou shalt do unto him as thou hast done brooks, that turneth toward Shebeth-'Ar, and leaneth unto Sichon, the king of the Emorites, who dwelt at upon the border of Moab; 16 And from there to the Cheshbon. 35 And they smote him and his sons, and well; this is the well where the Lord said unto Moses, all his people, until there was none left unto him that Assemble the people and I will give them water. 17 Then did Israel sing this song. Come up. O well: sing ye unto it: 18 Well, which the princes have dug, which the nobles of the people have hollowed out with the sceptre, with their staves: — and from the wilderness to Mattanah: 19 And from Mattanah to Nachaliel: and from Nachaliel to Bamoth: 20 And from Bamoth to the valley, which is in the fields of Moab, to the top of Pisgah, which looketh toward the desert. 21 And Israel sent messengers unto Sichon the king of the Emorites, saving, 22 Let me pass through thy land: we will not turn aside into field, or into vineyard: we will not drink the water of a well: by the king's highway will we go along, until we have passed thy border. 23 But Sichon would not suffer Israel to pass through his border; and Sichon assembled all his people together; and went out against Israel into the wilderness; and he came to Yahaz, and fought against Israel, 24 And Israel smote him with the edge of the sword, and took possession of his land from Arnon unto Yabbok, even unto the children of 'Ammon: for the border of the children of 'Ammon was strong. 25 And Israel took all these cities: and Israel dwelt in all the cities of the Emorites, in Cheshbon, and in all the villages thereof. 26 For Cheshbon was the city of Sichon the king of the Emorites: and he had fought against the former king of Moab, and taken all his land out of his hand, up to the Arnon. 27 Therefore said the poets, Come into Cheshbon, let the city of Sichon be built and established. 28 For a fire is gone out of Cheshbon, a flame from the city of Sichon: it hath consumed 'Ar-Moab, the men of the high places of the Arnon. 29 Woe to thee, Moab! thou art lost, O people of Kemosh: he hath suffered his sons to become fugitives, and his daughters to go into captivity, unto the king of the Emorites, Sichon. 30 We have thrown them down: lost is Cheshbon even unto Dibon, and we have laid waste [all] up to Nophach. which reacheth unto Medeba. 31 Thus Israel dwelt in the land of the Emorites. 32 And Moses sent to spy out Ya'zer, and they captured the villages thereof. and drove out the Emorites that were there. 33 And they turned and went up by the way to Bashan; and 'Og, the king of Bashan, went out against them, he,

is the border of Moab, between Moab and between and all his people, to the battle at Edrei. 34 And escaped: and they took possession of his land.

> 22 And the children of Israel set forward, and encamped in the plains of Moab, on this side of the Jordan, opposite Jericho. 2 And Balak the son of Zippor saw all that Israel had done to the Emorites. 3 And Moab was greatly afraid of the people, because it was numerous; and Moab was horrified because of the children of Israel. 4 And Moab said unto the elders of Midian, Now will this assemblage devour all that is round about us, as the ox devoureth the grass of the field; and Balak the son of Zippor was king of Moab at that time. 5 And he sent messengers unto Bil'am the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river, in the land of the children of his people, to have him called; saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt; behold, it covereth the surface of the earth, and it is abiding opposite to me: 6 And now do but come, curse me this people; for it is too mighty for me: peradventure I may be able to smite it, that I may drive it out of the land; for I know that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed. 7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the rewards of divination in their hand; and they came unto Bil'am, and spoke unto him the words of Balak. 8 And he said unto them, Remain you here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the Lord may speak unto me; and the princes of Moab abode with Bil'am. 9 And God came unto Bil'am, and said, Who are these men with thee? 10 And Bil'am said unto God. Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, hath sent unto me, [saving, 11 Behold, there is the people that is come out of Egypt, and covereth the face of the earth: now come, denounce it for me: peradventure I shall be able to fight against it, and drive it away. 12 And God said unto Bil'am, Thou shalt not go with them: thou shalt not curse the people; for it is blessed. 13 And Bil'am rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Go back to your land; for the Lord refuseth to give me leave to go with you. 14 And the princes of Moab rose up, and they went unto Balak, and said, Bil'am refuseth to come with us. 15 And Balak sent vet again princes, more in number, and more honorable

to him, Thus hath said Balak the son of Zippor, Do the journey which is odious to me was too quickly not suffer thyself. I pray thee, to be prevented from begun, 33 And the ass saw me, and turned aside coming unto me: 17 For I will honor thee greatly, and before me these three times; if she had not turned whatsoever thou mayest say unto me will I do: and aside from me. I would surely now not only have slain only come, I pray thee, denounce me this people. thee, but saved her alive. 34 And Bil'am said unto the 18 And Bil'am answered and said unto the servants angel of the Lord, I have sinned; for I knew not that of Balak. If Balak would give me his house full of thou wast standing against me in the way; but now. silver and gold, I could not transgress the order of if it be evil in thy eyes, I will return home again. 35 the Lord my God, to do a small or a great thing. 19 And the angel of the Lord said unto Bil'am, Go with And now, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, the men; however, only the word which I will speak that I may know what the Lord will farther speak with unto thee, that shalt thou speak: and Bil'am went with me. 20 And God came unto Bil'am at night, and said the princes of Balak. 36 And when Balak heard that unto him. If to call thee the men have come, rise up. Bil'am was come, he went out to meet him unto 'Irgo with them; but only the word which I shall speak Moab, which is on the border of Arnon, which is at the unto thee, that shalt thou do. 21 And Bil'am rose up outmost end of the boundary. 37 And Balak said unto in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with Bil'am, Did I not earnestly send unto thee to have the princes of Moab. 22 And the anger of God was thee called? wherefore camest thou not unto me? in kindled, because he went; and an angel of the Lord truth, am I not able to honor thee? 38 And Bil'am said placed himself in the way to be a hindrance to him; unto Balak, Lo, I am come unto thee; have I now any and he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants power whatever to speak the least? the word that were with him. 23 And the ass saw the angel of the God may put in my mouth, that alone must I speak. Lord standing in the way, with his sword drawn in 39 And Bil'am went with Balak, and they came unto his hand; and the ass turned aside out of the way, Kiryath-chuzoth. 40 And Balak slew oxen and sheep, and went into the field: and Bil'am smote the ass, and sent to Bil'am and to the princes that were with to make her turn into the way. 24 But the angel of him. 41 And it came to pass in the morning, that Balak the Lord stepped into a path between the vineyards, took Bil'am, and brought him up into the high places [with] a wall on this side, and a wall on that side, 25 of Baal, and he saw thence a portion of the people. And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she forced herself against the wall, and pressed Bil'am's foot against the wall: and he smote her again. 26 And the angel of the Lord went yet farther, and stood in a narrow place, where there was no way to turn either to the right or to the left. 27 And when the ass saw the angel of the Lord, she lay down under Bil'am: whereupon Bil'am's anger was kindled, and he smote the ass with a stick. 28 And the Lord opened the mouth of the ass, and she said unto Bil'am. What have I done unto thee, that thou hast smitten me these three times? 29 And Bil'am said unto the ass, Because thou hast mocked me: had I but a sword in my hand, I would assuredly have now killed thee. 30 And the ass said unto Bil'am, Am not I thy ass, upon which thou hast ridden from thy commencement unto this day? was I ever wont to do so unto thee? and he said, No. 31 Then the Lord opened the eyes of Bil'am, and he saw the angel of the Lord standing in the way, with his sword drawn in his hand: and he bowed down his head and prostrated himself on his face. 32 And the angel of the Lord said unto him, Wherefore hast thou smitten thy ass these three

than those. 16 And they came to Bil'am, and said times? behold, I went out to be a hindrance; because

23 And Bil'am said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 2 And Balak did as Bil'am had spoken; and Balak and Bil'am offered a bullock and a ram on every altar. 3 And Bil'am said unto Balak. Place thyself by thy burnt-offering; and I will go, peradventure the Lord will come to meet me, and whatsoever he may show me I will tell thee: and he went thoughtfully alone. 4 And God met Bil'am: and he said unto him, The seven altars have I made ready, and I have offered a bullock and a ram upon every altar. 5 And the Lord put a word in Bil'am's mouth, and said. Return unto Balak, and thus shalt thou speak. 6 And he returned unto him, and, lo, he was standing by his burnt-offering, he, and all the princes of Moab. 7 And he took up his parable, and said, From Aram did Balak send for me, the king of Moab, out of the mountains of the east, Come, curse me Jacob, and come, defy Israel, 8 How shall I denounce, whom God hath not denounced? and how shall I defy, whom the Lord hath not defied? 9 For from the top of rocks I see him, and from hills I

and among the nations it shall not be reckoned. 10 said unto Balak, Build me here seven altars, and Who can count the dust of Jacob, and number the prepare me here seven bullocks and seven rams. 30 fourth part of Israel? May my soul die the death of And Balak did as Bil'am had said, and he offered a the righteous, and may my last end be like his! 11 bullock and a ram on every altar. And Balak said unto Bil'am, What hast thou done unto me? to denounce my enemies did I take thee, and, behold, thou hast even blessed them. 12 And he answered and said, Must I not take heed to speak that only which the Lord may put in my mouth? 13 And Balak said unto him, Come, I pray thee, with me unto another place, from where thou canst see them; nevertheless a portion of them only wilt thou see, but the whole of them thou wilt not see: and denounce them for me from there. 14 And he brought him to the field of the watchmen, on the top of Pisgah, and he built seven altars, and offered a bullock and a ram on every altar. 15 And he said unto Balak. Place thyself here by thy burnt-offering, while I will repair to yonder place. 16 And the Lord met Bil'am, and put a word in his mouth, and said, Return unto Balak, and thus shalt thou speak. 17 And he came to him, and, behold, he was standing by his burnt-offering, and the princes of Moab with him; and Balak said unto him: What hath the Lord spoken? 18 And he took up his parable, and said. Rise up. Balak, and hear; bend hither thy ear unto me, son of Zippor! 19 God is not a man, that he should lie: nor a son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? and hath he spoken, and shall he not fulfill it? 20 Behold, to bless I have received [the word]; and he hath blessed, and I cannot reverse it. 21 He hath not beheld any wrong in Jacob, nor hath he seen perverseness in Israel: the Lord his God is with him, and the glory of the king dwelleth among him. 22 God, who brought them out of Egypt, is to them like the heights of the reem. 23 For there is no enchantment in Jacob, nor is there any divination in Israel: at the proper time shall it be said to Jacob and to Israel, what God doth work. 24 Behold, it is a people, that shall rise up as a lioness, and as a lion shall it raise itself: it will not lie down until it have eaten the prey, and have drunk the blood of the slain. 25 And Balak said unto Bil'am, Neither shalt thou denounce them, nor shalt thou any wise bless them. 26 But Bil'am answered and said unto Balak, Have I not spoken unto thee, saying, all that the Lord will speak, that must I do. 27 And Balak said unto Bil'am, Come, I pray thee, I will take thee unto another place, peradventure it may be pleasing in the eyes of God that thou mayest denounce them for me from there. 28 And Balak took Bil'am unto the top of

behold him: lo, it is a people that shall dwell alone. Peor, that looketh toward the desert. 29 And Bil'am

24 And when Bil'am saw that it was pleasing in the eyes of the Lord to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness. 2 And Bil'am lifted up his eyes, and when he saw Israel encamped according to their tribes, there came upon him the spirit of God. 3 And he took up his parable, and said, Thus saith Bil'am the son of Beor, and thus saith the man whose eyes are open; 4 Thus saith he who heareth the sayings of God, who seeth the vision of the Almighty, falling down, with unvailed eyes: 5 How beautiful are thy tents, O Jacob, thy dwelling, O Israel! 6 As streams are they spread forth, as gardens by the river's side, as aloe-trees, which the Lord hath planted, as cedar-trees beside the waters. 7 Water runneth out of His buckets, that his seed may be moistened by abundance of water; and exalted above Agag shall be his king, and raised on high shall be his kingdom. 8 God, who brought him forth out of Egypt, is to him like the heights of the reem; he will devour nations, his oppressors, and their bones will he break, and pierce [them] through with his arrows. 9 He coucheth, he lieth down as a lion, and as a lioness: who shall make him rise up? They that bless thee be blessed, and they that curse thee be cursed. 10 And the anger of Balak was kindled against Bil'am, and he struck his hands together: and Balak said unto Bil'am, To denounce my enemies did I call thee, and, behold, thou hast even blessed them these three times. 11 And now flee thou to thy place: I thought to honor thee greatly; but, lo, the Lord hath kept thee back from honor. 12 And Bil'am said unto Balak, Did I not already speak to thy messengers, whom thou sentest unto me, saying, 13 lf Balak would give me his house full of silver and gold. I could not transgress the order of the Lord, to do good or evil out of my own heart: what the Lord will speak, that must I speak? 14 And now, behold, I am going unto my people: come, I will advise thee against what this people will do to thy people in the end of days. 15 And he took up his parable and said, Thus saith Bil'am the son of Beor, and thus saith the man whose eyes are open; 16 Thus saith he who heareth the savings of God, and knoweth the knowledge of the Most High, who seeth the vision of the Almighty, falling down, with unvailed

the chiefs of Moab, and destroyeth all the children indignation, 12 Therefore say, Behold, I give unto him of Sheth. 18 And Edom shall be a conquest, and my covenant of peace: 13 And it shall be unto him and Seir shall be a conquest for his enemies; and Israel unto his seed after him a covenant of an everlasting shall do valiantly. 19 And there shall rule the one from priesthood; because he was zealous for his God, and the city. 20 And he looked on Amalek, and he took up the name of the man of Israel that was slain, who his parable, and said, The first of nations is Amalek; was slain with the Midianitish woman, was Zimri, the but his latter end shall be destruction for ever. 21 And son of Sahlu, a prince of a family division among he looked on the Kenites, and took up his parable, the Simeonites. 15 And the name of the Midianitish on the rock is thy nest. 22 Nevertheless the Kenite Zur; he was head of tribes, of a family division in shall be wasted: whither will Asshur carry thee away Midian. 16 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saving. captive? 23 And he took up his parable, and said, 17 Attack the Midianites and smite them; 18 For they will afflict Asshur, and will afflict 'Eber; and he also will matter of Cozbi, the daughter of a prince of Midian, be given to destruction for ever. 25 And Bil'am rose their sister, who was slain on the day of the plague up, and went and returned to his place; and Balak for the sake of Peor. also went his way.

25 And Israel abode in Shittim, and the people began to commit incest with the daughters of Moab. 2 And they called the people unto the sacrifices of their gods; and the people did eat, and bowed themselves down to their gods. 3 And Israel joined themselves unto Baal-peor; and the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel. 4 And the Lord said unto Moses, Take all the heads of the people, and [cause them to] hang the [guilty] up before the Lord, in the face of the sun, that the fierce anger of the Lord may be turned away from Israel. 5 And Moses said unto the judges of Israel, Slay ye every one his men that have been joined unto Baal-peor. 6 And, behold, one of the children of Israel came, and brought unto his brethren a Midianitish woman, before the eves of Moses, and before the eyes of all the congregation of the children of Israel, and these were weeping by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. And when Phinehas, the son of Elazar, the son of Aaron the priest, saw it, he rose up from the midst of the congregation, and took a javelin in his hand; 8 And he went after the man of Israel into the tent, and thrust both of them through, the man of Israel, and the woman through her body: and the plague was stayed from the children of Israel. 9 And those that died in the plague were twenty and four thousand. 10 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 11 Phinehas, the son of Elazar, the son of Aaron the priest, hath

eyes: 17 I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not turned away my wrath from the children of Israel, nigh; there steppeth forth a star out of Jacob, and while he was zealous in my stead in the midst of there ariseth a sceptre out of Israel, and he pierceth them, that I consumed not the children of Israel in my Jacob, and he shall destroy whatever escapeth out of made an atonement for the children of Israel. 14 Now and said, Strong is thy dwelling-place, and placed woman that was slain was Cozbi, the daughter of Alas, who shall live when God doth appoint this one? are enemies unto you with their wiles, wherewith they 24 But ships will come from the coast of Kittim, and have beguiled you in the matter of Peor, and in the

> $\bf 26$  And it came to pass after the plague, That the Lord spoke unto Moses and unto Elazar the son of Aaron the priest, saying, 2 Take ye the sum of all the congregation of the children of Israel, from twenty years old and upward, by the descent from their fathers, all that are able to go forth to war in Israel. 3 And Moses with El'azar the priest spoke with them in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho, saving. 4 [Take the sum of the people, ] from twenty years old and upward; as the Lord commanded Moses and the children of Israel, who went forth out of the land of Egypt. 5 Reuben, the eldest son of Israel: the children of Reuben, of Chanoch, the family of the Chanochites; of Pallu, the family of the Palluites; 6 Of Chezron, the family of the Chezronites; of Carmi, the family of the Carmites. 7 These are the families of the Reubenites; and those that were numbered of them were forty and three thousand and seven hundred and thirty. 8 And the sons of Pallu: Eliab. 9 And the sons of Eliab: Nemuel, and Dathan, and Abiram. These are Dathan and Abiram, men called to the assembly, who guarreled against Moses and against Aaron in the company of Korach, at the time they quarreled against the Lord; 10 When the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up together with Korach, while that company died, when the fire devoured the two hundred and fifty men; and they became a sign. 11 But the sons of Korach did not die. 12 The sons of Simeon after their families: of Nemuel.

the family of the Nemuelites; of Yamin, the family of after their families: of Shuthelach, the family of the the Yaminites; of Yachin, the family of the Yachinites; Shuthalchites; of Becher, the family of the Bachrites; 13 Of Zerach, the family of the Zarchites; of Shaul, the of Tachan, the family of the Tachanites. 36 And these family of the Shaulites. 14 These are the families of are the sons of Shuthelach: of 'Eran, the family of the Simeonites, twenty and two thousand and two the Eranites, 37 These are the families of the sons hundred. 15 The children of Gad after their families: of Ephraim according to those that were numbered of Zephon, the family of the Zephonites; of Chaggi, of them, thirty and two thousand and five hundred: the family of the Chaggites; of Shuni, the family of the these are the sons of Joseph after their families. 38 Shunites; 16 Of Ozni, the family of the Oznites; of 'Eri, The sons of Benjamin after their families: of Bela', the family of the 'Erites; 17 Of Arod, the family of the the family of the Bal'ites; of Ashbel, the family of the Arodites; of Areli, the family of the Arelites; 18 These Ashbelites; of Achiram, the family of the Achiramites; are the families of the children of Gad according to 39 Of Shephupham, the family of the Shuphamites; of those that were numbered of them, forty thousand Chupham, the family of the Chuphamites. 40 And and five hundred. 19 The sons of Judah were 'Er and the sons of Bela' were Ard and Na'aman: of Ard, the Onan; and 'Er with Onan died in the land of Canaan. family of the Ardites; and of Na'aman, the family of 20 And the sons of Judah after their families were: the Na'amites. 41 These are the sons of Benjamin of Shelah, the family of the Shelanites; of Perez, after their families; and those that were numbered of the family of the Parzites; of Zerach, the family of them were forty and five thousand and six hundred. the Zarchites. 21 And the sons of Perez were: of 42 These are the sons of Dan after their families: Chezron, the family of the Chezronites; of Chamul, of Shucham, the family of the Shuchamites; these the family of the Chamulites. 22 These are the families are the families of Dan after their families. 43 All the of Judah, according to those that were numbered of families of the Shuchamites, according to those that them, seventy and six thousand and five hundred, were numbered of them, were sixty and four thousand 23 The sons of Issachar after their families: of Tola', and four hundred. 44 The children of Asher after their the family of the Tola'ites; of Puva, the family of the families: of Yimnah, the family of the Yimnites; of of Shimron, the family of the Shimronites. 25 These of the Beri'ites. 45 Of the sons of Beri'ah: of Cheber, are the families of Issachar according to those that the family of the Chebrites: of Malkiel, the family of were numbered of them, sixty and four thousand and the Makielites. 46 And the name of the daughter of three hundred. 26 The sons of Zebulun after their Asher was Serach. 47 These are the families of the families: of Sered, the family of the Sardites; of Elon, sons of Asher according to those that were numbered the family of the Elonites; of Yachleel, the family of of them, fifty and three thousand and four hundred. 48 the Yachleelites. 27 These are the families of the The sons of Naphtali after their families: of Yachzeel, Zebulonites according to those that were numbered the family of the Yachzeelites; of Guni, the family of of them, sixty thousand and five hundred. 28 The the Gunites; 49 Of Yezer, the family of the Yizrites; of sons of Joseph after their families are Menasseh and Shillem, the family of the Shillemites. 50 These are family of the Machirites; and Machir begat Gil'ad; of and those that were numbered of them were forty Gil'ad, the family of the Gil'adites, 30 These are the and five thousand and four hundred, 51 These were sons of Gil'ad: of l'ezer, the family of the l'ezerites; of the numbered of the children of Israel, six hundred Chelek, the family of the Chelkites; 31 And of Assriel, thousand, and one thousand, seven hundred and the family of the Assrielites; and of Shechem, the thirty. 52 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 53 family of the Shichmites; 32 And of Shemida', the Unto these shall the land be divided for an inheritance family of the Shemida'ites; and of Chepher, the family according to the number of the names. 54 To the large Chepher had no sons, but only daughters; and the small shalt thou give the less inheritance: to each names of the daughters of Zelophehad were Machlah, according to those that were numbered thereof shall and No'ah, Choglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 34 These its inheritance be given. 55 Nevertheless, through are the families of Menasseh; and those that were the lot shall the land be divided: according to the numbered of them were fifty and two thousand and names of the tribes of their fathers shall they obtain

Punites; 24 Of Yashub, the family of the Yashubites; Yishvi, the family of the Yishvites; of Beri'ah, the family Ephraim. 29 The sons of Menasseh: of Machir, the the families of Naphtali according to their families; of the Chephrites. 33 And Zelophehad the son of tribe shalt thou give the more inheritance, and to the seven hundred. 35 These are the sons of Ephraim their inheritance. 56 By the decision of the lot shall

the inheritance of each be divided, according as rightly: thou shalt indeed give them a possession as they are many or few. 57 And these are those that an inheritance among the brothers of their father; were numbered of the Levites after their families; of and thou shalt cause the inheritance of their father Gershon, the family of the Gershunites: of Kehath, to pass unto them, 8 And unto the children of Israel the family of the Kehathites: of Merari, the family of shalt thou speak, saving, If a man die, and have the Merarites. 58 These are the families of Levi: the no son, then shall ye cause his inheritance to pass family of the Libnites, the family of the Chebronites, unto his daughter. 9 And if he have no daughter, the family of the Machlites, the family of the Mushites, then shall ye give his inheritance unto his brothers. the family of the Korchites; and Kehath begat 'Amran. 10 And if he have no brothers, then shall ye give 59 And the name of 'Amram's wife was Yochebed, his inheritance unto his father's brothers. 11 And if the daughter of Levi, whom [her mother] bore to his father have no brothers, then shall ye give his Levi in Egypt; and she bore unto Amram, Aaron and inheritance unto his kinsman that is next to him of Moses, and Miriam their sister. 60 And there were his family, and he shall inherit it: and it shall be unto born unto Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, Elazar, and the children of Israel a statute of justice, as the Lord Ithamar. 61 And Nadab and Abihu died. when they hath commanded Moses. 12 And the Lord said unto offered a strange fire before the Lord. 62 And those Moses, Go thou up unto this mount of 'Abarim, and that were numbered of them were twenty and three see the land which I have given unto the children thousand, all the males from a month old and upward: of Israel, 13 And when thou hast seen it, then shalt for they were not numbered among the children of thou also be gathered unto thy people, as Aaron thy Israel, because there was not given unto them any brother hath been gathered. 14 Because ye rebelled inheritance among the children of Israel. 63 These against my order in the desert of Zin, at the guarreling are those that were numbered by Moses and Elazar of the congregation, to sanctify me through the waters the priest, who numbered the children of Israel in the before their eyes; these are the waters of Meribah plains of Moab by the Jordan, opposite Jericho. 64 in Kadesh, in the wilderness of Zin. 15 And Moses And among these there was not one man of those spoke unto the Lord, saying, 16 Let the Lord, the whom Moses and Aaron the priest had numbered. God of the spirits of all flesh, appoint a man over who numbered the children of Israel in the wilderness the congregation, 17 Who may go out before them, of Sinai. 65 For the Lord had said of them. They shall and who may come in before them, and who may surely die in the wilderness: and there was not left of lead them out, and who may bring them in; that the them one man, save Caleb the son of Yephunneh, congregation of the Lord be not as a flock which have and Joshua the son of Nun.

27 And there came nigh the daughters of Zelophehad, the son of Chepher, the son of Gil'ad, the son of Machir, the son of Manasseh, of the families of Menasseh the son of Joseph: and these are the names of his daughters, Machlah, No'ah, and Choglah, and Milcah, and Tirzah. 2 And they stood before Moses, and before Elazar the priest, and before the princes, and all the congregation, by the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. saving. 3 Our father died in the wilderness; but he was not among the company of those that gathered themselves together against the Lord in the company of Korach: but in his own sin he died, and sons he had not. 4 Why should the name of our father be done away from the midst of his family, because he hath no son? Give unto us a possession among the brothers of our father. 5 And Moses brought their cause before the Lord. 6 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 7 The daughters of Zelophehad speak

no shepherd. 18 And the Lord said unto Moses, Take to thyself Joshua the son of Nun, a man in whom there is a spirit, and thou shalt lav thy hand upon him: 19 And thou shalt cause him to stand before Elazar the priest, and before all the congregation; and thou shalt give him a charge before their eyes. 20 And thou shalt put some of thy greatness upon him; in order that all the congregation of the children of Israel may be obedient. 21 And before Elazar the priest shall he stand, and he shall ask of him after the judgment of the Urim before the Lord: at his direction shall they go out, and at his direction shall they come in, he, and all the children of Israel with him, and all the congregation. 22 And Moses did, as the Lord had commanded him; and he took Joshua, and caused him to stand before Elazar the priest, and before all the congregation; 23 And he laid his hands upon him, and gave him a charge; as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses.

by fire which ye shall bring unto the Lord: Sheep of 21 A tenth part each shalt thou offer for every sheep, the first year without blemish, two on every day, as a of the seven sheep; 22 And one goat for a sin-offering, continual burnt-offering. 4 The one sheep shalt thou to make an atonement for you. 23 Besides the burntprepare in the morning, and the other sheep shalt offering of the morning, which is for a continual burnta burnt-offering unto the Lord, two young bullocks, they be unto you together with their drink-offerings. and one ram, seven sheep of the first year without blemish. 12 And three tenth parts of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, for each one bullock; and two tenth parts of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, for the one ram; 13 And a tenth part of fine flour mingled with oil for a meat-offering for every sheep: as a burnt-offering for a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord. 14 And their drink-offerings shall be half of a hin of wine for each bullock, and the third part of a hin for the ram, and a fourth part of a hin for every sheep: this is the burntoffering of the new moon for every month throughout the months of the year. 15 And one he-goat for a sinoffering unto the Lord; beside the continual burntoffering shall it be prepared with its drink-offering. 16 And in the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, the passover-lamb [must be offered] unto the Lord. 17 And on the fifteenth day of this month is the feast; seven days shall unleavened bread be eaten. 18 On the first day is a holy convocation; no manner of servile work shall ye do; 19 And ye shall bring as a

28 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 sacrifice made by fire for a burnt-offering unto the Command the children of Israel, and say Lord, two young bullocks, and one ram, and seven unto them, My offering, my bread for my sacrifices sheep of the first year; without blemish shall they consumed by fire, for a sweet savor unto me, shall ve be unto you; 20 And their meat-offering shall be of observe to offer unto me in its due season. 3 And fine flour mingled with oil; three tenth parts for each thou shalt say unto them. This is the offering made bullock, and two tenth parts for the ram shall ye offer; thou prepare toward evening; 5 And a tenth part of an offering, shall ye prepare these. 24 After this manner ephah of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with shall ye prepare daily, throughout the seven days, the the fourth part of a hin of beaten oil. 6 It is a continual food of the sacrifice made by fire, for a sweet savor burnt-offering, as it was prepared at mount Sinai, for unto the Lord: besides the continual burnt-offering a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord, shall it be prepared with its drink-offering, 25 And on 7 And the drink-offering thereof shall be the fourth part the seventh day shall ye have a holy convocation; no of a hin for the one sheep: in the holy place shalt thou servile work shall ye do. 26 And on the day of the cause the strong wine to be poured out as a drink-first-fruits, when ye bring a new meat-offering unto offering unto the Lord. 8 And the other sheep shalt the Lord, after your weeks are out, shall ye have a thou prepare toward evening: as the meat-offering of holy convocation; no servile work shall ye do. 27 And the morning, and as the drink-offering thereof, shalt ye shall bring as a burnt-offering for a sweet savor thou prepare it; an offering made by fire, for a sweet unto the Lord, two young bullocks, one ram, seven savor unto the Lord. 9 And on the sabbath-day two sheep of the first year; 28 And their meat-offering of sheep of the first year without blemish, and two tenth fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for each parts of fine flour for a meat-offering, mingled with oil, one bullock, two tenth parts for the one ram, 29 A and the drink-offering thereof. 10 This is the burnt- tenth part each for every sheep, of the seven sheep; offering of the sabbath on every sabbath, besides the 30 One he-goat to make an atonement for you: 31 continual burnt-offering, and its drink-offering, 11 And Besides the continual burnt-offering and its meaton the beginnings of your months shall ye bring as offering shall ye prepare them; without blemish shall

> **29** And in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, shall ye have a holy convocation; no servile work shall ve do: a day of blowing the cornet shall it be unto you. 2 And ye shall prepare as a burnt-offering for a sweet savor unto the Lord, one young bullock, one ram, seven sheep of the first year without blemish; 3 And their meat-offering of fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for the bullock, and two tenth parts for the ram. 4 And one tenth part for every sheep, of the seven sheep; 5 And one hegoat for a sin-offering, to make an atonement for you: 6 Besides the burnt-offering of the new moon, and its meat-offering, and the daily burnt-offering, and its meat-offering, and their drink-offerings, according unto their prescribed manner; for a sweet savor, a sacrifice made by fire unto the Lord. 7 And on the tenth day of this seventh month shall ye have a holy convocation; and ye shall afflict your persons; no manner of work shall ye do. 8 And ye shall bring as a burnt-offering unto the Lord for a sweet savor, one

without blemish shall they be unto you. 9 And their sixth day eight bullocks, two rams, fourteen sheep meat-offering shall be of fine flour mingled with oil. of the first year without blemish: 30 And their meatthree tenth parts for the bullock, two tenth parts for offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the one ram. 10 A tenth part each for every sheep, of the rams, and for the sheep, shall be according to the seven sheep; 11 One he-goat for a sin-offering: their number, after the prescribed manner; 31 And one besides the sin-offering of the atonement, and the goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual burntcontinual burnt-offering, and the meat-offering thereof, offering, its meat-offering, and its drink-offerings, 32 and their drink-offerings. 12 And on the fifteenth day of And on the seventh day seven bullocks, two rams, the seventh month shall ye have a holy convocation; fourteen sheep of the first year without blemish; 33 no servile work shall ye do; and ye shall keep a feast And their meat-offering and their drink-offerings for unto the Lord seven days. 13 And ye shall bring as a the bullocks, for the rams, and for the sheep, shall burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by fire, for a sweet be according to their number, after their prescribed sayor unto the Lord, thirteen young bullocks, two manner: 34 And one goat for a sin-offering; besides rams, and fourteen sheep of the first year; without the continual burnt-offering, its meat-offering, and its blemish shall they be. 14 And their meat-offering shall drink-offering. 35 On the eighth day shall ye have a be of fine flour mingled with oil, three tenth parts for solemn assembly; no servile work shall ye do. 36 And every bullock of the thirteen bullocks, two tenth parts ve shall bring as a burnt-offering, a sacrifice made by for each one ram of the two rams, 15 And a tenth part fire, for a sweet savor unto the Lord, one bullock, one each for every sheep of the fourteen sheep. 16 And ram, seven sheep of the first year without blemish. one he-goat for a sin-offering; besides the continual 37 Their meat-offering and their drink-offerings for burnt-offering, its meat-offering, and its drink-offering. the bullock, for the ram, and for the sheep, shall 17 And on the second day, twelve young bullocks, be according to their number, after the prescribed two rams, fourteen sheep of the first year without manner; 38 And one goat for a sin-offering: besides blemish; 18 And their meat-offering and their drink- the continual burnt-offering, and its meat-offering, and offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the its drink-offering, 39 These shall ve prepare unto the sheep, shall be according to their number, after the Lord on your appointed festivals; besides your vows, prescribed manner: 19 And one he-goat for a sin- and your freewill-offerings, consisting of your burntoffering: besides the continual burnt-offering, and offerings, and of your meat-offerings, and of your the meat-offering thereof, and their drink-offerings. drink-offerings, and of your peace-offerings. 40 And 20 And on the third day eleven bullocks, two rams, Moses said to the children of Israel according to all fourteen sheep of the first year without blemish; 21 that the Lord had commanded Moses. And their meat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the sheep, shall be according to their number, after the prescribed manner; 22 And one goat for a sin-offering: besides the continual burnt-offering, and its meat-offering, and its drink-offering. 23 And on the fourth day ten bullocks, two rams, fourteen sheep of the first year without blemish; 24 Their meat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the sheep, shall be according to their number, after the prescribed manner; 25 And one he-goat for a sinoffering: besides the continual burnt-offering, its meatoffering, and its drink-offering. 26 And on the fifth day nine bullocks, two rams, fourteen sheep of the first year without blemish; 27 And their meat-offering and their drink-offerings for the bullocks, for the rams, and for the sheep, shall be according to their number, after the prescribed manner: 28 And one goat for a sin-offering: besides the continual burnt-offering, and

young bullock, one ram, seven sheep of the first year; its meat-offering, and its drink-offering. 29 And on the

 ${f 30}$  And Moses spoke unto the heads of the tribes of the children of Israel, saving. This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded. 2 If a man make a vow unto the Lord, or he swear an oath to bind his soul with an obligation: he shall not profane his word; according to all that proceedeth out of his mouth shall he do. 3 And if a woman make a vow unto the Lord, and bind herself by an obligation, being in her father's house in her youth; 4 And her father hear her vow, and her obligation wherewith she hath bound her soul, and her father be silent to her: then shall all her vows stand, and every obligation wherewith she hath bound her soul shall stand. 5 But if her father disallow her on the day that he heareth it: all her vows or her obligations, wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall not stand: and the Lord will forgive her, because her father hath disallowed her. 6 And if she be given to a man, and have vows upon her, or what she may

have uttered with her lips, wherewith she hath bound Moses; and they slew every male. 8 And the kings father's house.

31 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 2 Execute the vengeance of the children of Israel on the Midianites, after which thou shalt be gathered unto thy people. 3 And Moses spoke unto the people, saying, Arm from yourselves some men for the army, and let them go against the Midianites, to execute the vengeance of the Lord on Midian. 4 A thousand each for every tribe, of all the tribes of Israel, shall ve send to the army. 5 And there were levied out of the thousands of Israel, a thousand of every tribe, twelve thousand armed for the army. 6 And Moses sent them, a thousand of every tribe, to the army; them and Phinehas the son of Elazar the priest, to the army, with the holy vessels, and the trumpets for blowing the alarm in his hand. 7 And they marched out against the Midianites, as the Lord had commanded

her soul; 7 And her husband hear it, and be silent of Midian they slew, besides the rest of their men to her on the day that he heareth it: then shall her that were slain; namely, Evi and Rekem, and Zur, vows stand, and her obligations wherewith she hath and Chur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian; and bound her soul, shall stand. 8 But if on the day of her Bil'am the son of Beor they slew with the sword. 9 husband's hearing it, he disallow her: then doth he And the children of Israel took captives the women of annul her vow which is upon her, and that which she Midian, and their little ones; and all their cattle, and hath uttered with her lips, wherewith she hath bound all their flocks, and all their goods, they took as spoil. her soul; and the Lord will forgive her. 9 But regarding 10 And all their cities wherein they dwelt, and all their the vow of a widow, or of her that is divorced, all, castles they burnt with fire. 11 And they took all the wherewith she hath bound her soul, shall stand for spoil, and all the booty, both of men and of cattle. her. 10 And if she had vowed in her husband's house, 12 And they brought unto Moses, and to Elazar the or had bound her soul by an obligation with an oath; priest, and unto the congregation of the children of 11 And her husband heard it, and was silent to her, Israel, the captives, and the booty, and the spoil, unto and disallowed her not; then all her yows shall stand, the camp, to the plains of Moab, which are by the and every obligation, wherewith she hath bound her Jordan opposite Jericho. 13 And Moses, and Elazar soul, shall stand. 12 But if her husband hath annulled the priest, and all the princes of the congregation, them on the day he heard them; then whatsoever went forth to meet them, to without the camp, 14 And proceeded out of her lips, concerning her vows, or Moses was wroth with the officers of the host, the concerning the obligation of her soul, shall not stand; captains over the thousands, and the captains over her husband hath annulled them; and the Lord will the hundreds, who had come from the war-campaign. forgive her. 13 Every vow, and every binding oath 15 And Moses said unto them, Have ye allowed all to afflict the person, her husband may confirm it, or the females to live? 16 Behold, these chiefly were the her husband may annul it. 14 But if her husband cause unto the children of Israel, through the counsel should be silent to her from day to day: then hath he of Bil'am, to commit the gross trespass against the confirmed all her vows, or all her obligations, which Lord in the matter of Peor; through which there was are upon her; he hath confirmed them, because he the plaque among the congregation of the Lord. 17 was silent to her on the day that he heard them. 15 And now kill ve every male among the little ones, and But if he should annul them after [the day] that he every woman that hath known man by lying with him hath heard them: then shall he bear her iniquity. 16 shall ye kill. 18 But all among the women-children, These are the statutes, which the Lord commanded that have not known a man by lying with him, keep Moses, between a man and his wife, between the alive for yourselves. 19 But ye, -you must abide father and his daughter, being yet in her youth, in her without the camp seven days: all ye who have killed any person, and all who have touched any one slain, shall purify yourselves on the third day, and on the seventh day; both you and your captives. 20 And every garment, and whatever is made of skins, and every work of goats' hair, and every vessel made of wood, shall ve purify unto vourselves. 21 And Elazar the priest said unto the men of the army who had gone to the battle. This is the ordinance of the law which the Lord hath commanded Moses: 22 Nevertheless the gold, and the silver, the copper, the iron, the tin, and the lead, 23 Every thing that cometh into the fire shall ye make go through the fire, and it shall be clean; only it shall be purified with the waters of sprinkling: and whatsoever doth not come into the fire shall ve cause to go through the water. 24 And ye shall wash your clothes on the seventh day, and ye shall be clean, and after that may ye come into the camp. 25 And the Lord said unto Moses, as followeth,

man and of cattle, thou, with Elazar the priest, and there came near unto Moses the officers who had the chiefs of the families of the congregation: 27 And been over the thousands of the army, the captains of thou shalt divide the booty, between those that carried the thousands, and the captains of the hundreds, 49 on the war, who went out to the army, and between And they said unto Moses. Thy servants have taken all the congregation. 28 And thou shalt levy a tribute the sum of the men of war who have been under our unto the Lord from the men of war who went out to command, and there lacketh not one man of us. 50 the army, one individual from every five hundred, of We have therefore brought an oblation unto the Lord. the persons, and of the beef-cattle, and of the asses, each what he hath gotten of vessels of gold, chains, and of the sheep; 29 From their half shall ye take and bracelets, finger-rings, earrings, and tablets, to it; and thou shalt give it unto Elazar the priest, for a make an atonement for our souls before the Lord. 51 heave-offering of the Lord. 30 And from the half of the And Moses with Elazar the priest took the gold from children of Israel, shalt thou take one individual, as it them, all kinds of wrought articles, 52 And all the gold may come, from any fifty, of the persons, of beef- of the offering that they offered up to the Lord, was cattle, of the asses, and of the flocks, of all manner of sixteen thousand seven hundred and fifty shekels, cattle; and thou shalt give the same unto the Levites, from the captains of the thousands, and from the who keep the charge of the tabernacle of the Lord. 31 captains of the hundreds. 53 The men of the army And Moses with Elazar the priest did, as the Lord had taken spoil, every man for himself, 54 And Moses had commanded Moses. 32 And the booty, being and Elazar the priest took the gold from the captains the rest of the spoil which the men of the army had of the thousands and of the hundreds, and they taken, was of sheep and goats, six hundred thousand brought it into the tabernacle of the congregation, as and seventy thousand and five thousand, 33 And of a memorial for the children of Israel before the Lord. beef-cattle, seventy and two thousand, 34 And of asses, sixty and one thousand, 35 And of human persons, of women that had not known men by lying with him, in all thirty and two thousand. 36 And the half, the portion of those who had gone out in the army, was, in the number of sheep and goats, three hundred thousand and seven and thirty thousand and five hundred. 37 And the tribute unto the Lord of the flocks was six hundred and seventy and five. 38 And the beef-cattle were thirty and six thousand; and the tribute thereof unto the Lord was seventy and two. 39 And the asses were thirty thousand and five hundred: and the tribute thereof unto the Lord was sixty and one. 40 And the human persons were sixteen thousand; and the tribute thereof unto the Lord was thirty and two persons. 41 And Moses gave the tribute, the Lord's heave-offering, unto Elazar the priest, as the Lord had commanded Moses. 42 And from the half of the children of Israel, which Moses divided off from the men that had gone forth in the army, — 43 (Now the half of the congregation was, of sheep and goats three hundred thousand and thirty thousand, seven thousand and five hundred. 44 And beef-cattle, thirty and six thousand, 45 And asses thirty thousand five hundred, 46 And human persons sixteen thousand: ) 47 And Moses took from this half of the children of Israel, as it came, one from every fifty, of man and of cattle, and gave the same unto the Levites, who kept the charge of the tabernacle of the

26 Take the sum of the booty of the captives, both of Lord; as the Lord had commanded Moses, 48 And

32 Now the children of Reuben and the children of Gad had a very great multitude of cattle; and they saw the land of Ya'zer, and the land of Gil'ad. that, behold, the place was a place for cattle. 2 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben came, and said unto Moses, and unto Elazar the priest, and unto the princes of the congregation, as followeth, 3 'Ataroth, and Dibon, and Ya'zer, and Nimrah, and Cheshbon, and El'aleh, and Sebam, and Nebo, and Be'on, 4 The country which the Lord hath smitten before the congregation of Israel, is a land for cattle; and thy servants have cattle. 5 And they said, If we have found grace in thy eyes, let this land be given unto thy servants for a possession; do not compel us to go over the Jordan. 6 And Moses said unto the children of Gad, and unto the children of Reuben, Shall your brethren go to the war, and will ye sit here? 7 And wherefore will you turn aside the heart of the children of Israel from going over into the land which the Lord hath given them? 8 Thus did your fathers, when I sent them from Kadesh-barnea' to see the land. 9 For they went up as far as the valley of Eshcol, and they saw the land, and then they turned aside the heart of the children of Israel, so that they would not go into the land which the Lord had given them. 10 And the anger of the Lord was kindled on that day, and he swore, saying, 11 Surely none of the men that came up out of Egypt, from twenty years old

Abraham, unto Isaac, and unto Jacob; because they one that is armed for the war, before the Lord, and of Yephunneh the Kenizzite, and Joshua the son of give to them the land of Gil'ad for a possession: 30 Nun; for they have wholly followed the Lord. 13 And But if they should not pass over armed with you, and he made them wander about in the wilderness Canaan. 31 And the children of Gad and the children forty years, until all the generation was spent, that of Reuben answered, saying, That which the Lord had done the evil in the eyes of the Lord. 14 And hath spoken concerning thy servants, even so will we now, behold, ye are risen up in your father's stead, do. 32 We will indeed pass over armed before the a new race of sinful men, to augment yet more the Lord into the land of Canaan, while ours remaineth fierce anger of the Lord toward Israel. 15 For if ye turn the possession of our inheritance on this side of the away from after him, he will yet longer leave them Jordan. 33 And Moses gave unto them, to the children in the wilderness; and ye will thus be destruction to of Gad, and to the children of Reuben, and to half the all this people. 16 And they came near unto him, tribe of Menasseh the son of Joseph, the kingdom of and said, Sheepfolds will we build for our cattle here. Sichon, the king of the Emorites, and the kingdom and cities for our little ones; 17 But we ourselves will of 'Og, the king of Bashan, the land, with its cities go ready armed before the children of Israel, until within the boundaries, the cities of the country round that we have brought them unto their place; and our about. 34 And the children of Gad built Dibon, and little ones shall dwell in the fortified cities, because 'Ataroth, and 'Aro'er, 35 And 'Atroth-shophan, and of the inhabitants of the land. 18 We will not return Ya'zer, and Yogbehah. 36 And Beth-nimrah, and Bethunto our houses, until the children of Israel have haran, fortified cities, and folds for flocks, 37 And the acquired for themselves every man his inheritance. children of Reuben built Cheshbon, and El'aleh, and 19 For we will not take possession with them on the Kiryathayim, 38 And Nebo, and Ba'al-me'on [their other side of the Jordan, and farther on: when our names being changed], and Shibmah; and they gave eastward. 20 And Moses said unto them, If ye will do 39 And the children of Machir the son of Menasseh this thing, if ye will arm yourselves before the Lord went to Gil'ad, and conquered it, and dispossessed for the war; 21 And every armed man of you will go the Emorites who were in it. 40 And Moses gave over the Jordan before the Lord, until he have driven Gil'ad unto Machir the son of Menasseh; and he dwelt out his enemies from before him; 22 And when, only therein. 41 And Yair the son of Menasseh went and after the land hath been subdued before the Lord, ye conquered the small towns thereof, and called them will return, and ye be thus quiltless before the Lord, Chavoth-yair. 42 And Nobach went and conquered and before Israel: then shall this land be yours for a Kenath, and the villages thereof, and called it Nobach, possession before the Lord. 23 But if ye will not do after his own name. so, behold, ye have sinned against the Lord; and ye shall experience the punishment of your sin which will overtake you. 24 Build vourselves cities for your little ones, and folds for your flocks; and that which hath proceeded out of your mouth shall ye do. 25 And the children of Gad and the children of Reuben said unto Moses, as followeth, Thy servants will do as my Lord commandeth. 26 Our little ones, our wives, our flocks, and all our cattle, shall remain there in the cities of Gil'ad; 27 But thy servants will pass over, every one that is armed for the army, before the Lord, to the war, as my Lord speaketh. 28 And Moses commanded concerning them Elazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the chiefs of the families of the tribes of the children of Israel: 29 And Moses said unto them. If the children of Gad and the children

and upward, shall see the land which I swore unto of Reuben do pass with you over the Jordan, every have not wholly followed me: 12 Save Caleb the son the land shall be subdued before you: then shall ye the anger of the Lord was thus kindled against Israel, they shall take possessions among you in the land of inheritance hath come to us on this side of the Jordan, the former names unto the cities which they built.

> **33** These are the journeys of the children of Israel, who went forth out of the land of Egypt according to their armies, under the guidance of Moses and Aaron. 2 And Moses wrote their departures according to their journeys by the order of the Lord; and these are their journeys according to their departures. 3 And they set forward from Ra'meses in the first month; on the fifteenth day of the first month, on the morrow after the passover-sacrifice the children of Israel went out with a high hand before the eyes of all the Egyptians. 4 And the Egyptians were burying all the first-born, whom the Lord had smitten among them; and upon their gods also did the Lord execute judgments. 5 And the children of Israel removed from Ra'meses, and encamped in Succoth. 6 And they

removed from Succoth, and encamped in Etham, priest went up on mount Hor by the order of the Lord, which is on the edge of the wilderness: 7 And they and died there, in the fortieth year after the going out removed from Etham, and returned unto Pi-hachiroth, of the children of Israel from the land of Egypt, in the which is before Ba'al-zephon; and they encamped fifth month, on the first of the month, 39 And Aaron before Middol. 8 And they removed from before Pi- was a hundred and twenty and three years old when hachiroth, and passed through the midst of the sea he died on mount Hor. 40 And the Canaanite the king into the wilderness; and they went three days' journey of 'Arad, who dwelt on the south side in the land of in the wilderness of Etham, and encamped in Marah. Canaan, heard of the coming of the children of Israel. 9 And they removed from Marah, and came unto Elim; 41 And they removed from mount Hor, and encamped and in Elim there were twelve springs of water, and in Zalmonah. 42 And they removed from Zalmonah, seventy palm-trees; and they encamped there. 10 and encamped in Punon. 43 And they removed from And they removed from Elim, and encamped by the Punon, and encamped in Oboth. 44 And they removed Red Sea. 11 And they removed from the Red Sea, from Oboth, and encamped in 'lye-ha'abarim, on the and encamped in the wilderness of Sin. 12 And they border of Moab. 45 And they removed from lyim, and removed from the wilderness of Sin, and encamped encamped in Dibon-gad. 46 And they removed from in Dophkah. 13 And they removed from Dophkah, and Dibon-gad, and encamped in 'Almon-diblathaymah. encamped in Alush. 14 And they removed from Alush, 47 And they removed from 'Almon-diblathaymah, and encamped at Rephidim, and there was no water and encamped on the mountains of 'Abarim, before for the people to drink. 15 And they removed from Nebo. 48 And they removed from the mountains of Rephidim, and encamped in the wilderness of Sinai. 'Abarim, and encamped in the plains of Moab by the 16 And they removed from the wilderness of Sinai, and Jordan opposite Jericho. 49 And they encamped by encamped in Kibroth-hattaavah. 17 And they removed the Jordan, from Beth-hayeshimoth even unto Abelfrom Kibroth-hattaayah, and encamped in Chazeroth, hashittim in the plains of Moab. 50 And the Lord 18 And they removed from Chazeroth, and encamped spoke unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan in Rithmah. 19 And they removed from Rithmah, and opposite Jericho, saying, 51 Speak unto the children encamped in Rimmon-perez. 20 And they removed of Israel, and say unto them. When ye pass over the from Rimmon-perez, and encamped in Libnah. 21 Jordan into the land of Canaan: 52 Then shall ye And they removed from Libnah, and encamped in drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before Rissah. 22 And they removed from Rissah, and you, and ye shall destroy all their statues, and all encamped in Kehelathah. 23 And they removed from their molten images shall ye destroy, and devastate Kehelathah, and encamped in mount Shapher. 24 And all their high places. 53 And ye shall drive out [the they removed from mount Shapher, and encamped in inhabitants of the land, and ye shall dwell therein; Charadah, 25 And they removed from Charadah, and for unto you have I given the land to possess it. 54 encamped in Makheloth. 26 And they removed from And ye shall divide the land by lot for an inheritance Makheloth, and encamped in Tachath. 27 And they among your families; to the numerous shall ye give removed from Tachath, and encamped in Tarach. 28 the more inheritance, and to the small in number And they removed from Tarach, and encamped in shall ye give the less inheritance: there, where the lot Mithkah, 29 And they removed from Mithkah, and designateth it for him, shall every one's possessions encamped in Chashmonah. 30 And they removed be; according to the tribes of your fathers shall ve from Chashmonah, and encamped in Mosseroth. 31 divide it among yourselves. 55 But if ye will not drive And they removed from Mosseroth, and encamped out the inhabitants of the land from before you: then in Bene-ya'akan. 32 And they removed from Bene- shall it come to pass, that those whom ye will let ya'akan, and encamped in Chor-hagidgad. 33 And remain of them shall be as thorns in your eyes, and they removed from Chor-hagidgad, and encamped in as stings in your sides, and they shall trouble you in Yotbathah. 34 And they removed from Yotbathah, and the land wherein ye dwell. 56 And it shall come to encamped in 'Abronah. 35 And they removed from pass, that as I purposed to do unto them, will I do 'Abronah, and encamped at 'Ezyon-geber. 36 And unto you. they removed from 'Ezyon-geber, and encamped in they removed from 'Ezyon-geber, and encamped in they removed from 'Ezyon-geber, and encamped in they are soldered of the which is Kadesh at And they are soldered to children of Israel, and say unto removed from Kadesh, and encamped at mount Hor, in the edge of the land of Edom. 38 And Aaron the

Command the children of Israel, and say unto them, when ye come into the land of Canaan, shall this

The land of Canaan according to its boundaries. 3 son of Yogli; 23 Of the children of Joseph, for the tribe And the southern side shall be unto you from the of the children of Menasseh the prince. Channiel the wilderness of Zin along by the boundary of Edom. son of Ephod: 24 And of the tribe of the children of and your southern border shall commence at the Ephraim the prince. Kemuel the son of Shiphtan: 25 outmost edge of the Salt Sea on its east side. 4 And of the tribe of the children of Zebulun the prince, And the border shall turn for you from the south of Elizaphan the son of Parnach; 26 And of the tribe of the ascent of 'Akrabbim, and pass on to Zin; and its the children of Issachar the prince, Paltiel the son of terminating points shall be to the south of Kadesh- 'Azzan; 27 And of the tribe of the children of Asher barnea', and shall go on to Chazar-addar, and pass the prince, Achihud the son of Shelomi; 28 And of the on to Azmon; 5 And the border shall turn from 'Azmon' tribe of the children of Naphtali the prince, Pedahel unto the river of Egypt, and its terminating points the son of 'Ammihud. 29 These are they whom the shall be at the sea. 6 And as the western border. Lord hath commanded to divide out the inheritance shall ye have the Great Sea for a border: this shall unto the children of Israel in the land of Canaan. be your western border. 7 And this shall be unto you the northern border: from the Great Sea shall ye mark out for you [the boundary to] mount Hor; 8 From mount Hor shall ve mark out [the boundary] unto the entrance of Chamath: and the terminations of the border shall be toward Zedad: 9 And the border shall go on to Ziphron, and its terminating points shall be at Chazar'-enan: this shall be unto you the northern border. 10 And ve shall turn vourselves to the eastern border, from Chazar-'enan to Shepham; 11 And the boundary shall go down from Shepham to Riblah, to the eastward of 'Avin: and the boundary shall descend, and shall touch upon the coast of the sea of Kinnereth, eastward: 12 And the border shall go down to the Jordan, and its terminating points shall be at the Salt Sea: this shall be your land after its boundaries round about. 13 And Moses commanded the children of Israel, saying, This is the land which ve shall divide among yourselves by lot, which the Lord 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 family divisions, and the tribe of the children of Gad according to their family divisions, have received. —and the half of the tribe of Menasseh have received their inheritance: 15 The two tribes and the half tribe have received their inheritance on this side of the Jordan opposite Jericho eastward, toward the rising of the sun. 16 And the Lord spoke unto Moses, saying, 17 These are the names of the men who shall parcel out unto you the land: Elazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun. 18 And one prince each from every tribe shall ye take to parcel out the land. 19 And these are the names of the men: Of the tribe of Judah. Caleb the son of Yephunneh: 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 Kisslon: 22 And of

be the land that shall fall unto you for an inheritance: the tribe of the children of Dan the prince, Bukki the

35 And the Lord spoke unto Moses in the plains of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho, saying, 2 Command the children of Israel, that they give unto the Levites from the inheritance of their possession cities to dwell in; and an open space for the cities round about them shall ye give [also] unto the Levites. 3 And the cities shall serve them to dwell in; and their open spaces shall be for their cattle, and for their goods, and for all their requirements. 4 And the open spaces of the cities, which ye shall give unto the Levites, shall reach from the wall of the city and outward a thousand cubits round about. 5 And ye shall measure from without the city on the east side two thousand cubits, and on the south side two thousand cubits, and on the west side two thousand cubits, and on the north side two thousand cubits, with the city in the midst: this shall be to them the open spaces of the cities. 6 And the cities which ve shall give unto the Levites shall be the six cities of refuge, which ye shall appoint that the manslayer may flee thither; and in addition to them shall ye give forty and two cities. 7 All the cities which ye shall [thus] give to the Levites shall be forty and eight cities, they with their open spaces. 8 And the cities which ye shall give of the possession of the children of Israel, from the tribe that hath many shall ye give many; but from the one that hath few shall ye give few: every one according to its inheritance which it may inherit shall give of its cities unto the Levites. 9 And the Lord spoke unto Moses. saying, 10 Speak unto the children of Israel, and say unto them, When ye have passed over the Jordan into the land of Canaan: 11 Then ye shall appoint unto yourselves proper cities, that they be cities of refuge for you; and thither shall flee the manslayer who killeth any person at unawares. 12 And these cities shall be unto you for a refuge

he have stood before the congregation for trial. 13 Whoever it be that killeth a person, according to the And the cities which ve shall give, shall be six cities testimony of witnesses shall the murderer be put to of refuge unto you: 14 Three of these cities shall ve death; but one witness shall not testify against any give on this side of the Jordan, and the three other person to cause him to die, 31 Moreover ve shall take cities shall ye give in the land of Canaan: cities of no redemption money for the person of a murderer, refuge shall they be. 15 For the children of Israel, and who is guilty of death; but he shall surely be put to for the stranger, and for the sojourner among them, death, 32 And ve shall take no redemption money shall these six cities be for a refuge: that every one for him that hath fled to the city of his refuge, that may flee thither that killeth any person at unawares. he should come again to dwell in the land, until the 16 And if he have smitten him with an instrument of death of the priest. 33 And ye shall not defile the land iron, so that he die, he is a murderer: the murderer wherein ye are; for the blood it is which defileth the shall surely be put to death. 17 And if he have smitten land; and no atonement can be made unto the land him with a stone which one can take in the hand, for the blood which hath been shed therein, except wherewith he may die, and he die, he is a murderer: through the blood of him that hath shed it. 34 And ve the murderer shall surely be put to death. 18 Or if he shall not render unclean the land which ye inhabit, in have smitten him with an article of wood, which one the midst of which I dwell; for I the Lord dwell in the can take in the hand, wherewith he may die, and he midst of the children of Israel, die, he is a murderer: the murderer shall surely be put to death. 19 The avenger of the blood himself shall slay the murderer; when he meeteth him, shall he slay him. 20 And if he push against him out of hatred, or he have hurled at him [any thing] by lying in wait, that he die: 21 Or if in enmity he have smitten him with his hand, that he died, he that smote him shall surely be put to death: [for] he is a murderer: the avenger of the blood shall slay the murderer, when he meeteth with him. 22 But if he have pushed against him accidentally without enmity, or have cast upon him any thing without lying in wait. 23 Or with any stone wherewith a man may die, without seeing him, and he have let it fall upon him that he died; whereas he was not his enemy, and did not seek his harm: 24 Then shall the congregation judge between the slaver and the avenger of the blood according to these institutions: 25 And the congregation shall deliver the manslaver out of the hand of the avenger of the blood, and the congregation shall restore him to the city of his refuge, whither he had fled; and he shall abide in it until the death of the high-priest, who hath been anointed with the holy oil. 26 But if the manslayer should at any time pass the boundary of the city of his refuge, whither he may have fled: 27 And the avenger of the blood should find him beyond the boundary of the city of his refuge, and the avenger of the blood should kill the manslayer: he shall not be quilty of blood; 28 Because in the city of his refuge shall be remain until the death of the high-priest: but after the death of the high-priest the manslaver may return unto the land of his possession. 29 And these things shall be unto you for a statute of justice

from the avenger; that the manslayer die not, until throughout your generations, in all your dwellings. 30

**36** And there came near the chiefs of the divisions of the family of the children of Gil'ad, the son of Machir, the son of Menasseh, of the families of the sons of Joseph; and they spoke before Moses, and before the princes, the chiefs of the divisions of the children of Israel; 2 And they said, the Lord hath commanded my Lord to give the land for an inheritance by lot to the children of Israel: and my Lord hath been commanded by the Lord to give the inheritance of Zelophehad our brother unto his daughters. 3 And if they become the wives of any of the sons of the [other] tribes of the children of Israel: then will their inheritance be taken from the inheritance of our fathers, and be added to the inheritance of the tribe whereamong they may be married: and from the lot of our inheritance will it be taken away. 4 And whenever the jubilee shall be to the children of Israel: then will their inheritance be added unto the inheritance of the tribe whereamong they may be married; and from the inheritance of the tribe of our fathers will their inheritance be taken away. 5 And Moses commanded the children of Israel by the order of the Lord, saving, the tribe of the sons of Joseph have spoken well. 6 This is the thing which the Lord hath commanded concerning the daughters of Zelophehad, saying. To those who are pleasing in their eyes may they become wives: however only to the family of the tribe of their father shall they become wives. 7 And the inheritance of the children of Israel shall not pass from tribe to tribe: but the children of Israel shall adhere every one to the inheritance of the tribe of his fathers. 8 And every

daughter that inheriteth any possession out of any tribe of the children of Israel, shall become the wife unto one of the family of the tribe of her father; in order that the children of Israel may inherit every one the inheritance of his fathers. 9 And no inheritance shall pass from one tribe to another tribe; but the tribes of the children of Israel shall adhere, every one, to his own inheritance. 10 Even as the Lord had commanded Moses, so did the daughters of Zelophehad; 11 And Machlah, Tirzah, and Choglah, and Milcah, and No'ah, the daughters of Zelophehad became the wives of the sons of their uncles. 12 [To persons] of the families of the sons of Menasseh the son of Joseph did they become wives, and their inheritance remained in the tribe of the family of their father. 13 These are the commandments and the ordinances, which the Lord commanded by the hand of Moses unto the children of Israel, in the plain of Moab by the Jordan opposite Jericho.

## **Deuteronomy**

1 These are the words which Moses spoke unto all Israel on this side of the Jordan, in the wilderness. in the plain opposite Suph, between Paran, and Tophel, and Laban, and Chazeroth, and Di-zahab, 2 It is a journey of eleven days from Horeb by the way of mount Seir unto Kadesh-barnea'. 3 And it came to pass in the fortieth year, in the eleventh month. on the first day of the month, that Moses spoke unto the children of Israel, according to all that the Lord had commanded him concerning them: 4 After he had smitten Sichon the king of the Emorites, who dwelt in Cheshbon, and 'Og the king of Bashan, who dwelt at 'Ashtaroth in Edre'i. 5 On this side of the Jordan, in the land of Moab, began Moses to explain this law, saving, 6 The Lord our God spoke unto us in Horeb, saying, Ye have tarried long enough at this mount; 7 Turn you, and take your journey, and go to the mountain of the Emorites, and unto all its neighboring places, in the plain, in the mountain, and in the lowlands, and in the southern country, and by the coast of the sea, to the land of the Canaanites. and unto the Lebanon, up to the great river, the river Euphrates. 8 Behold. I have given up the land before you: go in and take possession of the land which the Lord hath sworn unto your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give it unto them and to their seed after them. 9 And I said unto you at that time, as followeth. I am not able alone to bear you: 10 The Lord your God hath multiplied you, and, behold, ve are this day as the stars of heaven for multitude. 11 May the Lord the God of your fathers make you a thousand times as many more as ve are: and bless vou, as he hath spoken unto vou. 12 How can I by myself alone bear your cumbrance, and your burden. and your strife! 13 Furnish for yourselves wise and understanding men, and those known among your tribes, and I will place them as chiefs over you. 14 And ve answered me, and said. The thing which thou hast spoken is good to do. 15 And I took the chiefs of your tribes, wise and known men, and I set them as heads over you, captains over thousands, and captains over hundreds, and captains over fifties, and captains over tens. and as officers for your tribes. 16 And I commanded your judges at that time, saving, Hear the causes between your brethren, and judge righteously. between a man and his brother, and between his stranger. 17 Ye shall not respect persons in judgment: the small as well as the great shall ve hear; ve shall

not be afraid of any man; for the judgment belongeth to God; and the cause that is too hard for you shall ve bring unto me, and I will hear it. 18 And I commanded you at that time all the things which ve should do. 19 And we departed from Horeb, and we went through all that great and terrible wilderness, which ye have seen, by the way of the mountain of the Emorites, as the Lord our God had commanded us: and we came as far as Kadesh-barnea'. 20 And I said unto you. Ye are come unto the mountain of the Emorites, which the Lord our God doth give unto us. 21 Behold, the Lord thy God hath given up the land before thee: ao up and take possession of it, as the Lord the God of thy fathers hath spoken unto thee; do not fear, and be not discouraged. 22 And ve all came near unto me and said, Let us send out men before us. that they may search out for us the land, and bring us word again concerning the way by which we must go up, and the cities to which we shall come. 23 And the thing was pleasing in my eyes; and I took of you twelve men, one man for every tribe: 24 And they turned and went up into the mountain, and came unto the valley of Eshcol, and spied it out. 25 And they took in their hand some of the fruit of the land, and brought it down unto us; and they brought us word again, and said. The land which the Lord our God doth give us is good. 26 But you would not go up. and ye rebelled against the order of the Lord vour God: 27 And ye murmured in your tents, and said, On account of the hatred of the Lord toward us, hath he brought us forth out of the land of Egypt, to deliver us into the hand of the Emorites, to destroy us. 28 Whither shall we go up? our brethren have made faint our heart, saving. The people is greater and taller than we: the cities are great and fortified up to heaven: and moreover the sons of the 'Anakim have we seen there. 29 And I said unto you. Have no dread, nor be ye afraid of them. 30 The Lord your God who goeth before you, he it is who will fight for you; all just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes; 31 And in the wilderness which thou hast seen, where the Lord thy God bore thee, as a man doth bear his son, on all the way that ve have gone, until ve came unto this place. 32 Yet in this thing do ye not believe in the Lord your God, 33 Who goeth before you on the way to seek out for you a place for your encamping, in fire by night, to cause you to see on the way in which ye are to go, and in a cloud by day, 34 And the Lord heard the voice of your words: and he was wroth, and swore, saving, 35 Surely there shall not one of these men of this evil generation see that good land, which

I have sworn to give unto your fathers; 36 Save Caleb years the Lord thy God hath been with thee; thou days, according unto the days that ye tarried there.

**7** Then we turned, and took our journey into the wilderness by the way of the Red Sea, as the Lord had spoken unto me: and we traveled around mount Seir many days. 2 And the Lord said unto me, as followeth. 3 Ye have traveled long enough around this mountain; turn yourselves northward. 4 And the people command thou, saying. Ye are passing by the border of your brethren the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir: and they will be afraid of you: therefore take ye good heed unto yourselves; 5 Do not contend with them; for I will not give unto you of their land, even so much as a foot's breadth; because unto Esau have I given mount Seir for an inheritance. 6 Food shall ye buy of them for money, that ye may eat; and water also shall ye buy of them for money, that ye may drink. 7 For the Lord thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand; he hath provided for thy wandering through this great wilderness: these forty

the son of Yephunneh, he shall see it, and to him hast lacked nothing. 8 And we passed away from will I give the land upon which he hath trodden, and our brethren the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir. to his children; because he hath wholly followed the from the way through the plain, from Elath, and from Lord. 37 also with me was the Lord angry for your 'Ezyon-gaber, And we turned and passed the way of sakes, saying, also thou shalt not go in thither. 38 the wilderness of Moab. 9 And the Lord said unto me, Joshua the son of Nun, who standeth before thee, he Do not attack the Moabites, nor contend with them shall go in thither: him encourage; for he shall cause in battle; for I will not give thee from their land any Israel to inherit it. 39 And your little ones, of whom inheritance, because unto the children of Lot have I ye said, They will become a prey, and your children given 'Ar for an inheritance. 10 The Emim in times who know not this day either good or evil, these shall past dwelt therein, a people great, and numerous, go in thither; and unto them will I give it, and they and tall as the 'Anakim; 11 As Rephaim were also shall possess it. 40 But as for you, turn you, and take they accounted, equally with the 'Anakim; and the your journey into the wilderness by the way of the Moabites called the [mill Emim. 12 And in Seir dwelt Red Sea. 41 And ve answered and said unto me. We the Chorim in times past; but the children of Esau have sinned against the Lord; we indeed will go up drove them out, and they destroyed them from before and we will fight, according to all that the Lord our them, and dwelt in their stead; as Israel hath done God hath commanded us: and ve girded on every unto the land of his inheritance, which the Lord hath man his weapons of war, and ye insisted to go up given unto them. 13 Now rise up, and get you over the into the mountain. 42 And the Lord said unto me, Say brook Zered; and we passed over the brook Zered. unto them, Go not up, and do not fight; for I am not 14 And the time which we came from Kadesh-barnea', among you; lest ye be smitten before your enemies. until we had passed over the brook Zered, was thirty 43 And I spoke unto you; but ye would not hear; and and eight years; until all the generation of the men ye rebelled against the order of the Lord, and you of war were spent from out the midst of the camp, were presumptuous, and went up into the mountain. as the Lord had sworn unto them. 15 And also the 44 And the Emorites, who dwelt in that mountain: hand of the Lord was against them, to destroy them came out against you, and they pursued you, as the from the midst of the camp; until they were spent. 16 bees do, and they overthrew you in Seir, as far as So it came to pass, when all the men of war were Chormah. 45 And ye returned and wept before the spent by, dying from the midst of the people, 17 That Lord; but the Lord hearkened not to your voice, nor the Lord spoke unto me, saying, 18 Thou art passing gave ear unto you. 46 And ye tarried in Kadesh many this day by the border of Moab, by 'Ar, 19 And thou comest nigh opposite the children of 'Ammon: do not attack them, nor contend with them; for I will not give unto thee of the land of the children of 'Ammon any inheritance; because unto the children of Lot have I given it for an inheritance. 20 As the land of Rephaim was it also accounted: Rephaim dwelt therein in times past; and the 'Ammonites called them Zamzummim; 21 A people great, and numerous, and tall, as the 'Anakim; but the Lord destroyed them before them; and they drove them out, and dwelt in their stead: 22 As he hath done to the children of Esau, who dwell in Seir, from before whom he destroyed the Chorim; and they drove them out and dwelt in their stead, even unto this day. 23 And the 'Avvim, who dwelt in open towns, as far as unto Gazzah, -the Caphtorim, who came forth out of Caphtor, destroyed them, and dwelt in their stead. 24 Rise ye up, set forward, and pass over the brook Arnon; behold I have given into thy hand Sichon the king of Cheshbon, the Emorite. and his land: begin to drive him out, and contend with him in battle. 25 This day will I begin to put the dread a city which we took not from them, sixty cities, all the of thee and the fear of thee upon the nations that are region of Argob, the kingdom of 'Og in Bashan. 5 under the whole heaven; whoever will hear the report all these were fortified cities, with high walls, gates, of thee, shall tremble, and shall quake because of and bars; besides the unwalled towns, which were a thee. 26 And I sent messengers out of the wilderness great many. 6 And we devoted them, as we had done of Kedemoth unto Sichon, the king of Cheshbon, with unto Sichon the king of Cheshbon, devoting every words of peace, saying, 27 Let me pass through thy inhabited city, the women, and the little ones. 7 But all land; always by the highway will I go along; I will not the cattle, and the spoil of the cities, we took as booty turn unto the right hand or unto the left. 28 Food shalt to ourselves. 8 And we took at that time out of the thou sell me for money, that I may eat; and water hand of the two kings of the Emorites the land which for money shalt thou give me, that I may drink: only is on this side of the Jordan, from the river of Arnon let me pass through on foot; 29 (As the children of unto mount Chermon; 9 (The Sidonians call Chermon Esau who dwell in Seir, and the Moabites who dwell Siryon; and the Emorites call it Senir; ) 10 All the in 'Ar, have done unto me: ) until that I shall pass cities of the plain, and all Gil'ad, and all Bashan, unto over the Jordan into the land which the Lord our God Salchah and Edrei, the cities of the kingdom of 'Og giveth us. 30 But Sichon, the king of Cheshbon, would in Bashan. 11 For only 'Og the king of Bashan had not suffer our passing by him; for the Lord thy God been left of the remnant of the Rephaim; behold, his had hardened his spirit, and had made obstinate his bedstead was a bedstead of iron; lo! it is in Rabbah heart, that he might deliver him into thy hand, as [hath of the children of 'Ammon: nine cubits is its length, happened] this day. 31 And the Lord said unto me, and four cubits its breadth, after the arm of a man. Behold, I have begun to give up Sichon and his land 12 And of this land, of which we took possession at before thee: begin to drive him out, that thou mayest that time, from 'Aro'er, which is by the river Arnon, inherit his land, 32 And Sichon came out against us, and half mount Gil'ad, and the cities thereof, I gave he and all his people, to the battle at Yahaz. 33 And unto the Reubenites and to the Gadites. 13 And the the Lord our God gave him up before us; and we rest of Gil'ad, and all Bashan, the kingdom of 'Oq, I smote him, and his sons, and all his people. 34 And gave unto the half tribe of Menasseh; all the region we conquered all his cities at that time, and devoted of Argob, with all Bashan, this is called the land of every inhabited city, and the women, and the little Rephaim, 14 Yair the son of Menasseh took all the ones; we left none that escaped. 35 Only the cattle region of Argob up to the border of the Geshurites we took as booty unto ourselves, and the spoil of the and the Ma-'achathites; and he called them the [land cities which we had captured. 36 From 'Aro'er, which of Bashan, after his own name, the villages of Yair, is by the bank of the brook of Arnon, and the city that unto this day. 15 And unto Machir I gave Gil'ad. 16 is in the brook, even unto Gil'ad, there was not one. And unto the Reubenites and unto the Gadites I gave city which was too strong for us; the whole did the from Gil'ad even unto the brook Arnon, the land within Lord our God give up before us. 37 Only unto the the river and that adjoining, even unto the brook land of the children of 'Ammon didst thou not come Yabbok, the border of the children of 'Ammon; 17 The nigh, unto the whole margin of the brook Yabbok, and plain also, and the Jordan, and the adjoining land, the cities in the mountain, and unto whatsoever the from Kinnereth even unto the sea of the plain, the Lord our God had forbidden us.

3 And we turned, and went up the way to Bashan: and 'Og the king of Bashan came out against us, he and all his people, to the battle at Edre'i, 2 And the Lord said unto me, Fear him not; for into thy hand have I given him, and all his people, and his land; and thou shalt do unto him as thou hast done unto Sichon, the king of the Emorites, who dwelt at Cheshbon. 3 And the Lord our God gave into our hands also 'Og the king of Bashan, and all his people; and we smote him until none was left to him who escaped. 4 And we conquered all his cities at that time, there was not

Salt Sea, under the declivities of Pisgah, eastward, 18 And I commanded you at that time, saying, The Lord your God hath given you this land to possess it: armed shall ye pass over before your brethren the children of Israel, all that are fit to bear arms. 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 that the Lord have given rest unto your brethren, as well as unto you, and they also have taken possession of the land which the Lord your God giveth them beyond the Jordan: then shall ve return every man unto his possession which I have given you. 21 And Joshua

also I commanded at that time, saying. Thy own eyes to thyself, and guard thy soul diligently, that thou do for he shall go over before this people, and he shall divide out to them the land which thou shalt see. 29 And we abode in the valley opposite Beth-peor.

▲ And now, O Israel, hearken unto the statutes and unto the ordinances which I teach you to do; in order that ve may live, and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord, the God of your fathers, giveth unto you. 2 Ye shall not add unto the word which I command you, nor shall ye diminish aught from it; that ye may keep the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you. 3 Your own eyes have seen that which the Lord hath done because of Baal-peor; for every man that followed Baal-peor, him the Lord thy God hath destroyed from the midst of thee. 4 But ye that did cleave unto the Lord your God, are alive, every one of you, this day, 5 See, I have taught you statutes and ordinances, just as the Lord my God commanded me; that ye may do so in the midst of the land whither ye go to take possession of it. 6 Keep therefore and do them; for this is your wisdom and your understanding before the eyes of the nations, that shall hear all these statutes, and they will say, Nothing but a wise and understanding people is this great nation. 7 For what great nation is there that hath gods so nigh unto it, as is the Lord our God at all times that we call upon him. 8 And what great nation is there that hath statutes and ordinances so righteous as is all this law, which I lay before you this day? 9 Only take heed

have seen all that the Lord your God hath done unto not forget the things which thy eyes have seen, and these two kings: thus will the Lord do unto all the that they depart not from thy heart all the days of kingdoms whither thou passest. 22 Ye shall not fear thy life; but thou shalt make them known unto thy them; for the Lord your God it is who fighteth for you. sons, and unto thy sons' sons; 10 The day that thou 23 And I besought the Lord at that time, saying, 24 O stoodest before the Lord thy God at Horeb, when Lord Eternal, thou hast begun to show thy servant the Lord said unto me, Assemble for me the people, thy greatness, and thy mighty hand; for what God is and I will cause them to hear my words, which they there in heaven or on earth, that can do aught like thy shall learn, to fear me all the days that they shall works, and like thy mighty deeds? 25 Let me go over, live upon the earth, and which they shall teach their I pray thee, that I may see the good land which is on children. 11 And ye came near and stood at the foot the other side of the Jordan, this goodly mountain, of the mount; and the mount was burning with fire and the Lebanon. 26 But the Lord was wroth with unto the midst of the heaven, [from amidst] darkness, me for your sakes, and he would not hear me: and clouds, and thick darkness. 12 And the Lord spoke the Lord said unto me, Let it suffice thee; do not unto you out of the midst of the fire; the sound of continue to speak unto me any more of this matter. words ye heard, but any similitude ye saw not: there 27 Get thee up unto the top of Pisgah, and lift up thy was nothing but a sound. 13 And he told unto you his eves, westward, and northward, and southward, and covenant, which he commanded you to perform, the eastward, and behold it with thy eyes; for thou shalt ten commandments; and he wrote them upon two not pass over this Jordan. 28 And do thou charge tables of stone. 14 And me the Lord commanded at Joshua, and strengthen him, and encourage him; 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 of your souls; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that the Lord spoke unto you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire: 16 That we become not corrupt, and make yourselves a graven image, the similitude of any idolfigure, the likeness of a male or of a female, 17 The likeness of any beast that is on the earth, the likeness of any winged fowl that flieth in the air of heaven, 18 The likeness of any thing that creepeth on the ground, the likeness of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth; 19 And that thou lift not up thy eyes unto the heavens, and thou see the sun, and the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, and be misled to bow down to them, and to serve them, those which the Lord thy God hath assigned unto all nations under the whole heaven. 20 But you did the Lord take, and he brought you forth out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to be unto you a people of inheritance, as ye are this day. 21 Farthermore the Lord was angry with me for your sakes, and he swore that I should not go over the Jordan, and that I should not go in unto that good land, which the Lord thy God giveth unto thee for an inheritance; 22 For I must die in this land; I shall not go over the Jordan; but ye will go over and take possession of this good land. 23 Take heed unto yourselves, that ye do not forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which he hath made with you, and make yourselves a graven image, the likeness of any thing, which the Lord thy God hath forbidden thee. a watchful God. 25 When thou begettest children, none else. 40 And thou shalt keep his statutes, and and children's children, and ve shall have remained his commandments, which I command thee this day, long in the land, and ve become corrupt, and make that it may go well with thee, and with thy children a grayen image, the likeness of any thing, and do after thee; and that thou mayest live many days upon the evil in the eyes of the Lord thy God, to provoke the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, for all him to anger: 26 I call this day the heavens and the times. 41 Then Moses set aside three cities on this earth to witness against you, that we shall soon perish side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun: 42 from off the land whereunto ye go over the Jordan to That thither might flee the manslayer, who should possess it; ye shall not remain many days upon it, but kill his neighbor unawares, when he had not been ye shall surely be destroyed. 27 And the Lord will an enemy to him in times past; and that he should scatter you among the nations, and ye will be left few flee unto one of these cities and live. 43 Bezer in the in number among the nations, whither the Lord will wilderness, in the plain country, for the Reubenites: lead you. 28 And ye will serve there gods, the work of and Ramoth in Gil'ad for the Gadites; and Golan in man's hands, wood and stone, which neither can see. Bashan for the Menassites, 44 And this is the law nor hear, nor eat, nor smell. 29 But thou wilt seek which Moses set before the children of Israel: 45 from there the Lord thy God, and wilt find him, if thou These are the testimonies, and the statutes, and the apply to him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. 30 ordinances, which Moses spoke unto the children of When thou art in tribulation, and all these things have Israel, when they came forth out of Egypt, 46 On this overtaken thee, in the latter end of days: then wilt side of the Jordan, in the valley opposite to Beth-peor, thou return to the Lord thy God, and be obedient unto in the land of Sichon the king of the Emorites, who his voice. 31 For a merciful God is the Lord thy God; dwelt at Cheshbon, whom Moses and the children of he will not forsake thee, nor destroy thee; and he Israel smote, after they were come forth out of Egypt; will not forget the covenant of thy fathers which he 47 And they took possession of his land, and of the hath sworn unto them. 32 For do but ask of former land of 'Og the king of Bashan, the two kings of the days, which were before thee, since the day that God Emorites, who were on this side of the Jordan toward created man upon the earth, and from the one end the rising of the sun; 48 From 'Aro'er, which is on of the heavens unto the other end of the heavens, the bank of the river Arnon, even unto mount Sion, whether there hath been the like of this great thing, which is Chermon, 49 And all the plain on this side of or whether the like of it hath been heard. 33 Hath the Jordan eastward, even unto the sea of the plain. ever a people heard the voice of a god, speaking under the declivities of Pisgah. out of the midst of the fire, as thou hast heard, and remained alive? 34 Or hath a god essayed to go to take himself a nation from the midst of a nation, by proofs, by signs, and by wonders, and by war, and by a mighty hand, and by an outstretched arm, and by great terrors, like all that which the Lord your God hath done for you in Egypt before thy eyes. 35 Unto thee it was shown, that thou mightest know, that the Eternal is the God: there is none else besides him. 36 Out of the heavens he caused thee to hear his voice. to correct thee: and upon the earth he caused thee to see his great fire; and his words didst thou hear out of the midst of the fire. 37 And therefore, because he loved thy fathers, he chose their seed after them. and brought thee out in his presence with his mighty power out of Egypt; 38 To drive out nations greater and mightier than thou art, from before thee, to bring thee in, to give unto thee their land for an inheritance as it is this day. 39 Know therefore this day, and reflect in thy heart, that the Eternal is the God in the

24 For the Lord thy God is a consuming fire; yea, heavens above, and upon the earth beneath: there is

**5** And Moses called 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 that ye may observe to do them. 2 The Lord our God made a covenant with us in Horeb. 3 Not with our fathers did the Lord make this covenant. but with us, we who are here all of us alive this day. 4 Face to face did the Lord speak with you on the mount, out of the midst of the fire. 5 (I was standing between the Lord and between you at that time, to announce to you the word of the Lord; for ye were afraid by reason of the fire, and ye went not up into the mount; ) saving, 6 I am the Lord thy God, who have brought thee out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery. 7 Thou shalt have no other gods before me. 8 Thou shalt not make unto thyself any graven image, any likeness of any thing that is in the heavens above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: 9 Thou shalt thee: in order that thy days may be prolonged, and remain many days in the land which ye will possess. in order that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. 17 Thou shalt not kill. 18 Neither shalt thou commit adultery. 19 Neither shalt thou steal. 20 Neither shalt thou bear false witness against thy neighbor. 21 Neither shalt thou covet thy neighbor's wife. Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbor's house, nor his field, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's. 22 These words did the Lord speak unto all your assembly on the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness, with a great voice, but he did so no more: and he wrote them on two tables of stone, and he gave them unto me. 23 And it came to pass, when ye heard the voice out of the midst of the darkness, while the mount 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, the Lord our God hath caused us to see his glory and his greatness, and his voice have we heard out of the midst of the fire: this day have we seen that God can speak with man, who nevertheless may live. 25 But now why should we die? for this great fire may consume us; if we continue to hear the voice of the Lord our God any more, then shall we die. 26 For

not bow thyself down unto them, nor serve them; for where is there any flesh, that hath heard the voice I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the of the living God speaking out of the midst of the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, and upon fire, like us, and hath remained alive? 27 Do thou the third and upon the fourth generation of them approach, and hear all that the Lord our God may that hate me, 10 And showing kindness unto the say; and thou shalt speak unto us all that the Lord thousandth generation of them that love me, and our God may speak unto thee; and we will hear and keep my commandments. 11 Thou shalt not take the do it. 28 And the Lord heard the voice of your words, name of the Lord thy God in vain; for the Lord will while ye were speaking unto me; and the Lord said not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain. unto me, I have heard the voice of the words of this 12 Keep the sabbath-day to sanctify it, as the Lord people, which they have spoken unto thee: they have thy God hath commanded thee. 13 Six days shalt done well in all that they have spoken. 29 Who would thou labor, and do all thy work; 14 But the seventh grant that this their heart might remain in them, to fear day is the sabbath in honor of the Lord thy God; on me, and to keep all my commandments at all times; it thou shalt not do any work, neither thou, nor thy in order that it might be well with them, and with their son, nor thy daughter, nor thy man-servant, nor thy children for ever! 30 Go, say to them, Return you unto maid-servant, nor thy ox, nor thy ass, nor any of thy your tents. 31 But as for thee, remain thou here by cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: in me, and I will speak unto thee all the commandments, order that thy man-servant and thy maid-servant may and the statutes, and the ordinances, which thou rest as well as thou. 15 And thou shalt remember shalt teach them, that they may do them in the land that thou hast been a servant in the land of Egypt, which I give them to possess it. 32 Observe ye then and that the Lord thy God brought thee out from to do as the Lord your God hath commanded you: there by a mighty hand and by an outstretched arm; ye shall not turn aside to the right or to the left. 33 therefore hath the Lord thy God commanded thee to altogether in the way, which the Lord your God hath observe the sabbath-day. 16 Honor thy father and commanded you, shall ye walk; in order that ye may thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded live, and that it may be well with you, and that ye may

> **6** And this is the commandment, with the statutes, and the ordinances, which the Lord your God hath commanded to teach you, to do them in the land whither ye are passing over to possess it: 2 In order that you mayest fear the Lord 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 in order that thy days may be prolonged. 3 Hear, therefore, O Israel, and observe to do them; that it may be well with thee, and that ye may increase greatly, as the Lord the God of thy fathers hath spoken to thee, [in] the land flowing with milk and honey. 4 Hear, O Israel! The Lord, our God, is the One Eternal Being. 5 And thou shalt love the Lord 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 in thy heart: 7 And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and thou shalt speak 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. 8 And thou shalt bind them for a sign upon thy hand, and they shall be as frontlets between thy eyes. 9 And thou shalt write them upon the door-posts of thy house,

before the Lord our God, as he hath commanded us.

**7** When the Lord thy God shall bring thee into the land whither thou goest to possess it, and cast out many nations before thee, the Hittites, and the Girgashites, and the Emorites, and the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations, greater in number and mightier than

and upon thy gates. 10 And it shall be, when the Lord thou; 2 And when the Lord thy God shall give them thy God shall bring thee into the land which he hath up before thee, and thou dost smite them: thou sworn unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and shalt utterly destroy them; thou shalt not make any to Jacob, to give unto thee, great and goodly cities, covenant with them, nor show mercy unto them, 3 which thou didst not build. 11 And houses full of all Neither shalt thou make marriages with them; thy good things, which thou didst not fill, and wells hewed daughters shalt thou not give unto his son, and his out which thou didst not hew, vineyards and olive- daughter shalt thou not take unto thy son. 4 For he trees, which thou didst not plant; and thou hast eaten would turn away thy son from following me, so that and art satisfied: 12 Then beware that thou do not they might serve other gods; and the anger of the forget the Lord, who hath brought thee forth out of the Lord would be kindled against you, and he would land of Egypt, from the house of slavery. 13 The Lord destroy thee speedily. 5 But thus shall ye do unto thy God shalt thou fear, and him shalt thou serve, and them: their altars shall ye pull down, and their statues by his name shalt thou swear. 14 Ye shall not go after shall ye break, and their groves shall ye cut down, other gods, of the gods of the nations which are round and their graven images shall ve burn with fire, 6 about you: 15 For the Lord thy God is a watchful God For thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God; of among you: so that the anger of the Lord thy God thee the Lord thy God hath made choice to be unto may not be kindled against thee, and he destroy thee himself a special people, above all the nations that from off the face of the earth. 16 Ye shall not tempt are upon the face of the earth. 7 Not because ve the Lord your God, as ye tempted him in Massah. 17 are more in number than all the nations, did the Lord Ye shall diligently keep the commandments of the desire you and make choice of you; for ye are the Lord your God, and his testimonies, and his statutes, fewest of all the nations; 8 But on account of the which he hath commanded thee. 18 And thou shalt do love of the Lord for you, and because he keepeth that which is right and good in the eves of the Lord: the oath which he hath sworn unto your fathers, hath in order that it may be well with thee, and that thou the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand, and mayest go in and take possession of the good land redeemed you out of the house of bond-men, out which the Lord hath sworn unto thy fathers. 19 To cast of the hand of Pharaoh the king of Egypt. 9 Know out all thy enemies from before thee; as the Lord hath then that the Eternal thy God, is the God, the faithful spoken. 20 When thy son should ask thee in time to God, who keepeth the covenant and the mercy with come, saving. What mean the testimonies, and the those that love him and with those that keep his statutes, and the ordinances, which the Lord our God commandments to the thousandth generation; 10 hath commanded you? 21 Then shalt thou say unto And repayeth those that hate him to their face, to thy son, We were bondmen unto Pharaoh in Egypt; destroy them; he will not delay to him that hateth and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty him, he will repay him to his face. 11 Therefore shalt hand; 22 And the Lord let come signs and wonders, thou keep the commandment, and the statutes, and great and sore, on Egypt, on Pharaoh, and on all his the ordinances, which I command thee this day, to household, before our eyes; 23 And us he brought do them. 12 And it shall come to pass in reward for out from there; in order to bring us in, to give us the that ye will hearken to these ordinances, and keep, land which he had sworn unto our fathers. 24 And the and do them, that the Lord thy God will keep unto Lord commanded us to do all these statutes, to fear thee the covenant and the kindness which he hath the Lord our God; that it might be well with us at all sworn unto thy fathers: 13 And he will love thee, and times, and that he might preserve us alive, as it is at bless thee, and multiply thee; and he will bless the this day. 25 And it shall be accounted righteousness fruit of thy womb, and the fruit of thy land, thy corn, unto us, if we observe to do all this commandment and thy wine, and thy oil, the increase of thy cattle, and the young of thy flocks, in the land which he hath sworn unto thy fathers to give unto thee. 14 Blessed shalt thou be above all the nations; there shall not be a barren male or female among thee, nor among thy cattle. 15 And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness; and all the evil diseases of Egypt, which thou knowest, will he not put upon thee; but he will lay them upon all those that hate thee. 16 And

And the Lord thy God will chase out these nations keep his commandments, and his ordinances, and gods shall ye burn with fire: thou shalt not covet the wilderness, wherein are snakes, poisonous serpents, silver or gold that is on them, so that thou wouldst and scorpions, and drought, where there is no water; it, and thou shalt utterly abhor it; for it is accursed.

All the commandment which I command thee this day shall ye observe to do; in order that ye may live, and multiply, and go in and take possession of the land which the Lord hath sworn unto your fathers. 2 And thou shalt remember all the way which the Lord thy God hath led thee these forty years in the wilderness, in order to afflict thee, to prove thee, to know what is in thy heart, whether thou wouldst keep his commandments, or not. 3 And he afflicted thee, and suffered thee to hunger, and he gave thee manna to eat, which thou knewest not, and which thy fathers had not known; in order that he might make thee know that not by bread alone man doth live, but by every thing that proceedeth out of the mouth of the Lord doth man live. 4 Thy garment did not fall and mightier than thou, [to conquer] cities great and

thou shalt consume all the nations which the Lord thy worn out from thee, and thy foot did not swell, these God giveth unto thee; thy eye shall not look with pity forty years. 5 And thou shalt consider in thy heart, upon them: and thou shalt not serve their gods; for that, as a man chasteneth his son, so doth the Lord that would be a snare unto thee. 17 If thou shouldst thy God chasten thee. 6 And thou shalt keep the say in thy heart, These nations are more numerous commandments of the Lord thy God, to walk in his than I: how shall I be able to dispossess them? 18 ways, and to fear him. 7 For the Lord thy God bringeth Thou shalt not be afraid of them; [but] thou shalt well thee into a good land, a land of brooks of water, of remember what the Lord thy God did unto Pharaoh, fountains and depths that spring out of valleys and and unto all Egypt; 19 The great proofs which thy mountains; 8 A land of wheat, and barley, and of the eyes have seen, and the signs, and the wonders, and vine, and the fig-tree, and the pomegranate; a land of the mighty hand, and the outstretched arm, whereby the oil-olive, and of honey; 9 A land wherein thou shalt the Lord thy God brought thee out: in this wise will the eat bread without scarceness, wherein thou shalt not Lord thy God do unto all the people of whom thou art lack anything; a land the stones whereof are iron, and afraid. 20 Moreover the hornet will the Lord thy God out of the mountains of which thou canst hew copper. send out against them, until they that are left, and 10 And when thou hast eaten and art satisfied, then hide themselves from thee, be destroyed. 21 Thou shalt thou bless the Lord thy God for the good land shalt not be affrighted at them; for the Lord thy God is which he hath given thee. 11 Take heed unto thyself in the midst of thee, a mighty and terrible God. 22 that thou forget not the Lord thy God, so as not to before thee, little by little: thou shalt not be able to his statutes, which I command thee this day; 12 That make an end of them speedily, lest the beasts of the when thou hast eaten and art satisfied, and hast built field increase upon thee. 23 And the Lord thy God will goodly houses, and dwelt therein; 13 And when thy give them up before thee, and he will bring among herds and thy flocks multiply, and thy silver and thy them a mighty confusion, until they be destroyed. 24 gold are multiplied, and all that thou hast is multiplied: And he will give their kings into thy hand, and thou 14 Thy heart be then not lifted up, and thou forget shalt destroy their name from under the heavens: no the Lord thy God, who hath brought thee forth out man shall be able to stand up before thee, until thou of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery; 15 have destroyed them. 25 The graven images of their Who hath led thee through the great and terrible take it unto thyself, lest thou be ensnared thereby; for who hath brought forth for thee water out of the flinty it is an abomination to the Lord thy God. 26 And thou rock; 16 Who hath fed thee in the wilderness with shalt not bring an abomination into thy house, lest manna, which thy fathers knew not; in order to afflict thou become accursed like it: thou shalt utterly detest thee, and in order to prove thee, to do thee good at thy latter end; 17 And thou say in thy heart, My power and the strength of my hand have gotten me this wealth. 18 But thou shalt remember the Lord thy God; for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth; in order that he might fulfill his covenant which he hath sworn unto thy fathers, as it is this day. 19 And it shall come to pass, that, if thou shouldst forget the Lord thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and bow thyself down to them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish; 20 Like the nations which the Lord destroyeth from before you, so shall ye perish; in recompense of that ye would not hearken unto the voice of the Lord your God.

> 9 Hear, O Israel: Thou art to pass this day over the Jordan, to go in to drive out nations greater

fortified up to heaven, 2 A people great and tall, the more numerous than they. 15 And I turned and came children of the 'Anakim, whom thou knowest, and of down from the mount, and the mount was burning whom thou hast heard say. Who can stand before with fire: and the two tables of the covenant were the children of 'Anak! 3 Understand therefore this upon my two hands, 16 And I looked, and, behold, ve day, that the Lord thy God it is who goeth over before had sinned against the Lord your God, ve had made thee, he is a consuming fire; he will destroy them, yourselves a molten calf; ye had turned aside quickly and he will subdue them before thy face; and thou out of the way which the Lord had commanded you. wilt drive them out, and destroy them quickly, as the 17 And I took hold of the two tables, and cast them Lord hath spoken unto thee. 4 Thou must not say in out of my two hands, and I broke them before your thy heart, when the Lord thy God doth cast them out eyes. 18 And I threw myself down before the Lord, as from before thee, as followeth, For my righteousness at the first, forty days and forty nights; bread did I hath the Lord brought me in to possess this land; not eat, and water did I not drink; on account of all and that for the wickedness of these nations the Lord your sins which ye had committed, in doing what is doth drive them out from before thee. 5 Not for thy evil in the eyes of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. righteousness, nor for the uprightness of thy heart. 19 For I was afraid of the anger and the indignation. dost thou go in to possess their land; but for the wherewith the Lord was wroth against you to destroy wickedness of these nations doth the Lord thy God you; but the Lord hearkened unto me also at that drive them out from before thee, and in order that he time. 20 And with Aaron was the Lord very angry to may fulfill the word which the Lord hath sworn unto destroy him; and I prayed also for Aaron at the same thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 6 time. 21 And your work of sin, which ye had made, And thou shalt know, that not for thy righteousness the calf, I took and burnt it in fire, and stamped it, doth the Lord thy God give unto thee this good land grinding it very small, until it was as fine as dust: and to possess it; for thou art a stiff-necked people, 7 I cast the dust thereof into the brook that descendeth Remember, do not forget, how thou didst provoke from the mount. 22 And at Taberah, and at Massah the Lord thy God to wrath in the wilderness: from the and at Kibroth-hattaavah, have ye been provoking the day that thou wentest out of the land of Egypt, until Lord to wrath, 23 And when the Lord sent you from ye came unto this place, have ye been rebellious Kadesh-barnea', saying, Go up and take possession against the Lord. 8 Also at Horeb ve provoked the of the land which I have given you; then rebelled Lord to wrath, so that the Lord was angry with you to ve against the order of the Lord your God, and ve destroy you. 9 When I was gone up into the mount to believed not in him, and ye hearkened not to his receive the tables of stone, the tables of the covenant voice. 24 Rebellious have ye been against the Lord, which the Lord had made with you, and I abode on from the day that I have known you. 25 And I threw the mount forty days and forty nights, bread did I myself down before the Lord those forty days and not eat, and water did I not drink. 10 And the Lord forty nights, which I threw myself down; because the gave unto me the two tables of stone inscribed by the Lord had said that he would destroy you. 26 And finger of God; and on them [was written] according I prayed unto the Lord, and said, O Lord Eternal, to all the words, which the Lord had spoken with destroy not thy people and thy heritage, which thou you on the mount out of the midst of the fire on the hast redeemed through thy greatness, which thou day of the assembly. 11 And it came to pass at the hast brought forth out of Egypt with a mighty hand, 27 end of forty days and forty nights, that the Lord gave Think of thy servants, of Abraham, of Isaac, and of unto me the two tables of stone, the tables of the Jacob; turn not unto the stubbornness of this people, covenant. 12 And the Lord said unto me, Arise, get nor to its wickedness, nor to its sin: 28 Lest [the thee down quickly from here; for thy people which inhabitants of] the land whence thou hast brought thou hast brought forth out of Egypt have become us out say, Out of want of ability in the Lord to bring corrupted; they have quickly turned aside out of the them into the land which he had promised them, and way which I have commanded them; they have made out of his hatred to them, hath he brought them out to themselves a molten image. 13 And the Lord said slay them in the wilderness. 29 Whereas they are thy unto me, thus, I have seen this people, and, behold, people and thy heritage, whom thou hast brought out it is a stiff-necked people: 14 Let me alone, and I will by thy mighty power and by thy outstretched arm. destroy them, and blot out their name from under the heavens; and I will make of thee a nation mightier and

and come up unto me into the mount; and make to give him food and raiment. 19 Love ve then the thyself an ark of wood. 2 And I will write on the tables stranger; for you have been strangers in the land of the words that were on the first tables which thou Egypt, 20 The Lord thy God shalt thou fear; him shalt hast broken; and thou shalt put them in the ark. 3 thou serve, and to him shalt thou cleave, and by his And I made an ark of shittim-wood, and hewed two name shalt thou swear. 21 He is thy praise, and he tables of stone like unto the first; and I went up into is thy God, who hath done for thee these great and the mount, with the two tables in my hand. 4 And fearful things, which thy own eyes have seen. 22 With he wrote on the tables, like the first writing, the ten seventy persons did thy fathers go down into Egypt; commandments, which the Lord had spoken unto and now the Lord thy God hath made thee like the you on the mount out of the midst of the fire on the stars of heaven in multitude. day of the assembly; and the Lord gave them unto me. 5 And I turned myself and came down from the mount, and I put the tables in the ark which I had made; and they have remained there, as the Lord hath commanded me. 6 And the children of Israel took their journey from the wells of the children of Ya'akan to Mosserah: there Aaron died, and he was buried there; and Elazar his son became priest in his stead. 7 From there they journeyed unto Gudgodah; and from Gudgodah to Yotbatha, a land of brooks of waters. 8 At that time did the Lord separate the tribe of Levi, to bear the ark of the covenant of the Lord, to stand before the Lord to minister unto him. and to bless in his name, unto this day, 9 Therefore was not assigned unto Levi any portion or inheritance with his brethren: the Lord is his inheritance, as the Lord thy God hath spoken to him. 10 And I stayed on the mount, like the first days, forty days and forty nights; and the Lord hearkened unto me also at that time, the Lord would not destroy thee. 11 And the Lord said unto me. Arise, go on the journey before the people, that they may go in and take possession of the land, which I have sworn unto their fathers to give unto them. 12 And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, 13 To keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day, for thy own good? 14 Behold, to the Lord thy God belong the heavens and the heavens of heavens, and the earth with all that is thereon: 15 Yet only in thy fathers had the Lord delight, to love them; he chose, therefore, their seed after them, namely you, from all the nations, as it is this day. 16 Remove therefore the obduracy of your heart, and be no more stiff-necked. 17 For the Lord your God is the God of gods, and the Lord of lords, the great, the mighty. and the terrible God, who hath no regard to persons,

1 At that time the Lord said unto me, Hew for and taketh no bribe: 18 Who executeth iustice for the thyself two tables of stone like unto the first, fatherless and the widow, and loveth the stranger,

> 1 Thou shalt therefore love the Lord thy God. and keep his charge, and his statutes, and his ordinances, and his commandments, all the days. 2 And ye shall know this day, that [I speak] not with your children who have not known, and who have not seen the chastisement of the Lord your God, his greatness, his strong hand, and his outstretched arm; 3 And his signs, and his acts, which he displayed 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 its horses, and to its chariots; over whom he caused the water of the Red Sea to flow, as they pursued after you, and whom the Lord destroyed 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 the earth opened her mouth, and swallowed them up, and their households, and their tents, and all the living substance that followed them, in the midst of all Israel: 7 But it is your own eyes which have seen all the great acts of the Lord which he hath done. 8 Ye shall therefore keep all the commandment which I command you this day, that ve may be strong, and go in and take possession of the land, whither ye go over to possess it; 9 And in order that ye may live many days in the land, which the Lord hath sworn unto your fathers to give unto them and to their seed, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 For the land, whither thou goest in to possess it, is not like the land of Egypt, from where ye came out, where thou sowest thy seed, and waterest it with thy foot, as a garden of herbs; 11 But the land, whither ye go over to possess it, is a land of mountains and valleys, from the rain of heaven doth it drink water. 12 A land which the Lord thy God careth for: always are the eyes of the Lord thy God upon it, from the beginning of the year even unto the end of the year. 13 And it shall come to pass, if ye will hearken

you this day, to love the Lord your God, and to serve direction of the going down of the sun, in the land him with all your heart and with all your soul. 14 That of the Canaanites, who dwell in the plain, opposite I will send rain for your land in its due season, the Gilgal, near the grove of Moreh, 31 For ye are about first rain and the latter rain, that thou mayest gather to pass over the Jordan to go in to take possession of in thy corn, and thy wine, and thy oil. 15 And I will the land which the Lord your God giveth you; and give grass in thy field for thy cattle; and thou shalt ye will possess it, and dwell therein. 32 And ye shall eat and be satisfied. 16 Take heed to vourselves, then observe to do all the statutes and ordinances that your heart be not deceived, and ve turn aside. and serve other gods, and worship them; 17 [For] then the Lord's wrath will be kindled against you, and he will shut up the heavens that there be no rain. and the land will not yield her products; and ye shall perish quickly from off the good land which the Lord giveth unto you. 18 Therefore shall ve 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 as frontlets between your eyes. 19 And ye shall teach them to your children, to speak 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 doorposts of thy house, and upon thy gates. 21 In order that your days may be multiplied, and the days of your children, in the land which the Lord swore unto your fathers to give unto them, as the days of the heavens over the earth. 22 For if ye will diligently keep all this commandment which I command you, in order to do it, to love the Lord your God, to walk in all his ways, and to cleave unto him: 23 Then will the Lord drive out all these nations from before you, and ye shall supplant nations greater and mightier than vourselves. 24 Every place whereon the sole of your foot may tread shall be yours: from the wilderness and the Lebanon, from the river, the river Euphrates, even unto the Western Sea shall be your boundary. 25 There shall no man be able to stand up before you: the dread of you and the fear of you will the Lord your God lav upon all the land which ve may tread upon. as he hath spoken unto you. 26 Behold, I lay before you this day a blessing and a curse: 27 The blessing, if ye will hearken unto the commandments of the Lord your God, which I command you this day; 28 And the curse, if ve will not hearken unto the commandments of the Lord your God, and ye turn aside out of the way which I command you this day, to go after other gods, which ye know not. 29 And it shall come to pass, when the Lord thy God shall have brought thee in unto the land whither thou goest to possess it, that thou shalt put the blessing upon mount Gerizzim. and the curse upon mount 'Ebal. 30 Behold, they

diligently unto my commandments which I command are on the other side of the Jordan, far away in the which I set before you this day.

> **2** These are the statutes and ordinances, which ye shall observe to do, in the land which the Lord, the God of thy fathers, giveth unto thee to possess it, and all the days that ve live upon the earth. 2 Ye shall utterly destroy all the places whereon the nations which ye are about to drive out served their gods, upon the high mountains, and upon the hills, and under every green tree: 3 And ve shall overthrow their altars, and break their statues, and their groves shall ye burn with fire; and the graven images of their gods shall ye hew down; and ye shall destroy their name out of the same place. 4 Ye shall not do so unto the Lord your God; 5 But unto the place which the Lord vour God may choose out of all your tribes to put his name there, even unto his habitation shall ye repair, and thither shalt thou come: 6 And ye shall bring thither your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, and your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and your vows, and your freewill-offerings, and the first-born of your herds and of your flocks; 7 And ye shall eat there before the Lord your God, and ye shall rejoice with all the acquisition of your hand, ye and your households, wherewith the Lord thy God may have blessed thee. 8 Ye shall not do after all the manner that we do here this day, every one whatsoever is right in his own eyes. 9 For ye are not as yet come to the rest and to the inheritance, which the Lord thy God giveth thee. 10 But ve will go over the Jordan, and dwell in the land which the Lord your God causeth you to inherit, and he will give you rest from all your enemies round about, so that ye may dwell in safety. 11 And then shall it be, that the place which the Lord your God will choose to cause his name to dwell there. —[even] thither shall ve bring all that I command you: your burnt-offerings, and your sacrifices, your tithes, and the heave-offering of your hand, and all your choice vows which ye may vow unto the Lord: 12 And ve shall rejoice before the Lord your God, ve. and your sons, and your daughters, and your men-servants, and your maid-servants, and the Levite who is within your gates; because he hath not

thyself that thou offer not thy burnt-offerings in every when thou wilt do what is good and right in the eyes place which thou mayest see; 14 But in the place of the Lord thy God. 29 When the Lord thy God will which the Lord will choose in one of thy tribes, there cut off the nations, whither thou goest to drive them shalt thou offer thy burnt-offerings, and there shalt out from before thee, and thou succeedest them, and thou do all that I command thee. 15 Notwithstanding, dwellest in their land: 30 Then take heed to thyself according to all the longing of thy soul, mayest thou that thou be not snared by following them, after they kill and eat flesh, according to the blessing of the Lord have been destroyed from before thee; and that thou thy God which he hath given thee, in all thy gates: inquire not after their gods, saying, How did these the unclean and the clean may eat thereof, as of the nations serve their gods? even so will I do likewise. roebuck, and as of the hart. 16 Only the blood shall ye 31 Thou shalt not do so unto the Lord thy God; for not eat: upon the earth shall ye pour it out as water. every abomination to the Lord, which he hateth, have 17 Thou mayest not eat within thy gates the tithe of they done unto their gods; for even their sons and thy corn, or of thy wine, or of thy oil, nor the first- their daughters have they burnt in the fire to their born of thy herds or of thy flocks, nor any of thy vows gods. 32 What thing soever I command you, even that which thou mayest vow, nor thy freewill-offerings, and shall ye observe to do: thou shalt not add thereto, the heave-offering of thy hand; 18 But before the Lord and thou shalt not diminish therefrom. thy God must thou eat them in the place which the Lord thy God may choose, thou, and thy son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid-servant, and the Levite who is within thy gates; and thou shalt rejoice before the Lord thy God with all the acquisition of thy hand. 19 Take heed to thyself that thou forsake not the Levite as long as thou livest upon thy land. 20 When the Lord thy God will enlarge thy border, as he hath spoken unto thee, and thou dost say, I wish to eat flesh, because thy soul longeth to eat flesh: then mayest thou, according to all the longing of thy soul, eat flesh. 21 If the place which the Lord thy God may choose to put his name there be too far for thee: then mayest thou kill of thy herds and of thy flocks, which the Lord hath given thee, as I have commanded thee; and thou shalt eat in thy gates according to all the longing of thy soul. 22 But as the roebuck and the hart are eaten, so shalt thou eat the same: the unclean and the clean may eat thereof together. 23 Only be firm so as not to eat the blood; for the blood is the life; and thou shalt not eat the life with the flesh. 24 Thou shalt not eat it: upon the earth shalt thou pour it out like water. 25 Thou shalt not eat it; in order that it may go well with thee, and with thy children after thee, when thou wilt do what is right in the eyes of the Lord. 26 Nevertheless thy holy things which thou mayest have, and thy vows, shalt thou take, and go unto the place which the Lord may choose: 27 And thou shalt offer thy burnt-offerings, the flesh and the blood, upon the altar of the Lord thy God; and the blood of thy sacrifices shall be poured out upon the altar of the Lord thy God, and the flesh shalt thou eat. 28 Observe and hear all these words which I command thee; in order that it may go well

any portion nor inheritance with you. 13 Take heed to with thee, and with thy children after thee for ever,

13 If there arise in the midst of thee a prophet, or a dreamer of dreams, and he giveth thee a sign or a token. 2 And the sign or the token come to pass, whereof he spoke unto thee, saying, Let us go after other gods, which thou dost not know, and let us serve them: 3 Then shalt thou not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or unto that dreamer of dreams; for the Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ve indeed love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4 After the Lord your God shall ye walk, and him shall ye fear, and his commandments shall ye keep, and his voice shall ve obey, and him shall ve serve, and unto him shall ve cleave. 5 And that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams, shall be put to death; because he hath spoken revolt against the Lord your God, who hath brought you out of the land of Egypt, and who hath redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, to mislead thee front the way which the Lord thy God commanded thee to walk therein; and thou shalt put the evil away 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, who is [dear to thee] as thy own soul, should entice thee, in secret, saying, Let us go and serve other gods, which thou dost not know, either thou, or thy fathers; 7 Some of the gods of the nations which are round about you, that are nigh unto thee, or that are far off from thee, from one end of the earth even unto the other end of the earth: 8 Then shalt thou not consent unto him, nor shalt thou hearken unto him; nor shall thy eye look with pity on him, nor shalt thou spare, nor shalt thou conceal it for him: 9 But thou shalt surely kill him; thy hand shall be the first upon him the cud, but divide not the hoof; unclean are they to put him to death, and the hand of all the people unto you; 8 And the swine, because it divideth the afterward. 10 And thou shalt stone him with stones. hoof, yet cheweth not the cud, it is unclean unto you: that he die; because he sought to mislead thee from of their flesh shall ve not eat, and their dead carcass the Lord thy God, who hath brought thee out of the shall ve not touch. 9 This may ve eat of all that is in land of Egypt, from the house of bond-men. 11 And the waters: all that hath fins and scales may be eat; all Israel shall hear it, and they shall be afraid, and 10 And whatsoever hath not fins and scales shall ye they shall not do any more such a wicked deed as not eat; it is unclean unto you. 11 Every clean bird this is in the midst of thee. 12 If thou shouldst hear may ye eat. 12 But these are they which ye shall not concerning one of thy cities, which the Lord thy God eat of them: The eagle, and the ossifrage, and the hath given thee to dwell there, saving, 13 There have osprey, 13 And the glede, and the kite, and the vulture gone forth men, children of worthlessness, from the after his kind, 14 And every raven after his kind, 15 midst of thee, and have misled the inhabitants of their And the ostrich, and the night-hawk, and the cuckoo, city, saying. Let us go and serve other gods, which and the hawk after his kind, 16 The little owl, and the ve have not known: 14 Then shalt thou inquire, and great owl and the swan, 17 And the pelican, and the make search, and ask diligently; and, behold, if it be gier-eagle, and the cormorant, 18 And the stork, and true, the thing is certain, such abomination hath been the heron after his kind, and the lapwing, and the bat. wrought in the midst of thee: 15 Then shalt thou smite 19 And every winged insect is unclean unto you; it the inhabitants of that city with the edge of the sword, shall not be eaten. 20 All clean fowls may ye eat. 21 devoting it utterly, and all that is therein, and the cattle Ye shall not eat any thing that dieth of itself: unto the thereof, to the edge of the sword. 16 And all its spoil stranger that is in thy gates canst thou give it, that he shalt thou gather into the midst of the market-place may eat it; or thou mayest sell it unto an alien; for thereof, and thou shalt burn with fire the city, and all thou art a holy people unto the Lord thy God; thou its spoil entirely, unto the Lord thy God; and it shall be shalt not seethe a kid in its mother's milk. 22 Thou a ruinous heap for ever: it shall not be built again. 17 shalt truly tithe all the produce of thy seed, which the And there shall not cleave to thy hand aught of the field bringeth forth year by year. 23 And thou shalt eat devoted things; in order that the Lord may turn from before the Lord thy God, in the place which he will the fierceness of his anger, and grant thee mercy, choose to cause his name to dwell there, the tithe of and have mercy upon thee, and multiply thee, as thy corn, of thy wine, and of thy oil, and the first-born he hath sworn unto thy fathers; 18 When thou wilt of thy herds and of thy flocks; in order that thou may hearken to the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep all learn to fear the Lord thy God all the days. 24 And if his commandments which I command thee this day, the way be too long for thee, so that thou art not able to do what is right in the eyes of the Lord thy God.

14 Ye are the children of the Lord your God: ye shall not cut yourselves, nor make any baldness between your eyes for the dead. 2 For a holy people art thou unto the Lord thy God, and the Lord hath made choice of thee to be unto himself a peculiar nation above all the nations that are upon the face of the earth. 3 Thou shalt not eat any abominable thing. 4 These are the beasts which ve may eat: The ox, the sheep, and the goat, 5 The hart, and the roebuck, and the fallow-deer, and the chamois, and the gazelle, and the wild ox, and the antelope. 6 And every beast that hath parted hoofs, and whose feet are cleft into two claws, and cheweth the cud among the beasts-that alone may ye eat. 7 Nevertheless these shall ve not eat of those that chew the cud, and of those that possess the divided cloven hoof: The camel, and the hare, and the coney: for they chew

to carry it: because the place is too far from thee. which the Lord thy God will choose to set his name there, because the Lord thy God will bless thee: 25 Then shalt thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thy hand, and thou shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God will choose: 26 And thou shalt lay out that money for whatsoever thy soul longeth after, for oxen, or for sheep, or for wine, or for strong drink, or for whatsoever thy soul asketh of thee; and thou shalt eat it there before the Lord thy God, and thou shalt rejoice, thou, and thy household. 27 And the Levite, who is within thy gates, him shalt thou not forsake: for he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee. 28 At the end of three years shalt thou bring forth all the tithe of thy produce in the same year, and thou shalt lav it down within thy gates: 29 And then shall come the Levite, because he hath no portion nor inheritance with thee, with the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy gates,

hand which thou doest.

15 At the end of [every] seven years shalt thou make a release. 2 And this is the manner of the release: Every creditor shall release the loan which he hath lent to his neighbor; he shall not exact it of his neighbor, or of his brother; because the release year in honor of the Lord hath been proclaimed. 3 Of a foreigner thou mayest exact [payment]; but that which is thine with thy brother shall thy hand release. 4 Although indeed there should be no needy man among thee; for the Lord will greatly bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it: 5 Yet only if thou wilt carefully hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all this commandment which I command thee this day. 6 For the Lord thy God blesseth thee, as he hath spoken unto thee; and thou shalt lend unto many nations, but thou shalt not borrow: and thou shalt rule over many nations, but over thee shall they not rule. 7 If there be among thee a needy man, any one of thy brethren within any of thy gates in thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee: thou shalt not harden thy heart, nor shut thy hand from thy needy brother. 8 But thou shalt open wide thy hand unto him, and thou shalt surely lend him sufficient for his need, which his want requireth. heart, saying. The seventh year, the year of release. is at hand; and thy eve be thus evil against thy needy thou shalt remember that thou hast been a bond-man Lord thy God will choose; and thou shalt turn in the

and they shall eat and be satisfied; in order that the in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God hath Lord thy God may bless thee in all the work of thy redeemed thee; therefore do I command thee this thing today. 16 And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thy house, because he is well with thee: 17 Then shalt thou take an awl, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be unto thee a servant for ever; and also unto thy maid-servant shalt thou do likewise. 18 It shall not seem hard unto thee, when thou sendest him away free from thee, that for double the wages of a hired laborer hath he served thee six years; and the Lord thy God will bless thee in all that thou doest. 19 All the first-born males that come of thy herds and of thy flocks shalt thou sanctify unto the Lord thy God: thou shalt do no work with the firstborn of thy bullock, and not shear the first-born of thy sheep. 20 Before the Lord thy God shalt thou eat it year by year, in the place which the Lord will choose, thou with thy household. 21 And if there be any blemish thereon, if it be lame, or blind, or have any [other] ill blemish, thou shalt not sacrifice it unto the Lord thy God. 22 Within thy gates shalt thou eat it, the unclean and the clean together, as the roebuck, and as the hart. 23 Only the blood thereof shalt thou not eat: upon the ground shalt thou pour it out as water.

**16** Observe the month of Abib, and prepare the passover-sacrifice unto the Lord thy God; for 9 Beware that there be not a wicked thought in thy in the month of Abib did the Lord thy God bring thee forth out of Egypt by night. 2 And thou shalt sacrifice the passover-offering unto the Lord thy God brother, so that thou wouldst give him nought; and of sheep and oxen, in the place which the Lord will if he cry concerning thee unto the Lord, it will be choose to let his name dwell there. 3 Thou shalt not sin in thee: 10 Thou shalt surely give him, and thy eat therewith any leavened bread: seven days shalt heart shall not be grieved when thou givest unto him; thou eat therewith unleavened bread, the bread of for because of this thing the Lord thy God will bless affliction; for in haste didst thou go forth out of the thee in all thy work, and in all the acquisition of thy land of Egypt; in order that thou mayest remember hand. 11 For the needy will not cease out of the land; the day of thy going forth out of the land of Egypt all therefore do I command thee, saying, Thou shalt the days of thy life. 4 And there shall not be seen with open wide thy hand unto thy brother, to thy poor, and thee any leaven in all thy borders seven days: neither to thy needy, in thy land. 12 If thy brother, the Hebrew, shall there any of the flesh, which thou sacrificedst in or a Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, he shall serve the evening, on the first day, remain all night until the thee six years; and in the seventh year shalt thou morning. 5 Thou mayest not slay the passover within let him go free from thee. 13 And when thou lettest any of thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth thee; him go out free from thee, thou shalt not let him go 6 But at the place which the Lord thy God will choose away empty: 14 Thou shalt furnish him liberally out to let his name dwell in, there shalt thou slay the of thy flocks, and out of thy threshing-floor, and out passover at evening, at the going down of the sun, at of thy wine-press; wherewith the Lord thy God hath the season that thou camest forth out of Egypt. 7 blessed thee, that shalt thou give unto him. 15 And And thou shalt roast and eat it in the place which the morning, and go unto thy tents. 8 Six days shalt thou 17 Thou shalt not sacrifice unto the Lord thy God eat unleavened bread; and on the seventh day shall be a solemn assembly to the Lord thy God: thou shalt any thing evil; for it is an abomination unto the Lord do no work, 9 Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thy God, 2 If there be found in the midst of thee, within thyself; from the time thou beginnest to put the sickle any one of thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth to the corn, shalt thou begin to number seven weeks. thee, a man or a woman, that doth the wickedness 10 And thou shalt keep the feast of weeks unto the in the eyes of the Lord thy God, to transgress his Lord thy God with a tribute of a freewill-offering of thy covenant. 3 And he hath gone and served other hand, which thou shalt give: according as the Lord gods, and worshipped them, either the sun, or the thy God shall have blessed thee. 11 And thou shalt moon, or any of the host of heaven, which I have rejoice before the Lord thy God, thou, and thy son, prohibited: 4 And it be told thee, and thou hearest of and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and thy maid- it: then shalt thou inquire diligently; and, behold, if it servant, and the Levite that is within thy gates, and be true, the thing is certain, such abomination hath the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, that been wrought in Israel: 5 Then shalt thou bring forth are in the midst of thee, in the place which the Lord that man or that woman, who have committed this thy God will choose to let his name dwell there. 12 wicked thing, unto thy gates, the man or the woman, And thou shalt remember that thou hast been a bond- and thou shalt stone them with stones till they die. man in Egypt; and thou shalt observe and do these 6 Upon the evidence of two witnesses, or of three statutes. 13 The feast of tabernacles shalt thou hold witnesses, shall he that is worthy of death be put to for thyself seven days, when thou hast gathered in the death; he shall not be put to death upon the evidence produce of thy threshing-floor and of thy wine-press: of one witness. 7 The hand of the witnesses shall 14 And thou shalt rejoice on thy feast, thou, and thy be first upon him to put him to death, and the hand son, and thy daughter, and thy man-servant, and of all the people at the last; and thou shalt put the thy maid-servant, and the Levite, and the stranger, evil away from the midst of thee. 8 If a matter be and the fatherless, and the widow, that are within thy unknown to thee for decision, between blood and gates. 15 Seven days shalt thou keep a solemn feast blood, between plea and plea, and between bodily unto the Lord thy God in the place which the Lord will injury and injury, [or] matters of controversy within thy choose: because the Lord thy God will bless thee gates; then shalt thou arise, and get thee up unto the in all thy product, and in all the work of thy hands, place which the Lord thy God will choose; 9 And thou and thou shalt only rejoice. 16 Three times in the shalt come unto the priests, the Levites, and unto year shall every one of thy males appear before the the judge that may be in those days, and thou shalt Lord thy God in the place which he will choose: on inquire, and they shall inform thee of the sentence the feast of unleavened bread, and on the feast of of the case: 10 And thou shalt do according to the weeks, and on the feast of tabernacles; and no one sentence, which they may tell thee from that place shall appear before the Lord empty; 17 Every man which the Lord will choose, and thou shalt observe to according to what his hand can give, according to the do according to all that they may instruct thee; 11 blessing of the Lord thy God which he hath given In accordance with the instruction which they may thee. 18 Judges and officers shalt thou appoint unto instruct thee, and according to the decision which thyself in all thy gates, which the Lord thy God giveth they may say unto thee, shalt thou do: thou shalt not thee, throughout thy tribes: and they shall judge the depart from the sentence which they may tell thee, people with a just judgment. 19 Thou shalt not wrest to the right, or to the left. 12 And the man that will judgment; thou shalt not respect persons, and thou act presumptuously, so as not to hearken unto the shalt not take a bribe; for the bribe blindeth the eyes priest that standeth to minister there before the Lord of the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous. thy God, or unto the judge, even that man shall die; 20 Justice, only justice shalt thou pursue; in order that and thou shalt put away the evil from Israel. 13 And thou mayest live, and retain possession of the land all the people shall hear, and be afraid, and not act which the Lord thy God giveth thee. 21 Thou shalt not presumptuously any more. 14 When thou art come plant unto thyself a grove, any tree, near the altar of unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and the Lord thy God, which thou shalt make unto thyself, thou hast taken possession of it, and dwellest therein. 22 Neither shalt thou set thee up any statue, which and thou savest, I wish to set a king over me, like all the Lord thy God hateth.

any bullock, or lamb, whereon there is a blemish, the nations that are round about me: 15 Then mayest children, in the midst of Israel.

**1 R** The priests, the Levites, and all the tribe of Levi, shall have no portion nor inheritance with Israel: the fire-offerings of the Lord, and his inheritance shall they consume. 2 But any inheritance shall he not have among his brethren: the Lord is his inheritance, as he hath spoken unto him. 3 And this shall be the priests' due from the people, from them that slay an animal, whether it be ox or lamb: then shall each one give unto the priest the shoulder, and the two cheeks, and the maw. 4 The first-fruit of thy corn, of thy wine, and of thy oil, and the first shearing of thy sheep, shalt thou give him. 5 For him the Lord thy God hath chosen out of all thy tribes, to stand to minister in the name of the Lord, he and his sons all the days. 6 And if the Levite come from any one of thy gates out of all Israel, where he sojourneth, and come with all the longing of his soul unto the place which the Lord will choose: 7 Then can he minister in the name of the Lord his God, like all his brethren the Levites, who stand there before the Lord. 8 They shall have like portions to eat, besides that which cometh of the sale of his patrimony. 9 When thou comest into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. 10 There shall not be found among thee any one who causeth his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, one who useth divination, one who is forest with his neighbor to hew wood, and his hand

thou indeed set a king over thee, the one whom the an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a conjurer. Lord thy God will choose; [but] from the midst of thy 11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, brethren shalt thou set a king over thee; thou mayest or a wizard, or who inquireth of the dead. 12 For an not set over thee a stranger, who is not thy brother. 16 abomination unto the Lord are all that do these things: Only he shall not acquire for himself many horses: so and on account of these abominations the Lord thy that he may not cause the people to return to Egypt, God doth drive them out from before thee. 13 Perfect in order to acquire many horses; whereas the Lord shalt thou be with the Lord thy God. 14 For these hath said unto you, Ye shall henceforth not return on nations, which thou art about to dispossess, hearken that way any more. 17 Neither shall he take to himself unto observers of times, and unto diviners; but as many wives, that his heart may not turn away; nor for thee, the Lord thy God hath not assigned the like shall he acquire for himself too much silver and gold. unto thee. 15 A prophet from the midst of thee, of thy 18 And it shall be, when he sitteth upon the throne of brethren, like unto me, will the Lord thy God raise up his kingdom, that he shall write for himself a copy of unto thee; unto him shall ye hearken: 16 According to this law in a book out of [that which is] before the all that thou didst desire of the Lord thy God at Horeb priests, the Levites: 19 And it shall be with him, and on the day of the assembly, saying. I wish no more to he shall read therein all the days of his life: in order hear the voice of the Lord my God, and this great fire that he may learn to fear the Lord his God, to keep I wish not to see again, that I die not. 17 And the Lord all the words of this law and these statutes, to do said unto me. They have done well in what they have them. 20 So that his heart be not lifted up above spoken. 18 A prophet will I raise up unto them from his brethren, and so that he turn not aside from the among their brethren, like unto thee; and I will put my commandment, to the right, or to the left: in order that words in his mouth; and he shall speak unto them all he may live many days in his kingdom, he, and his that I may command him. 19 And it shall come to pass, that if there be a man who will not hearken unto my words which he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. 20 But the prophet, who may presume to speak a word in my name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who may speak in the name of other Gods even that prophet shall die. 21 And if thou shouldst say in thy heart. How shall we know the word which the Lord hath not spoken? 22 That which the prophet speaketh in the name of the Lord, and the thing do not happen and come not to pass—this is the word which the Lord hath not spoken; in presumption hath the prophet spoken it: thou shalt not be afraid of him.

> 19 When the Lord thy God shall have cut off the nations, whose land the Lord thy God giveth thee, and thou hast driven them out, and dwellest in their cities, and in their houses: 2 Then shalt thou set apart three cities for thyself, in the midst of thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it. 3 Thou shalt put in order for thyself the [way to them], and divide into three parts the territory of thy land, which the Lord thy God will give thee to inherit, and it shall serve, that every man-slayer may flee thither. 4 And this is the case of the man-slayer, who shall flee thither, that he may live: Whoso smiteth his neighbor without knowledge, when he hath not been an enemy to him in time past; 5 And he that goeth into the

fetcheth a stroke with the axe to cut down the tree, 20 When thou goest out to battle against thy and the iron slippeth from the helve, and striketh his neighbor, that he die: this one shall flee unto one of people more in number than thou; be not afraid of these cities, and live: 6 That the avenger of the blood them; for the Lord thy God is with thee, who brought pursue not the manslaver, while his heart is hot, and thee up out of the land of Egypt, 2 And it shall be. overtake him, because the way is long, and smite him when ye come nigh unto the battle, that the priest dead; whereas he deserveth not a judgment of death, shall approach and speak unto the people; 3 And he inasmuch as he was not an enemy to him in time shall say unto them. Hear, O Israel, ye come nigh this past. 7 Therefore do I command thee, saying, Three day unto the battle against your enemies: let not your cities shalt thou set apart for thyself. 8 And if the hearts faint, fear not, and be not downcast, and do Lord thy God enlarge thy boundary, as he hath sworn not tremble because of them: 4 For the Lord your God unto thy fathers, and give thee all the land which it is who goeth with you, to fight for you against your he hath spoken to give unto thy fathers: 9 Because enemies, to help you, 5 And the officers shall speak thou dost keep all this commandment to do it, which I unto the people, saving. What man is there who hath command thee this day, to love the Lord thy God, and built a new house, and hath not dedicated it? let to walk in his ways all the days: then shalt thou add him go and return unto his house, lest he die in the for thyself three cities more, unto these three; 10 That battle, and another man dedicate it. 6 And what man innocent blood be not shed in the midst of thy land, is there who hath planted a vineyard, and hath not which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, redeemed it? let him go and return unto his house, and blood-quiltiness be brought upon thee. 11 But if lest he die in the battle, and another man redeem it. any man be an enemy to his neighbor, and he lie in 7 And what man is there that hath betrothed a wife, wait for him, and rise up against him, and smite him and hath not taken her? let him go and return unto mortally so that he die, and he flee unto one of these his house, lest he die in the battle, and another man cities: 12 Then shall the elders of his city send and take her. 8 And the officers shall speak yet farther fetch him thence, and they shall deliver him into the unto the people, and they shall say, What man is hand of the avenger of the blood, that he may die, there that is fearful and faint-hearted? let him go and 13 Thy eye shall not look with pity on him; but thou return unto his house, that the heart of his brethren shalt put away the [shedding of] innocent blood from become not as faint as his heart, 9 And it shall be. Israel, that it may go well with thee. 14 Thou shalt not when the officers have made an end of speaking remove the landmark of thy neighbor, which they of unto the people, that they shall appoint captains of old time have set, in thy inheritance which thou shalt the armies at the head of the people. 10 When thou inherit, in the land that the Lord thy God giveth thee comest nigh unto a city to make war against it, then to possess it. 15 There shall not rise up one single summon it with words of peace. 11 And it shall be, if it witness against a man for any iniquity, or for any sin, make thee an answer of peace, and open lits gates] in any sin that he sinneth: upon the evidence of two unto thee: then shall it be, that all the people that witnesses, or upon the evidence of three witnesses, are found therein shall be tributaries unto thee, and must a case be established. 16 If a witness of violence they shall serve thee. 12 But if it will not make peace rise up against any man to testify against him for with thee, and wageth war against thee; then shalt any wrong: 17 Then shall both the men, who have thou besiege it: 13 And when the Lord thy God hath the controversy, stand before the Lord, before the delivered it into thy hands, thou shalt smite every priests and the judges, who shall be in those days; 18 male thereof with the edge of the sword; 14 But the And the judges shall inquire diligently; and, behold, if women, and the little ones, and the cattle, and all that the witness be a false witness, he hath testified a may be in the city, all the spoil thereof, shalt thou take falsehood against his brother: 19 Then shall ye do as booty unto thyself; and thou shalt enjoy the spoil of unto him, as he had purposed to do unto his brother; thy enemies, which the Lord thy God hath given thee. and thou shalt put away the evil from the midst of 15 Thus shalt thou do unto all the cities which are very thee. 20 And those who remain shall hear, and be far off from thee, which are not of the cities of these afraid, and shall henceforth commit no more any such nations. 16 But of the cities of these people, which evil thing in the midst of thee. 21 And thy eye shall the Lord thy God doth give thee for an inheritance, have no pity; but life [shall go] for life, eye for eye, shalt thou not let live a single soul. 17 But thou shalt tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

enemies, and thou seest horse, and chariot, utterly devote them; namely, the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites; as the Lord thy God hath her captivity from her, and she shall remain in thy commanded thee; 18 In order that they may not teach house, and weep for her father and her mother a full you to do in accordance with all their abominations, month; and after that thou mayest go in unto her, and which they have done unto their gods; and ve would be her husband, that she may become thy wife. 14 thus sin against the Lord your God. 19 When thou And it shall be, if thou have no delight in her, then besiegest a city a long time, to make war against it to shalt thou let her go whither she will; but thou shalt capture it, thou shalt not destroy the trees thereof by nowise sell her for money; thou shalt not make a forcing an axe against them; for of them thou mayest servant of her, because thou hast humbled her. 15 If eat, and thou shalt not cut them down, [for man liveth a man have two wives, one beloved, and the other of the trees of the field, I to employ them in thy siege; hated, and they bear him children, both the beloved 20 Only those trees of which thou knowest that they and the hated; so that the first-born son be hers that are not fruit-trees, thou mayest destroy and cut down; is hated: 16 Then shall it be, when he divideth as and [thus] thou canst build bulwarks against the city inheritance among his sons what he hath, that he that wageth war with thee, until it be subdued.

21 If there be found a slain person in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee to possess it, lying in the field, [and] it be not known who hath slain him: 2 Then shall thy elders and thy judges go forth, and they shall measure unto the cities which are round about the one that is slain. 3 And it shall be, that the city which is the nearest unto the slain person, even the elders of that city shall take a heifer, which hath not been wrought with, which hath not drawn in a yoke; 4 And the elders of that city shall bring down the heifer unto a rough valley, which is neither tilled nor sown, and they shall break there the neck of the heifer in the valley: 5 And the priests the sons of Levi shall come near: for them the Lord thy God hath chosen to minister unto him, and to bless in the name of the Lord; and after their decision shall be done [at] every controversy and every injury; 6 And all the elders of that city who are nearest unto the slain person shall wash their hands over the heifer, the neck of which is broken in the valley. 7 And they shall commence and say, Our hands have not shed this blood, and our eyes have not seen it. 8 Grant pardon unto thy people Israel, whom thou hast redeemed, O Lord, and lay not innocent blood in the midst of thy people Israel: and the blood shall be forgiven unto them. 9 And thou shalt put away the [quilt of] the innocent blood from the midst of thee, when thou wilt do what is right in the eves of the Lord. 10 When thou goest forth to war against thy enemies, and the Lord thy God delivereth them into thy hands, and thou takest captives of them; 11 And thou seest among the captives a woman of handsome form, and hast a desire unto her, that thou wouldst take her to thee for wife: 12 Then shalt thou bring her home to thy house; and she shall shave her head, and let grow

Emorites, the Canaanites, and the Perizzites, and the her nails; 13 And she shall put off the raiment of shall not institute the son of the beloved as the firstborn before the son of the hated, the firstborn; 17 But the first-born, the son of the hated woman, shall he acknowledge, to give him a double portion of all that is found in his possession; for he is the beginning of his strength; to him belongeth the right of the first birth. 18 If a man have a stubborn and rebellious son, who hearkeneth not to the voice of his father, or the voice of his mother, and they chastise him. and he will not hearken unto them: 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 hearken to our voice; he is a glutton, and a drunkard. 21 And all the men of his city shall stone him with stones, that he die; and thou shalt put away the evil from the midst of thee; and all Israel shall hear, and be afraid. 22 And if a man have committed a sin for which there is a punishment of death, and he be to be put to death, and thou hang him on a tree: 23 Then shall his body not remain all night on the tree, but thou shalt surely bury him on that day; [for he that is hanged is a dishonor of God: ] and thou shalt not defile thy land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance.

> 22 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ox or his lamb go astray, and withdraw thyself from them: thou shalt surely bring them back again unto thy brother. 2 But if thy brother be not nigh unto thee, or thou know him not: then shalt thou take it unto thy own house, and it shall remain with thee until thy brother inquire after it, and then shalt thou restore it to him. 3 In like manner shalt thou do with his ass: and in like manner shalt thou do with his raiment; and in like manner shalt thou do with every lost thing of thy brother's,

shall the father of the damsel, and her mother, take wife, and he shall not uncover his father's skirt. and bring forth the tokens of the damsel's virginity unto the elders of the city, to the gate. 16 And the father of the damsel shall say unto the elders, My daughter I gave unto this man for wife; but he hath conceived hatred toward her; 17 And, lo, he hath laid an accusation [against her], saying, I have found no tokens of virginity in thy daughter; and yet these are the tokens of my daughter's virginity; and they shall spread the cloth before the elders of the city. 18 And the elders of that city shall take that man and chastise him; 19 And they shall amerce him in a hundred shekels of silver, and give them unto the father of the damsel; because he hath spread abroad an evil name upon a virgin of Israel; and she shall remain his wife; he shall not be at liberty to put her away all his days. 20 But if this thing was true, there have not been found tokens of virginity in the damsel: 21 Then shall they lead out the damsel to the door of her father's house, and the men of her city shall

which may have been lost to him, and which thou stone her with stones that she die; because she hath hast found; thou art not at liberty to withdraw thyself. wrought a disgraceful deed in Israel, to commit incest 4 Thou shalt not see thy brother's ass or his ox fallen in her father's house; and thou shalt put away the evil down by the way, and withdraw thyself from them: from the midst of thee, 22 If a man be found lying thou shalt surely help him to lift them up again, 5 A with a woman married to a husband; then shall both woman shall not have upon her the apparel of a man, of them die, the man that lieth with the woman, and and a man shall not put on a woman's garment; for the woman; and thou shalt put away the evil from an abomination unto the Lord thy God are all who do Israel. 23 If a damsel that is a virgin be betrothed unto this. 6 If a bird's nest chance to be before thee in a man, and a man find her in the city, and lie with the way, on any tree, or on the ground, with young her: 24 Then shall ye lead them both out unto the ones, or with eggs, and the mother be sitting upon gate of that city, and ye shall stone them with stones the young, or upon the eggs: thou shalt not take the that they die; the damsel, because she cried not [for mother with the young; 7 But thou shalt surely let the aid] in the city; and the man, because he hath done mother go, and the young thou mayest take to thyself; violence to his neighbor's wife; and thou shalt put in order that it may be well with thee, and that thou away the evil from the midst of thee, 25 But if in the mayest live many days. 8 When thou buildest a new field the man should find the betrothed damsel, and house, thou shalt make a battlement for thy roof; that the man take hold of her by force, and lie with her: thou bring not blood upon thy house, if any one were then shall the man that lay with her die alone: 26 But to fall from there. 9 Thou shalt not sow thy vineyard unto the damsel shalt thou not do any thing; there is with divers seeds; that the ripe fruit of thy seed which in the damsel no sin worthy of death; for as when thou hast sown, and the fruit of the vineyard, be not a man riseth against his neighbor, and striketh him defiled. 10 Thou shalt not plough with an ox and an dead, even so is this matter; 27 For in the field did he ass together. 11 Thou shalt not wear a garment of find her; had the betrothed damsel even cried, there divers sorts, of woolen and linen together. 12 Thou would have been none to aid her. 28 If a man find a shalt make thyself fringes upon the four corners of damsel that is a virgin, who is not betrothed, and lay thy yesture, wherewith thou coverest thyself. 13 lf fast hold on her, and lie with her, and they be found: any man take a wife, and go in unto her, and hate 29 Then shall the man who lieth with her give unto her. 14 And he lay an accusation against her, and the father of the damsel fifty shekels of silver; and spread abroad an evil name upon her, and say, This she shall become his wife, because he hath done woman I took [for wife], and when I came near to violence to her, he shall not be at liberty to put her her, I found no tokens of virginity in her: 15 Then away all his days. 30 A man shall not take his lather's

23 He that is wounded in the testicles, or hath his privy member cut, shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord. 2 One born from prohibited connections shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even the tenth generation of him shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord. 3 An 'Ammonite and a Moabite shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord; even the tenth generation of him shall not enter into the congregation of the Lord, for ever; 4 For the reason, that they met you not with bread and with water on the way, when ye came forth out of Egypt; and because he hired against thee Bil'am the son of Beor of Pethor in Mesopotamia, to curse thee; 5 But the Lord thy God would not hearken unto Bil'am; and the Lord thy God changed unto thee the curse into a blessing, because the Lord thy God loved thee. 6 Thou shalt not seek their peace and their welfare all thy days, for ever, 7 Thou shalt not

abhor an Egyptian; because thou wast a stranger thou not move over thy neighbor's standing corn. in his land. 8 The children that are born unto them in the third generation, may enter of them into the congregation of the Lord. 9 When thou goest forth into camp against thy enemies, then keep thyself from every evil thing. 10 If there be among thee any man, that is not clean by reason of an occurrence by night; then shall he go abroad to without the camp, he shall not come within the camp; 11 But it shall be, that toward evening he shall bathe himself in water; and when the sun goeth down, he may come into the midst of the camp. 12 And a place shalt thou have without the camp, whither thou shalt go forth abroad: 13 And a spade shalt thou have with thy weapons: and it shall be, when thou sittest abroad, that thou shalt dig therewith, and shalt afterward cover that which cometh from thee: 14 For the Lord thy God walketh in the midst of thy camp, to deliver thee and to give up thy enemies before thee; therefore shall thy camp be holy; that he see no unseemly thing in thee, and turn away from thee. 15 Thou shalt not deliver unto his master the servant who may escape unto thee from his master; 16 With thee shall he dwell, in the midst of thee, in the place which he may choose in any one of thy gates, where it seemeth best to him: thou shalt not oppress him. 17 There shall not be a prostitute of the daughters of Israel, and there shall not be a sodomite of the sons of Israel. 18 Thou shalt not bring the hire of a harlot, or the price of a dog, into the house of the Lord thy God for any vow; for both of these are equally an abomination unto the Lord thy God. 19 Thou shalt not take interest from thy brother, interest of money, interest of victuals, interest of any thing that is lent upon interest: 20 From an alien thou mayest take interest; but from thy brother thou shalt not take interest; in order that the Lord thy God may bless thee in all the acquisition of thy hand. in the land whither thou goest to possess it. 21 When thou makest a vow unto the Lord thy God, thou shalt not delay to pay it; for the Lord thy God will surely require it of thee; and it would be sin in thee. 22 But if thou forbear to vow, it shall be no sin in thee. 23 What is gone out of thy lips shalt thou keep and perform, as thou hast vowed unto the Lord thy God voluntarily, as thou hast spoken with thy mouth. 24 When thou comest into thy neighbor's vineyard, thou mayest eat grapes at thy own pleasure, till thou have enough; but into thy vessel shalt thou not put any. 25 When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbor, thou

abhor an Edomite; for he is thy brother; thou shalt not mayest pluck ears with thy hand; but a sickle shall

24 When a man hath taken a wife, and married her, and it come to pass, that if she find no favor in his eyes, because he hath found some scandalous thing in her, he may write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her away out of his house; 2 And she shall depart out of his house; and if she go and become another man's wife; 3 And the latter husband hate her, and write her a bill of divorcement, and give it in her hand, and send her away out of his house; or if the latter husband, who took her as his wife, should die: 4 Then shall her former husband, who had sent her away, not be at liberty to take her again to be his wife, after she hath been defiled; for it is abomination before the Lord; and thou shalt not bring sin upon the land, which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance. 5 When a man hath taken a new wife, he shall not go out to war, neither shall he be charged with any public business: he shall be free for his house one year, and shall cheer up his wife whom he hath taken. 6 No man shall take to pledge the nether or the upper millstone; for he taketh a man's life to pledge. 7 If a man be found stealing any one of his brethren of the children of Israel, and he treateth him as a slave, and selleth him: then shall that thief die; and thou shalt put the evil away from the midst of thee. 8 Take heed of the plague of leprosy, to observe diligently, and to do according to all that the priests, the Levites, may instruct you; as I have commanded them, so shall ye observe to do. 9 Remember what the Lord thy God did unto Miriam on the journey, at your coming forth out of Egypt. 10 When thou dost lend thy brother any thing as a loan, thou shalt not go into his house to take his pledge. 11 In the street shalt thou stand, and the man to whom thou dost lend shall bring out unto thee the pledge into the street. 12 And if he be a poor man, thou shalt not lie down with his pledge: 13 Thou shalt punctually deliver him the pledge again when the sun goeth down, that he may lie under his own cover, and bless thee; and unto thee shall it be as righteousness before the Lord thy God. 14 Thou shalt not withhold the wages of a hired man, of the poor and needy, [whether he be] of thy brethren, or of the strangers that are in thy land within thy gates. 15 On the same day shalt thou give him his wages, that the sun may not go down upon it; for he is poor, and his soul longeth for it; so that he may not cry against thee unto the Lord, and it be sin in thee. 16 Fathers shall not be put to death for the children, unto him in the presence of the elders, and pull his stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow shall it have in thy bag divers weights, a great and a small. be: in order that the Lord thy God may bless thee in 14 Thou shalt not have in thy house divers measures. olive-tree, thou shalt not go over the boughs again; shalt thou have, a perfect and just measure shalt thou for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow doth such things, every one that acteth unrighteously. shall it be. 22 And thou shalt remember that thou 17 Remember what 'Amalek did unto thee, by the way, command thee to do this thing:

25 If there be a controversy between men, and they come nigh unto a court of justice, and they judge them; and they justify the righteous, and condemn the wicked: 2 Then shall it be, if the quilty man deserve to be beaten, that the judge shall cause him to lie down, and to be beaten before his face, according to the degree of his fault, by a [certain] number. 3 Forty stripes may he give him, not more; so that he shall not exceed to have him beaten above these with too many stripes, and thy brother be thus rendered vile before thy eyes. 4 Thou shalt not muzzle the ox when he thresheth out the corn. 5 If brothers dwell together, and one of them die, and have no child: then shall the wife of the dead not be married abroad, unto a stranger; her husband's brother shall go in unto her, and take her to himself for wife, and perform the duty of a husband's brother unto her. 6 shall succeed in the name of his brother who is dead;

neither shall children be put to death for the fathers: shoe from off his foot, and spit out before him, and for his own sin shall every man be put to death. 17 shall commence and say. Thus shall be done unto Thou shalt not pervert the cause of the stranger, or that man that will not build up his brother's house. 10 of the fatherless; and thou shalt not take in pledge. And his name shall be called in Israel. The house the raiment of a widow; 18 But thou shalt remember of the barefooted. 11 When men strive together one that thou waste a bond-man in Egypt, and that the with the other, and the wife of the one draweth near Lord thy God redeemed thee thence; therefore do I to deliver her husband out of the hand of him that command thee to do this thing. 19 When thou cuttest smiteth him, and putteth forth her hand, and taketh down thy harvest in thy field, and forgettest a sheaf in him by the secrets: 12 Then shalt thou cut off her the field, thou shalt not go back to fetch it; for the hand, thy eye shall not have pity. 13 Thou shalt not all the work of thy hands. 20 When thou beatest thy a great and a small. 15 A perfect and just weight for the stranger, for the fatherless, and for the widow have; in order that thy days may be prolonged in the shall it be. 21 When thou gatherest the grapes of thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee; 16 For an vinevard, thou shalt not glean the small fruit afterward: abomination of the Lord thy God is every one that wast a bond-man in the land of Egypt; therefore do I at your coming 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 was faint and weary; and he feared not God. 19 And it shall come to pass, when the Lord thy God giveth thee rest from all thy enemies round about, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance to possess it, that thou shalt blot out the remembrance of 'Amalek from under the heavens: thou shalt not forget.

26 And it shall come to pass, when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and thou hast taken possession of it, and dwellest therein: 2 That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the soil, which thou shalt bring in from thy land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket; and thou shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God will choose to let his name dwell there. 3 And thou shalt come unto the priest that may be in those days, and thou And it shall be, that the first-born whom she may bear shalt say unto him, I give thanks this day unto the Lord thy God, that I am come into the land which the so that his name be not blotted out of Israel. 7 And Lord swore unto our fathers to give to us. 4 And the if the man have no desire to take his sister-in-law: priest shall take the basket out of thy hand, and set it then shall his sister-in-law go up to the gate unto the down before the altar of the Lord thy God. 5 And thou elders. and say, My husband's brother refuseth to shalt commence and say before the Lord thy God, A raise up unto his brother a name in Israel, he will not Syrian, wandering about, was my father, and he went perform on me the duty of a husband's brother. 8 down into Egypt, and sojourned there with a family Then shall the elders of his city call him, and speak few in number, and he became there a nation, great, unto him; and if he persist, and say, I have no desire mighty, and numerous. 6 And the Egyptians treated to take her: 9 Then shall his sister-in-law come nigh us ill, and afflicted us, and laid upon us hard labor; 7 And then we cried unto the Eternal, the God of our 27 And Moses with the elders of Israel fathers; and the Lord heard our voice, and looked on our affliction, and our trouble, and our oppression; commandment which I command you this day. 2 And 8 And the Lord brought us forth out of Egypt with it shall be on the day when ye pass over the Jordan a mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. with great terror, and with signs, and with wonders; 9 that thou shalt set up for thyself great stones, and And he brought us unto this place, and gave unto cover them with plaster; 3 And thou shalt write upon us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. 10 them all the words of this law, so soon as thou art And now, behold, I have brought the first of the fruits passed over; in order that thou mayest go in unto of the soil, which thou hast given me, O Lord; and the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, a land thou shalt set it down before the Lord thy God, and flowing with milk and honey; as the Lord, the God prostrate thyself before the Lord thy God; 11 And thou of thy fathers, hath spoken unto thee. 4 And it shall shalt rejoice with every good thing which the Lord be so soon as ye are gone over the Jordan, that ye thy God hath given unto thee, and unto thy house, shall set up these stones, which I command you this thou, with the Levite, and the stranger that is in the day, on mount 'Ebal; and thou shalt cover them with midst of thee. 12 When thou hast made an end of plaster. 5 And thou shalt build there an altar unto giving away all the tithe of thy produce in the third the Lord thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not year, the year of the tithing, and hast given it unto the lift up any iron tool upon them. 6 Of whole stones Levite, to the stranger, to the fatherless, and to the shalt thou build the altar of the Lord thy God; and widow, and they have eaten it within thy gates, and thou shalt offer thereupon burnt-offerings unto the are satisfied: 13 Then shalt thou say before the Lord Lord thy God; 7 And thou shalt slay peace-offerings, thy God, I have removed away the hallowed things and eat [them] there; and thou shalt rejoice before out of the house, and I have also given them unto the Lord thy God. 8 And thou shalt write upon the the Levite, and unto the stranger, to the fatherless, statues all the words of this law, very plainly. 9 And and to the widow, according to all thy commandment Moses with the priests, the Levites, spoke unto all which thou hast commanded me; I have not deviated Israel, saying, Be attentive, and hearken, O Israel! from thy commandments, and I have not forgotten; this day art thou become a people unto the Lord thy 14 I have not eaten thereof in my mourning, neither God. 10 Thou shalt therefore hearken to the voice of have I removed away aught thereof in an unclean the Lord thy God, and do his commandments and state, nor have I given aught thereof for the dead: I his statutes, which I command thee this day. 11 And have hearkened to the voice of the Lord my God, Moses commanded the people on the same day, I have done all, just as thou hast commanded me. saying, 12 These shall stand upon mount Gerizzim to 15 Look down from the habitation of thy holiness, bless the people, when ye are come over the Jordan: from the heavens, and bless thy people Israel, and Simeon, and Levi, and Judah, and Issachar, and the soil which thou hast given unto us, as thou hast Joseph, and Benjamin. 13 And these shall stand for sworn unto our fathers, a land flowing with milk and the sake of the curse upon mount 'Ebal: Reuben, honey. 16 This day the Lord thy God commandeth Gad, and Asher, and Zebulun, Dan, and Naphtali. 14 thee to do these statutes and ordinances; and thou And the Levites shall commence, and say unto all shalt keep and do them with all thy heart, and with all the men of Israel with a loud voice, 15 Cursed be thy soul. 17 Thou hast this day acknowledged the the man who maketh a graven or molten image, the Lord, that he is thy God, and that thou wilt walk in his abomination of the Lord, the work of the hands of the ways, and keep his statutes, and his commandments, craftsman, and putteth it in a secret place; and all and his ordinances, and hearken unto his voice; the people shall answer, and say, Amen. 16 Cursed 18 And the Lord hath acknowledged thee this day, be he that holdeth in light esteem his father or his that thou art unto him a peculiar people, as he hath mother; and all the people shall say, Amen. 17 Cursed spoken unto thee, and that thou shouldst keep all his be he that removeth the landmark of his neighbor; commandments; 19 So that he may set thee highest and all the people shall say, Amen. 18 Cursed be above all nations that he hath made, in praise, and in he that causeth the blind to wander out of the way: name, and in honor; and that thou mayest be a holy and all the people shall say, Amen. 19 Cursed be people unto the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken.

commanded the people, saying, Keep the whole he that perverteth the cause of the stranger, of the fatherless, and of the widow; and all the people shall say, Amen. 20 Cursed be he that lieth with his father's thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt only be wife; because he uncovereth his father's skirt; and all uppermost, and thou shalt not be beneath; if thou the people shall say, Amen. 21 Cursed be he that wilt hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy lieth with any manner of beast; and all the people God, which I command thee this day to observe and 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 left, to go after strange gods, to serve them. 15 But it cursed be he that lieth with his mother-in-law; and all shall come to pass, if thou wilt not hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to observe to do all his smiteth his neighbor secretly; and all the people shall say, Amen. 25 Cursed be he that taketh a bribe to slay a person, an innocent blood; and all the people shall say, Amen. 26 Cursed be he that executeth not the city, and cursed shalt thou be in the field. 17 the words of this law to do them; and all the people shall be thy basket and thy kneading-trough. Solution of the field say. Amen. 26 Cursed shall the people shall say, Amen. 27 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy body.

**28** And it shall come to pass, if thou wilt hearken diligently unto the voice of the Lord thy God. to observe to do all his commandments which I command thee this day, that the Lord thy God will set thee highest above all nations of the earth. 2 And all these blessings shall come upon thee, and overtake thee; because thou wilt hearken unto the voice of the Lord 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 cattle, the increase of thy cattle, and the young of thy flocks. 5 Blessed shall be thy basket and thy kneading-through. 6 Blessed shalt thou be at thy coming in, and blessed shalt thou be at thy going out. 7 The Lord will cause thy enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: on one way shall they come out against thee, and on seven ways shall they flee before thee. 8 The Lord will command upon thee the blessing in thy storehouse and in all the acquisitions of thy hand; and he trill bless thee in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee. 9 The Lord will raise thee up unto himself as a holy people, as he hath sworn unto thee; if thou wilt keep the commandments of the Lord thy God, and walk in his ways. 10 And all the nations of the earth shall see, that thou art called by the name of the Lord; and they shall be afraid of thee. 11 And the Lord will make thee pre-eminent 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 the Lord swore unto thy fathers to give unto thee. 12 The Lord will open unto thee his good treasure, the heaven, 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, but thou shalt not borrow. 13 And the Lord will constitute

18 Cursed shall be the fruit of thy body, and the fruit of thy land, the increase of thy cattle, and the young of the flocks. 19 Cursed shalt thou be at thy coming in, and cursed shalt thou be at thy going out. 20 The Lord will send out against thee misfortune, confusion, and failure, in all the occupation of thy hand which thou mayest engage in; until thou be destroyed, and until thou perish quickly; because of the wickedness of thy doings, that thou hast forsaken me. 21 The Lord will cause the pestilence to cleave unto thee, until it have consumed thee from off the land, whither thou goest to possess it. 22 The Lord will smite thee with consumption, and with fever, and with inflammation. and with extreme burning, and with drought, and with blasting, and with mildew; and they shall pursue thee until thou be lost. 23 And thy heavens that are over thy head shall be copper, and the earth that is under thee shall be iron. 24 The Lord will give as the rain of thy land powder and dust; from heaven shall it come down upon thee, until thou be destroyed. 25 The Lord will cause thee to be smitten before thy enemies: on one way shalt thou go out against them, and on seven ways shalt thou flee before them; and thou shalt become a horror unto all the kingdoms of the earth. 26 And thy carcass shall become food unto all the fowls of the heavens, and unto the beasts of the earth, but with no one to scare them away. 27 The Lord will smite thee with the inflammatory disease of Egypt, and with the hemorrhoids, and with the scab. and with the itch, whereof thou shalt not be able to be healed. 28 The Lord will sinite thee with madness. and with blindness, and with confusion of heart: 29 And thou shalt grope about at noonday, as the blind gropeth about in the darkness, and thou shalt not prosper in thy ways; and thou shalt be only oppressed and robbed all the days, but with no one to help. 30 A wife wilt thou betroth, and another man shall lie

with her; a house wilt thou build, and thou shalt not thing; and they will put a yoke of iron upon thy neck, dwell therein; a vineyard wilt thou plant, and thou until they have destroyed thee. 49 The Lord will bring shalt not redeem it. 31 Thy ox shall be slain before up against thee a nation from afar, from the end of thy eyes, and thou shalt not eat thereof; thy ass shall the earth, as the eagle rusheth down; a nation whose be violently taken away from before thy face, and tongue thou wilt not understand; 50 A nation of a shall not be brought back to thee; thy sheep shall be fierce countenance, that will not have respect for the given unto thy enemies, without any one to help thee. old, nor show favor to the young; 51 And it will eat 32 Thy sons and thy daughters shall be given unto the fruit of thy cattle, and the fruit of thy soil, until another people, and thy eyes shall look on, and fail thou be destroyed; so that it will not leave unto thee with longing for them all the day long; but without any corn, wine, or oil, the increase of thy cattle, or the power in thy hand. 33 The fruit of thy soil, and all thy young of thy flocks, until it have ruined thee. 52 And exertion, shall a nation which thou knowest not eat it will besiege thee in all thy gates, until thy high up; and thou shalt only be oppressed and crushed all and strong walls come down, wherein thou trustest, the days. 34 And thou shalt become mad from the throughout all thy land; and it will besiege thee in sight of thy eyes which thou wilt see. 35 The Lord will all thy gates throughout all thy land, which the Lord smite thee with a sore inflammation upon the knees, thy God hath given thee. 53 And thou shalt eat the and upon the legs, of which thou shalt not be able to fruit of thy own body, the flesh of thy sons and of be healed, from the sole of thy foot unto the top of thy daughters, whom the Lord thy God hath given thy head. 36 The Lord will drive thee, and thy king thee, in the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith whom thou wilt set over thee, unto a nation which thy enemy will distress thee. 54 The man that is the neither thou nor thy fathers have known; and thou wilt most tender among thee, and who is very delicate, serve there strange gods, of wood and stone. 37 And —his eye shall look enviously toward his brother, and thou shalt become an astonishment, a proverb, and a toward the wife of his bosom, and toward the remnant by-word, among all the nations whither the Lord will of his children whom he may spare; 55 So as not to lead thee. 38 Much seed wilt thou carry out into the give to any of them of the flesh of his children which field, yet but little shalt thou gather in; for the locust he may eat; because there is nothing left unto him, in shall consume it. 39 Vineyards wilt thou plant and the siege, and in the straitness, wherewith thy enemy dress; but wine shalt thou not drink nor lay up; for the will distress thee in all thy gates. 56 The woman. worms shall eat them. 40 Olive-trees wilt thou have the most tender among thee, and the most delicate, throughout all thy borders; but with the oil shalt thou who hath never adventured to set the sole of her foot not anoint thyself; for thy olive shall cast the fruit. 41 upon the ground for delicateness and tenderness, Sons and daughters wilt thou beget; but they shall —her eye shall look enviously toward the husband not remain thine: for they shall go into captivity. 42 All of her bosom, and toward her son, and toward her thy trees and the fruit of thy land shall the cricket strip daughter, 57 And toward her young one that is come bare. 43 The stranger that is in the midst of thee shall from between her feet, and toward her children which get up above thee higher and higher; but thou shalt she hath born; for she shall eat them for want of come down lower and lower; 44 He shall lend to thee, every thing secretly, in the siege and in the straitness, and thou shalt not lend to him; he shall become the wherewith thy enemy will distress thee in thy gates. head, and thou shalt become the tail. 45 And there 58 If thou wilt not observe to do all the words of this shall come upon thee all these curses, and they shall law which are written in this book; to fear this glorious pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; and fearful name, the Lord thy God: 59 Then will the because thou didst not hearken unto the voice of the Lord render peculiar thy plagues, and the plagues of Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his thy seed, plaques great, and of long continuance, statutes which he hath commanded thee; 46 And they and sicknesses sore, and of long continuance. 60 shall remain on thee for a sign and for a token, and on And he will bring back upon thee all the diseases thy seed, for ever. 47 For the reason that thou didst of Egypt, of which thou wast afraid; and they shall not serve the Lord thy God with joyfulness, and with cleave unto thee. 61 Also every sickness, and every gladness of heart, while there was an abundance of plaque which is not written in the book of this law, will all things; 48 Therefore shalt thou serve thy enemies the Lord bring upon thee, until thou be destroyed. 62 whom the Lord will send out against thee, in hunger, And ye shall be left but few in number, instead of that and in thirst, and in nakedness, and in want of every ye once were as the stars of heaven for multitude; because thou didst not hearken unto the voice of the words of this covenant, and do them, that ve may Lord thy God. 63 And it shall come to pass, that, prosper in all that ye do. 10 Ye are standing this day, as the Lord rejoiced over you to do you good, and all of you, before the Lord your God; your heads to multiply you, so will the Lord rejoice over you to of your tribes, your elders, and your officers, all the bring you to nought, and to destroy you; and ye shall men of Israel. 11 Your little ones, your wives, and thy be plucked from off the land whither thou goest to stranger that is in the midst of thy camp, from the possess it. 64 And the Lord will scatter thee among hewer of thy wood unto the drawer of thy water: 12 all the nations, from one end of the earth even unto. That thou shouldst enter into the covenant of the Lord the other end of the earth; and there wilt thou serve thy God, and into his oath of denunciation, which strange gods, which neither thou nor thy fathers have the Lord thy God maketh with thee this day. 13 In known, even wood and stone. 65 And among these order to raise thee up today unto himself for a people, nations shalt thou find no ease, and there shall not and that he may be unto thee a God, as he hath be any rest for the sole of thy foot; and the Lord will spoken unto thee, and as he hath sworn unto thy give thee there a trembling heart, and a failing of fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob. 14 And eves, and a faintness of soul. 66 And thy life shall not with you alone do I make this covenant and this hang in doubt before thee; and thou shalt be in dread oath; 15 But with him that is standing here with us day and night, and thou shalt have no confidence of this day before the Lord our God, and with him that thy life: 67 In the morning thou wilt say. Who would is not here with us this day. 16 (For ye know how but grant that it were only evening! and at evening we dwelt in the land of Egypt; and how we passed thou wilt say, Who would but grant that it were only through the nations through which ye have passed; morning! from the dread of thy heart which thou wilt 17 And ye saw their abominations, and their idols, of experience, and from the sight of thy eyes which thou wood and stone, silver and gold, which they had with wilt see. 68 And the Lord will bring thee back to Egypt them; ) 18 So that there may not be among you a in ships, by the way whereof I have spoken unto thee, man, or a woman, or a family, or a tribe, whose heart Thou shalt no more see it again: and there will ye turneth away this day from the Lord our God, to go to offer yourselves for sale unto your enemies for bond-serve the gods of these nations; that there may not men and bond-women, without any one to buy you.

**20** These are the words of the covenant, which the Lord commanded Moses to make with the children of Israel in the land of Moab, besides the covenant which he had made with them in Horeb. 2 And Moses called unto all Israel, and said unto them, Ye vourselves have seen all that the Lord hath done before your eyes in the land of Egypt unto Pharaoh, and unto all his servants, and unto all his land; 3 The great proofs which thy eyes have seen, those great signs, and miracles: 4 Yet the Lord gave you not a heart to perceive, and eyes to see, and ears to hear, until this day. 5 And I have led you forty years in the wilderness; your clothes did not fall worn out from off you, and thy shoe did not fall worn out from off thy foot. 6 Bread have ye not eaten, and wine or strong drink have ye not drunk; in order that ye might understand that I am the Lord your God. 7 And when ye came unto this place, Sichon the king of Cheshbon, and 'Og the king of Bashan went 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 Menassites. 9 Keep ye therefore the

be among you a root that beareth abundantly poison and wormwood. 19 And it might come to pass, when he heareth the words of this denunciation, that he would bless himself in his heart, saying, There will be peace unto me, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart; in order that the indulgence of the passions may appease the thirst [for them]: 20 The Lord will not pardon him; but then the anger of the Lord and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and there shall rest upon him all the curse that is written in this book: and the Lord will blot out his name from under the heavens. 21 And the Lord will single him out unto evil out of all the tribes of Israel, according to all the denunciations of the covenant which is written in this book of the law. 22 And the latest generation, your children that will rise up after you, and the stranger that will come from a far land, will say, when they see the plagues of that land, and its sufferings with which the Lord hath smitten it; 23 [That] the whole soil thereof is brimstone, and salt, and a burning waste, which is not sown, and beareth not, and in which no kind of grass springeth up, like the overthrow of Sodom, and Gomorrah, Admah, and Zeboyim, which the Lord overthrew in his anger, and in his wrath: — 24 Even all the nations will say, Wherefore hath the

this great anger? 25 Then shall men say, Because which I command thee this day, is not hidden from they had forsaken the covenant of the Lord, the God thee, nor is it far off. 12 It is not in heaven; that thou of their fathers, which he made with them when he shouldst say. Who will go up for us to heaven, and brought them forth out of the land of Egypt; 26 And fetch it down unto us, and cause us to hear it, that we they went and served other gods, and bowed down may do it? 13 Neither is it beyond the sea; that thou to them, gods which they knew not, and which he shouldst say, Who will go over the sea for us, and had not assigned unto them; 27 And the anger of the fetch it unto us, and cause us to hear it, that we may Lord was kindled against this land, to bring upon it do it! 14 But the word is very nigh unto thee, in thy the entire curse that is written in this book; 28 And the mouth, and in thy heart, that thou mayest do it. 15 Lord plucked them out of their land in anger, and in See, I have set before thee this day life and the good, wrath, and in great indignation, and he cast them into death and the evil: 16 In that I command thee this another land, as it is this day. 29 The secret things day to love the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, belong unto the Lord our God; but those things which and to keep his commandments and his statutes and are publicly known belong unto us and to our children his ordinances: that thou mayest live and multiply: for ever, to do all the words of this 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 reflectest on them in thy heart among all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath driven thee, 2 So that thou returnest unto the Lord thy God, and hearkenest unto his voice according to all that I command this day, thou and thy children, with all thy heart, and with all thy soul: 3 That then the Lord thy God will restore thy captivity, and have mercy upon thee; and he will again gather thee from all the nations, whither the Lord thy God hath scattered thee. 4 If thy outcasts be at the outmost parts of heaven, from there will the Lord thy God gather thee, and from there will he fetch thee: 5 And the Lord thy God will bring thee into the land which thy fathers possessed, and thou shalt possess it; and he will do thee good, and multiply thee above thy fathers. 6 And the Lord thy God will circumcise thy heart, and the heart of thy seed, to love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, in order that thou mayest live. 7 And the Lord thy God will put all these denunciations upon thy enemies, and on those that hate thee, who have persecuted thee. 8 And thou wilt return and hearken unto the voice of the Lord, and thou wilt do all his commandments which I command thee this day. 9 And the Lord thy God will make thee pre-eminent in every work of thy hand, in the fruit of thy body, and in the fruit of thy cattle. and in the fruit of thy land, for good; for the Lord will again rejoice over thee for good, as he rejoiced over thy fathers; 10 If thou wilt hearken unto the voice of the Lord thy God, to keep his commandments and his statutes which are written in this book of the law; if thou wilt return unto the Lord thy God with all thy goeth with thee; he will not let thee fail, nor forsake

Lord done thus unto this land? whence the heat of heart, and with all thy soul. 11 For this commandment and that the Lord thy God may bless thee in the land whither thou goest to possess it. 17 But if thy heart turn away, so that thou wilt not hearken, and thou sufferest thyself to be drawn away, and thou bowest down to other gods, and servest them: 18 I announce unto you this day, that ye shall surely perish; ye shall not remain many days upon the land, whither thou passest over the Jordan to go thither to possess it. 19 I call heaven and earth as witnesses against you this day, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse; therefore choose thou life, in order that thou mayest live, both thou and thy seed; 20 To love the Lord thy God, to hearken to 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 the Lord swore unto thy fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give unto them.

**31** And Moses went and spoke these words unto all Israel. 2 And he said unto them, I am a hundred and twenty years old this day; I am not able any more to go out and come in; for the Lord hath said unto me, Thou shalt not go over this Jordan. 3 The Lord thy God it is who goeth over before thee; he will destroy these nations from before thee, and thou shalt dispossess them: Joshua it is who goeth over before thee, as the Lord hath spoken. 4 And the Lord will do unto them as he hath done to Sichon and to 'Og, the kings of the Emorites, and unto their land, whom he hath destroyed. 5 And the Lord will give them up before you; and ye shall do unto them according unto the whole of the commandment which I have commanded you. 6 Be strong and of a good courage, be not afraid and be not dismayed on account of them; for the Lord thy God it is that thee, 7 And Moses called unto Joshua, and said unto for me a witness against the children of Israel, 20 him before the eyes of all Israel, Be strong and of For when I shall have brought them into the land a good courage; for thou must go with this people which I have sworn unto their fathers, that floweth unto the land which the Lord hath sworn unto their with milk and honey; and they shall have eaten and fathers to give unto them; and thou shalt divide it for filled themselves, and grown fat; then will they turn them as a possession. 8 And the Lord it is that goeth unto other gods, and serve them, and provoke me, before thee; he will be with thee, he will not let thee and break my covenant. 21 And it shall come to pass, fail, nor will he forsake thee; fear not, nor be thou when many evils and troubles have befallen them. discouraged. 9 And Moses wrote down this law, and that this song shall testify against them as a witness; delivered it unto the priests the sons of Levi, who for it shall not be forgotten out of the mouth of their bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and unto seed; for I know their inclination which they have all the elders of Israel. 10 And Moses commanded shown, even this day, before I have brought them into them, saving. At the end of [every] seven years, at the land which I have sworn, 22 And Moses wrote the fixed time of the year of release, on the feast down this song on the same day, and taught it the of tabernacles. 11 When all Israel come to appear children of Israel. 23 And he gave a charge unto before the Lord thy God in the place which he will Joshua the son of Nun, and said. Be strong and of choose, shalt thou read this law in the presence of a good courage; for thou shalt bring the children of all Israel in their hearing. 12 Assemble the people Israel into the land which I have sworn unto them: together, the men, and the women, and the children, and I will be with thee. 24 And it came to pass, when and thy stranger that is within thy gates; in order that Moses had made an end of writing the words of this they may hear, and in order that they may learn how law in a book, until they were finished, 25 That Moses they are to fear the Lord your God, and observe to do commanded the Levites, the bearers of the ark of the all the words of this law: 13 And that their children, covenant of the Lord, saving, 26 Take this book of the who have not yet any knowledge, may hear, and learn law, and put it at the side of the ark of the covenant of to fear the Lord your God, all the days which ye live the Lord your God, that it may remain there against in the land whither ve go over the Jordan to possess, thee for a witness, 27 For I know thy rebellion, and it. 14 And the Lord said unto Moses, Behold, thy days thy stiff neck; behold, while I am yet alive with you approach that thou must die: call Joshua, and place this day, have ve been rebellious against the Lord. yourselves in the tabernacle of the congregation, that and how much more after my death? 28 Assemble I may give him a charge: and Moses and Joshua unto me all the elders of your tribes, and your officers; went, and placed themselves in the tabernacle of and I will speak in their ears these words, and I will the congregation. 15 And the Lord appeared in the call as witnesses against them the heavens and the tabernacle in a pillar of cloud; and the pillar of cloud earth, 29 For I know that after my death ve will to a stood at the door of the tabernacle. 16 And the Lord surety become corrupt, and turn aside from the way said unto Moses, Behold, thou shalt sleep with thy which I have commanded you; and that the evil will fathers: and then will this people rise up, and go befall you in the latter days, when ye do the evil in astray after the gods of the strangers of the land, the eyes of the Lord, to incense him through the work whither they go to be in the midst of them, and they of your hands, 30 And Moses spoke in the ears of all will forsake me, and break my covenant which I have the congregation of Israel the words of this song, until made with them. 17 And my anger shall be kindled they were ended. against them on that day, and I will forsake them, and I will hide my face from them, and they shall be given to be devoured, and many evils and troubles shall overtake them; and they will say on that day. Is it not, because my God is not in the midst of me, that these evils have overtaken me? 18 But I will assuredly hide my face on that day on account of all the evils which they have wrought, because they have turned unto other gods. 19 Now therefore write ve for vourselves this song, and teach it the children of Israel, put it in their mouth; in order that this song may become

32 Give ear, O 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 heavy rains upon the grass, and as showers upon herbs. 3 When I call on the name of the Lord, ascribe ye greatness unto our God. 4 He is the Rock, his work is perfect; for all his ways are just: the God of truth and without iniquity, just and upright is he. 5 The corruption is not his, it is the defect of his children, of the perverse and crooked generation. 6 Will ye thus requite the Lord, O people, worthless and bitter deadly disease; also the tooth of beasts will I let

unwise? is he not thy father who hath bought thee? loose against them, with the poison of serpents that is it not he who hath made thee, and established crawl in the dust. 25 Without shall the sword destroy, thee? 7 Remember the days of old, consider the and terror within the chambers, both the young man vears of former generations; ask thy father, and he and the virgin, the suckling with the man of gray hairs. will tell thee; thy elders, and they will say it unto thee: 26 I said, I would drive them into one corner, I would 8 When the Most High divided to the nations their cause their remembrance to cease from among men: inheritance, when he separated the sons of man: he 27 Were it not that I feared the wrath of the enemy, set the bounds of the tribes according to the number lest their oppressors should mistake the truth, lest of the sons of Israel. 9 For the portion of the Lord they should say, Our hand is high, and the Lord hath is his people; Jacob is the lot of his inheritance. 10 not wrought all this. 28 For a nation void of counsel He found him in a desert land, and in the waste of are they, and there is no understanding in them. 29 If the howling of the wilderness; he encircled him, he they were but wise, they would understand this, they watched him, he guarded him as the apple of his eye. would consider their latter end! 30 How should one 11 As an eagle stirreth up his nest, fluttereth over his chase a thousand, and two put ten thousand to flight. young, spreadeth abroad his wings, seizeth them, unless their Rock had sold them, and the Lord had beareth them aloft on his pinions: 12 So did the Lord delivered them up? 31 For not as our Rock is their alone lead him, and there was not with him a stranger rock, even our enemies themselves being judges. 32 god. 13 He caused him to stride on the high places of For from the vine of Sodom is their vine, and from the the earth, and he ate the products of the fields; and fields of Gomorrah; their grapes are grapes of gall, he made him to suck honey out of the rock, and oil they bear bitter clusters. 33 The poison of serpents out of the flinty stone; 14 Cream of cows, and milk is their wine, and the deadly venom of asps. 34 of sheep, with fat of lambs, and rams of the breed Behold! this is laid up in store with me, it is sealed of Bashan, and goats, with the fat of the kidneys of up among my treasures! 35 Mine are vengeance wheat; and of the blood of the grape thou drunkest and recompense, at the time that their foot shall slip; unmixed wine. 15 Thus did Yeshurun grow fat, and he for nigh draweth the day of their calamity, and the kicked; [thou art grown fat, thick, fleshy; ] and then he future speedeth along for them. 36 For the Lord will forsook the God who made him, and lightly esteemed espouse the cause of his people, and bethink himself the Rock of his salvation. 16 They incensed him with concerning his servants: when he seeth that their strange gods, with abominations they provoked him power is gone, and the guarded and fortified axe no to anger. 17 They sacrificed unto evil spirits, things more. 37 Then will he say, Where are their gods, the that are not god, gods that they know not, new ones rock in whom they trusted, 38 They that ate the fat lately come up, which your fathers dreaded not. 18 Of of their sacrifices, and drank the wine of their drinkthe Rock that begat thee thou wast unmindful, and offerings? let them arise and help you, let them be a forgottest the God that had brought thee forth. 19 protection over you. 39 See now that I, even I, am he, And the Lord saw this, and he was angry; because ard there is no god with me: I alone kill, and I make of the provoking of his sons and of his daughters. alive; I wound, and I heal; and no one can deliver out 20 And he said, I will hide my face from them, I will of my hand. 40 For I lift up my hand to heaven, and see what their end will be; for a perverse generation say, I live for ever. 41 When I whet my glittering sword, are they, children in whom there is no faith. 21 They and my hand taketh hold on judgment: I will render have moved me to wrath with things that are not god; vengeance unto my enemies, and those that hate they have provoked me to anger with their vanities; me will I requite. 42 I will make my arrows drunken and I too will move them to jealousy with those which with blood, and my sword shall devour flesh; from are not a people; I will provoke them to anger with the blood of the slain and of the captives, from the a worthless nation. 22 For a fire is kindled in my crushed head of the enemy. 43 Speak aloud, O ye anger, and it burneth unto the lowest deep; and it nations, the praises of his people; for he will avenge consumeth the earth with her products, and it setteth the blood of his servants, and vengeance will he on fire the foundations of the mountains. (Sheol h7585) render to his adversaries, and forgive his land, and 23 I will heap upon them miseries; all my arrows will people. 44 And Moses came and spoke all the words I spend upon them. 24 They shall be wasted with of this song in the ears of the people, he, and Hoshea hunger, and devoured with burning heat, and with the son of Nun. 45 And when Moses had made an end of speaking all these words to all Israel: 46 He, the work of his hands; crush the loins of those that 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. The Lord came from Sinai, and rose up from Seir unto them; he shone forth from mount Paran, and he came from among myriads of saints; from his right hand he gave a fiery law unto them. 3 Yea, thou also lovedst the tribes; all their saints were in thy hand; and they, prostrate before thy feet, received thy words. 4 "The law which Moses commanded us, is the inheritance of the congregation of Jacob." 5 Thus became he king in Yeshurun, when the heads of the people were assembled, as one the tribes of Israel. 6 May Reuben live, and not die; and may not his men be few. 7 And this is [the blessing] of Judah, and he said. Hear. Lord, the voice of Judah. and bring him unto his people: let the power of his hands contend for him; and be thou a help to him from his adversaries. 8 And of Levi he said. Thy Thummim and thy Urim are with thy holy man, whom thou didst prove at Massah, and with whom thou didst strive at the waters of Meribah: 9 Who said of his father and of his mother, I have not seen him; and who did not acknowledge his brothers, nor regarded his own children: for they observe thy word, and thy covenant they keep. 10 They shall teach thy ordinances unto Jacob, and thy law unto Israel: they shall put incense before thee, and whole burnt-sacrifice upon thy altar. 11 Bless, O Lord, his substance, and receive favorably

said unto them, Set your hearts unto all the words rise up against him, and those that hate him, that which I testify against you this day, so that we may they cannot rise again, 12 And of Benjamin he said. command them your children, to observe to do all the The beloved of the Lord [is he], he shall dwell in words of this law, 47 For it is not a vain word for you; safety by him; he will shield him all the day long, and on the contrary, it is your life; and through this word between his shoulders will he dwell. 13 And of Joseph shall ye live many days in the land, whither ye go over he said, Blessed of the Lord be his land, through the the Jordan to possess it. 48 And the Lord spoke unto precious gift of heaven, through the dew, and through Moses on that self-same day, saying, 49 Get thee the deep that coucheth beneath, 14 And through the up into this mountain of 'Abarim, unto mount Nebo, precious fruits brought forth by the sun, and through which is in the land of Moab, that is in front of Jericho; the precious things put forth by the moon, 15 And and behold the land of Canaan, which I give unto the through the best things of the ancient mountains, and children of Israel for a possession: 50 And die on the through the precious things of the everlasting hills. 16 mount whither thou goest up, and be gathered unto. And through the precious things of the earth and its thy people; as Aaron thy brother died on mount Hor, fulness, and through the goodwill of him that dwelt and was gathered unto his people; 51 Because ye in the thorn-bush: may this blessing come upon the trespassed against me in the midst of the children of head of Joseph, and upon the crown of the head of Israel at the waters of contention at Kadesh, in the him that was separated from his brothers. 17 His wilderness of Zin: because ve sanctified me not in the first-born steer is adorned with glory, and his horns midst of the children of Israel. 52 For from afar shalt are like the horns of reem; with them shall be push thou see the land; but thither shalt thou not go unto nations together to the ends of the earth: and they are the myriads of Ephraim, and they are the thousands of Menasseh. 18 And of Zebulun he said. Reioice. Zebulun, in thy going out; and, Issachar, in thy tents, 19 They will call the tribes unto the mountain: there will they offer sacrifices of righteousness; for they will suck the abundance of the seas, and the treasures hid in the sand. 20 And of Gad he said. Blessed be he that enlargeth Gad: like a lioness lieth he down, and teareth off the arm with the crown of the head. 21 And he provided the first part for himself, because there is the field of the law-giver, of the hidden; and he went forth at the head of the people; he executed the justice of the Lord, and his judgments with Israel. 22 And of Dan he said. Dan is a lion's whelp, that leapeth forth from Bashan. 23 And of Naphtali he said. O Naphtali, satisfied with favor, and full of the blessing of the Lord, take thou possession of the west and the south. 24 And of Asher he said. More than [all] the children be Asher blessed: he shall be the most favored of his brethren, and bathe his foot in oil. 25 Iron and copper shall be thy bolts; and as thy [younger] days so shall thy old age be. 26 There is none like unto the God of Yeshurun, who rideth to help thee upon the heavens, and in his excellency upon the skies. 27 Thy refuge is the eternal God, and here beneath, the everlasting arms; and he thrust out the enemy from before thee: and he said. Destroy. 28 And then dwelt Israel in safety, alone, the fountain of Jacob: in a land of corn and wine: also its heavens shall drop down dew. 29 Happy art thou, O Israel!

who is like unto thee, O people, saved by the Lord, the Shield of thy help, and who is the Sword of thy excellency! and thy enemies shall fawn upon thee; and thou shalt tread upon their high-places.

34 And Moses went up from the plains of Moab unto the mount of Nebo, to the top of Pisgah, that is before Jericho: and the Lord showed him all the land [from] Gil'ad unto Dan. 2 And all Naphtali. and the land of Ephraim, and Menasseh, and all the land of Judah, unto the western sea. 3 And the south, and the plain, the valley of Jericho, the city of palmtrees, unto Zoar. 4 And the Lord said unto him, This is the land which I swore unto Abraham, unto Isaac. and unto Jacob, saying, Unto thy seed will I give it: I have let thee see it with thy eyes, but thither shalt thou not go over. 5 And Moses the servant of the Lord died there in the land of Moab, according to the order of the Lord. 6 And he buried him in the valley in the land of Moab, opposite Beth-peor; but no man knoweth of his sepulchre unto this day. 7 And Moses was a hundred and twenty years old when he died: his eve was not dimmed, and his natural force had not abated. 8 And the children of Israel wept for Moses in the plains of Moab thirty days; and then were ended the days of weeping and mourning for Moses. 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 the Lord had commanded Moses. 10 And there arose not a prophet since then in Israel like unto Moses, whom the Lord knew face to face, 11 In respect to all the signs and the wonders, which the Lord had sent him to do in the land of Egypt to Pharaoh, and to all his servants, and to all his land, 12 And in respect to all that mighty hand, and in all the great terrific deeds which Moses displayed before the eyes of all Israel.

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1 And it came to pass after the death of Moses, the servant of the Lord, that the Lord spoke unto Joshua the son of Nun, the minister of Moses, saying, 2 Moses my servant is dead: now therefore arise. pass over this Jordan, thou, and all this people, unto the land which I do give to them, to the children of Israel. 3 Every place that the sole of your foot shall tread upon, that have I given unto you, as I said 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 boundary. 5 No man shall be able to stand up before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so will I be with thee: I will not let thee fail, nor forsake thee. 6 Be strong and of a good courage; for thou shalt divide for an inheritance unto this people the land, which I swore unto their fathers to give to them. 7 Only be thou strong and very courageous, to observe to do according to all the law, which Moses my servant hath commanded thee: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left; in order that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest. 8 This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night, in order that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein; for then shalt thou make thy way prosperous, and then shalt thou have good success. 9 Behold, I have commanded thee. Be strong and of good courage: be not dismayed, neither be thou discouraged; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest. 10 Then Joshua commanded the officers of the people, saying, 11 Pass through the midst of the camp, and command the people, saving, Prepare vourselves provisions; for after only three days more ve shall pass over this Jordan, to go in to possess the land, which the Lord your God giveth you, to possess it. 12 And to the Reubenites, and to the Gadites, and to half the tribe of Menasseh, spoke Joshua, saying, 13 Remember the word which Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, saying. The Lord your God hath granted you rest, and hath given you this land; 14 Your wives, your little ones, and your cattle, shall remain in the land which Moses gave you on this side of the Jordan; but ye shall pass over armed before your brethren, all the mighty men of valor, and help them; 15 Until the Lord shall have granted your brethren rest, as he hath done to you, and they

also have taken possession of the land which the Lord your God giveth them: then shall ye return unto the land of your possession, and possess it, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave you on this side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun. 16 And they answered Joshua, saying, All that thou hast commanded us will we do, and whithersoever thou wilt send us will we go. 17 Entirely so as we have hearkened unto Moses, thus will we hearken unto thee: only the Lord thy God be with thee, as he was with Moses. 18 Every man that doth rebel against thy order, and will not hearken unto thy words in all that thou mayest command him, shall be put to death: only be strong and of a good courage.

2 And Joshua, the son of Nun, had sent out from Shittim two men as spies, secretly, saying, Go ve. view the land and especially Jericho: and they went, and came unto the house of a woman, a harlot, whose name was Rachab, and they lodged there. 2 And it was told unto the king of Jericho, saying, Behold, men came in hither this night, of the children of Israel, to search out the country. 3 And the king of Jericho sent to Rachab, saying, Bring forth the men who are come to thee, who came to thy house; for, to search out all the country are they come. 4 But the woman had taken the two men, and hidden them; and she said, It is true, the men came unto me, but I knew not whence they were. 5 And it came to pass, about the time of shutting the gate, when it was dark, that the men went out: I know not whither the men are gone: pursue quickly after them, for ye can overtake them. 6 But she had brought them up to the roof, and had hidden them among the stalks of flax, which she had laid in order upon the roof. 7 And the men pursued after them, by the way to the Jordan unto the fords; and the gate was closed, as soon as those who pursued after them were gone out. 8 But they had not yet laid themselves down, when she came up unto them upon the roof. 9 And she said unto them. I know that the Lord hath given you the land, and that the terror of you hath fallen upon us, and that all the inhabitants of the land are become faint-hearted, because of you. 10 For we have heard, how that the Lord dried up the waters of the Red Sea before you, when ye went forth out of Egypt; and what ye have done unto the two kings of the Emorites, who were on the other side of the Jordan, unto Sichon and 'Og, whom ye have utterly destroyed. 11 And when we heard this, our heart melted, and there remained not any more courage in

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3 And Joshua rose early in the morning; and they broke up from Shittim, and came close to the Jordan, he and all the children of Israel; and they

any man, because of you; for the Lord your God is lodged there before they passed over. 2 And it came alone God in the heavens above, and upon the earth to pass at the end of three days, that the officers beneath. 12 And now swear, I pray you, unto me by passed through the midst of the camp. 3 And they the Lord, because I have shown you kindness, that commanded the people, saving. When we see the ye will also, for your part, show kindness, unto my ark of the covenant of the Lord your God, and the father's house; and give me a sure token. 13 That ye priests the Levites bearing it, then shall ye break up will preserve the life of my father, and my mother, from your place, and go after it. 4 Nevertheless there and my brothers, and my sisters, and all that they shall be a space between you and it, of about two have, and deliver our lives from death. 14 And the thousand cubits by measure: come not near unto it, men said unto her, Our life shall be [doomed] to death in order that ye may know the way by which ye must instead of yours, if ye tell not this our business; and it qo; for ye have not passed this way heretofore. 5 And shall be, when the Lord giveth us the land, that we Joshua said unto the people, Sanctify yourselves; for will show thee kindness and truth. 15 Then she let tomorrow will the Lord do wonders in the midst of you. them down by a cord through the window; for her 6 And Joshua said unto the priests, as followeth, Take house was within the town wall, and within the wall up the ark of the covenant, and pass over before the she dwelt. 16 And she said unto them, Get you to people. And they took up the ark of the covenant, the mountain, lest the pursuers meet with you; and and went before the people. 7 And the Lord said unto hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers. Joshua, This day will I begin to make thee great in be returned; and afterward ye may go your way. 17 the eyes of all Israel, that they may know that, as I And the men said unto her, We will be blameless of was with Moses, so will I be with thee. 8 And thou this thy oath which thou hast caused us to swear. shalt command the priests that bear the ark of the 18 Behold, when we come into the land, this line of covenant, saying, When ye are come to the brink scarlet thread shalt thou bind in the window by which of the waters of the Jordan, ye shall stand still in thou hast let us down; and thy father, and thy mother, the Jordan. 9 And Joshua said unto the children of and thy brothers, and all thy father's household, thou Israel, Approach hither, and hear the words of the must bring together unto thee into the house. 19 And Lord your God. 10 And Joshua said, Hereby shall ye it shall be, that whosoever will go out of the doors know that the living God is in the midst of you, and of thy house into the street, his blood shall be upon that he will without fail drive out from before you the his head, and we will be guiltless; and whosoever Canaanites, and the Hittites, and the Hivites, and the will remain with thee in the house, his blood shall Perizzites, and the Girgashites, and the Emorites, be on our head, if a hand be laid upon him. 20 And and the Jebusites. 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant if thou tell this our business, then will we be free of of the Lord of all the earth passeth over before you thy oath which thou hast caused us to swear. 21 into the Jordan. 12 And now take yourselves twelve And she said, According unto your words, so be it; men out of the tribes of Israel, one man each out of and she dismissed them, and they departed; and every tribe. 13 And it shall come to pass, that as soon she bound the scarlet line in the window. 22 And as the soles of the feet of the priests that bear the they went, and came unto the mountain, and they ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in remained there three days, until the pursuers were the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan returned; and the pursuers sought throughout all the shall be cut off, namely, the waters that come down way, but found nothing. 23 And the two men returned, from above; and they shall stand up as a wall. 14 and descended from the mountain, and passed over. And it came to pass, when the people broke up from and came to Joshua the son of Nun, and related to their tents, to pass over the Jordan, and the priests him all the things that had befallen them. 24 And they the bearers of the ark of the covenant were before said unto Joshua, Truly the Lord hath given up into the people; 15 And as they that bore the ark were our hand all the country; for all the inhabitants of the come up to the Jordan, and the feet of the priests that country are already become faint-hearted because of bore the ark were dipped in the edge of the water, [the Jordan, however, had overflowed all its banks all the time of harvest, 1 16 That the waters which came down from above stood still and rose up as a wall, very far from the city Adam, which is beside Zarethan; and those that ran down toward the sea of

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all the people had finished passing over the Jordan.

▲ And it came to pass, when all the people had finished passing over the Jordan, That the Lord said unto Joshua, as followeth. 2 Take vourselves twelve men out of the people, one man each out of every tribe, 3 And command ye them, saying, Take yourselves hence out of the midst of the Jordan, out of the place where the priests' feet stood firmly, twelve stones, and ye shall carry them over with you, and leave them in the lodging-place, where ye will lodge this night. 4 Then did Joshua call the twelve men. whom he had appointed out of the children of Israel, one man each out of every tribe: 5 And Joshua said unto them. Pass over before the ark of the Lord your God into the midst of the Jordan, and take yourselves up every man one stone upon his shoulder, according unto the number of the tribes of the children of Israel; 6 In order that this may be a sign among you, when your children ask in time to come, saying, What mean ye by these stones? 7 That ye shall answer them, That the waters of the Jordan were cut off before the ark of the covenant of the Lord; when it passed over the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan were cut off; and these stones shall be for a memorial unto the children of Israel for ever. 8 And the children of Israel did so as Joshua had commanded; and they took up twelve stones out of the midst of the Jordan, as the Lord had spoken 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. 9 Twelve stones also did Joshua set up in the midst of the Jordan, on the spot where the feet of the priests who bore the ark of the covenant had stood: and they have remained there unto this day. 10 But the priests who bore the ark stood in the midst of the Jordan, until every thing was finished that the Lord had commanded Joshua to speak unto the people, according to all that Moses had commanded Joshua; and the people hastened and passed over. 11 And it came to pass, when all the people had finished passing over, that the ark of the Lord passed over with the priests in the presence of the people. 12 And the children of Reuben, and the children of Gad. and the half tribe of Menasseh, passed over armed all the people that came out were circumcised; but all

the plain, the salt sea, failed, were cut off; and the before the children of Israel, as Moses had spoken people passed over opposite to Jericho. 17 And the unto them: 13 About forty thousand ready armed for priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord war, did they pass over before the Lord unto battle. stood firm on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, to the plains of Jericho, 14 On that day the Lord and all the Israelites passed over on dry ground, until made Joshua great in the eyes of all Israel; and they feared him, as they had feared Moses, all the days of his life. 15 And the Lord said unto Joshua, as followeth, 16 Command the priests that bear the ark of the testimony, that they come up out of the Jordan. 17 And Joshua commanded the priests, saying, Come ye up out of the Jordan. 18 And it came to pass, when the priests that bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord were come up out of the midst of the Jordan, the soles of the feet of the priests were lifted up unto the dry land, that the waters of the Jordan returned unto their place, and flowed over all its banks, as on the preceding days. 19 And the people came up out of the Jordan on the tenth day of the first month, and encamped in Gilgal, on the extreme eastern border of Jericho. 20 And those twelve stones, which they had taken out of the Jordan, did Joshua set up in Gilgal. 21 And he said unto the children of Israel, thus. When your children shall ask in time to come their fathers, saying, What mean these stones? 22 Then shall ye let your children know, saying, On dry land did Israel pass over this Jordan; 23 That the Lord your God dried up the waters of the Jordan from before you, until ve were passed over, as the Lord your God did to the Red Sea, which he dried up from before us, until we were gone over; 24 In order that all the nations of the earth may know the hand of the Lord, that it is mighty; in order that ye may fear the Lord your God all the days.

> 5 And it came to pass, when all the kings of the Emorites, who were on the side of the Jordan westward, and all the kings of the Canaanites, who were by the sea, heard that the Lord had dried up the waters of the Jordan from before the children of Israel, until they were passed over, that their heart melted, and there remained no more any courage in them, because of the children of Israel, 2 At that time the Lord said unto Joshua. Make thee sharp knives, and circumcise again the children of Israel the second time. 3 And Joshua made himself sharp knives, and circumcised the children of Israel at the hill of 'Araloth. 4 And this is the cause why Joshua did circumcise: All the people that came out of Egypt, the males, all the men of war, died in the wilderness on the way, after their going forth out of Egypt. 5 For

standest is holy. And Joshua did so.

**6** Now Jericho was shut up, and barred up, because of the children of Israel: no one went out, and no one came in. 2 And the Lord said unto Joshua, See, I have given into thy hand Jericho and its king, even the mighty men of valor. 3 And ye shall compass the city, all the men of war, going round about the city once. Thus shalt thou do six days. 4 And seven priests shall bear before the ark seven cornets of rams' horns; and on the seventh day shall ye compass the city seven times, and the priests shall blow with the cornets.

the people that were born in the wilderness on the 5 And it shall come to pass, that, when they blow way at their going forth out of Egypt, they had not a long blast with the ram's horn, when ye hear the circumcised. 6 For during forty years the children of sound of the cornet all the people shall utter a great Israel wandered in the wilderness, till there was an shout; and the wall of the city shall fall down flat. end of all the people, the men of war, who were come and the people shall ascend up every man straight out of Egypt, who had not obeyed the voice of the before him. 6 And Joshua the son of Nun called the Lord; unto whom the Lord had sworn that he would priests, and said unto them, Take up the ark of the not let them see the land, which the Lord had sworn covenant, and let seven priests bear seven cornets unto their fathers that he would give unto us, a land of rams' horns before the ark of the Lord. 7 And he flowing with milk and honey. 7 But their children he said unto the people, Pass on, and compass the raised up in their stead: these did Joshua circumcise; city, and let the armed men pass on before the ark for they were uncircumcised, because they had not of the Lord. 8 And it came to pass, when Joshua circumcised them on the way. 8 And it came to pass, had spoken unto the people, that the seven priests, when the whole people had all been circumcised, bearing the seven cornets of rams' horns before the that they abode in their places in the camp till they Lord, passed on and blew with the cornets; and the were healed. 9 And the Lord said unto Joshua, This ark of the covenant of the Lord followed them. 9 And day have I rolled away the reproach of Egypt from off the armed men went before the priests that blew the you. And he called the name of the place Gilgal unto cornets, and the rereward came after the ark, going this day. 10 And the children of Israel encamped in on, and blowing with the cornets. 10 And Joshua had Gilgal, and they prepared the passover-offering on the commanded the people, saying, Ye shall not shout, fourteenth day of the month at evening in the plains nor let your voice be heard, neither shall any word of Jericho. 11 And they ate of the corn of the land on proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you, the morrow after the passover-offering, unleavened Shout; and then shall ye shout. 11 So the ark of the cakes and parched corn, on the selfsame day. 12 Lord compassed the city, going round it once; and And the manna ceased on the morrow after they had they came into the camp, and lodged in the camp. 12 eaten of the corn of the land; and the children of And Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests Israel had not any more manna; but they did eat of took up the ark of the Lord. 13 And the seven priests the product of the land of Canaan during that year. 13 bearing the seven cornets of rams' horns before the And it came to pass, when Joshua was by Jericho, ark of the Lord went on continually, and blew with that he lifted up his eyes and looked, and, behold, a the cornets; and the armed men went before them; man was standing over against him with his sword and the rereward came after the ark of the Lord, drawn in his hand; and Joshua went unto him, and going on, and blowing with the cornets. 14 And they said to him, Art thou for us, or for our adversaries? 14 compassed the city on the second day once, and And he said, No; for I am a captain of the host of the returned into the camp: so did they six days. 15 And it Lord: now am I come. And Joshua fell on his face to came to pass on the seventh day, that they rose early the earth, and bowed himself, and said to him, What about the dawning of the day, and compassed the doth my lord speak unto his servant? 15 And the city after this manner seven times; only on that day captain of the Lord's host said unto Joshua. Put off they compassed the city seven times. 16 And it came thy shoe from off thy foot; for the place whereon thou to pass at the seventh time, when the priest blew with the cornets, that Joshua' said unto the people, Shout; for the Lord hath given you the city. 17 And the city shall be devoted, it, and all that is therein, to the Lord: only Rachab the harlot shall live, she and all that are with her in the house; because she did hide the messengers that we sent. 18 But ye, keep yourselves from the devoted things, lest ye devote and yet take of the devoted things, and make the camp of Israel a curse, and trouble it. 19 And all the silver, and gold, and vessels of copper and iron, shall be holy unto the Lord: into the treasury of the Lord shall they come. 20 So the people shouted, when

they blew with the cornets; and it came to pass, when became as water. 6 And Joshua rent his clothes, and the people heard the sound of the cornet, that the fell upon his face to the earth before the ark of the people uttered a great shout, and the wall fell down. Lord until the evening, he with the elders of Israel, flat, and the people went up into the city, every man and they put dust upon their head, 7 And Joshua said. straight before him, and they captured the city. 21 Alas. O Lord Eternal, wherefore hast thou caused this And they utterly destroyed all that was in the city, both people to pass over the Jordan, to deliver us into the man and woman, young and old, and ox, and lamb, hand of the Emorites, to destroy us? and oh! that we and ass, with the edge of the sword, 22 But unto had been content, and dwelt on the other side of the the two men that had spied out the country, Joshua Jordan! 8 I pray thee, O Lord, what shall I say, since said, Go into the house of the woman, the harlot, and Israel have turned their back before their enemies! bring out thence the woman, and all belonging to 9 And when the Canaanites and all the inhabitants her, as ye have sworn unto her. 23 And the young of the land will hear of it, they will environ us round, men, the spies, went in, and brought out Rachab, and cut off our name from the earth; and what wilt and her father, and her mother, and her brothers, thou do for thy great name? 10 And the Lord said and all belonging to her; and they brought out all her unto Joshua. Get thee up; wherefore liest thou upon kindred, and they left them without the camp of Israel. thy face. 11 Israel hath sinned, and they have also 24 And the city they burnt with fire, and all that was transgressed my covenant which I have commanded therein; only the silver, and the gold, and the vessels them; and they have also taken of the devoted things, of copper and of iron, they put into the treasury of and have also stolen, and have also dissembled, the house of the Lord. 25 And Rachab the harlot did and they have also put it into their own vessels. 12 Joshua save alive, and her father's household, and Therefore will the children of Israel not be able to all belonging to her; and she dwelt in the midst of stand up before their enemies; their back will they Israel even unto this day; because she had hidden turn before their enemies, because they have become the messengers, whom Joshua had sent to spy out accursed: I will not be any more with you, except Jericho. 26 And Joshua adjured [the people] at that ye destroy the accursed from among you. 13 Rise time, saving. Cursed be the man before the Lord, that up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves will rise up and build this city Jericho: with his first- against tomorrow; for thus hath said the Lord the God born shall he lay its foundation, and with his youngest of Israel. An accursed thing is in the midst of thee, shall he set up its gates. 27 And the Lord was with O Israel: thou shalt not be able to stand up before Joshua; and his fame was spread throughout all the thy enemies, until ye have removed the accursed country.

**7** But the children of Israel committed a trespass on the devoted things; for 'Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerach, of the tribe of Judah, took of the devoted things: and the anger of the Lord was kindled against the children of Israel. 2 And Joshua sent men from Jericho to 'Ai, which is beside Beth-aven, on the east side of Beth-el, and said unto them, thus, Go up and spy out the country. And the men went up and spied out 'Ai. 3 And they returned to Joshua, and said unto him. Let not all the people go up; but let about two or three thousand men go up and smite 'Ai: do not fatigue all the people Ito gol thither: for they are but few. 4 So there went up thither of the people about three thousand men; and they fled before the men of 'Ai. 5 And the men of 'Ai smote of them about thirty and six men; and they chased them from before the gate unto the stonequarries, and smote them on the declivity [of the hill]; wherefore the heart of the people melted, and

from among you. 14 And ye shall be brought near in the morning according to your tribes: and it shall be, that the tribe which the Lord will seize shall come near according to its families; and the family which the Lord will seize shall come near by households; and the household which the Lord shall seize will come near by its men. 15 And it shall be, that he that is seized with the accursed thing shall be burnt with fire, he, and all that he hath; because he hath transgressed the covenant of the Lord, and because he hath wrought wickedness in Israel. 16 So Joshua rose up early in the morning, and brought Israel near by their tribes, and the tribe of Judah was seized: 17 And he brought near the family of Judah, and he seized the family of the Zarchites; and he brought near the family of the Zarchites by its men, and Zabdi was seized; 18 And he brought near his household by its men, and 'Achan, the son of Carmi, the son of Zabdi, the son of Zerach, of the tribe of Judah, was seized. 19 And Joshua said unto 'Achan, My son, give, I pray thee, glory to the Lord, the God of Israel,

and make confession unto him; and tell me, I pray up from the ambush, and take possession of the city; valley of 'Achor, unto this day.

And the Lord said unto Joshua, Fear not, neither be thou discouraged: take with thee all the people of war, 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. 2 And thou shalt do to 'Ai and to its king as thou hast done unto Jericho and its king; only its spoil and its cattle shall ye take for booty unto vourselves; but lay thee an ambush for the city in its rear. 3 So Joshua arose, and all the people of war, to go up against 'Ai: and Joshua chose out thirty thousand mighty men of valor, and sent them away by night. 4 And he commanded them, saying, Behold, ye shall lie in wait against the city, in the rear of the city: go not very far from the city: and be ve all ready; 5 And I, and all the people that are with me, will approach unto the city; and it shall come to pass that, when they come out against us, as at the first time. we will flee before them; 6 And they will come out after us, till we have drawn them from the city; for they will say, They flee from us as at the first time: and we will flee before them. 7 And then shall ye rise

thee, what thou hast done: hide nothing from me. 20 and the Lord your God will deliver it in into your hand. And 'Achan answered Joshua, and said, Truly! I have 8 And it shall be, that as soon as ye have seized the indeed sinned against the Lord the God of Israel, and city, ye shall set the city on fire; according to the word thus and thus have I done: 21 I saw among the spoil of the Lord shall ye do: see, I have commanded you. a handsome Babylonish mantle, and two hundred 9 And Joshua sent them off: and they went to lie in shekels of silver, and a wedge of gold of fifty shekels ambush, and remained between Beth-el and 'Ai, on in weight, and I coveted them, and took them; and, the west side of 'Ai; but Joshua lodged that night behold, they are hidden in the earth in the midst of among the people. 10 And Joshua rose up early in my tent, with the silver beneath the same. 22 Joshua the morning, and numbered the people, and went up, thereupon sent messengers, and they ran unto the he and the elders of Israel, before the people, toward tent; and, behold, it was hidden in his tent, and the 'Ai. 11 And all the people of war that were with him silver beneath it. 23 And they took them out of the went up, and drew nigh, and came opposite the city, midst of the tent, and brought them unto Joshua, and and encamped on the north side of 'Ai; and the valley unto all the children of Israel, and they laid them out was between them and 'Ai. 12 And he took about five before the Lord. 24 And Joshua took 'Achan the son thousand men, and set them as an ambush between of Zerach, and the silver, and the mantle, and the Beth-el and 'Ai, on the west side of 'Ai. 13 And the wedge of gold, and his sons, and his daughters, and people, all the camp that was on the north of the city. his ox, and his ass, and his sheep, and his tent, and and its ambush on the west of the city got ready; and all that he had, and all Israel were with him, and they Joshua went that night into the midst of the valley. brought them up unto the valley of 'Achor. 25 And 14 And it came to pass, when the king of 'Ai saw Joshua said, How hast thou troubled us! so shall the this, the men of the city hastened and rose up early, Lord trouble thee this day. And all Israel stoned him and went out against Israel to battle, he and all his with stones, and burnt them with fire, after they had people, at the time appointed, before the plain; but he stoned them with stones. 26 And they raised over knew not that there was an ambush against him in him a great heap of stones [which is] unto this day; the rear of the city. 15 And Joshua and Israel feigned and the Lord turned from the fierceness of his anger. themselves beaten before them, and fled by the way Wherefore the name of that place was called. The of the wilderness. 16 And all the people that were in 'Ai were called together to pursue after them; and they pursued after Joshua, and were drawn away from the city. 17 And there was not a man left in 'Ai or Beth-el, that went not out after Israel; and they left the city open, and pursued after Israel. 18 And the Lord said unto Joshua, Stretch out the spear that is in thy hand toward 'Ai; for into thy hand will I give it. And Joshua stretched out the spear which was in his hand toward the city. 19 And the ambush arose quickly out of their place, and they ran as soon as he stretched out his hand; and they entered into the city. and took possession of it, and hastened and set the city on fire. 20 And the men of 'Ai turned [and looked] behind them, and they saw, and, behold, the smoke of the city ascended up to heaven; and they had no power to flee this way or that way; and the people that had fled to the wilderness turned back upon the pursuers. 21 For when Joshua and all Israel saw that the ambush had seized the city, and that the smoke of the city ascended: they turned back, and smote the men of 'Ai. 22 And the others issued out of the city against them; so that the Israelites had them in the middle, some on this side, and some on that side;

and they smote them, until there was not left of them and in the lowlands, and in all the coast of the one that remained or escaped. 23 And the king of great sea opposite Lebanon, the Hittites, and the 'Ai they caught alive, and brought him to Joshua. 24 Emorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, And it came to pass, that, when Israel had made an and the Jebusites, heard this, 2 That they assembled end of slaving all the inhabitants of 'Ai in the field, in themselves all together, to fight with Joshua and with the wilderness wherein they had pursued them, and Israel, with one accord. 3 And when the inhabitants when they were all fallen by the edge of the sword, of Gib'on heard what Joshua had done unto Jericho until they were consumed. All the Israelites returned and unto 'Ai. 4 They also did work wilily, and went unto 'Ai, and smote it with the edge of the sword. and feigned to be messengers, and took old sacks 25 And [the number of] all that fell in that day, both for their asses, and wine-bottles, old, and rent, and of men and women, was twelve thousand, all the bound up; 5 And [put] old and patched-up shoes upon people of 'Ai. 26 And Joshua drew not back his hand, their feet, and old garments upon themselves; and all wherewith he had stretched out the spear, until he the bread of their provision was dry and mouldy. 6 had utterly destroyed all the inhabitants of 'Ai. 27 Only And they went to Joshua unto the camp at Gilgal, the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took as booty and said unto him, and to the men of Israel. We are unto themselves, according to the word of the Lord come from a far-off country; and now make ye a which he had commanded Joshua. 28 And Joshua covenant with us. 7 And the men of Israel said unto burnt 'Ai, and made it a ruinous heap of desolation the Hivites. Peradventure ve dwell in the midst of us: for ever, even unto this day, 29 And the king of 'Ai and how can we make a covenant with you: 8 And he hanged on a tree until eventide; and at the going they said unto Joshua, We are thy servants. And down of the sun, Joshua commanded, and they took Joshua said unto them, Who are ye? and whence his carcass down from the tree and cast it at the come ye! 9 And they said unto him, From a very farentrance of the city gate, and they raised over him a off country are thy servants come, because of the great heap of stones, [which is] even unto this day. 30 name of the Lord thy God; for we have heard his Then did Joshua build an altar unto the Lord, the God fame, and all that he hath done in Egypt; 10 And all of Israel on mount 'Ebal. 31 As Moses the servant that he hath done to the two kings of the Emorites. of the Lord had commanded the children of Israel, that were beyond the Jordan, to Sichon the king of as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an Cheshbon, and to 'Og the king of Bashan, who was altar of whole stones, over which no one had lifted up at 'Ashtaroth. 11 Wherefore our elders and all the any iron tool; and they offered thereon burnt-offerings inhabitants of our country said to us, as followeth, unto the Lord, and sacrificed peace-offerings. 32 And Take provisions with you for the journey, and go to he wrote there upon the stones a copy of the law of meet them, and say unto them, Your servants are Moses, which he wrote in the presence of the children we: and now make ve with us a covenant. 12 This of Israel. 33 And all Israel, and their elders, and the our bread we took hot for our provision out of our officers, and their judges, stood on this side and on houses on the day we came forth to go unto you; and that side of the ark, opposite the priests the Levites, now, behold, it is dry, and it is become mouldy: 13 who bore the ark of the covenant of the Lord, the And these wine-bottles, which we filled, when new, stranger no less than the native born; half of them but behold, they are now become rent; and these turned toward mount Gerizzim, and the other half our garments and our shoes are become worn out of them turned toward mount 'Ebal; as Moses the by reason of the very long journey. 14 And the men servant of the Lord had commanded, to bless the took of their provisions, but the decision of the Lord people of Israel at first. 34 And afterward he read all they did not ask. 15 And Joshua made peace with the words of the law, the blessing and the curse, all, them, and made a covenant with them, to let them just as it is written in the book of the law. 35 There live; and the princes of the congregation swore unto was not a word of all that Moses had commanded, them. 16 And it came to pass at the end of three days which Joshua did not read before all the congregation after they had made a covenant with them, that they of Israel, with the women, and the little ones, and the heard that they were their neighbors, and that they stranger that walked in the midst of them.

And it came to pass, when all the kings that were on this side of the Jordan, in the mountain,

dwelt in the midst of them. 17 And the children of Israel broke up, and came unto their cities on the third day; and their cities were Gib'on, and Kephirah. and Beeroth, and Kiryath-ye'arim. 18 And the children

of Israel smote them not; because the princes of the Lachish, the king of 'Eglon, assembled themselves congregation had sworn unto them by the Lord, the together, and went up, they and all their camps, and God of Israel: but all the congregation murmured encamped before Gib'on, and made war against it. 6 against the princes. 19 And all the princes said unto And the men of Gib'on sent unto Joshua to the camp all the congregation, We have sworn unto them by to Gilgal, saying, Do not withdraw thy hand from thy the Lord the God of Israel: and now we cannot touch servants: come up to us quickly, and save us, and them. 20 This will we do to them, and we will let them help us; for all the kings of the Emorites that dwell live, that there be no wrath upon us, on account of in the mountains are assembled together against the oath which we have sworn unto them. 21 And us. 7 And Joshua went up from Gilgal, he, and all the princes said unto them, Let them live: and they the people of war with him, and all the mighty men became hewers of wood and drawers of water unto of valor. 8 And the Lord said unto Joshua, Be not all the congregation, as the princes had spoken unto afraid of them; for into thy hand have I delivered them. 22 And Joshua called for them, and he spoke them: there shall not stand a man of them before unto them, saving. Wherefore have ve deceived us, thee, 9 And Joshua came unto them suddenly; the saving. We are very far from you; whereas ve dwell in whole night he went up from Gilgal. 10 And the Lord the midst of us? 23 And now be ve cursed, and there brought them in confusion before Israel, and they shall not cease to be of you servants and hewers of smote them with a great slaughter at Gib'on, and wood and drawers of water for the house of my God, pursued them by the way of the ascent to Beth-24 And they answered Joshua, and said, Because it choron, and smote them up to 'Azekah, and up to was certainly told thy servants, how that the Lord thy Makkedah. 11 And it came to pass, as they fled from God had commanded his servant Moses to give unto before Israel, while they were in the declivity of Bethyou all the land, and to destroy all the inhabitants of choron, that the Lord cast down upon them great the land from before you; wherefore we were sore stones from heaven, up to 'Azekah, and they died: afraid for our lives because of you, and we have done there were more who died by means of the hailstones this thing. 25 And now, behold, we are in thy hand; as than those whom the children of Israel had slain with it seemeth good and right in thy eyes to do unto us. the sword. 12 Then spoke Joshua to the Lord on so do. 26 And he did unto them thus; and he delivered the day when the Lord delivered up the Emorites them out of the hand of the children of Israel, and before the children of Israel, and he said before the they slew them not, 27 And Joshua appointed them eyes of Israel, Sun, stand thou still upon Gib'on; and on that day hewers of wood and drawers of water for thou, Moon, in the valley of Ayalon. 13 And the sun the congregation, and for the altar of the Lord, even stood still, and the moon stayed, until the people had unto this day, for the place which he should choose.

1 Now it came to pass, when Adoni-zedek, the king of Jerusalem heard that Joshua had captured 'Ai, and had utterly destroyed it; [that] as he had done to Jericho and its king, so had he done to 'Ai and its king; and that the inhabitants of Gib'on had made peace with Israel, and were in the midst of them: 2 That they were greatly afraid; because Gib'on was a great city, like one of the royal cities. and because it was greater than 'Ai, and all the men thereof were mighty. 3 Therefore Adoni-zedek the king of Jerusalem sent unto Hoham the king of Hebron, and unto Piram the king of Yarmuth, and unto Yaphia', the king of Lachish, and unto Debir the king of 'Eglon, saying, 4 Come up unto me, and help me, that we may smite Gib'on; for it hath made peace with Joshua and with the children of Israel. 5 And the five kings of the Emorites, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, the king of Yarmuth, the king of

avenged themselves upon their enemies. Is not this written in the book of Yashar? And the sun stood still in the midst of the heavens, and hastened not to go down about a whole day. 14 And there was no day like that before it or after it, that the Lord hearkened unto the voice of a man; for the Lord fought for Israel. 15 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with him, unto the camp to Gilgal. 16 But these five kings fled, and hid themselves in the cave at Makkedah. 17 And it was told to Joshua, saying. The five kings have been found hidden in the cave at Makkedah. 18 And Joshua said, Roll great stones to the mouth of the cave, and set men over it to guard them: 19 But you, do ye not stay, pursue after your enemies, and smite the hindmost of them: suffer them not to enter into their cities; for the Lord your God hath delivered them into your hand. 20 And it came to pass, when Joshua and the children of Israel had made an end of smiting them with a very great defeat, till they were all spent, and those that escaped had fled from them

people returned to the camp to Joshua at Makkedah just as he had done to Lachish. 36 And Joshua and all in peace; no one pointed against any man of the Israel with him went up from 'Eglon unto Hebron; and children of Israel his tongue. 22 Then said Joshua, they fought against it; 37 And they captured it, and Open the mouth of the cave, and bring out unto me smote it with the edge of the sword, and its king, and those five kings out of the cave. 23 And they did so, all its cities, and all the souls that were therein; he left and brought forth unto him those five kings out of none that escaped, just as he had done to 'Eglon; the cave, the king of Jerusalem, the king of Hebron, and he devoted it, and all the souls that were therein. the king of Yarmuth, the king of Lachish, the king of 38 And Joshua and all Israel with him returned to 'Eglon. 24 And it came to pass, when they brought out Debir; and fought against it; 39 And he captured it, those kings unto Joshua, that Joshua called for all the and its king, and all its cities; and they smote them men of Israel, and said unto the chiefs of the men of with the edge of the sword, and devoted all the souls war who had gone with him. Come near, put your feet that were therein; he left none that escaped; as he upon the necks of these kings. And they came near, had done to Hebron, so did he to Debir and to its and put their feet upon their necks. 25 And Joshua king; and as he had done to Libnah and to its king. said unto them, Fear not, nor be disheartened, be 40 And Joshua smote all the country, the mountain, strong and of good courage; for thus will the Lord and the south, and the lowlands, and the declivities, do unto all your enemies against whom ve fight. 26 and all their kings; he left none that escaped; and all And Joshua smote them afterward, and slew them, that breathed he utterly destroyed, as the Lord, the and hanged them on five trees; and they remained God of Israel had commanded. 41 And Joshua smote hanging upon the trees until the evening. 27 And it them from Kadesh-barnea' even unto Gazzah, and all came to pass at the time of the going down of the sun, the country of Goshen, even up to Gib'on. 42 And all that Joshua commanded, and they took them down these kings and their land did Joshua capture at one from the trees, and cast them into the cave wherein time; because the Lord, the God of Israel fought for they had been hidden; and they placed great stones. Israel. 43 And Joshua returned, and all Israel with upon the mouth of the cave. [which remain] even until him, unto the camp to Gilgal. this very day. 28 And Joshua captured Makkedah on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword. and its king he devoted, them, and all the souls that were therein; he left none that escaped; and he did to the king of Makkedah as he had done unto the king of Jericho. 29 Then did Joshua, and all Israel with him, pass from Makkedah unto Libnah; and he fought against Libnah: 30 And the Lord delivered it also into the hand of Israel, with its king; and he smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein: he left none in it that escaped: and he did unto its king as he had done unto the king of Jericho. 31 And Joshua, and all Israel with him, passed from Libnah unto Lachish, and encamped against it, and fought against it: 32 And the Lord delivered Lachish into the hand of Israel; and he captured it on the second day, and smote it with the edge of the sword, and all the souls that were therein: just as he had done to Libnah. 33 Then came up Horam the king of Gezer to help Lachish; and Joshua smote him and his people, until he had left him none that escaped. 34 And Joshua and all Israel with him passed from Lachish unto 'Eglon: and they encamped against it. and fought against it: 35 And they captured it on that day, and smote it with the edge of the sword; and all

and entered into the fortified cities. 21 That all the the souls that were therein he devoted on that day:

11 And it came to pass, that, when Yabin the king of Chazor heard these things, he sent to Yobab the king of Madon, and to the king of Shimron, and to the king of Achshaph, 2 And to the kings that were at the north, on the mountains, and in the plains, south of Kinneroth, and in the lowlands, and in the district of Dor on the west, 3 To the Canaanites on the east and on the west, and to the Emorites, and the Hittites, and the Perizzites, and the Jebusites in the mountains, and to the Hivites under Chermon in the land of Mizpah. 4 And they went out, they and all their camps with them, much people, even as the sand that is upon the sea-shore in multitude. and with very many horses and chariots. 5 And all these kings assembled themselves together, and they came and encamped together at the waters of Merom, to fight against Israel. 6 And the Lord said unto Joshua. Be not afraid because of them: for tomorrow about this time will I give all of them up slain before Israel: their horses shalt thou hamstring and their chariots shalt thou burn with fire. 7 And Joshua and all the people of war with him came upon them by the waters of Merom suddenly; and they fell upon them. 8 And the Lord delivered them into the hand

great Zidon, and unto Missrephoth-mayim, and unto divisions by their tribes. And the land rested from the valley of Mizpeh eastward; and they smote them. until they left them none that escaped. 9 And Joshua did unto them as the Lord had said unto him: their horses he hamstringed and their chariots he burnt with fire. 10 And Joshua at that time turned back, and captured Chazor, and its kings he smote with the sword; for Chazor aforetimes was the head of all these kingdoms. 11 And they smote all the souls that were therein with the edge of the sword, and devoted them; there was not left any one having breath; and Chazor he burnt with fire. 12 And all the cities of these kings, and all their kings, did Joshua capture, and he smote them with the edge of the sword, and he devoted them, as Moses the servant of the Lord had commanded. 13 But as for the cities that had been left standing in their strength, these did Israel not burn: save Chazor only did Joshua burn. 14 And all the spoil of these cities, and the cattle, did the children of Israel take as booty unto themselves; but all the men they smote with the edge of the sword, until they had destroyed them; they left not any one having breath. 15 As the Lord had commanded Moses his servant, so did Moses command Joshua, and so did Joshua: he left nothing undone of all that the Lord had commanded Moses. 16 And Joshua took all that land, the mountain, and all the south country, and all the land of Goshen, and the lowlands, and the plain, and the mountain of Israel, and its lowlands; 17 From the bald mountain that goeth up to Seir, even unto Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon under mount Chermon; and all their kings he captured, and smote them, and slew them. 18 A long time did Joshua make war with all these kings. 19 There was not a city that made peace with the children of Israel, save the Hivites the inhabitants of Gib'on: the whole they took by war. 20 For of the Lord it was to harden their heart, that they should come against Israel in battle, in order to destroy them utterly, that they might obtain no favor: but in order that he might exterminate them, as the Lord had commanded Moses. 21 And Joshua came at that time, and cut off the 'Anakim from the mountains, from Hebron, from Debir, from 'Anab, and from the whole mountain of Judah, and from the whole mountain of Israel: with their cities did Joshua destroy them utterly. 22 There was none of the 'Anakim left in the land of the children of Israel: only in Gazzah, in Gath, and in Ashdod, there remained some. 23 And Joshua' took the whole land, all just as the Lord had spoken unto Moses; and Joshua gave

of Israel, who smote them, and pursued them unto it for an inheritance unto Israel, according to their

12 And these are the kings of the land whom the children of Israel smote, and whose land they took possession of on the other side of the Jordan, toward the rising of the sun, from the river Arnon unto mount Chermon, and all the plain on the east: 2 Sichon the king of the Emorites. who dwelt in Cheshbon, and ruled from 'Aro'er, which is upon the bank of the brook Arnon, and over the land in the middle of the brook, and from half Gil'ad, even unto the brook Yabbok, the boundary of the children of 'Ammon; 3 And over the plain up to the sea of Kinneroth on the east, and up to the sea of the plain, the salt sea on the east, on the way to Bethhayeshimoth; and at the south, under the declivities of Pisgah; 4 And the territory of 'Og the king of Bashan, who was of the remnant of the Rephaim, that dwelt at 'Ashtaroth and at Edre'i, 5 And reigned over mount Chermon, and over Salchah, and over all Bashan, unto the border of the Geshurites and the Ma'achathites, and half Gil'ad, [to] the boundary of Sichon the king of Cheshbon. 6 These did Moses the servant of the Lord and the children of Israel smite: and Moses the servant of the Lord gave it for a possession unto the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Menasseh. 7 And these are the kings of the country whom Joshua and the children of Israel smote on this side of the Jordan on the west, from Baal-gad in the valley of Lebanon as far as the bald mountain, that goeth up to Seir; and Joshua gave it unto the tribes of Israel for a possession, according to their divisions; 8 In the mountains, and in the lowlands, and in the plain, and in the declivities, and in the wilderness, and in the south country: the Hittites, the Emorites, and the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. 9 The king of Jericho, one; the king of 'Ai, which was beside Bethel one: 10 The king of Jerusalem, one; the king of Hebron, one; 11 The king of Yarmuth, 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 Chormah, 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 Tappuach, one; the king of Chepher, one; 18 The king of Aphek, one; the king of Lasharon, one; 19 The king of Madon, one; the king of Chazor, one; 20 The king of Shimron-

meron, one; the king of Achshaph, one; 21 The king And Moses gave unto the tribe of the children of one: in all thirty and one kings.

13 Now Joshua was old, well stricken in years; and the Lord said unto him, Thou art old, stricken in vears, and of the land there remaineth vet very much to be taken possession of. 2 This is the land that yet remaineth: All the circles of the Philistines, and all [the land of the] Geshurites, 3 From the Shichor, which runneth before Egypt, even unto the boundary of 'Ekron northward, is counted to the Canaanites; the five lords of the Philistines: the Gazzathites, and the Ashdodites, the Eshkelonites, the Gittites, and the 'Ekronites: also the 'Avvim; 4 On the south, all the land of the Canaanites, and Me'arah that belongeth to the Zidonians, up to Aphek, up to the border of the Emorites; 5 And the land of the Giblites, and all Lebanon, toward the rising of the sun, from Ba'algad under mount Chermon up to the entrance of Chamath. 6 All the inhabitants of the mountain from Lebanon unto Missrephoth-mayim, all the Zidonians: these will I drive out from before the children of Israel; only divide thou it by lot unto the Israelites for an inheritance, as I have commanded thee. 7 And now divide this land for an inheritance unto the nine tribes, and the half tribe of Menasseh. 8 With him the Reubenites and the Gadites have received their inheritance, which Moses gave unto them, beyond the Jordan eastward, as Moses the servant of the Lord hath given them; 9 From 'Aro'er, that is upon the bank of the brook Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the brook, and all the plain of Medeba up to Dibon; 10 And all the cities of Sichon the king of the Emorites, who reigned over Cheshbon, up to the border of the children of 'Ammon; 11 And Gil'ad, and the territory of the Geshurites and Ma'achathites, and all mount Chermon, and all Bashan up to Salchah: 12 All the kingdom of 'Og in Bashan, who reigned in 'Ashtaroth and in Edre'i; who had been left of the remnant of the Rephaim; and Moses smote them, and cast them out. 13 Nevertheless the children of Israel expelled not the Geshurites and the Ma'achathites; but the Geshurites and the Ma'achathites continued to dwell in the midst of the Israelites until this day. 14 Only unto the tribe of Levi he gave no inheritance: the fire-offerings of the Lord, the God of Israel, are their inheritance, as he hath spoken unto them. 15

of Ta'anach, one; the king of Megiddo, one; 22 The Reuben according to their families; 16 And their king of Kedesh, one; the king of Yokne'am on Carmel, territory was from 'Aro'er, that is on the bank of the one: 23 The king of Dor in the district of Dor, one: the brook Arnon, and the city that is in the midst of the king of Govim in Gilgal, one: 24 The king of Tirzah, brook, and all the plain by Medeba: 17 Cheshbon. and all its cities that are in the plain; Dibon, and Bamoth-ba'al, and Beth-ba'al-me'on, 18 And Yahzah, and Kedemoth, and Mepha'ath, 19 And Kiryathayim, and Sibmah, and Zereth-hashachar on the mount of the valley, 20 And Beth-pe'or, and the declivities of Pisgah, and Beth-haveshimoth, 21 And all the cities of the plain, and all the kingdom of Sichon the king of the Emorites, who reigned in Cheshbon, whom Moses smote with the princes of Midian, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Chur, and Reba', the dukes of Sichon, the dwellers of the country. 22 And Bil'am the son of Be'or, the soothsayer, did the children of Israel slav with the sword among their slain. 23 And the boundary of the children of Reuben was the Jordan. and its bordering territory. This was the inheritance of the children of Reuben after their families, the cities and their villages. 24 And Moses gave unto the tribe of Gad, unto the children of Gad according to their families; 25 And their territory was Ya'zer, and all the cities of Gil'ad, and half the land of the children of 'Ammon. up to 'Aro'er that is before Rabbah; 26 And from Cheshbon unto Ramath-mizpeh, and Betonim; and from Machanavim up to the border of Debir: 27 And in the valley. Beth-haram, and Beth-nimrah. and Succoth, and Zaphon, the rest of the kingdom of Sichon the king of Cheshbon, the Jordan and its bordering territory, up to the edge of the sea of Kinnereth on the other side of the Jordan eastward. 28 This is the inheritance of the children of Gad after their families, the cities and their villages. 29 And Moses gave unto the half tribe of Menasseh; and it belonged to the half tribe of the children of Menasseh after their families: 30 And their territory was from Machanavim, all Bashan, all the kingdom of 'Og the king of Bashan, and all the villages of Ya'ir, which are in Bashan, sixty cities; 31 And half Gil'ad and 'Ashtaroth, and Edre'i, the cities of the kingdom of 'Og in Bashan, [belonged] unto the children of Machir the son of Menasseh, even to the one half of the children of Machir after their families. 32 These are they to whom Moses did distribute an inheritance in the plans of Moab, on the other side of the Jordan, by Jericho, eastward. 33 But unto the tribe of Levi Moses gave not any inheritance: the Lord the God of Israel is himself their inheritance, as he hath spoken unto them.

of Israel obtained as an inheritance in the land 'Anakim, And the land had rest from war. of Canaan, which Elazar the priest, and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the divisions of the tribes of the children of Israel, distributed for an inheritance unto them, 2 By the lot as their inheritance: as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses, for the nine tribes, and the half tribe. 3 For Moses had given the inheritance of the two tribes and the half tribe on the other side of the Jordan; but unto the Levites he had given no inheritance among them. 4 For the children of Joseph were two tribes, Menasseh and Ephraim; therefore they gave no portion unto the Levites in the land, save cities to dwell in, with their open spaces for their cattle and for their substance. 5 As the Lord had commanded Moses, so did the children of Israel, and so divided they the land. 6 And the children of Judah came near unto Joshua in Gilgal; and Caleb the son of Yephunneh the Kenizzite said unto him, Thou well knowest the word which the Lord spoke unto Moses the man of God concerning me and thyself in Kadesh-barnea'. 7 Forty years old was I when Moses the servant of the Lord sent me from Kadesh-barnea' to spy out the land; and I brought him word again as it was in my heart. 8 But my brethren who had gone up with me caused the heart of the people to be faint; but I wholly followed the Lord my God. 9 And Moses swore on that day. saving. Surely the land whereon thy foot hath trodden shall belong to thee for an inheritance, and to thy children for ever; because thou hast wholly followed the Lord my God. 10 And now, behold, the Lord hath kept me alive, as he hath spoken: it is now forty and five years since the Lord spoke this word unto Moses, while Israel wandered in the wilderness; and now, behold, I am this day eighty and five years old. 11 I am yet this day as strong as I was on the day that Moses sent me: as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for war, and to go out, and to come in. 12 Now therefore give me this mountain, whereof the Lord spoke on that day; for thou didst hear on that day that the 'Anakim were there, and great fortified cities: perhaps the Lord will be with me, and I shall drive them out, as the Lord hath spoken. 13 And Joshua blessed him, and gave Hebron unto Caleb the son of Yephunneh for an inheritance. 14 Therefore did Hebron become the inheritance of Caleb the son of Yephunneh the Kenizzite unto this day; for the cause that he had wholly followed the Lord the God of Israel. 15 And the name of Hebron was aforetimes

1 1 And these are the countries which the children Kiryatharba', who was the greatest man among the

 ${f 5}$  And the lot for the tribe of the children of Judah after their families came by the border of Edom, with the wilderness of Zin. southward, as the uttermost southern boundary. 2 And their southern boundary was from the end of the salt sea, from the bay that bendeth southward: 3 And it went out to the south of the heights of 'Akrabbim, and passed along to Zin, and ascended up on the south side unto Kadeshbarnea, and passed along to Chezron, and went up to Adar, and fetched a compass to Karka'; 4 And it passed on toward 'Azmon, and went out unto the river of Egypt; and the terminations of the boundary were at the sea: this shall be your southern boundary. 5 And the east boundary was the salt sea, unto the end of the Jordan. And the boundary in the north quarter was from the bay of the sea at the end of the Jordan; 6 And the boundary went up to Beth-choglah, and passed along by the north of Beth'arabah; and the boundary went up to Ebenbohan the son of Reuben; 7 And the boundary went up toward Debir from the Valley of 'Achor, and at the north it bent toward Gilgal, that is opposite the heights of Adummim, which is on the south side of the valley: and the boundary passed toward the waters of 'En-shemesh, and its terminations were at En-rogel; 8 And the boundary went up to the valley of the son of Hinnom unto the south side of the Jebusite, the same is Jerusalem; and the boundary went up to the top of the mount that lieth before the valley of Hinnom westward, which is at the end of the valley of Rephaim northward; 9 And the boundary extended from the top of the mount unto the spring of the waters of Nephtoach, and went out to the cities of mount 'Ephron; and the boundary extended to Ba'alah, which is Kiryath-ye'arim; 10 And the boundary compassed from Ba'alah westward unto mount Seir, and passed along unto the side of mount Ye'arim, which is Kessalon, on the north side, and went down to Beth-shemesh, and passed on to Timnah: 11 And the boundary went out unto the side of 'Ekron northward; and the boundary extended to Shikron, and passed along to the mount of Ba'alah, and went out unto Yabneel; and the terminations of the boundary were at the sea. 12 And the west boundary was by the great sea, and the coast thereof. This is the boundary of the children of Judah round about according to their families. 13 And unto Caleb the son of Yephunneh he gave as a portion among the children of Judah, according to the order of the

which is Hebron. 14 And Caleb drove out from there Dannah and Kiryath-sannah, which is Debir, 50 And the three sons of 'Anak, Sheshai, and Achiman, 'Anab, and Eshtemoh, and 'Anim. 51 And Goshen, and and Talmai, the children of 'Anak, 15 And he went Cholon, and Giloh; eleven cities with their villages, 52 up from there to the inhabitants of Debir; and the Arab, and Dumah, and Esh'an, 53 And Vanum, and name of Debir before was Kiryath-sepher. 16 And Beth-tappuach, and Aphekah, 54 And Chumtah, and Caleb said, He that will smite Kiryath-sepher, and Kiryath-arba', which is Hebron, and Zi'or: nine cities capture it, to him will I give 'Achsah my daughter for with their villages. 55 Ma'on, Carmel, and Ziph, and wife. 17 And 'Othniel the son of Kenaz, the brother Yutah, 56 And Yizre'el, and Yokde'am, and Zanoach, of Caleb, captured it; and he gave him 'Achsah his 57 Kayin, Gib'ah, and Timnah: ten cities with their daughter for wife. 18 And it came to pass, as she villages. 58 Chatchul, Beth-zur, and Gedor, 59 And came thither, that she persuaded him to ask of her Ma'arath, and Beth-'anoth, and Eltekon: six cities with father a field: and she alighted from her ass; and their village. 60 Kiryath-baal, which is Kiryath-ye'arim, Caleb said unto her. What aileth thee? 19 And she and Rabbah: two cities with their villages, 61 In the said. Give me a blessing; for a dry land hast thou wilderness, Beth-ha'arabah, Middin, and Sechachah, given me: give me then also springs of water. And he 62 And Nibshan, and 'Ir-hammelach, and 'En-gedi: six gave her the upper springs and the lower springs. 20 cities with their villages. 63 As for the Jebusites the This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of inhabitants of Jerusalem, these the children of Judah Judah according to their families. 21 And the cities could not drive out; but the Jebusites dwelt with the of the boundary line of the tribe of the children of children of Judah at Jerusalem, even unto this day. Judah toward the border of Edom, on the south, were Kabzeel, and 'Eder, and Yagur, 22 And Kinah, and Dimonah, and 'Ad'adah, 23 And Kedesh, and Chazor, and Yithnan, 24 Ziph, and Telem, and Be'aloth. 25 And Chazor-chadattah, and Kerivoth-chezron, which is Chazor, 26 Amam, and Shema', and Moladah. 27 And Chazar-gaddah, and Cheshmon, and Bethpalet. 28 And Chazar-shual, and Beer-sheba, and Bizyotheyah, 29 Ba'alah, and 'Iyim, and 'Azem, 30 And Eltolad, and Kessil, and Chormah, 31 And Ziklag, and Madmannah, and Sansannah, 32 And Lebaoth, and Shilchim, and 'Ayin, and Rimmon: in all twenty and nine cities, with their villages, 33 And in the lowlands, Eshtaol, and Zor'ah, and Ashnah. 34 And Zanoach, and 'En-gannim, Tappuach, and 'Enam, 35 Yarmuth, and 'Adullam, Sochoh, and 'Azekah, 36 And Sha'arayim, and 'Adithayim, and Gederah, and Gederothavim: fourteen cities with their villages. 37 Zenan. and Chadashah, and Migdalgad, 38 And Dil'an, and Mizpeh, and Yoktheel, 39 Lachish, and Bozkath, and 'Eglon, 40 And Cabbon, and Lachmass, and Kithlish, 41 And Gederoth, Beth-dagon, and Na'amah, and Makkedah: sixteen cities with their villages. 42 Libnah, and 'Ether, and 'Ashan, 43 And Yiphtach, and Ashnah, and Nezib, 44 And Ke'ilah, and Achzib, and Mareshah: nine cities with their villages. 45 'Ekron, with its towns and its villages: 46 From 'Ekron even unto the sea, all that lav alongside of Ashdod, with their villages. 47 Ashdod with its towns and its villages, Gazzah, with its towns and its villages, up to the brook of Egypt, and the great sea, and its territory. 48 And in the

Lord to Joshua, Kiryath-arba' the father of 'Anak, mountains, Shamir, and Yattir, and Sochoh, 49 And

6 And the lot of the children of Joseph fell from the Jordan by Jericho, unto the waters of Jericho on the east, to the wilderness that goeth up from Jericho by the mount Beth-el, 2 And [the boundary] went out from Beth-el to Luz, and passed along unto the boundary of the Arkites to 'Ataroth, 3 And went down westward to the boundary of the Yaphleti, unto the border of Beth-choron the lower, and to Gezer: and its terminations were toward the sea. 4 This did the children of Joseph, Menasseh and Ephraim, take as their inheritance. 5 And [this] was the boundary of the children of Ephraim according to their families: and the boundary of their inheritance on the east side was 'Atroth-addar, up to Beth-choron the upper; 6 And the boundary went out toward the sea to Michmethath on the north; and the boundary fetched a compass eastward unto Taanathshiloh, and passed by it on the east to Yanochah: 7 And it went down from Yanochah to 'Ataroth, and to Na'arath, and touched on Jericho, and went out at the Jordan. 8 From Tappuach westward the border went out unto the brook Kanah; and its terminations were toward the sea. This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Ephraim after their families; 9 And [in addition to this] the cities which were separated for the children of Ephraim in the midst of the inheritance of the children of Menasseh, all the cities with their villages. 10 And they drove not out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer: but the Canaanites dwelt among

the Ephraimites until this day, and became tributary could not drive out the inhabitants of these cities; servants.

**1 7** And then came the lot for the tribe of Menasseh; for he was the first-born of Joseph: to wit, for Machir the first-born of Menasseh, the father of Gil'ad: because he was a man of war, therefore he obtained Gil'ad and Bashan, 2 There was also a lot for the rest of the children of Menasseh after their families; for the children of Abi'ezer, and for the children of Chelek, and for the children of Assriel, and for the children of Shechem, and for the children of Chepher, and for the children of Shemida': these were the male children of Menasseh the son of Joseph after their families. 3 But Zelophchad, the son of Chepher, the son of Gil'ad, the son of Machir, the son of Menasseh, had no sons. but only daughters, and these are the names of his daughters, Machlah, and No'ah, Choglah, Milcah, and Tirzah. 4 And they came near before Elazar the priest, and before Joshua the son of Nun, and before the princes, saving. The Lord commanded Moses to give unto us an inheritance among our brethren. And he gave them, according to the order of the Lord, an inheritance among the brethren of their father. 5 And there fell ten portions of Menasseh, beside the lands of Gil'ad and Bashan, which were on the other side of the Jordan: 6 Because the daughters of Menasseh obtained an inheritance among his sons: and the land of Gil'ad belonged to the rest

but the Canaanites succeeded to dwell in this land; 13 Yet it came to pass, when the children of Israel were become strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute: but they did not drive them out. 14 And the children of Joseph spoke unto Joshua, saying, Why hast thou given me but one lot and one portion as an inheritance, seeing I am a numerous people, to which extent the Lord hath hitherto blessed me? 15 And Joshua said unto them, If thou art a numerous people, then get thee up to the wood country, and cut down [a space] for thyself there in the land of the Perizzites and of the Rephaim, if the mountain of Ephraim be too narrow for thee. 16 And the children of Joseph said. The mountain will not be enough for us: and chariots of iron are belonging to all the Canaanites that dwell in the land of the valley, to those who are at Beth-shean and its towns, and to those who are in the valley of Yizre'el. 17 And Joshua said unto the house of Joseph, to Ephraim and to Menasseh, as followeth, Thou art a numerous people, and hast great power; thou shalt not have one lot only; 18 But the mountain shall be thine; it is indeed a wood, yet thou canst cut it down; and the terminations of it shall be thine; for thou shalt drive out the Canaanites, though they have iron chariots, though they be strong.

**18** And the whole congregation of the children of Israel assembled together at Shiloh, and set of the sons of Manasseh. 7 And the boundary of up there the tabernacle of the congregation. And Menasseh was from Asher to Michmethath, that lieth the land was subdued before them. 2 And there before Shechem; and the boundary went along on remained among the children of Israel, that had not the right hand unto the inhabitants of 'En-tappuach. 8 yet received their inheritance, seven tribes. 3 And To Menasseh belonged the land of Tappuach; but Joshua said unto the children of Israel, How long will Tappuach on the borders of Menasseh belonged ve show yourselves slack to go to take possession to the children of Ephraim; 9 And the boundary of the land, which the Lord the God of your fathers descended unto the brook Kanah, southward of the hath given to you! 4 Furnish for yourselves three men brook; these cities belonging to Ephraim are in the for each tribe; and I will send them out, and they midst of the cities of Menasseh; and the boundary of shall arise, and walk through the land, and describe it Menasseh was on the north side of the river, and its according to their inheritance, and come again to me. terminations were toward the sea: 10 Southward it 5 And they shall divide it into seven parts: Judah shall was Ephraim's, and northward it was Menasseh's, remain on his boundary at the south, and the house and the sea was [there] his boundary; and on Asher of Joseph shall remain on their boundary at the north. they touched on the north, and on Issachar on the 6 But you shall make a description of the land in east. 11 And to Menasseh belonged in Issachar and seven parts, and bring it hither to me; and I will cast in Asher Beth-shean and its towns, and Yible'am and the lot for you here, before the Lord our God. 7 For to its towns, together with the inhabitants of Dor and its the Levites there is no portion among you; for the towns, and the inhabitants of 'En-dor and its towns, priesthood of the Lord is their inheritance; and Gad, and the inhabitants of Ta'anach and its towns, and Reuben, and half the tribe of Menasseh have the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns, namely already received their inheritance beyond the Jordan, the three districts. 12 Yet the children of Menasseh at the east, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave

Joshua charged those that went to describe the land, 22 And Beth-ha'arabah, and Zemarayim, and Bethsaying. Go and walk through the land, and describe el. 23 And Avvim, and Parah, and 'Ophrah, 24 And it, and return again to me; and here will I cast the lot Kephar-ha'ammonah, and 'Ophni, and Geba'; twelve for you before the Lord, in Shiloh. 9 And the men cities with their villages, 25 Gib'on, and Ramah, and went and passed through the land, and described it Beeroth, 26 And Mizpeh, and Kephirah, and Mozah, according to the cities in seven parts in a book; and 27 And Rekem, and Yirpeel, and Taralah, 28 And they came again to Joshua to the camp at Shiloh. Zela', Eleph, and Jebusi, which is Jerusalem, Gib'ath, 10 And Joshua cast the lot for them in Shiloh before and Kiryath: fourteen cities with their villages. This is the Lord; and Joshua divided there the land unto the the inheritance of the children of Benjamin according children of Israel according to their divisions. 11 And to their families. the lot of the tribe of the children of Benjamin came up according to their families; and the boundary of their lot came forth between the children of Judah and the children of Joseph. 12 And their boundary was on the north side [starting] from the Jordan; and the boundary went up to the side of Jericho on the north, and went up through the mountains westward; and its terminations were at the wilderness of Beth-aven. 13 And the boundary went over from there toward Luz, to the south side of Luz, which is Beth-el; and the boundary descended to 'Atroth-addar, upon the mount that is on the south side of the lower Bethchoron. 14 And the border extended [thence], and fetched a compass to the west side, to the south of the mount that is before Beth-choron at the south: and its terminations were at Kirvath-ba'al, which is Kirvath-ve'arim, a city of the children of Judah: this was the west side. 15 And the south side commenced from the end of Kiryath-ye'arim, and the boundary went out on the west, and went out to the spring of the waters of Nephtoach: 16 And the boundary went down to the end of the mountain that is before the valley of the son of Hinnom, and which is in the valley of Rephaim at the north, and descended to the valley of Hinnom, to the side of the Jebusi on the south, and descended to 'Enrogel, 17 And extended northwardly, and went forth to 'En-shemesh. and went forth toward Geliloth, which is opposite to the ascent of Adummim, and descended to Ebenbohan the son of Reuben, 18 And passed along on this side opposite to 'Arabah northward; and went down unto 'Arabah; 19 And the boundary passed along to the side of Beth-choglah northward; and the terminations of the border were at the north bay of the Salt Sea at the south end of the Jordan: this was the south boundary. 20 And the Jordan bounded it on the east side. This was the inheritance of the children of Benjamin, by its boundaries round about, according to their families. 21 Now these were the cities of the tribe of the children of Benjamin according to their

to them. 8 And the men arose, and went away; and families, Jericho, and Beth-choglah, and 'Emekkeziz,

**9** And then came forth the second lot for Simeon, for the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families: and their inheritance was within the inheritance of the children of Judah. 2 And they obtained in their inheritance Beer-sheba', [or] Sheba', and Moladah, 3 And Chazar-shu'al, and Balah, and 'Ezem, 4 And Eltolad, and Bethul, and Chormah, 5 And Ziklag, and Beth-hamarcaboth, and Chazarsussah. 6 And Beth-lebaoth, and Sharuchen: thirteen cities and their villages. 7 'Avin, Rimmon, and 'Ether, and 'Ashan: four cities and their villages. 8 And all the villages that were round about these cities up to Ba'alath-beer, South Ramah, This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Simeon according to their families. 9 Out of the portion of the children of Judah 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 obtained their inheritance within their inheritance. 10 And then came up the third lot for the children of Zebulun according to their families: and the boundary of their inheritance extended up to Sarid: 11 And their boundary went up toward the sea, and Mar'alah. and touched on Dabbesheth, and touched on the brook that is before Yokne'am; 12 And turned from Sarid eastward toward the rising of the sun unto the border of Kisloth-tabor, and then went out to Daberath, and went up to Yaphia'; 13 And from there it passed on in front to the east unto Gath-Chepher, to 'Eth-kazin, and went out to Rimmon, whence it extended to Ne'ah; 14 And this boundary turned about on the north side to Channathon; and its terminations were in the valley of Yiph-thach-el: 15 And Kattath, and Nahallal, and Shimron, and Yidalah. and Beth-lechem: 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 For Issachar came out the fourth lot, for the children of Issachar according to their families. 18

and Shunem, 19 And Chapharayim, and Shion, and Bene-berak, and Gathrimmon. 46 And Me-hayarkon, Anacharath, 20 And Rabbith, and Kishvon, and Abez, and Rakkon, with the boundary before Yapho, 47 And 21 And Remeth, and 'En-gannim, and 'En-chaddah, the territory of the children of Dan went out beyond on Tabor, and Shachazimah, and Beth-shemesh; against Leshem, and captured it, and smote it with and the terminations of their boundaries were at the the edge of the sword, and took possession of it, and Jordan: sixteen cities with their villages. 23 This is dwelt therein, and they called Leshem, Dan, after the the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Issachar name of Dan their father. 48 This is the inheritance according to their families, the cities and their villages. of the tribe of the children of Dan according to their children of Asher according to their families. 25 And made an end of dividing the land for inheritance after their boundary was Chelkath, and Chali, and Beten, its boundaries; and the children of Israel gave an and Achshaph, 26 And Allammelech, and 'Am'ad, and inheritance to Joshua the son of Nun among them: Mishal; and it touched on Carmel at the sea, and on 50 By the order of the Lord did they give him the city the sun to Beth-dagon, and touched on Zebulun, and of Ephraim: and he built the city, and dwelt therein. 51 on the valley of Yiphthach-el at the north, on Beth- These are the inheritances, which Elazar the priest. ha'emek, and Ne'iel, and went out to Cabul on the and Joshua the son of Nun, and the heads of the left, 28 And 'Ebron, and Rechob, and Chammon, and divisions of the tribes of the children of Israel, divided Mibzar-zor; and then the boundary turned back to they made an end of dividing the country. Chossah; and the terminations were by the sea in the district toward Achzib: 30 And 'Ummah and Aphek. and Rechob: twenty and two cities with their villages. 31 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Asher according to their families, these cities with their villages. 32 Unto the children of Naphtali came out the sixth lot, for the children of Naphtali according to their families. 33 And their boundary was from Cheleph, from Allon-beza-'anannim, and Adami-hanekeb, and Yabneel, as far as Lakkum; and its terminations were at the Jordan: 34 And then the boundary turned westward to Aznoth-tabor, and went out from there to Chukkok, and touched on Zebulun on the south, and touched on Asher on the west, and on Judah upon the Jordan toward the rising of the sun. 35 And fortified cities. Ziddim. Zer. and Chammath, Rakkath, and Kinnereth, 36 And Adamah, and Ramah, and Chazor, 37 And Kedesh, and Edre'i, and 'En-chazor, 38 And Yiron, and Migdal-el, Chorem, and Beth-'anath, and Beth-shemesh: nineteen cities with their villages. 39 This is the inheritance of the tribe of the children of Naphtali according to their families, the cities and their villages. 40 For the tribe of the children of Dan according to their families came out of the seventh lot. 41 And the boundary of their inheritance was Zor'ah, and Eshtaol, and 'Ir-shemesh, 42 And Sha'alabbin, and Avalon, and Yithlah, 43 And Elon, and Thimnathah, and 'Ekron, 44 And Eltekeh,

And their boundary went to Yizre'el, and Kessulloth, and Gibbethon, and Ba'alath, 45 And Yehud, and and Beth-pazazz: 22 And the boundary touched these; for the children of Dan went up and fought 24 And then came out the fifth lot for the tribe of the families, these cities with their villages. 49 And they Shichor-libnath; 27 And it turned toward the rising of which he had asked, Timnathserach on the mountain Kanah, up to Zidon the great city, 29 And then the for an inheritance by lot, at Shiloh before the Lord, at boundary turned back to Ramah, and to the city of the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. So

> 20 And the Lord spoke unto Joshua, saving. 2 speak to the children of Israel, saying, Appoint for vourselves the cities of refuge, whereof I have spoken unto you by the hand of Moses: 3 That thither may flee the manslaver that killeth any person unawares, without knowledge; and they shall be unto you for a refuge from the avenger of the blood. 4 And he shall flee unto one of those cities, and he shall stand at the entrance of the gate of the city, and speak in the ears of the elders of that city his words; 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 the blood should pursue after him, then shall they not deliver the manslayer up into his hand; because without knowledge did he smite his neighbor, and he was not an enemy to him in time past. 6 And he shall dwell in that city, until he shall have stood before the congregation for judgment. [and] until the death of the high-priest that may be in those days: then shall the manslayer return, and come unto his own house, unto the city whence he hath fled. 7 And they appointed Kedesh in Galilee in the mountain of Naphtali, and Shechem in the mountain of Ephraim, and Kiryath-arba', which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah. 8 And on the other side of the Jordan by Jericho eastward, they appointed Bezer in the wilderness in the plain from the tribe of Reuben,

and Ramoth in Gil'ad from the tribe of Gad, and Golan Cholon with its open spaces, and Debir with its open in Bashan from the tribe of Menasseh. 9 These were spaces, 16 And 'Ayin with its open spaces, and Yuttah the cities assigned for all the children of Israel, and with its open spaces, and Beth-shemesh with its open for the stranger that sojourneth among them, that spaces: nine cities from those two tribes. 17 And from thither might flee whosoever killeth any person at the tribe of Benjamin, Gib'on with its open spaces, unawares, and that he should not die by the hand of Geba' with its open spaces, 18 'Anathoth with its open spaces, and 'Almon with its open spaces: four cities. The congregation.

**21** Then came near the heads of the divisions of the Levites unto Elazar the priest, and unto Joshua the son of Nun, and unto the heads of the divisions of the tribes of the children of Israel; 2 And they spoke unto them at Shiloh, in the land of Canaan, saying, The Lord commanded by the hand of Moses to give unto us cities to dwell in, with the open spaces thereof for our cattle. 3 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites from their inheritance, at the order of the Lord, these cities and their open spaces. 4 And the lot came out for the families of the Kehathites: and the children of Aaron the priest, who were of the Levites, obtained from the tribe of Judah, and from the tribe of Simeon, and from the tribe of Benjamin, by lot, thirteen cities. 5 And the rest of the children of Kehath obtained from the families of the tribe of Ephraim, and from the tribe of Dan, and from the half tribe of Menasseh, by lot, ten cities, 6 And the children of Gershon obtained from the families of the tribe of Issachar, and from the tribe of Asher, and from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the half tribe of Menasseh in Bashan, by lot, thirteen cities. 7 The children of Merari after their families obtained from the tribe of Reuben, and from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun, twelve cities. 8 And the children of Israel gave unto the Levites these cities with their open spaces, as the Lord had commanded by the hand of Moses, by lot, 9 And they gave from the tribe of the children of Judah, and from the tribe of the children of Simeon, these cities which are called by name. 10 And the children of Aaron, of the families of the Kehathites, of the children of Levi, obtained them: —for they had the first lot, 11 And they gave unto them Kiryath-arba', [the father of 'Anak, ] which is Hebron, in the mountain of Judah, with the open spaces thereof round about it; 12 But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son of Yephunneh for his possession. 13 And to the children of Aaron the priest they gave the city of refuge for the manslayer, Hebron with its open spaces, and Libnah with its open spaces, 14 And Yattir with its open spaces, and Eshtemoa' with its open spaces. 15 And

19 All the cities of the children of Aaron, the priests. were thirteen cities with their open spaces. 20 And the families of the children of Kehath, the Levites, who remained of the children of Kehath, obtained the cities of their lot from the tribe of Ephraim. 21 And they gave to them the city of refuge for the manslayer, Shechem with its open spaces in the mountain of Ephraim. and Gezer with its open spaces. 22 And Kibzavim with its open spaces, and Beth-choron with its open spaces: four cities. 23 And from the tribe of Dan, Elteke with its open spaces, Gibbethon with its open spaces. 24 Avalon with its open spaces. Gath-rimmon with its open spaces: four cities. 25 And from the half tribe of Menasseh, Ta'nach with its open spaces, and Gath-rimmon with its open spaces: two cities. 26 All the cities were ten with their open spaces for the families of the children of Kehath that remained. 27 And unto the children of Gershon, of the families of the Levites. [they gave] from the other half tribe of Menasseh the city of refuge for the manslayer, Golan in Bashan with its open spaces, and Be'eshterah with its open spaces: two cities. 28 And from the tribe of Issachar, Kishyon with its open spaces, Daberath with its open spaces, 29 Yarmuth with its open spaces, 'En-gannim with its open spaces: four cities. 30 And from the tribe of Asher, Mishal with its open spaces, Abdon with its open spaces. 31 Chelkath with its open spaces, and Rechob with its open spaces: four cities. 32 And from the tribe of Naphtali, the city of refuge for the manslayer. Kedesh in Galilee with its open spaces, and Chammothdor with its open spaces. and Karthan with its open spaces: three cities, 33 All the cities of the Gershunites according to their families were thirteen cities with their open spaces. 34 And unto the families of the children of Merari, the remainder of the Levites, [they gave] from the tribe of Zebulun, Yokne'am with its open spaces, and Karthah with its open spaces, 35 Dimnah with its open spaces, Nahalal with its open spaces: four cities. 38 And from the tribe of Gad, the city of refuge for the manslaver. Ramoth in Gil'ad with its open spaces. and Machanayim with its open spaces, 39 Cheshbon with its open spaces. Ya'zer with its open spaces: four cities in all. 40 All the cities for the children of

Merari after their families, they who were remaining of to the land of their possession, whereof they were Israel: it all came to pass.

**77** Then did Joshua call the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Menasseh, 2 And he said unto them. Ye have indeed kept all that Moses the servant of the Lord commanded you, and ye have obeyed my voice in all that I commanded you: 3 Ye have not forsaken your brethren these many days, until this day; but ye have kept the obligation of the commandment of the Lord your God. 4 And now the Lord your God hath given rest unto your brethren, as he promised them; therefore now turn yourselves, and get you unto your tents, unto the land of your possession, which Moses the servant of the Lord gave unto you on the other side of the Jordan. 5 Only take diligent heed to practise the commandment and the law, which Moses the servant of the Lord hath commanded you, to love the Lord 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 And Joshua blessed them, and sent them away; and they went unto their tents. 7 Now to the one half of the tribe of Menasseh Moses had given possession in Bashan; but unto the other half thereof gave Joshua with their brethren on this side of the Jordan westward: and when Joshua sent them also away unto their tents, he blessed them; 8 And he said unto them, as followeth, With much riches return unto your tents, and with very much cattle, with silver, and with gold, and with copper, and with iron, and with very many garments: 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 Menasseh returned, and departed from the children of Israel from Shiloh, which is in the land of Canaan, to go unto the country of Gil'ad,

the families of the Levites, even their lot was twelve possessed, according to the order of the Lord by the cities. 41 All the cities of the Levites in the midst of hand of Moses. 10 And when they came unto the the possession of the children of Israel were forty and districts of the Jordan, that are in the land of Canaan, eight cities with their open spaces. 42 These cities the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and were every one with their open spaces round about the half tribe of Menasseh built there an altar by the them: thus it was with all these cities. 43 And the Lord Jordan, a great altar for a show. 11 And the children gave unto Israel all the land which he had sworn to of Israel heard, as followeth, Behold, the children of give unto their fathers; and they possessed it, and Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of dwelt therein. 44 And the Lord gave them rest round Menasseh have built an altar in the front of the land about, all just as he had sworn unto their fathers: and of Canaan, in the districts of the Jordan, at the side there stood not up before them a man of all their belonging to the children of Israel. 12 And when the enemies; all their enemies the Lord delivered into children of Israel heard it, the whole congregation of their hand. 45 There failed not aught of all the good the children of Israel assembled themselves together thing which the Lord had spoken unto the house of 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 the half tribe of Menasseh, into the land of Gil'ad, Phinehas the son of Elazar the priest. 14 And ten princes with him, one prince each for every division of all the tribes of Israel; and each one was a head of their family divisions among the thousands of Israel. 15 And they came unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the half tribe of Menasseh, unto the land of Gil'ad, and they spoke with them, saying: 16 Thus have said the whole congregation of the Lord. What trespass is this that ye have committed against the God of Israel to turn away this day from following the Lord, in that ye have built yourselves an altar, that ye might rebel this day against the Lord? 17 Have we had too little in the iniquity of Peor, —from which we are not yet cleansed until this day, —when there was a plague in the congregation of the Lord? 18 And will ye turn away this day from following the Lord? and it will be, that when ye will rebel this day against the Lord, tomorrow he will be wroth with the whole congregation of Israel. 19 But, notwithstanding, if the land of your possession be unclean, then pass ve over unto the land of the possession of the Lord. wherein dwelleth the tabernacle of the Lord, and take possession in the midst of us; but rebel not against the Lord and against us do not rebel, in building yourselves an altar beside the altar of the Lord our God. 20 Did not 'Achan the son of Zerach commit a trespass on the devoted things, and wrath fell on all the congregation of Israel? and he, though but one man, perished not alone in his iniquity. 21 But the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the half tribe of Menasseh answered, and they spoke unto the heads of the thousands of Israel, 22 The God of gods, the Eternal, the God of gods, the Eternal,

rebellion, or if in transgression against the Lord, [aid the children of Reuben and Gad dwelt, 34 And the us not this day. 1 23 That we have built us an altar children of Reuben and the children of Gad called the to turn away from following the Lord: or if to offer altar ["Ed"]: for [they said] it is a witness between us thereon burnt-offering or meat-offering, or if to offer that the Eternal is God. thereon peace-offerings, may the Lord himself require it; 24 Or whether we have not done it for fear of this thing, saving. In time to come your children might say unto our children, as followeth. What have ve to do with the Lord, the God of Israel? 25 For the Lord hath made a boundary between us and you, ve children of Reuben and children of Gad. -the Jordan: ve have no part in the Lord: thus might your children make our children cease so as not to fear the Lord. 26 Wherefore we said. Let us now act for ourselves to build this altar, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice; 27 But it shall be a witness between us, and you, and our generations after us, that we may perform the service of the Lord before him with our burnt-offerings, and with our sacrifices, and with our, peace-offerings; and that your children may not say in time to come to our children. Ye have no portion in the Lord. 28 And we said, that it shall be! when they should say this to us and to our generations in time to come, that we may say. Behold the pattern of the altar of the Lord, which our fathers made, not for burnt-offering, nor for sacrifice; but it is a witness between us and you. 29 Far be it from us that we should rebel against the Lord, and turn away this day from following the Lord, to build an altar for burntoffering, for meat-offering, or for sacrifice, beside the altar of the Lord our God that is before his dwelling. 30 And when Phinehas the priest, and the princes of the congregation and the heads of the thousands of Israel who were with him, heard the words which the children of Reuben and the children of Gad and the children of Menasseh had spoken, it was pleasing in their eyes. 31 And Phinehas the son of Elazar the priest said unto the children of Reuben, and to the children of Gad, and to the children of Menasseh. This day do we know that the Lord is in our midst. because ye have not committed this trespass against the Lord: now have ve delivered the children of Israel out of the hand of the Lord. 32 And Phinehas the son of Elazar the priest, and the princes, returned from the children of Reuben, and from the children of Gad. out of the land of Gil'ad, unto the land of Canaan, to the children of Israel, and they brought them word again. 33 And the thing was pleasing in the eves of the children of Israel; and the children of Israel blessed God; and they did not speak any more to go

he knoweth, and Israel also shall know; if it be in up against them to battle, to destroy the land wherein

23 And it came to pass after many days, after the Lord had given rest unto Israel from all their enemies round about, and Joshua had grown old and was well stricken in age. 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 become old and well stricken in age; 3 And ye have vourselves seen all that the Lord vour God hath done unto all these nations, because of you; for the Lord your God it is that hath fought for you. 4 Behold. I have divided unto you by lot those nations that yet remain, to be an inheritance according to your tribes, from the Jordan, with all the nations that I have cut off, as far as the great sea, toward the setting of the sun. 5 And the Lord your God will indeed expel them from before you, and drive them out from before you; and ye shall possess their land, as the Lord your God hath spoken unto you. 6 But be ve very steadfast to keep and to do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, so as not to turn aside therefrom to the right or to the left; 7 So as not to come among these nations, those that are left remaining near you; and of the name of their gods shall ve not make mention, nor cause any to swear thereby, neither shall ve serve them, nor bow yourselves down unto them; 8 But unto the Lord your God shall ye cleave, as ye have done unto this day. 9 And the Lord drove out from before you great and mighty nations; but as for you, no man hath been able to stand up before you unto this day. 10 One man of you can chase a thousand: for the Lord your God it is that fighteth for you, as he hath spoken unto you. 11 Take good heed therefore for your souls' sake, to love the Lord your God, 12 For if ye do in any wise turn back, and cleave unto the remnant of these nations, those that are left remaining near you. and make marriages with them, and come in among them, and they among you: 13 Know for a certainty that the Lord your God will no more drive out these nations from before you; but they shall be snares and traps unto you, and scourges in your sides, and stings in your eyes, until ye perish from off this good land which the Lord your God hath given you. 14 And, behold. I am going this day the way of all the earth: and ve know with all your heart and with all your soul. that not one thing hath failed of all the good things

which the Lord your God spoke concerning you: all the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites: and I are come to pass unto you, not one thing thereof gave them up into your hand. 12 And I sent before hath failed. 15 But it shall come to pass, that as every you the hornet which drove them out from before good thing is come upon you, which the Lord your you, even the two kings of the Emorites: not with thy God spoke unto you: so will the Lord bring upon you sword, and not with thy bow. 13 And I gave you a every evil thing, until he have destroyed you from off land for which ye had not toiled, and cities which ye had not built, and ye dwell in them; of vineyards and unto you. 16 When ye transgress the covenant of the Lord your God, which he hath commanded you, and truth; and put away the gods which your fathers to them: then will the anger of the Lord be kindled against you, and ye shall perish quickly from off the eves to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this

24 And Joshua assembled all the tribes of Israel to Shechem; and he 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 hath said the Lord the God of Israel, On the other side of the river did your fathers dwell in old time, even Terach, the father of Abraham, and the father of Nachor: and they served other gods. 3 And I took your father Abraham from the other side of the river, and I led him throughout all the land of Canaan; and I 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; but Jacob and his children went down into Egypt. 5 And I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plaqued Egypt in the manner as I have done among them; and after that I brought you out. 6 And I brought your fathers out of Egypt; and ve came unto the sea: and the Egyptians pursued after your fathers with chariots and horsemen unto the Red Sea. 7 And they cried unto the Lord, and he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and he brought the sea over them, and covered them; and your eyes saw what I had done on Egypt; and ye dwelt in the wilderness many days. 8 And I brought you into the land of the Emorites, that dwelt on the other side of the Jordan; and they fought with you: and I gave them into your hand, and ye took possession of their land; and I destroyed them from before you. 9 Then Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab, arose and warred against Israel; and he sent and called Bil'am the son of Beor to curse you; 10 And I would not hearken unto Bil'am: but he had to bless you instead: and I delivered you out of his hand. 11 And ye passed over the Jordan, and came unto Jericho; and then fought the men of Jericho against you, the Emorites, and the Perizzites, and the Canaanites, and the Hittites, and

eyes to serve the Lord, choose for yourselves this day whom ve will serve; whether the gods which your fathers that were on the other side of the river served. or the gods of the Emorites, in whose land ve dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord. 16 And the people answered and said. Far be it from us to forsake the Lord, to serve other gods; 17 For the Lord our God it is that hath brought us and our fathers up out of the land of Egypt, from the house of slavery, and who hath done those great signs before our eyes, and preserved us upon all the way whereon we have gone, and among all the people through the midst of whom we have passed: 18 And the Lord hath driven out all the nations, and the Emorites who dwelt in the land, from before us; therefore also will we serve the Lord: for he is our God. 19 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye will not be able to serve the Lord; for he is a holy God; he is a watchful God; he will not have any indulgence for your transgressions and for your sins; 20 If ye forsake the Lord, and serve strange gods, then will he again do ve evil, and consume ye, after that he hath done you good. 21 And the people said unto Joshua, No; nevertheless the Lord will we serve. 22 And Joshua said unto the people, Ye are witnesses against yourselves that ye yourselves have chosen for you the Lord, to serve him. And they said. We are witnesses. 23 And now put away the strange gods which are in the midst of you, and incline your heart unto the Lord the God of Israel. 24 And the people said unto Joshua, The Lord our God will we serve, and his voice will we obey. 25 And Joshua made a covenant with the people on that day, and set them a statute and an ordinance in Shechem. 26 And Joshua wrote these words in the book of the law of God; and he took a great stone, and set it up there under the oak, that was by the sanctuary of the Lord. 27 And Joshua said unto all the people. Behold, this stone shall be among us as a witness; for it hath heard all the words of the Lord

which he spoke unto us: it shall be therefore as a witness against you, that ye may not deny your God. 28 And Joshua let the people depart, every man unto his inheritance. 29 And it came to pass after these things, that Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, died, one hundred and ten years old. 30 And they buried him on the border of his inheritance at Timnath-serach, which is on the mountain of Ephraim, on the north side of mount Ga'ash. 31 And Israel served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who lived many days after Joshua, and who had known all the deeds of the Lord, that he had done for Israel. 32 And the bones of Joseph, which the children of Israel had brought up out of Egypt, they buried in Shechem, in a parcel of the field which Jacob had bought of the sons of Chamor the father of Shechem for one hundred kessitah: and it remained the inheritance of the children of Joseph. 33 And Elazar the son of Aaron died; and they buried him on the hill of Phinehas his son, which was given him in the mountain of Ephraim.

## **Judges**

1 And it came to pass after the death of Joshua, that the children of Israel asked the Lord, saying, Who shall go up for us against the Canaanites at the first, to fight against them? 2 And the Lord said, Judah shall go up; behold. I have delivered the land into his hand. 3 And Judah said unto Simeon his brother, Come up with me into my lot, and we will fight against the Canaanites; and I likewise will go with thee into thy lot. So Simeon went with him. 4 And Judah went up: and the Lord 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 food under my table: as I have done, so hath God requited me. And they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died there. 8 And the children of Judah fought against Jerusalem, and captured it, and they smote it with the edge of the sword, and the city they set on fire. 9 And afterward did the children of Judah go down to fight against the Canaanites, that dwelt in the mountain, and in the south, and in the lowlands. 10 And Judah went against the Canaanites that dwelt in Hebron: Inow the name of Hebron was formerly Kiryath-arba'; ] and they smote Sheshai, and Achiman, and Talmai. 11 And he went from there against the inhabitants of Debir; and the name of Debir was formerly Kiryath-sepher: 12 And Caleb said, He that will smite Kiryath-sepher, and capture it, to him will I give 'Achsah my daughter for wife. 13 And 'Othniel the son of Kenaz, Caleb's vounger brother. captured it: and he gave him 'Achsah his daughter for wife. 14 And it came to pass, when she came to him, that she persuaded him to ask of her father a field: and she alighted from off her ass: and Caleb said unto her, What aileth thee? 15 And she said unto him, Give me a blessing; for thou hast given me a dry land: give me also springs of water. And Caleb gave her the upper springs and the nether springs. 16 And the children of the Kenite, the father-in-law of Moses, went up out of the city of palm-trees with the children of Judah into the wilderness of Judah, which is at 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 devoted it. And the name of the city was called Chormah. 18 And Judah captured Gazzah with its territory, and Ashkelon with its territory, and 'Ekron with its territory. 19 And the Lord was with Judah; and he took possession of the mountain; but 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 Jebusites that inhabited Jerusalem, the children of Benjamin did not drive out; but the Jebusites dwelt with the children of Benjamin in Jerusalem until this day. 22 And the house of Joseph, these also, went up against Beth-el; and the Lord was with them. 23 And the house of Joseph sent to spy out Beth-el: now the name of the city formerly was Luz. 24 And the watchers saw a man coming forth out of the city. and they said unto him, Show us, we pray thee, the entrance into the city, and we will show thee kindness. 25 And he showed them the entrance into the city, and they smote the city with the edge of the sword; but the man and all his family they let go free. 26 And the man went into the land of the Hittites, and built a city, and called its name Luz: this is its name unto this day. 27 Neither did Menasseh drive out [the inhabitants of] Beth-shean and its towns. nor Ta'anach and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Dor and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Yible'am and its towns, nor the inhabitants of Megiddo and its towns; but the Canaanites succeeded to remain in this land. 28 And it came to pass, when Israel became strong, that they put the Canaanites to tribute: but they did not drive them out entirely. 29 Neither did Ephraim drive out the Canaanites that dwelt in Gezer; and the Canaanites dwelt in the midst of them at Gezer. 30 Zebulun did not drive out the inhabitants of Kitron. nor the inhabitants of Nahalol; and the Canaanites dwelt in the midst of them, and became tributary, 31 Asher did not drive out the inhabitants of 'Akko, nor the inhabitants of Zidon, nor of Achlab, nor of Achzib, nor of Chelbah, nor of Aphik, nor of Rechob; 32 And the Asherites dwelt in the midst of the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land; for they did not drive them out. 33 Naphtali did not drive out the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh, nor the inhabitants of Beth-'anath; and he dwelt in the midst of the Canaanites, the inhabitants of the land: nevertheless the inhabitants of Beth-shemesh and of Beth-anath became tributary unto them. 34 And the Emorites forced the children of Dan into the mountain; for they would not suffer them

to come down into the valley; 35 And the Emorites spoken, and as the Lord had sworn unto them: and 'Akrabbim, from the Rock upward.

2 And a messenger of the Lord came up from Gilgal to Bochim. And he said, I caused you to go up out of Egypt, and I brought you unto the land which I had sworn unto your fathers; and I said, I will not break my covenant with you for ever. 2 But ye for your part shall make no covenant with the inhabitants of this land; their altars shall ye throw down; but ye have not obeyed my voice: what is this ye have done? 3 And I also have said. I will not drive them out from before you; but they shall be evil neighbors to you, and their gods shall become a snare unto you. 4 And it came to pass, when the messenger of the Lord spoke these words unto all the children of Israel, that the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And they called the name of that place, Bochim; and they sacrificed there unto the Lord. 6 And when Joshua had let the people go, the children of Israel went every man unto his inheritance to take possession of the land. 7 And the people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders that lived many days after Joshua. who had seen all the great deeds of the Lord, which he had done for Israel. 8 Then died Joshua the son of Nun, the servant of the Lord, being one hundred and ten years old. 9 And they buried him on the border of his inheritance in Timnath-cheres, in the mountain of Ephraim, on the north side of mount Ga'ash. 10 And also all that generation were gathered after them, who knew not the Lord, and likewise not the deeds which he had done for Israel. 11 And the children of Israel did the evil in the eyes of the Lord, and served the Be'alim: 12 And they forsook the Lord the God of their fathers, who had brought them out of the land of Egypt, and they went after other gods, of the gods of the nations that were round about them. and they bowed themselves unto them, and incensed the Lord. 13 And they forsook the Lord, and served Baal and 'Ashtaroth. 14 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he delivered them into the hand of spoilers who spoiled them, and he sold them into the hand of their enemies round about, and they were not able any longer to stand before their the Jebusites; 6 And they took their daughters to enemies. 15 Whithersoever they went out, the hand themselves for wives, and their daughters they gave of the Lord was against them for evil, as the Lord had to their sons; and they served their gods. 7 And the

succeeded to remain on mount Cheres, in Ayalon, they were greatly distressed. 16 And the Lord raised and in Sha'albim; but when the hand of the house up judges, and they delivered them out of the hand of of Joseph prevailed, they became tributary, 36 And those that spoiled them, 17 But also unto their judges the territory of the Emorites was from the ascent of they did not hearken; but they went astray after other gods, and bowed themselves unto them: they turned quickly out of the way which their fathers had walked in, to obey the commandments of the Lord; they did not so. 18 And when the Lord raised them up judges, then was the Lord with the judge, and he delivered them out of the hand of their enemies all the days of the judge; for the Lord bethought himself because of their groaning by reason of those that oppressed them and ill-treated them. 19 And it came to pass, when the judge died, that they returned, and became more corrupt than their fathers, in going after other gods to serve them, and to bow down unto them: they omitted nothing from their doings, and from their stubborn way. 20 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel; and he said, For the cause that this people have transgressed my covenant which I commanded their fathers, and have not hearkened unto my voice: 21 So will I also for my part not drive out henceforth any man from before them out of the nations which Joshua left when he died: 22 In order to prove through them the Israelites, whether they will keep the way of the Lord, to walk therein, as their fathers did keep it, or not, 23 And thus did the Lord leave these nations, so as not to drive them out speedily: and he delivered them not into the hand of Joshua.

3 Now these are the nations that the Lord left, to prove by them the Israelites, namely, all those who unto their fathers; and there arose another generation had not experienced all the wars of Canaan; 2 Only in order that the future generations of the children of Israel might obtain knowledge, to teach them war; but only such as before had learned nothing thereof; 3 Namely, the five lords of the Philistines, and all the Canaanites, and the Zidonians, and the Hivites that dwelt on mount Lebanon, from mount Ba'al-chermon unto the entrance of Chamath. 4 And they were left to prove by them the Israelites, to know whether they would hearken unto the commandments of the Lord, which he had commanded their fathers by the hand of Moses. 5 And the children of Israel dwelt in the midst of the Canaanites, the Hittites, and the Emorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and

the Lord, and forgot the Lord their God, and served saw, behold, the doors of the upper chamber were the Be'alim and the groves, 8 Wherefore the anger locked; and they said. Surely he covereth his feet in of the Lord was kindled against Israel, and he sold the summer chamber. 25 And they tarried till they them into the hand of Cushan-rish'athavim the king were ashamed; and behold, he opened not the doors of Mesopotamia; and the children of Israel served of the upper chamber; wherefore they took the key Cushan-rish'athayim eight years. 9 And the children and opened them: and, behold, their lord was lying of Israel cried then unto the Lord, and the Lord raised dead on the floor, 26 And Ehud had escaped while up a deliverer to the children of Israel, who delivered they were tarrying, and passed beyond the quarries, them, namely, 'Othniel the son of Kenaz, the younger and escaped unto Se'irah. 27 And it came to pass, brother of Caleb. 10 And the spirit of the Lord came when he was come, that he blew the cornet on the over him, and he judged Israel, and went out to battle: mountain of Ephraim, and the children of Israel went and the Lord delivered Cushan-rish'athavim the king down with him from the mountain, and he before of Mesopotamia into his hand; and his hand prevailed them. 28 And he said unto them. Pursue after me; for over Cushan-rish'athavim. 11 And the land had rest the Lord hath delivered your enemies, the Moabites. forty years; and then died 'Othniel the son of Kenaz. into your hand. And they went down after him, and 12 And the children of Israel did again the evil in the seized on the fords of the Jordan toward Moab, and eves of the Lord; and the Lord strengthened 'Eglon the suffered not a man to pass over, 29 And they smote king of Moab against Israel, because they had done of Moab at that time about ten thousand men, all the evil in the eyes of the Lord. 13 And he gathered lusty, and all men of valor; and there escaped not a unto him the children of 'Ammon and 'Amalek, and man. 30 And Moab was humbled that day under the they went and smote Israel, and took possession of hand of Israel. And the land had rest eighty years. 31 the city of palm-trees. 14 And the children of Israel And after him was Shamgar the son of 'Anath, who served 'Eglon the king of Moab eighteen years. 15 smote of the philistines six hundred men with an ox-But the children of Israel cried then unto the Lord: goad; and he also delivered Israel. and the Lord raised up unto them a deliverer. Ehud the son of Gera a Benjamite, a man who was lamed in his right hand; and the children of Israel sent by him a present unto 'Eglon the king of Moab. 16 But Ehud made himself a sword which had two edges, of a cubit length; and he girded it under his garments upon his right thigh. 17 And he brought the present near unto 'Eglon the king of Moab: now 'Eglon was a very fat man. 18 And it came to pass when he had made an end to offer the present, that he sent away the people who had borne the present. 19 But he himself returned again from the guarries that were by Gilgal, and said. I have a secret word unto thee. O King, And he said, Keep silence, And thereupon went out from his presence all that stood by him. 20 And Ehud came in unto him; and he was sitting in the summer upper chamber, which was for himself alone. And Ehud said. I have a word of God unto thee. And he arose out of his chair. 21 And Ehud stretched forth his left hand, and took the sword from his right thigh, and thrust it into his body. 22 And the haft also went in after the blade; and the fat closed upon the blade: for he did not draw the sword out of his body. and it passed into the fundament. 23 And Ehud went forth into the ante-room, and shut the doors of the upper chamber after him, and locked them. 24 He

children of Israel did [thus] the evil in the eyes of was just gone out, when his servants came; and they

▲ And the children of Israel again did the evil in the eves of the Lord, when Ehud was dead. 2 And the Lord sold them into the hand of Yabin the king of Canaan, that reigned in Chazor; and the captain of his army was Sissera, who dwelt in Charosheth-hagoyim. 3 And the children of Israel cried unto the Lord; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron; and he oppressed the children of Israel with might twenty years. 4 And Deborah, a prophetess, the wife of Lapidoth, -she judged Israel at that time. 5 And she held her sitting under the palm-tree of Deborah between Ramah and Beth-el on the mountain of Ephraim: and the children of Israel came up to her for judgment. 6 And she sent and called Barak the son of Abino'am out of Kedeshnaphtali; and she said unto him, Behold, the Lord the God of Israel hath commanded, Go and lead on toward 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 brook Kishon, Sissera, the captain of Yabin's army, and his chariots and his multitude; and I will give him up into thy hand. 8 And Barak said unto her, If thou wilt go with me, then will I go; but if thou wilt not go with me. I will not go. 9 And she said. I will indeed go with thee; nevertheless it will not be for thy honor, on the

way which thou goest; for into the hand of a woman will the Lord deliver Sissera; and Deborah arose, and went with Barak to Kedesh. 10 And Barak called Zebulun and Naphtali together to Kedesh: and there went up in his train ten thousand men: also Deborah went up with him. 11 Now Cheber the Kenite had severed himself from the Kenites, from the children of Chobab the father-in-law of Moses; and he had pitched his tent as far as Elon-beza'anannim, which is near Kedesh. 12 And they told Sissera that Barak the son of Abino'am was gone up to mount Tabor. 13 And Sissera called together all his chariots, nine hundred chariots of iron, and all the people that were with him, from Charosheth-hagovim unto the brook Kishon. 14 And Deborah said unto Barak. Up! for this is the day on which the Lord hath given Sissera into thy hand; behold, the Lord is gone out before thee: so Barak went down from mount Tabor, with ten thousand men after him. 15 And the Lord confounded Sissera, and all his chariots, and all his army, with the edge of the sword before Barak; and Sissera alighted from his chariot, and fled away on foot. 16 And Barak pursued after the chariots, and after the army, unto Charosheth-hagoyim: and all the army of Sissera fell by the edge of the sword; there was not left even one. 17 But Sissera had fled away on foot to the tent of Ja'el the wife of Cheber the Kenite; for there was peace between Yabin the king of Chazor and the house of Cheber the Kenite. 18 And Ja'el went out to meet Sissera, and said unto him, Turn in, my lord, turn in unto me, fear not: and he turned in unto her into the tent, and she covered him with a blanket. 19 And he said unto her, Give me to drink, I pray thee, a little water; for I am thirsty: and she opened a bottle of milk, and gave him to drink, and covered him up. 20 And he said unto her, Stand at the door of the tent; and it shall be, that, when any man should come and ask of thee, and say, Is there any man here? thou shalt say. No. 21 And Ja'el the wife of Cheber took thereupon the nail of the tent, and placed a hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and struck the nail into his temple, and it became fastened in the ground; but he was fast asleep and weary; so he died. 22 And, behold, Barak came in pursuit of Sissera, and Ja'el came out to meet him, and said unto him, Come, and I will show thee the man whom thou art seeking: and he came to her, and behold. Sissera was lying dead, with the nail in his temple. 23 So did God humble on that day Yabin the king of Canaan before the children of Israel. 24 And the hand of the children of Israel became constantly

heavier upon Yabin the king of Canaan, until they had destroyed Yabin the king of Canaan.

**5** Then sang Deborah with Barak the son of Abino'am on that day, saying, 2 When depravity had broken out in Israel, then did the people offer themselves willingly; [therefore] praise ye the Lord. 3 Hear, O kings; give ear, O princes; I—unto the Lord will I sing; I will sing praise to the Lord, the God of Israel. 4 Lord, at thy going forth out of Seir, at thy marching along out of the field of Edom, the earth trembled, also the heavens dropped, also the clouds dropped water. 5 The mountains melted away because of the presence of the Lord, yonder Sinai, because of the presence of the Lord, the God of Israel. 6 In the days of Shamgar the son of 'Anath, in the days of Ja'el, the highways were unoccupied, and those who travelled on roads walked through crooked by-paths. 7 Desolate were the open towns in Israel, they were desolate, until that I arose, Deborah, that I arose a mother in Israel. 8 They chose new gods, then was there war in the gates: was there a shield seen or a spear among forty thousand in Israel? 9 My heart [belongeth] to the governors of Israel, that offered themselves willingly among the people: praise ye the Lord. 10 Ye that ride on white asses, ye that sit in judgment, and ye who walk on the way, utter praise! 11 [Urged on] by the voice of those who divide [the flocks] between the watering wells, there shall they rehearse the benefits of the Lord, the benefits toward his open towns in Israel; [for] now go down [again] to the gates the people of the Lord. 12 Awake, awake, Deborah! awake, awake, utter a song! up, Barak, and lead away thy captives, son of Abino'am. 13 Then obtained dominion a few that had escaped for the nobles among the people—the Lord gave me dominion over the mighty. 14 They whose root is out of Ephraim were against 'Amalek: after thee, Benjamin, with thy armies; out of Machir came down lawgivers, and out of Zebulun they that handle the pen of the writer. 15 And the princes of Issachar were with Deborah: vea Issachar, the support of Barak; into the valley he hastened down in his train; [but] at the streams of Reuben there were great thoughts of heart. 16 Why didst thou sit among the sheepfolds to hear the bleatings of the flocks? At the streams of Reuben there were great searchings of heart. 17 Gil'ad abode beyond the Jordan; and Dan-why would he tarry in ships? Asher remained on the seashore, and abode near his bays. 18 Zebulun is a people that jeoparded its life unto death, and Naphtali—on the high places

of the [battle] field. 19 There came kings, [and] fought, came into the land to destroy it. 6 And Israel was then fought the kings of Canaan, in Ta'anach by greatly impoverished because of the Midianites; and the waters of Megiddo: gain of money they took not the children of Israel cried unto the Lord. 7 And it away. 20 From heaven they fought—the stars in their came to pass, when the children of Israel had cried courses fought against Sissera. 21 The stream of unto the Lord because of the Midianites, 8 That the Kishon swept them away, that ancient stream, the Lord sent a prophet unto the children of Israel, and stream of Kishon: step along, O my soul, in victorious he said unto them, Thus hath said the Lord the God strength. 22 Then were crushed the hoofs of the of Israel, I led you forth out of Egypt, and brought you horses, through the prancings, the prancings of their out of the house of slavery; 9 And I delivered you out mighty ones. 23 Curse ye Meroz, saith the messenger of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of of the Lord, yea, curse ye bitterly its inhabitants; all that oppressed you, and I drove them out from because they came not to the help of the Lord, to the before you, and gave you their land; 10 And I said help of the Lord among the mighty. 24 Blessed above unto you, I am the Lord your God: ye shall not fear [other] women shall be Ja'el the wife of Cheber the the gods of the Emorites, in whose land ye dwell; but Kenite, above [other] women [dwelling] in the tent ye have not obeyed my voice. 11 And there came may she be blessed. 25 Water he asked, milk she an angel of the Lord, and sat down under the oak gave [him]: in a lordly dish she brought him cream. which was in 'Ophrah, that pertained unto Joash the 26 Her hand she put forth to the nail, and her right Abi'ezrite; and Gid'on his son was beating out wheat hand to the laborious workmen's hammer; and she in the wine-press, to hide it from the Midianites. 12 hammered Sissera, she struck his head, and crushed And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and and smote through his temple. 27 Between her feet he said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man bent, he fell, he lay; between her feet he bent, he fell: of valor. 13 And Gid'on said unto him, Pardon, my where he had bent, there he fell down, bereft of life. lord, if the Lord be indeed with us, why then hath all 28 Out of the window looked and moaned the mother this befallen us? and where are all his wonders of of Sissera, through the lattice, Why tarrieth his chariot which our fathers have told us, saying, Did not the so long in coming? why lag the wheels of his chariot? Lord bring us up from Egypt! But now the Lord hath 29 The wise among her ladies answered her, she forsaken us, and delivered us into the hand of Midian. also returned a reply to herself. 30 Will they not find, 14 And the Lord turned toward him, and said, Go in —divide booty? one maiden, two maidens for every this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the man, a booty of colored garments for Sissera, a booty hand of the Midianites: behold, I have sent thee. 15 of colored embroidered garments, colored, double- And he said unto him, Pardon my Lord, wherewith worked garments round the necks of the captives! 31 shall I save Israel? behold, my family is the weakest Thus may perish all thy enemies, O Lord; but may in Menasseh, and I am the youngest of my father's those that love him be as the rising of the sun in his house. 16 And the Lord said unto him, Because I will might. And the land had rest forty years.

And the children of Israel did the evil in the eyes of the Lord: and the Lord delivered them into the hand of Midian seven years. 2 And the hand of Midian prevailed over Israel; and because of the Midianites the children of Israel made for themselves the passes which are in the mountains, and the caves, and the strongholds. 3 And it was, when Israel had sown, that the Midianites came up, and the 'Amalekites, and the children of the east, and they went up against them; 4 And they encamped against them, and destroyed the products of the earth, as far as Gazzah, and they left no sustenance for Israel, neither lamb, nor ox, nor ass. 5 For they came up with their cattle and their tents, and came as locusts in multitude; and both they and their camels were without number; and they

be with thee, and thou shalt smite the Midianites as one man. 17 And he said unto him, If now I have found grace in thy eyes, then give me a sign that thou hast been speaking with me; 18 Depart not hence, I pray thee, until I come unto thee, and bring forth my present, and set it before thee. And he said, I will tarry until thy return. 19 And Gid'on went in, and made ready a kid, and unleavened cakes of an ephah of flour: the flesh he put in a basket, and the broth he put 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 the broth pour out. And he did so. 21 Then the angel of the Lord put forth the end of the staff that was in his hand, and touched the flesh and the unleavened cakes; and there rose up fire out of the rock, and consumed

of the Lord departed out of his sight. 22 And when set up this fleece of wool in the threshing floor: if now Gid'on perceived that it was an angel of the Lord, there be dew on the fleece alone, and it be dry upon Gid'on said. Alas. O Lord Eternal! because I have all the ground, then shall I know that thou wilt save surely seen an angel of the Lord face to face, 23 Israel by my hand, as thou hast spoken, 38 And it And the Lord said unto him, Peace be unto thee; was so; and when he rose up early on the morrow, fear not: thou shalt not die. 24 And Gid'on built there he squeezed the fleece together, and wrung dew out an altar unto the Lord, and called it Adonay-shalom of the fleece, [making] a bowl full of water, 39 And [[the Eternal of Peace: ]] unto this day it is yet in Gid'on said unto God, Let not thy anger be kindled Ophrah of the Abi'ezrites. 25 And it came to pass in against me, and I will speak but this once [more]; the same night, that the Lord said unto him, Take let me have a proof, I pray thee, but this once more thy father's young bullock, and the second bullock of with the fleece; let it, I pray, be dry upon the fleece seven years old, and throw down the altar of Baal alone, and upon all the ground let there be dew. 40 which belongeth to thy father, and the grove that is And God did so that night; and it was dry upon the around it shalt thou cut down. 26 And build an altar fleece alone, and on all the ground there was dew. unto the Lord thy God upon the top of this rock, on the level place, and take the second bullock, and offer fit asl a burnt-sacrifice with the wood of the grove which thou shalt cut down. 27 And Gid'on took ten men of his servants, and did as the Lord had spoken unto him; but it came to pass, because he feared his father's household, and the men of the city, to do it by day, that he did it by night. 28 And when the men of the city arose early in the morning, behold, the altar of Baal was overthrown, and the grove that was around it was cut down, and the second bullock was offered upon the altar which had been built. 29 And they said one to another. Who hath done this thing? And they inquired and searched, and then said, Gid'on the son of Joash hath done this thing. 30 Thereupon said the men of the city unto Joash, Bring out thy son, that he may die; because he hath overthrown the altar of Baal, and because he hath cut down the grove that was around it. 31 But Joash said unto all that stood around him, Will ye indeed contend for Baal? will ye assist him? he that will contend for him, shall be put to death; [wait] until morning: if he be a god, let him contend for himself, because one hath overthrown his altar. 32 And the people called him on that day Yerubba'al, saying, Let Baal contend against him. because he hath overthrown his altar. 33 And all the Midianites and 'Amalekites and the children of the east assembled together, and went over and encamped in the valley of Yizre'el. 34 But the Spirit of the Lord endued Gid'on, and he blew the cornet: and Abi'ezer assembled and followed him. 35 And he sent messengers throughout all Menasseh, who also assembled and followed him; and he sent messengers through Asher, and through Zebulun, and through Naphtali, and they came up to meet them. 36 And Gid'on said unto God, If thou wilt save

the flesh and the unleavened cakes. And the angel Israel by my hand, as thou hast spoken, 37 Behold, I

7 Then Yerubba'al, who is Gid'on, and all the people that were with him, rose up early, and encamped beside the spring of Charod; and the camp of the Midianites was on the north side of them, by the hill of Moreh, in the valley. 2 And the Lord said unto Gid'on, The people that are with thee are too many for me to give the Midianites into their hand: lest Israel should vaunt themselves against me, saying, my own hand hath saved me. 3 Now therefore, do proclaim in the ears of the people, saying, Whosoever is fearful and afraid, let him return and depart early from mount Gil'ad. And there returned of the people twenty and two thousand; and ten thousand remained. 4 And the Lord said unto Gid'on, The people are yet too many; let them go down unto the water, and I will try them for thee there: and it shall be, that of whom I will say unto thee, This one shall go with thee, the same shall go with thee: and of whomsoever I will say unto thee. This one shall not go with thee, the same shall not go. 5 So he caused the people to go down unto the water: and the Lord said unto Gid'on, Every one that lappeth of the water with his tongue, as the dog lappeth, him shalt thou set by himself; likewise every one that bendeth down upon his knees to drink. 6 And the number of those that lapped, putting their hand to their mouth, was three hundred men; but all the rest of the people bent down upon their knees to drink water. 7 And the Lord said unto Gid'on. By the three hundred men that lapped will I save you, and deliver the Midianites into thy hand; and let all the other people go every man unto his place. 8 And they took the provision of the people in their hand, and their cornets; and all the rest of Israel he dismissed, every man unto his tent: but those three hundred men he retained: and the camp of Midian was beneath

same night, that the Lord said unto him, Arise, get Abelmecholah, near Tabbath. 23 And the men of thee down into the camp; for I have delivered it into Israel were called together out of Naphtali, and out of thy hand, 10 And if thou fear to go down, then go thou Asher, and out of all Menasseh, and they pursued down with Purah thy servant to the camp. 11 And thou after the Midianites, 24 And Gid'on sent messengers shalt hear what they will say; and after that shall thy throughout all the mountain of Ephraim, saying, Come hands be strengthened, and thou wilt go down unto down against the Midianites, and seize from them the camp. And he went down with Purah his servant the waters as far as Beth-barah and the Jordan, And unto the outside of the armed men that were in the all the men of Ephraim assembled themselves, and camp. 12 And the Midianites and the 'Amalekites' seized on the waters as far as Beth-barah and the and all the children of the east lay along in the valley Jordan. 25 And they captured two princes of the like the locusts for multitude; and their camels were Midianites, 'Oreb and Zeeb; and they slew 'Oreb upon without number, as the sand which is by the seaside the rock 'Oreb, and Zeeb they slew at the winepress for multitude. 13 And when Gid'on was come, behold, of Zeeb, and pursued the Midianites; and the heads a man was telling a dream unto his fellow, and said, of 'Oreb and Zeeb they brought to Gid'on from the Behold, I have dreamed a dream, and, lo, a baked other side of the Jordan. cake of barley bread was rolling round through the camp of Midian, and came unto the tent, and struck against it so that it fell, and it turned it bottom upward, and the tent thus tumbled down. 14 And his fellow answered and said. This is nothing else save the sword of Gid'on the son of Joash, a man of Israel; into whose hand God hath delivered Midian, and the whole camp. 15 And it was, when Gid'on heard the narration of the dream, and its interpretation, that he prostrated himself, and returned unto the camp of Israel, and said, Arise; for the Lord hath delivered into your hand the camp of Midian. 16 And he divided the three hundred men into three companies, and he put cornets in the hand of all of them, with empty pitchers, and torches in the pitchers. 17 And he said unto them, What you see me do, do ye likewise; and, behold, when I am come to the edge of the camp, it shall be that, as I do, so shall ye do. 18 When I blow the cornet, I and all that are with me, then shall ye blow the cornets also on every side of all the camp, and say, For the Lord, and for Gid'on. 19 And Gid'on, and the hundred men that were with him, came unto the edge of the camp in the beginning of the middle watch; when they had but newly set the sentinels: and they blew the cornets, and broke the pitchers that were in their hand. 20 And the three companies blew the cornets, and broke the pitchers, and seized with their left hand the torches, and with their right hand the cornets to blow; and they cried, The sword for the Lord, and for Gid'on. 21 And they remained standing every man in his place round about the camp; and all [in] the camp ran, and shouted, and fled. 22 And as the three hundred cornets sounded, the Lord set every man's sword against his fellow, even throughout all the camp; and [those in] the camp fled as far

him in the valley. 9 And it came to pass, during the as Beth-hashittah to Zererah, up to the border of

8 And the men of Ephraim said unto him, What is this thing that thou hast done unto us, not to call for us, when thou wentest to fight with the Midianites? And they guarrelled with him vehemently. 2 And he said unto them, What have I done now in comparison with you? Is not the gleaning of Ephraim better than the vintage of Abi'ezer? 3 Into your hand God delivered the princes of Midian, 'Oreb and Zeeb: and what have I been able to do in comparison with you? Then was their anger abated from him, when he had spoken this speech. 4 And Gid'on came to the Jordan, and passed over, he, and the three hundred men that were with him, faint, and in pursuit, 5 And he said unto the men of Succoth, Give, I pray you, a few loaves of bread unto the people that are in my train; for they are faint, and I am pursuing after Zebach and Zalmunna,' the kings of Midian. 6 And the princes of Succoth said. Is the sole of the foot of Zebach and Zalmunna' now already in thy hand, that we should give unto thy army bread? 7 And Gid'on said, Therefore when the Lord hath delivered Zebach and Zalmunna' into my hand, then will I thresh your flesh with the thorns of the wilderness and with briers. 8 And he went up thence to Penuel, and spoke unto them in the same manner: and the men of Penuel answered him as the men of Succoth had answered. 9 And he said also unto the men of Penuel thus, When I return again in peace. I will break down this tower. 10 Now Zebach and Zalmunna' were in Karkor, and their camps with them, about fifteen thousand men, all that had been left of all the camp of the children of the east; but those who had fallen were one hundred and twenty thousand men that drew the sword. 11 And Gid'on went up by the way of those that dwelt in tents,

camp; but the camp thought itself secure. 12 And Gid'on, and to his house. 28 And Midian was humbled Zebach and Zalmunna' fled; but he pursued after before the children of Israel, so that they lifted not up them, and captured the two kings of Midian, Zebach, their head any more, And the country was quiet forty and Zalmunna', and all the camp he discomfited, years in the days of Gid'on, 29 And Yerubba'al the 13 And Gid'on the son of Joash returned from the son of Joash went and dwelt in his own house. 30 battle before the rising of the sun, 14 And he caught a And Gid'on had seventy sons begotten of his body; voung man of the people of Succoth, and inquired for he had many wives. 31 And his concubine that of him: and he wrote down for him the princes of was in Shechem, she also bore him a son, and he Succoth, and the elders thereof, seventy and seven gave him the name, Abimelech. 32 And Gid'on the men. 15 And he came unto the men of Succoth, and son of Joash died in a good old age, and was buried said. Behold here are Zebach and Zalmunna', with in the sepulchre of Joash his father, in 'Ophrah of the whom ve derided me, saving. Is the sole of the foot of Abi'ezrites, 33 And it came to pass, when Gid'on was Zebach and Zalmunna' now already in thy hand, that dead, that the children of Israel turned again, and we should give unto thy weary men bread? 16 And went astray after the Be'alim, and made themselves he took the elders of the city, and the thorns of the Ba'al-berith for a god. 34 And the children of Israel wilderness and briers, and chastised with them the remembered not the Lord their God, who delivered men of Succoth. 17 And the tower of Penuel he beat them out of the hand of all their enemies on every down, and slew the men of the city, 18 And he said side, 35 Neither showed they kindness to the house unto Zebach and Zalmunna', What kind of men were of Yerubba'al, namely, Gid'on, in accordance with all those whom ye slew at Tabor! And they answered, As the good which he had done unto Israel. thou art, so were they; one was in form like that of the children of a king. 19 And he said. They were my brothers, the sons of my mother; as the Lord liveth, if ve had spared them alive. I would not slav you. 20 And he said unto Yether his first-born. Rise up, and slay them. But the youth drew not his sword; for he was afraid, because he was vet a youth. 21 Then said Zebach and Zalmunna', Rise thou, and fall upon us: for as the man is, so is his strength, And Gid'on arose, and slew Zebach and Zalmunna'; and he took away the crescent ornaments that were on the necks of their camels. 22 And the men of Israel said unto Gid'on. Rule thou over us, both thou and thy son, and thy son's son also: for thou hast delivered us out of the hand of Midian. 23 And Gid'on said unto them. I will not rule over you, neither shall my son rule over vou: the Lord shall rule over vou. 24 And Gid'on said unto them. I would ask one request of you, that ve should give me every man the earring of his booty; for they had had golden earrings, because they were Ishmaelites. 25 And they answered, We will willingly give. And they spread out a garment, and they cast therein every man the earring of his booty. 26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he had requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold: besides the crescent ornaments, and ear-drops, and purple garments that were on the kings of Midian. and besides the chains that were about their camels' necks. 27 And Gid'on made thereof an ephod, and set it up in his city, in 'Ophrah: and all Israel went

to the east of Nobach and Yogbehah, and smote the astray after it thither; and it became a snare unto

And Abimelech the son of Yerubba'al went to Shechem unto his mother's brothers, and spoke unto them, and unto 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. What is better for you. either that there should rule over you seventy men. all the sons of Yerubba'al, or that there reign over you one man? and remember that I am your bone and your flesh. 3 And his mother's brothers spoke concerning him in the ears of all the men of Shechem all these words; and their heart became inclined after Abimelech; for they said, He is our brother. 4 And they gave him seventy pieces of silver out of the house of Ba'al-berith; and Abimelech hired therewith idle and heedless persons, who followed him. 5 And he came unto his father's house at 'Ophrah, and slew his brothers the sons of Yeruhba'al, seventy persons, upon one stone; and there was yet left Yotham the youngest son of Yerubba'al; for he had hidden himself. 6 And all the men of Shechem and all Beth-millo assembled together, and went, and made Abimelech king, by the oak of the pillar that was by Shechem. 7 And they told it to Yotham; and he went and stood on the top of mount Gerizzim, and he lifted up his voice. and cried; and he said unto them, Hearken unto me, ye men of Shechem, so that God may hearken unto you. 8 The trees went once forth 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 give up my fatness, wherewith through me they feasts, and went into the house of their god, and ate If in truth ye anoint me as king over you, then come he sent messengers unto Abimelech privately, saying, seek protection in my shadow; and if not, then let fire Behold, Ga'al the son of 'Ebed and his brothers are hands; 17 (In that my father fought for you, and cast and set upon the city; and, behold, when he and the Midian; 18 While ye are risen up against my father's mayest thou do to him as thy means may let thee. Israel three years; 23 And then did God send an evil Zebul unto him, Where is now thy mouth, wherewith Abimelech. 26 And there came Ga'al the son of 'Ebed went out into the field; and it was told to Abimelech.

honor God and men, and shall I go to be promoted and drank, and cursed Abimelech. 28 And Ga'al the over the trees! 10 And the trees said to the fig-tree, son of 'Ebed said, Who is Abimelech, and who is Come thou, reign over us. 11 But the fig-tree said Shechem, that we should serve him? is not he the unto them, Should I give up my sweetness, and my son of Yerubba'al? and Zebul his superintendent? good productiveness, and go to be promoted over the serve the men of Chamor the father of Shechem; trees? 12 Then said the trees unto the vine, Come for why indeed should we serve him? 29 And O that thou, reign over us. 13 But the vine said unto them, some one would put this people into my power! and I Should I give up my fresh wine, which rejoiceth God would remove Abimelech. And he let it be said to and men, and go to be promoted over the trees! 14 Abimelech, Increase thy army, and come out. 30 And Then said all the trees unto the bramble, Come thou, when Zebul the ruler of the city heard the words of reign over us. 15 And the bramble said unto the trees, Ga'al the son of 'Ebed, his anger was kindled. 31 And come out of the bramble, and devour the cedars of come to Shechem; and, behold, they incite the city to the Lebanon. 16 And now, if ye have acted in truth enmity against thee. 32 And now rise up by night, and sincerity, when ye made Abimelech king, and if thou and the people that are with thee, and lie in wait ve have dealt well with Yerubba'al and his house, in the field: 33 And it shall be, in the morning, the and have done unto him according to the merit of his moment the sun shineth, that thou shalt rise early, his life far away, and delivered you out of the hand of people that are with him come out against thee, then house this day, and have slain his sons, seventy 34 And Abimelech rose up, and all the people that men, upon one stone, and have made Abimelech, were with him, by night, and they lay in wait against the son of his maid-servant, king over the men of Shechem in four companies. 35 And Ga'al the son of Shechem, because he is your brother; ) 19 If ye have 'Ebed went out, and stood in the entrance of the citythus acted in truth and sincerity with Yerubba'al and gate: and Abimelech rose up, and the people that with his house this day: then reioice ve in Abimelech, were with him, from the ambush, 36 And when Ga'al and let him also rejoice in you. 20 But if not, let saw the people, he said to Zebul, Behold, people are fire come out from Abimelech, and devour the men coming down from the tops of the mountains. And of Shechem and Beth-millo; and let fire come out Zebul said unto him, Thou regardest the shadow of from the men of Shechem, and from Beth-millo, and the mountains as men. 37 And Ga'al spoke again and devour Abimelech. 21 And Yotham ran away, and said, See people are coming down from the highest fled, and went to Beer, and dwelt there, for fear of point of the land, and one company is coming along Abimelech his brother. 22 And Abimelech ruled over by the way of the grove of Me'onenim. 38 Then said spirit between Abimelech and the men of Shechem; thou saidst, Who is Abimelech, that we should serve and the men of Shechem became unfaithful toward him! is not this the people that thou hast despised? Abimelech; 24 So that the violence [done] to the go out now, I pray, and fight with them. 39 And Ga'al seventy sons of Yerubba'al might come, and their went out before the men of Shechem, and fought blood be laid upon Abimelech their brother, who had with Abimelech. 40 And Abimelech pursued him, slain them; and upon the men of Shechem, who had and he fled before him, and many fell slain, even as strengthened his hands to slay his brothers. 25 And far as the entrance of the gate. 41 And Abimelech the men of Shechem set persons to lie in wait for him remained at Arumah: and Zebul banished Ga'al and on the tops of the mountains, and they robbed all that his brothers, that they should not remain in Shechem. passed by them on that way: and it was told unto 42 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people with his brothers, and passed through Shechem: and 43 And he took the people, and divided them into the men of Shechem put their confidence in him. 27 three companies, and lay in wait in the field; and as And they went out into the field, and gathered their he saw, and, behold, that the people were coming vineyards, and trod [the grapes], and made joyful forth out of the city, he rose up against them, and

companies spread over all that were in the fields, and cities, which are called Chavyoth-vair unto this day, smote them. 45 And Ahimelech fought against the city which are in the land of Gil'ad. 5 And Yair died, and that were therein he slew; and he beat down the city, repeated to do the evil in the eyes of the Lord, and the stronghold of the house of the god Berith. 47 And Moab, and the gods of the children of 'Ammon, and it was told unto Abimelech, that all the men of the the gods of the Philistines, and they forsook the Lord, Abimelech went thereupon up to mount Zalmon, he kindled against Israel, and he sold them into the hand took an axe in his hand, and cut down a bough from of 'Ammon, 8 And they afflicted and oppressed the have seen that I have done, make haste, and do like Jordan in the land of the Emorites, which is in Gil'ad. me. 49 And all the people also cut down every man 9 And the children of 'Ammon passed over the Jordan his bough, and followed Abimelech, and put the same to fight also against Judah, and against Benjamin, to the stronghold, and set the stronghold over them and against the house of Ephraim; so that Israel on fire: and thus died also all the people of the tower was sorely distressed. 10 And the children of Israel to the tower, and fought against it, and approached did oppress you, and ye cried to me, I delivered you millstone upon Abimelech's head, and crushed his you no more. 14 Go and cry unto the gods which ye the evil of Abimelech, which he had done unto his children of 'Ammon were called together, and they their own head; and there came upon them the curse Mizpah. 18 And the people, the princes of Gil'ad, said of Yotham the son of Yerubba'al.

1 And there arose after Abimelech to deliver Israel Tola' the son of Puah, the son of Dodo, a man of Issachar; and he dwelt in Shamir in the mountain of Ephraim. 2 And he judged Israel twenty and three

smote them. 44 And Abimelech, and the companies And after him arose Yair, the Gil'adite, and judged that were with him, spread forward, and took position Israel twenty and two years; 4 And he had thirty in the entrance of the city-gate: and the two other sons that rode on thirty ass-colts, and they had thirty all that day; and he captured the city, and the people was buried in Kamon. 6 And the children of Israel and sowed it with salt. 46 And when all the men of they served the Be'alim, and 'Ashtaroth, and the gods the tower of Shechem heard this, they entered into of Syria, and the gods of Zidon, and the gods of tower of Shechem were gathered together. 48 And and served not him. 7 And the anger of the Lord was and all the people that were with him; and Abimelech of the Philistines, and into the hand of the children a tree, and bore it, and laid it on his shoulder; and children of Israel that year; [and] for eighteen years all he said unto the people that were with him. What ye the children of Israel that were on the other side of the of Shechem, about a thousand men and women, 50 cried unto the Lord, saving. We have sinned against And Abimelech went then to Thebez, and encamped thee, because we have forsaken our God, and have against Thebez, and captured it. 51 But there was a served the Be'alim. 11 And the Lord said unto the strong tower within the city, and thither fled all the children of Israel, Behold [I delivered you] from the men and the women, and all the chief persons of the Egyptians, and from the Emorites, from the children city, and shut the doors behind them, and went up of 'Ammon, and from the Philistines, 12 And when the to the roof of the tower. 52 And Abimelech came up Zidonians, and the 'Amalekites, and the Ma'onites as far as the door of the tower to burn it with fire. also out of their hand. 13 And yet ye have forsaken 53 But a certain woman cast a piece of an upper me, and served other gods; wherefore I will deliver skull. 54 Then called he hastily unto the young man have chosen; let these deliver you in the time of your that bore his armor, and said unto him, Draw thy tribulation. 15 And the children of Israel said unto the sword, and slay me, that people may not say of me, Lord, We have sinned: do thou unto us entirely as it A woman hath slain him. And his young man thrust seemeth good in thy eyes; only deliver us, we pray him through, and he died. 55 And when the men of thee, this time. 16 And they put away the strange Israel saw that Abimelech was dead, they departed gods from their midst, and served the Lord; and his every man to his place. 56 Thus did God compensate soul was grieved for the trouble of Israel. 17 And the father, in slaying his seventy brothers: 57 And all the encamped in Gil'ad. And the children of Israel also evil of the men of Shechem did God bring back upon assembled themselves together, and encamped in one to another, Whatever man it be that will begin to fight against the children of 'Ammon, shall become the head over all the inhabitants of Gil'ad.

11 Now Yiphthach the Gil'adite was a mighty man of valor, but he was the son of a harlot; and years, and then died, and was buried in Shamir. 3 Gil'ad had begotten Yiphthach. 2 And the wife of

Gil'ad also bore him sons; and when the sons of the the wilderness, and traveled round the land of Edom, wife were grown up, they drove away Yiphthach, and and the land of Moab, and came from the rising of the said unto him. Thou shalt not inherit in the house of sun to the land of Moab, and encamped on the other our father; for the son of another woman art thou, 3 side of the Arnon; but they came not within the border And Yiphthach fled away from his brothers, and dwelt of Moab; for the Arnon is the boundary of Moab. 19 in the land of Tob; and there gathered themselves to And Israel sent messengers unto Sichon the king Yiphthach idle men, and they went out with him. 4 of the Emorites, the king of Cheshbon; and Israel And it came to pass after some time, that the children said unto him, Let us pass, we pray thee, through of 'Ammon made war against Israel. 5 And it was thy land unto my place. 20 But Sichon trusted not so, when the children of 'Ammon made war against Israel to [let them] pass through his territory; and Israel, that the elders of Gil'ad went to fetch Yiphthach Sichon assembled all his people, and encamped in out of the land of Tob. 6 And they said unto Yiphthach, Yahaz, and fought against Israel. 21 and the Lord Come, and become a leader unto us, that we may the God of Israel delivered Sichon and all his people fight with the children of 'Ammon. 7 And Yiphthach into the hand of Israel, and they smote them; and said unto the elders of Gil'ad, Did ye not hate me, and Israel took possession of all the land of the Emorites, drive me away out of my father's house? and why are the inhabitants of that country. 22 And they took ye come unto me now, when ye are in distress? 8 And possession of all the territory of the Emorites, from the the elders of Gil'ad said unto Yiphthach. Therefore Arnon even unto the Yabbok, and from the wilderness are we now come back to thee, that thou mayest go even unto the Jordan. 23 So now the Lord the God of with us, and fight against the children of 'Ammon; Israel hath dispossessed the Emorites from before his and thou shalt become unto us a head, unto all the people Israel, and shouldst thou possess it? 24 Truly! inhabitants of Gil'ad. 9 And Yiphthach said unto the that which Kemosh thy god may give thee to possess, elders of Gil'ad. If ve bring me home again to fight even that canst thou possess; but whatsoever the against the children of 'Ammon, and the Lord give Lord our God hath driven out from before us, even them up before me, shall I remain your head? 10 that will we possess. 25 And now art thou then any And the elders of Gil'ad said unto Yiphthach, The better than Balak the son of Zippor, the king of Moab? Lord shall be a hearer between us, if we do not so did he ever strive against Israel, or did he ever fight according to thy word. 11 Then went Yiphthach with against them? 26 [And] while Israel hath dwelt in the elders of Gil'ad, and the people appointed him Cheshbon and in its towns, and in 'Ar'or and in its over them as head and as leader; and Yiphthach towns, and in all the cities that are along the margins spoke all his words before the Lord in Mitzpah. 12 of the Arnon, three hundred years: why did ye not And Yiphthach sent messengers unto the king of the recover them within that time? 27 Whereas I myself children of 'Ammon, saying, What have I to do with have not sinned against thee, and thou doest me thee, that thou art come unto me to fight against my wrong to war against me: may the Lord, the Judge, land? 13 And the king of the children of 'Ammon said decide this day between the children of Israel and unto the messengers of Yiphthach, Because Israel the children of 'Ammon. 28 Nevertheless the king took away my land, when they came up out of Egypt, of the children of 'Ammon hearkened not unto the from the Arnon even unto the Yabbok, and unto the words of Yiphthach which he had sent to him. 29 Jordan: and now restore these [lands] again in peace. Then came upon Yiphthach the spirit of the Lord, 14 And Yiphthach again sent messengers unto the and he passed through Gil'ad and Menasseh, and king of the children of 'Ammon: 15 And he said unto passed through Mitzpeh of Gil'ad, and from Mitzpeh him, Thus hath said Yiphthach, Israel did not take of Gil'ad he passed over unto the children of Ammon. away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of 30 And Yiphthach made a vow unto the Lord, and 'Ammon; 16 For when they came up out of Egypt, said, If thou wilt indeed deliver the children of 'Ammon Israel walked through the wilderness unto the Red into my hand, 31 Then shall it be, that whatsoever Sea, and came to Kadesh; 17 And Israel then sent cometh forth out of the doors of my house to meet me, messengers unto the king of Edom, saying, Let me when I return in peace from the children of 'Ammon, pass, I pray thee, through thy land; but the king of shall belong to the Lord, and I will offer it up for a Edom would not hearken; and also to the king of burnt-offering. 32 So Yiphthach passed over unto the Moab they sent; but he would not consent: and Israel children of 'Ammon to fight against them: and the

remained in Kadesh. 18 Then they wandered through Lord delivered them into his hand. 33 And he smote

pass at the end of two months, that she returned unto the 'Amalekites. her father, and he fulfilled on her his vow which he had vowed: and she knew no man: and it became a custom in Israel, 40 That the daughters of Israel went from year to year to lament for the daughter of Yiphthach the Gil'adite four days in the year.

12 And the men of Ephraim were called together, and went northward, and said unto Yiphthach, Wherefore didst thou pass over to fight against the children of 'Ammon, and didst not call for us to go with thee? thy house will we burn over thee with fire. is in the midst, between Ephraim and Menasseh. Jordan before the Ephraimites: and it came to pass, me pass over; that the men of Gil'ad said unto him, God, whom thou didst send, come again unto us,

them from 'Aro'er, even till thou comest to Minnith, Art thou an Ephrathite? and if he said, No; 6 Then twenty cities, and unto Abel-keramin, with a very great said they unto him, Do say, Shibboleth; but when defeat; and the children of 'Ammon were humbled he said. Sibboleth, and was not able to pronounce before the children of Israel, 34 And Yiphthach came it correctly, they laid hold of him and slew him on to Mizpah unto his house, and, behold, his daughter the passages of the Jordan; and there fell at that came out to meet him with timbrels and with dances: time of the Ephraimites forty and two thousand. 7 and she was his sole child; he had beside her neither And Yiphthach judged Israel six years; and then died son nor daughter. 35 And it came to pass, when he Yiphthach the Gil'adite, and was buried in Jone of saw her, that he rent his garments, and said, Alas, my the cities of Gil'ad. 8 And after him there judged daughter! thou hast bent me down very low, and thou Israel Ibzan of Beth-lechem. 9 And he had thirty art one of those that trouble me; for I have opened sons; and thirty daughters he sent abroad, and thirty my mouth unto the Lord, and I cannot go back. 36 daughters he brought in for his sons from abroad: and And she said unto him, My father, if thou hast opened he judged Israel seven years. 10 Then died Ibzan, and thy mouth unto the Lord, do to me in accordance with was buried at Beth-lechem. 11 And after him there what hath proceeded out of thy mouth; since the Lord judged Israel Elon the Zebulonite; and he judged hath taken vengeance for thee on thy enemies, on Israel ten years. 12 Then died Elon the Zebulonite, the children of 'Ammon. 37 And she said unto her and was buried in Ayalon in the country of Zebulun. father. Let this thing be done for me: Let me alone 13 And after him there judged Israel 'Abdon the son of two months, that I may descend to the mountains, Hillel the Pir'athonite. 14 And he had forty sons and and bewail my virginity, I with my companions. 38 And thirty grandsons, that rode on seventy ass-colts; and he aid, Go. And he sent her away for two months: he judged Israel eight years. 15 Then died 'Abdon and she went with her companions, and bewailed the son of Hillel the Pir'athonite, and was buried in her virginity on the mountains. 39 And it came to Pir'athon in the land of Ephraim, in the mountain of

13 And the children of Israel did again the evil in the eyes of the Lord; and the Lord delivered them into the hand of the Philistines forty years. 2 And there was a certain man of Zor'ah, of the family of the Danites, whose name was Manoach; and his wife was barren, and did not bear. 3 And there appeared an angel of the Lord unto the woman, and he said unto her. Behold, thou art barren, and hast not born: but thou wilt conceive, and bear a son. 4 And now do beware, and drink neither wine nor strong drink. 2 And Yiphthach said unto them, I and my people and eat not any thing unclean. 5 For, lo, thou wilt were greatly engaged in strife with the children of conceive, and bear a son; and no razor shall come on 'Ammon; and I called you, but ve helped me not out his head; for a Nazarite of God shall the lad be from of their hand. 3 And when I saw that ye helped me the womb: and he shall begin to deliver Israel out of not, I put my life in my hand, and passed over to the hand of the Philistines. 6 And the woman came the children of 'Ammon, and the Lord delivered them and told her husband, saying, A man of God came into my hand; and why then are ye come up unto unto me, and his appearance was like the appearance me this day, to fight against me? 4 Then Yiphthach of an angel of God, very terrible; but I asked him not gathered together all the men of Gil'ad, and fought whence he might be, and his name he did not tell me. with Ephraim; and the men of Gil'ad smote Ephraim. 7 And he said unto me, Behold, thou wilt conceive. because they said, Ye are fugitives of Ephraim: Gil'ad and bear a son; and now thou must drink neither wine nor strong drink, and not eat anything unclean; for 5 And the Gil'adites seized on the passages of the the child shall be a Nazarite of God from the womb until the day of his death. 8 And Manoach entreated when the Ephraimites who had escaped said, Let the Lord, and said, Hear me, O Lord, let the man of

and instruct us what we shall do unto the child that 14 And Samson went down to Timnathah, and saw is to be born. 9 And God hearkened to the voice of Manoach; and the angel of God came again unto the Philistines. 2 And he went up, and told his father woman, as she was sitting in the field; and Manoach and his mother, and said, I have seen a woman in her husband was not with her. 10 And the woman Timnathah of the daughters of the Philistines; and made haste, and ran, and informed her husband; and now take her to me for wife. 3 Then said unto him she said unto him, Behold, there hath appeared unto his father and his mother, Is there not among the me the man, that came unto me the other day. 11 daughters of thy brethren, or among all my people, a And Manoach arose, and went after his wife; and he woman, that thou art going to take a wife from the came to the man, and said unto him, Art thou the Philistines, the uncircumcised? And Samson said man that spokest unto the woman? and he said, I unto his father, This one take for me; for she pleaseth am. 12 And Manoach said, If now thy words come to me well. 4 But his father and his mother knew not that pass, what shall be [our] proceeding with the child, it was from the Lord, that he sought but an occasion and what shall be done unto him? 13 And the angel against the Philistines; and at that time the Philistines of the Lord said unto Manoach, Of all that I have said had dominion over Israel, 5 And Samson thus went unto the woman must she beware. 14 Of any thing down, with his father and his mother, to Timnathah; that cometh of the grape-vine she may not eat, and and when they were come as far as the vineyards of wine or strong drink she may not drink, and any thing Timnathah, behold, a young lion came roaring toward unclean she may not eat: all that I commanded her him. 6 And the Spirit of the Lord came suddenly over must she observe. 15 And Manoach said unto the him, and he rent him as he would have rent a kid, angel of the Lord, Let us, I pray thee, detain thee, and and he had nothing in his hand; but he told not his we will make a kid ready for thee. 16 And the angel of father or his mother what he had done. 7 And he the Lord said unto Manoach. Though thou detain me, went down, and spoke unto the woman; and she I will not eat of thy bread; but if thou wilt offer a burnt- pleased Samson well. 8 And when he returned after offering, thou must offer it unto the Lord; for Manoach a time to take her, he turned aside to see the carcass knew not that he was an angel of the Lord. 17 And of the lion; and, behold, there was a swarm of bees in Manoach said unto the angel of the Lord, What is thy the carcass of the lion and honey likewise. 9 And he name, that, when thy word cometh to pass, we may took it out in his hands, and went on, eating as he do thee honor? 18 And the angel of the Lord said was going, and came to his father and mother, and unto him, Why is it that thou wilt ask after my name, he gave unto them, and they did eat; but he told them seeing it is secret? 19 And Manoach took the kid and not that out of the carcass of the lion he had taken the meat-offering, and offered it upon the rock unto the honey. 10 And his father went down unto the the Lord: and he did wondrously; and Manoach and woman; and Samson made there a feast; for so used his wife looked on. 20 And it came to pass, when the the young men to do. 11 And it came to pass, when flame went up from off the altar toward heaven, that they saw him, that they brought thirty companions, the angel of the Lord ascended in the flame of the and they remained with him. 12 And Samson said altar; and Manoach and his wife looked on, and they unto them, I will now propound unto you a riddle; if ye fell on their faces to the ground. 21 And the angel of can in anywise tell it me within the seven days of the the Lord was no longer visible to Manoach and to his feast, and find it out, then will I give you thirty shirts wife: then knew Manoach that he was an angel of the and thirty changes of garments; 13 But if ye will not Lord. 22 And Manoach said unto his wife, We shall be able to tell it to me, then shall ye give me thirty surely die, because a divine being have we seen. 23 shirts and thirty changes of garments. And they said But his wife said unto him, If the Lord were pleased unto him, Propound thy riddle, that we may hear it. 14 to kill us, he would not have received from our hand a And he said unto them, Out of the eater came forth burnt-offering and a meat-offering, nor would he have food, and out of the strong came forth sweetness. let us see all these things, and at this time he would And they could not solve the riddle in three days. 15 not have let us hear [such a thing] as this. 24 And the And it came to pass on the seventh day, that they woman bore a son, and called his name Samson; said unto Samson's wife, Persuade thy husband, that and the child grew up, and the Lord blessed him. he may solve unto us the riddle, lest we burn thee 25 And the Spirit of the Lord began to move him in and thy father's house with fire: have ve invited us to Machaneh-dan between Zor'ah and Eshtaol.

a woman in Timnathah of the daughters of the impoverish us? is it not so? 16 And Samson's wife

been given him as his associate.

15 And it came to pass after some time, in the time of wheat-harvest, that Samson visited his wife with a kid; and he said. Let me go in to my wife into the chamber: but her father would not suffer him to go in. 2 And her father said. I verily thought that thou didst utterly hate her; therefore I gave her to thy companion: is not her younger sister fairer than she? Let her be thine, I pray thee, instead of her. 3 And Samson said to them, Now shall I be more blameless than the Philistines, though I do them evil. 4 And Samson went and caught three hundred foxes, and took torches, and turned tail to tail, and put one torch between two tails in the midst: 5 And he set the torches on fire, and let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both shocks and standing corn, as also olive-yards. 6 Then said the Philistines, Who hath done this! And they answered,

wept before him, and said, Thou doest but hate me, they answered, To bind Samson are we come up, to and lovest me not: that riddle hast thou propounded do to him as he hath done to us. 11 Thereupon went unto the children of my people, and me hast thou not three thousand men of Judah down to the cleft of the told [the solution]. And he said unto her. Behold, I rock 'Etam, and said to Samson, Knowest thou not have not told it to my father and to my mother, and that the Philistines rule over us? and what is this that thee shall I tell it? 17 And she wept before him the thou hast done unto us? And he said unto them, As seven days, while their feast lasted; and it came to they did unto me, so have I done unto them. 12 And pass on the seventh day, that he told her, because they said unto him. To bind thee are we come down, she had worried him: and she told [the solution of] the to deliver thee into the hand of the Philistines. And riddle to the children of her people. 18 Then said unto Samson said unto them, Swear unto me, that ye will him the men of the city on the seventh day before not assail me yourselves. 13 And they said unto him, the sun was yet gone down, What is sweeter than thus, No; for we will [only] bind thee fast, and deliver honey? and what is stronger than a lion? And he said thee into their hand; but we will in no-wise kill thee. unto them, If ye had not ploughed with my heifer, ye And they bound him with two new cords, and brought had not found out my riddle. 19 And the Spirit of the him up from the rock, 14 When he was come unto Lord came suddenly over him, and he went down Lechi, the Philistines shouted against him; but the to Ashkelon, and slew of them thirty men, and he Spirit of the Lord came suddenly over him, and the took their apparel, and gave the changes of garments cords that were upon his arms became as flax threads unto the expounders of the riddle; but his anger was that are burnt with fire, and his bands melted from off kindled, and he went up to his father's house. 20 And his hands. 15 And he found a fresh jaw-bone of an Samson's wife was given to his companion who had ass, and put forth his hand, and took it, and smote therewith a thousand men. 16 And Samson said, With a jaw-bone of an ass, heaps upon heaps, with the iaw-bone of an ass have I smitten a thousand men. 17 And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking, that he cast away the jaw-bone out of his hand, and called that place Ramath-lechi. 18 And he became very thirsty, and he called on the Lord. and said, Thou hast granted through the hand of thy servant this great deliverance; and now shall I die for thirst, and fall into the hand of the uncircumcised? 19 But God clave a hollow place that was at Lechi, and there came forth water out of it: and he drank. and his spirit came again, and he revived; wherefore he called the name thereof 'En-hakkore, which is in Lechi unto this day. 20 And he judged Israel in the days of the Philistines twenty years.

16 Then went Samson to Gazzah, and saw there a harlot, and went in unto her. 2 And it was told to Samson, the son-in-law of the Thimnite, because he the Gazzites, saving, Samson is come hither; and hath taken his wife, and given her to his companion. they compassed him in, and lay in wait for him all And the Philistines went up, and burnt her and her the night in the gate of the city, and held themselves father with fire. 7 And Samson said unto them, Since guiet all the night, saying, By the time it is light in ye will do the like of this, I will surely be avenged the morning will we kill him. 3 And Samson lay till on you, and after that will I cease. 8 And he smote midnight; but he arose at midnight, and took hold of them hip and thigh with a great slaughter; and he the doors of the city-gate, and the two door-posts, went down and tarried in the cleft of the rock 'Etam. 9 and tore them away with the bolt, and put them upon And the Philistines went up, and encamped in Judah, his shoulders, and carried them up to the top of the and spread themselves in Lechi. 10 And the men of mount that is before Hebron. 4 And it came to pass Judah said. Why are ve come up against us? And after this, that he loved a woman in the valley of

Shorek, whose name was Delilah. 5 And the lords of Philistines up unto her, and brought the money in their the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, hand. 19 And she made him sleep upon her knees; Persuade him, and see wherein his great strength and she called a man, and caused him to shave off lieth, and by what means we may prevail over him, the seven locks of his head; and she began to subdue that we may bind him to subdue him: and we will him, and his strength departed from him. 20 And she give thee every one of us eleven hundred pieces of said. The Philistines are upon thee, Samson. And silver. 6 And Delilah said to Samson, Tell me, I pray he awoke out of his sleep, and thought, I will go out thee, wherein thy great strength lieth, and wherewith as at other times before, and shake myself free. But thou canst be bound to subdue thee. 7 And Samson he knew not that the Lord had departed from him. said unto her, If they bind me with seven moist cords 21 And the Philistines seized him, and put out his which have not yet been dried, then shall I become eyes, and brought him down to Gazzah, and bound weak, and be like any other of mankind. 8 And the him with fetters of copper; and he had to grind in the lords of the Philistines brought up to her seven moist prison-house. 22 But the hair of his head began to cords which had not yet been dried, and she bound grow again after it was shaved off. 23 And the lords him with them. 9 And she had men lying in wait, of the Philistines gathered themselves together to sitting near her in the chamber. And she said unto offer a great sacrifice unto Dagon their god, and to him, The Philistines are upon thee, Samson. And rejoice; and they said, Our god hath delivered into our he tore the cords, as a thread of tow is torn when it hand Samson our enemy, 24 And when the people toucheth the fire; and his strength was not perceived. saw him, they praised their god; for they said, Our 10 And Delilah said unto Samson, Behold, thou hast god hath delivered into our hand our enemy, and the deceived me, and told me lies; now do tell me, I pray destroyer of our country, and him who hath slain so thee, wherewith thou canst be bound. 11 And he said many of us. 25 And it came to pass, when their heart unto her, If they bind me fast with new ropes that have was merry, that they said, Call for Samson, that he never been used in work, then shall I become weak, may make sport for us. And they called for Samson and be like any other of mankind. 12 And Delilah out of the prison-house; and he made sport before took new ropes, and bound him therewith, and said them; and they placed him between the pillars. 26 unto him, The Philistines are upon thee, Samson. And Samson said unto the lad that held him by the And the liers in wait were sitting in the chamber, hand, Suffer me [to go] and let me feel the pillars But he tore them from off his arms like a thread. 13 whereupon the house is supported, that I may lean And Delilah said unto Samson, Hitherto thou hast upon them. 27 Now the house was full of men and deceived me, and told me lies; do tell me wherewith women; and there were all the lords of the Philistines; thou canst be bound. And he said unto her, If thou and upon the roof were about three thousand men weavest the seven locks of my head with the web, and women, that looked on while Samson made 14 And she fastened it with the pin, and said unto sport. 28 And Samson called unto the Lord, and said, him, The Philistines are upon thee, Samson. And he O Lord Eternal, remember me, I pray thee, and do awakened out of his sleep, and tore away the pin of thou strengthen me only this once, O God, that I may the loom, with the web. 15 And she said unto him, be avenged for one of my two eyes on the Philistines. How canst thou say, I love thee, when thy heart is not 29 And Samson threw his arms around the two middle with me? these three times hast thou deceived me. pillars upon which the house was supported, and he and hast not told me wherein thy great strength lieth. leaned on them, [on] one with his right hand, and 16 And it came to pass, when she worried him daily [on] the other with his left. 30 And Samson said, Let with her words, and urged him, that his soul became me die with the Philistines. And he bent [them] with impatient to die; 17 And he told her all his heart, and might, and the house fell upon the lords, and upon all said unto her, A razor hath not passed over my head; the people that were therein. So the dead whom he for a Nazarite of God have I been from my mother's slew at his death were more than those whom he had womb; if I were shaved, my strength would depart slain in his life. 31 Then came down his brothers and from me, and I should become weak, and be like all all the house of his father, and they took him up, and other men. 18 And when Delilah saw that he had told carried him up, and buried him between Zor'ah and her all his heart, she sent and called for the lords Eshtaol, in the burying-place of Manoach his father. of the Philistines, saying, Come up this once; for he And he had judged Israel twenty years. hath told me all his heart. Then came the lords of the

17 And there was a man of the mountain of house of Micah, and lodged there. 3 They were just said unto his mother. The eleven hundred shekels of voice of the young man the Levite; and they turned in silver that were taken from thee, about which thou thither, and said unto him. Who brought thee hither? cursedst, and spokest of also in my ears, —behold, and what doest thou in this place? and what hast the silver is with me; I took it. And his mother said, thou here? 4 And he said unto them, Thus and thus Blessed be my son unto the Lord. 3 And he restored hath Micah done unto me; and he hired me, and I the eleven hundred shekels of silver to his mother; became his priest. 5 And they said unto him, Ask and his mother said, I had wholly dedicated the silver counsel, we pray thee, of God, that we may know unto the Lord from my hand, for my son, to make a whether our way on which we are going shall be graven and molten image; and now I will give it back prosperous. 6 And the priest said unto them, Go in unto thee. 4 Yet he gave the money back unto his peace: before the Lord is your way on which ye will mother; and his mother took two hundred shekels of go. 7 And the five men departed, and came to Layish, silver, and gave them to the silversmith, who made and saw the people that were therein, dwelling in thereof a graven and molten image; and it was in the security, after the manner of the Zidonians, quiet house of Micah. 5 And the man Micah had a house and secure; and no one inflicted any wrong in the of god, and he made an ephod, and teraphim, and land, as hereditary ruler; and they were far from the consecrated one of his sons, who became his priest. Zidonians, and had no concern with any man, 8 And 6 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man they came unto their brethren to Zor'ah and Eshtaol: did what seemed right in his own eyes. 7 And there and their brethren said unto them, What [news bring] was a young man out of Beth-lechem-judah of the ye? 9 And they said, Arise, and let us go up against family of Judah, but he was a Levite, and sojourned them; for we have seen the land, and, behold, it is there, 8 And the man departed from the city, from very good; and you keep still! be not slothful, to go, Beth-lechem-judah, to sojourn where he could find [a to enter to take possession of the land. 10 When place]; and he came to the mountain of Ephraim to ye enter, ye will come unto a secure people, and the house of Micah, as he was pursuing his journey, 9 the land is roomy; for God hath given it into your And Micah said unto him, Whence comest thou? And hand; a place where there is no want of anything he said unto him. I am a Levite from Beth-lechem- that is on the earth. 11 And there went from there of iudah, and I go to sojourn where I may find [a place], the family of the Danites, out of Zor'ah and out of 10 And Micah said unto him, Remain with me, and Eshtaol, six hundred men girded with weapons of become unto me a father and a priest, and I will give war. 12 And they went up, and encamped in Kiryaththee ten shekels of silver for the year, and suitable ye'arim, in Judah; wherefore they called that place apparel, and thy victuals. And the Levite went in. 11 Machaneh-dan until this day; behold, it is behind And the Levite consented to dwell with the man; and Kiryath-ye'arim. 13 And they passed thence unto the the young man was unto him as one of his sons. 12 mountain of Ephraim, and came as far as the house And Micah consecrated the Levite; and the young of Micah. 14 Then commenced the five men that had man became his priest, and remained in the house of gone to spy out the country of Layish, and said unto Micah, 13 Then said Micah, Now I know that the Lord their brethren. Do ve know that there are in these will do me good, seeing I have obtained a Levite for houses an ephod, and teraphim, and a graven and priest.

18 In those days there was no king in Israel; and in those days the tribe of the Danites were seeking for themselves an inheritance to dwell in; for there had not fallen to their share up to that day among the tribes of Israel a [sufficient] inheritance. 2 And the children of Dan sent from their family five men from among themselves, men of valor, from Zor'ah, 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 mountain of Ephraim, as far as the

Ephraim, whose name was Michayhu. 2 And he by the house of Micah, when they recognized the molten image? and now consider what ye have to do. 15 And they turned thitherward, and came to the house of the young man the Levite, unto the house of Micah, and asked him after his welfare. 16 And the six hundred men who were of the children of Dan, girded with their weapons of war, remained standing by the entrance of the gate. 17 And the five men that had gone 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 in the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men that were girded with the weapons of

God was in Shiloh.

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war. 18 And these went into Micah's house, and took of Ephraim, who took to himself a concubine out of the graven image, the ephod, and the teraphim, and Beth-lechem-judah. 2 And his concubine became the molten image; and the priest said unto them, faithless unto him, and she went away from him unto What are ve doing? 19 And they said unto him. Be her father's house to Beth-lechem-judah, and was still, lay thy hand upon thy mouth, and go with us, and there one year and four months. 3 And then her become to us a father and a priest: is it better that husband arose, and went after her, to speak friendly thou be a priest unto the house of one man, or that unto her, to bring her back; and he had his servant thou be a priest unto a tribe and a family in Israel? 20 with him, and a couple of asses: and she brought And the priest's heart became glad, and he took the him into her father's house; and when the father of ephod, and the teraphim, and the graven image, and the damsel saw him, he rejoiced to meet him. 4 And came into the midst of the people. 21 And they turned his father-in-law, the damsel's father, detained him; and went away, and placed the little ones and the and he abode with him three days: and they ate and cattle and the heavy things before them. 22 When drank, and lodged there. 5 And it came to pass on they were at a distance from the house of Micah, the the fourth day, that they arose early in the morning, men that were in the houses near to Micah's house and he rose up to depart; but the damsel's father said were called together, and they overtook the children unto his son-in-law, Comfort thy heart with a morsel of Dan. 23 And they called unto the children of Dan, of bread, and afterward can ye go your way. 6 And who turned their faces, and said unto Micah. What they sat down, and both of them ate together and aileth thee, that thou hast called out thy people? 24 drank; and the damsel's father said unto the man, And he said, My god which I made have ye taken Do consent, I pray thee, and tarry all night, and let away, and the priest, and are gone away; and what thy heart be merry. 7 Still the man rose up to depart; have I more? and what is this ye say unto me, What but his father-in-law urged him, and he turned back aileth thee? 25 And the children of Dan said unto him, and lodged there. 8 And when he arose early in Cause not thy voice to be heard among us, lest men the morning on the fifth day to depart, the damsel's of an embittered spirit assail thee, and thou lose thy father said, Comfort thy heart, I pray thee, and tarry life, with the life of thy household. 26 And the children until the decline of the day; and both of them did of Dan went on their way; and when Micah saw that eat. 9 And when the man rose up to depart, he, they were too strong for him, he turned and went and his concubine, and his servant, his father-in-law, back unto his house. 27 And they took what Micah the damsel's father, said unto him, Behold, now the had made, and the priest whom he had had, and day draweth toward evening, tarry all night, I pray came over Layish, over a people that were quiet and you: behold, it is the resting time of day, lodge here, secure; and they smote them with the edge of the and let thy heart be merry; and you may get early sword, and the city they burnt with fire. 28 And there tomorrow on your way, and go then to thy tent. 10 But was no deliverer; because it was far from Zidon, and the man would not tarry that night, but he rose up the people had no business with any man; and it and went away, and came as far as opposite Jebus, was in the valley that lieth by Beth-rechob. And they which is Jerusalem; and he had with him two saddled rebuilt the city, and dwelt therein. 29 And they called asses, and his concubine also was with him. 11 When the name of the city, Dan, after the name of Dan they were by Jebus, the day was far spent; and the their father, who was born unto Israel: nevertheless, servant said unto his master, Come, I pray thee. and Layish was the name of the city at first. 30 And the let us turn in unto this city of the Jebusites, and lodge children of Dan erected for themselves the graven in it. 12 And his master said unto him, We will not image: and Jonathan, the son of Gershom, the son of turn into one of the cities of the stranger, that are not Menasseh, he and his sons were priests to the tribe belonging to the children of Israel; but we will pass on of Dan until the day of the exile of the land. 31 And as far as Gib'ah. 13 And he said unto his servant, they set up for themselves Micah's graven image, Come, and let us draw near to one of these places; which he had made, all the time that the house of and let us lodge all night in Gib'ah, or in Ramah. 14 And they passed on and went forward; and the sun went down unto them by Gib'ah, which belongeth to Benjamin. 15 And they turned aside thither, to go Levite sojourning on the lower edge of the mountain in to lodge in Gib'ah; and when he went in, he sat down in the street of the city; for there was no man

behold, an old man was coming from his work out her bones, into twelve pieces, and sent her about of the field at evening, and this man was from the in all the territory of Israel, 30 And it happened, that mountain of Ephraim, and he sojourned in Gib'ah: whoever saw it said. There hath no such deed been but the men of the place were Benjamites. 17 And done or seen from the day that the children of Israel he lifted up his eyes, and saw the wayfaring man came up out of the land of Egypt until this day: reflect in the street of the city: and then said the old man, well on it, give advice, and speak. Whither goest thou? and whence comest thou? 18 And he said unto him, We are passing from Bethlechem-judah toward the lower edge of the mountain of Ephraim; from there am I, and I went as far as Beth-lechem-judah; but I am going to the house of the Lord: and there is no man that bringeth me into his house. 19 Yet there is both straw and provender for our asses: and there are also bread and wine for me. and for thy handmaid, and for the young man who is with thy servants; there is no want of any thing. 20 And the old man said. Peace be with thee: only let all thy wants lie upon me: at least lodge not in the street. 21 So he brought him to his house, and gave provender unto the asses: and they washed their feet, and they ate and drank. 22 As they were making their hearts merry, behold, the men of the city, worthless people, beset the house round about, knocking at the door; and they said to the master of the house. the old man, thus. Bring forth the man that in come to 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, act not wickedly: since this man is once come into my house, do not this scandalous thing. 24 Behold, here is my daughter a virgin, and his concubine; let me bring them out now, and humble ve them, and do to them what seemeth good in your eyes; but unto this man do not this scandalous thing. 25 But the men would not hearken to him; so the man took hold of his concubine, and brought her forth unto them into the street; and they knew her, and ill-used her all the night until the morning; and they let her go when the day began to dawn. 26 Then came the woman [home] in the early part of the morning, and fell down at the door of the man's house where her lord was, [and lay] till it was light. 27 And when her lord rose up in the morning, and opened the doors of the house, and went out to go on his way: behold, the woman, his concubine, was lying at the door of the house, with her hands upon the threshold. 28 And he said unto her. Rise up, and let us be going; but no one answered. Then he took her upon the ass, and the man rose up, and went unto his place, 29 And when he was come into his house, he took a knife, and laid

that brought them into his house to lodge. 16 And, hold on his concubine, and divided her, according to

20 Then went out all the children of Israel, and the congregation was assembled together as one man, from Dan even to Beer-sheba', with the land of Gil'ad, unto the Lord in Mizpah, 2 and there presented themselves the chiefs of all the people, of all the tribes of Israel, in the assembly of the people of God, four hundred thousand men on foot that drew the sword. 3 (And the children of Benjamin heard that the children of Israel were gone up to Mizpah.) And the children of Israel said, Speak, how did this wickedness take place? 4 And the Levite, the husband of the woman that was murdered, answered and said. I came to Gib'ah that belongeth to Benjamin. I and my concubine, to stay one night, 5 When the men of Gib'ah rose against me, and beset the house round about against me by night; me they intended to slay; and my concubine they humbled, so that she died. 6 And I took hold of my concubine and cut her in pieces, and sent her about throughout all the fields of the inheritance of Israel: for they had committed incest and scandal in Israel. 7 Behold, ye are all here children of Israel: furnish for yourselves here advice and counsel. 8 And all the people then arose as one man, saving. We will not go any of us to his tent, neither will we turn any of us into his house. 9 And now this shall be the thing which we will do to Gib'ah: We will go up against it by lot; 10 And we will take ten men out of every hundred throughout all the tribes of Israel, and a hundred out of every thousand, and a thousand out of every ten thousand, to procure provisions for the people; that they may do, when they come to Gib'ah of Benjamin, in accordance with all the scandalous deed that they have wrought in Israel. 11 So all the men of Israel were gathered against the city, associated together as one man. 12 And the tribes of Israel sent men through all the divisions of Benjamin, saying, What wickedness is this that hath been done among you? 13 Now therefore deliver up the men, those worthless people, who are in Gib'ah, that we may put them to death, and remove evil from Israel. But the children of Benjamin would not hearken to the voice of their brethren the children of Israel, 14 And the children of

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Benjamin gathered themselves together out of the array against Gib'ah, as at previous times. 31 And the cities unto Gib'ah, to go out to battle with the children children of Benjamin went out against the people, of Israel. 15 And at that time there were numbered and were drawn away from the city; and they began of the children of Benjamin out of the cities twenty to smite some of the people, and kill, as at previous and six thousand men that drew the sword, beside times, in the highways, of which one goeth up to the inhabitants of Gib'ah, who were numbered seven Beth-el, and the other to Gib'ah in the field, about hundred chosen men. 16 Among all this people there thirty men of Israel. 32 And the children of Benjamin were seven hundred chosen men lame in the right said, They are defeated before us, as at the first. hand: every one of these could sling a stone at a hair, But the children of Israel said, Let us flee, and draw and would not miss. 17 And the men of Israel, beside them from the city unto the highways. 33 And all Benjamin, were numbered four hundred thousand the men of Israel rose up out of their place, and put men that drew the sword: all these were men of war. themselves in array at Ba'al-thamar: and those that 18 And they arose, and went up to Beth-el, and asked lay in wait of Israel rushed forth out of their place, counsel of God; and the children of Israel said, Who out of the meadows of Gib'ah. 34 And there came of us shall go up at first to the battle with the children against Gib'ah ten thousand chosen men out of all of Benjamin? And the Lord said, Judah, at first. 19 Israel, and the battle was severe; but they knew not And the children of Israel rose up in the morning, and that the evil was overtaking them. 35 And the Lord encamped against Gib'ah. 20 And the men of Israel smote Benjamin before Israel: and the children of went out to battle with Benjamin; and the men of Israel destroyed of the Benjamites on that day twenty Israel put themselves in battle-array against them by and five thousand and one hundred men: all these Gib'ah. 21 And the Children of Benjamin came forth were those that drew the sword. 36 And the children out of Gib'ah, and struck down to the ground of the of Benjamin saw that they were defeated; for the Israelites on that day twenty and two thousand men. men of Israel gave place to the Benjamites, because 22 And the people the men of Israel took courage, they trusted unto those that lay in wait whom they and set themselves again in battle-array in the place had set against Gib'ah. 37 And those in ambush where they had arrayed themselves on the first day. hastened, and spread themselves over Gib'ah; and 23 And the children of Israel went up and wept before those that lay in wait moved along, and smote all the the Lord until the evening, and asked counsel of the city with the edge of the sword. 38 Now there was an Lord, saying, Shall I again approach to battle with understanding between the men of Israel and those the children of Benjamin my brother? And the Lord that lay in wait, that they should make an abundance said, Go up against him. 24 And the children of Israel of columns of smoke rise up out of the city. 39 And came near against the children of Benjamin on the when the men of Israel turned round in the battle, second day. 25 And Benjamin went forth against them and Benjamin began to smite and kill of the men out of Gib'ah on the second day, and struck down to of Israel about thirty persons; for they said, Surely the ground of the children of Israel again eighteen they are entirely defeated before us, as in the first thousand men: all these were men that drew the battle: 40 Then began the cloud to arise up out of the sword. 26 Now all the children of Israel, and all the city as a pillar of smoke; and when the Benjamites people, went up, and came unto Beth-el, and wept, looked behind them, behold, the flames of all the city and sat there before the Lord, and fasted on that were ascending up to heaven. 41 And when the men day until the evening, and offered burnt-offerings and of Israel turned again, the men of Benjamin were peace-offerings before the Lord. 27 And the children amazed; for they saw that the evil had overtaken of Israel inquired of the Lord, (for there was the ark of them. 42 Therefore they turned round before the the covenant of God in those days, 28 And Phinehas, men of Israel unto the way to the wilderness; but the the son of Elazar, the son of Aaron, stood before it in battle overtook them; and those who came out of the those days, ) saying, shall I yet continue to go out cities destroyed them in the midst of them. 43 They to battle with the children of Benjamin my brother, enclosed the Benjamites round about, chased them, or shall I forbear? And the Lord said, Go up; for they overtook them in their places of rest, as far as tomorrow will I deliver him into thy hand. 29 And Israel opposite to Gib'ah toward the rising of the sun. 44 sent men to lie in wait round about Gib'ah. 30 And And there fell of Benjamin eighteen thousand men: all the children of Israel went up against the children these were men of valor. 45 And they turned and fled

of Benjamin on the third day, and put themselves in toward the wilderness unto the rock of Rimmon; and

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21 Now the men of Israel had sworn in Mizpah, saying. Not any of us shall give his daughter unto Benjamin for wife. 2 And the people came to Beth-el, and abode there till the evening, before God. and they lifted up their voices, and wept with a great lamentation: 3 And they said. Wherefore, O Lord. God of Israel, is this come to pass in Israel, that there should be lacking this day out of Israel one tribe? 4 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the people rose early, and built there an altar, and offered burntofferings and peace-offerings. 5 And the children of Israel said. Who is there among all the tribes of Israel that came not up with the congregation unto the Lord? For there had been taken the great oath concerning him that came not up to the Lord to Mizpah, saving, He shall surely be put to death. 6 And the children of Israel felt regret for Benjamin their brother, and they said. One tribe hath this day been cut down from Israel, 7 What shall we do as respecteth wives for those that remain, since we have sworn by the Lord that we will give none of our daughters unto them for wives? 8 And they said, what one is there of the tribes of Israel that came not up unto the Lord to Mizpah? And, behold, there had not come to the camp a man from Yabesh-gil'ad to the assembly. 9 For the people were numbered, and, behold, there was not present a man of the inhabitants of Yabesh-qil'ad. 10 And the congregation sent thither twelve thousand persons of the valiant men, and commanded them. saving. Go and smite the inhabitants of Yabesh-qil'ad with the edge of the sword, with the women and the children. 11 And this is the thing that ye shall do. every male, and every woman that hath known [man] by lying with him, shall ve devote. 12 And they found among the inhabitants of Yabesh-gil'ad four hundred young virgins that had not known man by lying with any male: and they brought them unto the camp to

men; and they pursued hard after them as far as whole congregation sent and spoke to the children of Gid'om, and slew of them two thousand men. 46 So Benjamin that were on the rock Rimmon, and offered that all who fell on that day of Benjamin were twenty them peace, 14 And Benjamin returned at that time: and five thousand men that drew the sword; all these and they gave unto them the wives whom they had were men of valor. 47 But six hundred men turned saved alive out of the women of Yabesh-qil'ad; but and fled into the wilderness unto the rock Rimmon, they found not sufficient for them in this way. 15 And and they abode on the rock Rimmon four months. 48 the people felt regret for Benjamin; because that the And the men of Israel turned again upon the children Lord had made a breach in the tribes of Israel, 16 And of Benjamin, and smote them with the edge of the the elders of the congregation said, What shall we do sword, as well the men of every city, as the beasts, for those that remain as respecteth wives; because and all that was found; also all the cities that they the women have been destroyed out of Benjamin? 17 And they said. Their inheritance must be secured for Benjamin, that not a tribe may be blotted out from Israel. 18 Nevertheless we ourselves are not able to give them wives of our daughters; for the children of Israel have sworn, saying, Cursed be he that giveth a wife to Benjamin. 19 And they said, Behold, there is a feast of the Lord in Shiloh from year to year fat a placel which is on the north side 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, saving. Go ve and lie in wait in the vinevards: 21 And look out, and, behold, if the daughters of Shiloh go out to dance in dances: then come ve forth out of the vineyards, and snatch you every man his wife from the daughters of Shiloh, and go then to the land of Benjamin. 22 And it shall be, when their fathers or their brothers come to contend with us, that we will say unto them. Be favorable unto them for our sakes; because we took not for each man his wife in the war: [and] because ve vourselves did not give them unto them, that ve should at this time be guilty. 23 And the children of Benjamin did so, and took themselves wives, according to their number, from the dancers whom they had stolen away; and they went and returned unto their inheritance, and rebuilt 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 there every man to his inheritance. 25 In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did what was right in his own eves.

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1 And it came to pass in the days when the judges judged, that there was a famine in the land: and there went a certain man of Beth-lechem-judah to sojourn in the fields of Moab, he, and his wife, and his two sons. 2 And the name of the man was Elimelech. and the name of his wife Na'omi, and the name of his two sons Machlon and Kilyon, Ephrathites of Bethlechem-judah. And they came into the fields of Moab, and remained there. 3 Thereupon died Elimelech Na'omi's husband: and she was left, with her two sons. 4 And they took themselves wives of the women of Moab; the name of one was 'Orpah, and the name of the other Ruth: and they dwelt there about ten vears. 5 And then died also both of these. Machlon and Kilvon, and the woman was left [deprived] of her two children and her husband. 6 Then did she arise with her daughters-in-law, and returned homeward from the fields of Moab: for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the Lord had thought of his people in giving them bread. 7 Therefore she went forth out of the place where she had been, and her two daughters-in-law [were] with her; and they went on their way to return unto the land of Judah. 8 Then said Na'omi unto her two daughters-in-law. Go. return each one to her mother's house: may the Lord deal kindly with you, as ye have dealt with the dead, and with me. 9 May the Lord grant unto you that ye may find rest, each one in the house of her husband. Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voice, and wept. 10 And they said unto her, [No, ] for truly we will return with thee unto thy people. 11 Then said Na'omi, Return back, my daughters; why will ve go with me? are there yet any more sons in my womb, that they may become your husbands? 12 Return back, my daughters, go; for I am too old to become [the wife] of any man; yea, if I were even to think, I have hope; should I even obtain this night a husband, and should also bear sons: 13 Would ve wait in hopes for them till they were grown? would ye debar yourselves for them so as not to become the wives of any man? not so, my daughters; for I feel much more bitter pain than you; because the hand of the Lord is gone out against me. 14 And they lifted up their voice and wept a long time; and Orpah kissed her mother-in-law; but Ruth cleaved unto her. 15 And she said, Behold, thy sister-in-law is returned back unto her people, and unto her gods; return thou after thy sister-in-law. 16 But Ruth said,

Urge me not to leave thee, to return from following thee; for whither thou goest, will I go; and where thou lodgest, will I 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; may the Lord do so to me. and may he so continue, if aught but death shall part me from thee. 18 When she thus saw that she was persisting to go with her, she left off speaking unto her. 19 So these two went until they came to Bethlechem. And it came to pass, when they entered Beth-lechem, that all the city was in commotion about them, and people said, Is this Na'omi? 20 And she said unto them, Call me not Na'omi, call me Mara; for the Almighty hath dealt very bitterly with me. 21 I went out full, but empty hath the Lord brought me home again; why then will ye call me Na'omi, seeing the Lord hath testified against me, and the Almighty hath sent me affliction? 22 So did Na'omi return, and Ruth the Moabitess, her daughter-in-law, with her, who had returned out of the fields of Moab; and they came to Beth-lechem at the beginning of the barley-harvest.

2 And Na'omi had a kinsman of her husband's, a mighty, valiant man, of the family of Elimelech, whose name was Bo'az. 2 And Ruth the Moabitess said unto Na'omi, Let me go, I pray thee, into the field, and glean ears of corn after him in whose eyes I shall find grace. And she said unto her. Go. my daughter. 3 And she went, and came, and gleaned in the field after the reapers; and the accident happened to her, that it was a part of the field belonging unto Bo'az, who was of the family of Elimelech. 4 And, behold, Bo'az came from Beth-lechem, and he said unto the reapers. The Lord be with you. And they said unto him, May the Lord bless thee. 5 Then said Bo'az unto his young man that was appointed over the reapers, Whose maiden is this? 6 And the young man that was appointed over the reapers answered and said, It is a Moabitish maiden that is returned with Na'omi out of the fields of Moab: 7 And she said. Let me glean. I pray you, and gather among the sheaves after the reapers: so she came, and hath remained ever from the morning even until now; it is but a little while that she hath sat down in the house. 8 Then said Bo'az unto Ruth, Hearest thou not, my daughter? Go not to glean in another field, neither go away from this; but keep close company with my own maidens. 9 Let thy eyes be on the field which they may reap, and go thou after them; behold, I have charged the young men that they shall not touch thee: and when thou art thirsty, go unto the vessels, and drink of that

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fell on her face, and bowed herself to the ground, and wheat-harvest; and she dwelt with her mother-in-law. said unto him. Why have I found grace in thy eyes. that thou shouldst take cognizance of me, seeing I am but a stranger? 11 But Bo'az answered and said unto her, It hath fully been told me, all that thou hast done unto thy mother-in-law after the death of thy husband; and how thou hast forsaken thy father and thy mother, and the land of thy birth, and art come unto a people which thou knewest not yesterday or the day before. 12 May the Lord recompense thy work. and may thy reward be complete from the Lord the God of Israel, under whose wings thou art come to seek shelter. 13 Then said she. Let me find grace in thy eyes, my lord; for thou hast comforted me, and because thou hast spoken [kindly] unto the heart of thy handmaid, though I be not like one of thy handmaids. 14 And Bo'az said unto her. At mealtime come near hither, and eat of the bread, and dip thy morsel in the vinegar. And she seated herself beside the reapers: and he reached her parched corn, and she ate, and was satisfied, and had some left. 15 Then did she arise to glean: and Bo'az commanded his young men, saying, Even between the sheaves let her glean, and do not cause her to feel any shame: 16 And ve shall also draw out some for her from the bundles on purpose, and leave it, that she may glean it, and ve shall not rebuke her. 17 So she gleaned in the field until the evening; and when she beat out what she had gleaned, it was about an ephah of barley. 18 And she took it up, and she went into the city; and her mother-in-law saw what she had gleaned; and she brought forth and gave to her what she had left over after she was satisfied. 19 And her mother-in-law said unto her, Where hast thou gleaned today? and where hast thou wrought? may he that took cognizance of thee be blessed. And she told her mother-in-law with whom she had wrought, and said. The name of the man with whom I wrought today is Bo'az. 20 Then said Na'omi unto her daughterin-law, Blessed be he unto the Lord, who hath not withheld his kindness from the living and from the dead. And Na'omi said unto her, The man is nearly related unto us, he is one of our next kinsmen, 21 And Ruth the Moabitess said, He hath also said unto me, Thou shalt keep close company with my young men, until they have ended all my harvest. 22 Then said Na'omi unto Ruth her daughter-in-law, It is good, my daughter, that thou go out with his maidens, and that men may not meet with thee in any other field. 23 So she kept close company with the maidens of Bo'az in

which the young men may draw. 10 Thereupon she gleaning until the end of the barley-harvest and of the

3 Then said Na'omi her mother-in-law unto her, My daughter, behold I will seek for thee a restingplace, where it may be well with thee. 2 And now. behold. Bo'az is our kinsman, he with whose maidens thou hast been. Lo. he is winnowing the barley tonight in the threshing-floor. 3 Therefore bathe, and anoint thyself, and put thy garments upon thee, and go down to the threshing-floor; [but] make thyself not known unto the man, until he shall have finished eating and drinking. 4 And it shall be, when he lieth down, that thou shalt note the place where he will lie, and thou shalt then go in, and lift up the covering that is on his feet, and lav thyself down; and he will tell thee what thou shalt do. 5 And she said unto her. All that thou sayest unto me will I do. 6 And she went down unto the threshing-floor, and did in accordance with all that her mother-in-law had commanded her. 7 And Bo'az ate and drank, and his heart became merry; and he then went in to lie down at the end of the heap of corn; and she came in softly, and lifted up the covering that was on his feet, and laid herself down. 8 And it came to pass at midnight, that the man became terrified, and bent himself forward; and, behold, a woman was lying at his feet. 9 And he said, Who art thou? And she said, 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 unto the Lord, my daughter; for thou hast shown more kindness in the last instance than the first, by not going after the young men, whether they be poor or rich. 11 And now, my daughter, fear not: all that thou mayest say will I do for thee; for all [the men in] the gate of my people know that thou art a virtuous woman. 12 And now, it is indeed true that I am thy near kinsman; nevertheless, there is a kinsman nearer than I. 13 Remain here this night, and it shall be in the morning, that if he will redeem thee, well, let him redeem; but if he be not willing to redeem thee, then will I redeem thee, as the Lord liveth: lie still until the morning. 14 And she lay at his feet until the morning; and she rose up before one could know another. And he said, It must not be known that this woman came into the threshing-floor. 15 Also he said, Bring hither the cloak that thou hast upon thee, and lay hold of it. And she laid hold of it, and he measured six [measures] of barley, and laid it on her, and went into the city. 16 And she came to her mother-in-law, and she said. How is it with thee.

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⚠ But Bo'az went up to the gate, and sat down there; and, behold, the kinsman of whom Bo'az had spoken came passing by; and he said unto him, Turn aside hither, sit down here, such a one. 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 kinsman. Na'omi, that is returned out of the field of Moab, hath to sell a parcel of land, which was our brother Elimelech's. 4 And I thought to inform thee of it, saying, Buy it before those sitting here, and before the elders of my people. If thou wilt redeem it, redeem it; but if thou wilt not redeem it, then tell me, that I may know; for there is none beside thee to redeem it, and I am after thee. And he said, I will redeem it. 5 Then said Bo'az, On the day that thou buyest the field out of the hand of Na'omi, thou buyest it also from Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of the dead, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance. 6 And the kinsman said. I am not able to redeem it for myself, lest I injure my own inheritance: redeem thou what I should redeem for thyself; for I am not able to redeem it. 7 Now this was formerly the custom in Israel at a redeeming and at an exchanging, to confirm any thing, that a man pulled off his shoe, and gave it to the other; and this was the manner of testimony in Israel. 8 Thereupon said the kinsman unto Bo'az, Buy it for thee. And he pulled off his shoe. 9 And Bo'az said unto the elders, and unto all the people, Ye are witnesses this day, that I have bought all that belonged to Elimelech, and all that belonged to Kilyon and Machlon, out of the hand of Na'omi. 10 And also Ruth the Moabitess, the wife of Machlon. have I obtained for myself as my wife, to raise up the name of the dead upon his inheritance, that the name of the dead may not be 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. The Lord grant that the woman that is coming into thy house be like Rachel and like Leah, who did both build up the house of Israel: and acquire thou wealth in Ephrathah, and let thy name become famous in

my daughter? And she told her all that the man had Beth-lechem; 12 And may thy house be like the house done to her. 17 And she said, These six measures of of Perez, whom Thamar bore unto Judah, through barley gave he unto me; for he said to me, Thou shalt the seed which the Lord will give thee of this young not come empty to thy mother-in-law. 18 Then said woman. 13 And Bo'az took Ruth, and she became his she, Remain still, my daughter, until thou know how wife, and he went in unto her: and the Lord gave her the matter will fall out; for the man will not rest, until conception, and she bore a son. 14 And the women said unto Na'omi, Blessed be the Lord, who hath not allowed to be wanting unto thee a kinsman this day: and may his name become famous in Israel. 15 And may he be unto thee one who refresheth thy soul, and who nourisheth thy old age; for thy daughter-in-law, who loveth thee, hath born him, she who is better to thee than seven sons. 16 And Na'omi took the child, and laid it in her lap, and she became a nurse unto it. 17 And the neighboring women gave him a name, saying, There hath been a son born unto Na'omi: and they called his name 'Obed, who is the father of Jesse, the father of David. 18 And these are the generations of Perez: Perez begat Chezron; 19 And Chezron begat Ram; and Ram begat 'Amminadab; 20 And 'Amminadab begat Nachshon; and Nachshon begat Salmah; 21 And Salmon begat Bo'az; and Bo'az begat 'Obed; 22 And 'Obed begat Jesse, and Jesse begat David.

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1 And there was a certain man of Rama-thavimzophim, of the mountain of Ephraim, whose name was Elkanah, the son of Yerocham, the son of Elihu. the son of Tochu, the son of Zuph, an Ephrathite. 2 And he had two wives: the name of the one was Hannah, and the name of the other Peninnah: Peninnah had children, but Hannah had no children. 3 And this man went up out of his city from year to vear to prostrate himself and to sacrifice unto the Lord of hosts in Shiloh. And at that place were the two sons of 'Eli. Chophni and Phinehas, priests of the Lord. 4 And when the day was come that Elkanah offered, he gave to Peninnah his wife, and to all her sons and her daughters, portions: 5 But unto Hannah he gave a double portion; for Hannah he loved [greatly]; but the Lord had shut up her womb. 6 And her rival also provoked her continually, in order to make her fret; because the Lord had shut up her womb. 7 And he did so year by year, as often as she went up to the house of the Lord, so did she provoke her: wherefore she wept, and did not eat. 8 Then said to her Elkanah her husband, Hannah. why wilt thou weep? and why wilt thou not eat? and why should thy heart be grieved? am not I better to thee than ten sons? 9 And Hannah rose up after they had eaten in Shiloh, and after they had drunk; and 'Eli the priest was sitting upon a chair by the door-post of the temple of the Lord. 10 But she had bitterness of soul. and prayed unto the Lord, and wept greatly. 11 And she vowed a vow, and said, O Lord of hosts, if thou wilt indeed look on the affliction of thy handmaid, and remember me, and not forget thy handmaid, but wilt give unto thy handmaid a man-child; then will I give him unto the Lord all the days of his life, and no razor shall come upon his head. 12 And it came to pass. as she continued praying long before the Lord, that 'Eli watched her mouth. 13 Now as for Hannah, she spoke in her heart; only her lips moved, but her voice could not be heard; wherefore 'Eli regarded her as a drunken woman. 14 And 'Eli said unto her, How long wilt thou be drunken? put away thy wine from off thee. 15 And Hannah answered and said, No, my Lord, I am a woman of a sorrowful spirit; but neither wine nor strong drink have I drunk, and I have poured out my soul before the Lord. 16 Esteem not thy handmaid as a worthless woman; for out of the abundance of my grief and vexation have I spoken hitherto. 17 Then 'Eli answered and said. Go in peace: and may

the God of Israel grant thy petition which thou hast asked of him. 18 And she said, Let thy handmaid find grace in thy eyes. The woman then went on her way, and did eat, and her countenance was no longer as before. 19 And they rose up early in the morning, and prostrated themselves before the Lord, and returned. and came to their house at Ramah; and Elkanah knew Hannah his wife: and the Lord remembered her. 20 And it came to pass, after the lapse of some time, that Hannah conceived, and bore a son; and she called his name Samuel, saying, Because from the Lord have I asked him. 21 And the man Elkanah went up, with all his house, to offer unto the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and his vow. 22 But Hannah did not go up; for she said unto her husband. So soon as the child shall be weaned, then I will bring him, that he may appear before the Lord, and abide there for ever. 23 And Elkanah her husband said unto her. Do what seemeth good in thy eyes: tarry until thou hast weaned him; only may the Lord fulfill his word. So the woman remained behind, and gave her son suck until she weaned him. 24 And she took him up with her, when she had weaned him, with three bullocks, and one ephah of flour, and a bottle of wine, and she brought him unto the house of the Lord at Shiloh: although the child was yet young. 25 And they slew a bullock, and brought the child to 'Eli. 26 And she said. Pardon, my Lord, as thy soul liveth, my Lord, I am the woman that stood by thee here, to pray unto the Lord. 27 For this lad did I pray: and the Lord hath granted me my petition which I asked of him; 28 Therefore also have I lent him, for my part, to the Lord; all the days that have been assigned to him shall he be lent to the Lord. And he bowed himself there before the Lord

2 And Hannah prayed, and said, My heart is glad in the Lord, my horn is exalted through the Lord: my mouth is enlarged over my enemies; because I rejoice in thy salvation. 2 There is none holy like the Lord; for there is none beside thee; and there is not any rock like our God. 3 Talk no more so exceeding proudly; let not arrogance come out of your mouth; for a God of knowledge is the Lord, and by him are actions weighed. 4 The bow of the mighty is broken, and those that stumbled are girded with strength. 5 They that were full hire themselves out for bread; and they that were hungry cease [from labor]: while the barren hath born seven, she that hath many children fadeth away. 6 The Lord killeth, and maketh alive: he bringeth down to the grave, and bringeth up. (sheol

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he bringeth low and also lifteth up. 8 He raiseth up sin against another, the judge shall judge him; but if out of the dust the poor, from the dunghill he lifteth against the Lord a man should sin, who shall pray for up the needy, to set them among nobles, and he him? Nevertheless would they not hearken unto the assigneth them the throne of glory; for the Lord's voice of their father, because the Lord desired to slav are the pillars of the earth, on which he hath set the them. 26 And the lad Samuel was constantly growing world. 9 He ever quardeth the feet of his pious ones, and increasing in favor both with the Lord, and also and the wicked shall be made silent in darkness; for with men. 27 And there came a man of God unto 'Eli. not by strength can man prevail. 10 The Lord—his and said unto him, Thus hath said the Lord, Did I adversaries will be crushed; out of heaven will he [not] appear unto the house of thy father, when they thunder upon them: the Lord will judge the ends of were in Egypt, in Pharaoh's house? 28 And did I [not] the earth; and he will give strength unto his king, and choose him out of all the tribes of Israel to me as a lift up the horn of his anointed. 11 And Elkanah went priest, to offer upon my altar, to burn incense, to wear to Ramah to his house. And the lad was ministering an ephod before me? and did I [not] give unto the unto the Lord before 'Eli the priest. 12 And the sons house of thy father all the fire-offerings of the children of 'Eli were worthless men: they knew not the Lord. of Israel? 29 Wherefore kick ye at my sacrifice and at 13 And the custom of the priests with the people was, my meat-offering, which I have commanded in [my] that, when any man offered a sacrifice, the priest's habitation? and [why] honoredst thou thy sons above servant came, while [the man] was seething the flesh, me, to fatten yourselves with the first of every offering with a fork with three teeth in his hand; 14 And he of Israel my people? 30 Therefore saith the Lord the struck it into the pan, or the kettle, or the caldron, or God of Israel, I had indeed said, Thy house, and the the pot; [and] all that the fork brought up the priest house of thy father, should walk before me for ever; took away with it. So did they unto all the Israelites but now, saith the Lord, Be it far from me; for those that came thither, to Shiloh. 15 Even before they had that honor me will I honor, and those that despise yet burnt the fat, the priest's servant would come, and me shall be lightly esteemed. 31 Behold, days are say to the man that sacrificed. Give flesh to roast for coming, that I will hew off thy arm, and the arm of the priest; for he will not take from thee sodden flesh, thy father's house, so that there shall not be an old but raw, 16 And if the man said unto him. They will man in thy house, 32 And thou shalt behold a rival in surely presently burn the fat, and then take whatever my habitation, in all that by which he will do good thy soul may long for: then would he say, No; but thou for Israel: and there shall not be an old man in thy shalt give it me now; and if not, I will take it by force. house in all times. 33 And yet I will not cut off the 17 And the sin of the young men was very great before men descended from thee from my altar, to consume the Lord; for the men despised the offering of the thy eyes, and to grieve thy soul: and all the increase Lord. 18 But Samuel was ministering before the Lord, of thy house shall die as [vigorous] men. 34 And this being a lad, girded with a linen ephod. 19 Moreover shall be unto thee the sign, that shall happen on thy his mother used to make him a little overcoat, and two sons, on Chophni and Phinehas: On one day brought it to him from year to year, when she came shall they, both of them, die. 35 And I will raise up to up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. 20 me a faithful priest, who shall do in accordance with And 'Eli blessed Elkanah and his wife, and said, May what is in my heart and in my mind; and I will build for the Lord give thee seed from this woman instead of him an enduring house; and he shall walk before my the loan who is lent to the Lord. And they went back anointed in all times. 36 And it shall come to pass, unto his place. 21 And truly the Lord visited Hannah, that whoever is left in thy house shall come to bow and she conceived, and bore three sons and two down to him for a gera of silver and a loaf of bread, daughters. And the lad Samuel grew up before the and shall say, Attach me, I pray thee, unto one of the Lord. 22 Now 'Eli was very old, and heard all that his priestly offices, that I may eat a piece of bread. sons were in the habit of doing unto all Israel; and how they would lie with the women that assembled at the door of the tabernacle of the congregation. 23 And he said unto them, Why will ye do such things? for I hear of your evil dealings from all this people. 24 No, my sons; for the report that I hear is not good,

h7585) 7 The Lord maketh poor and maketh rich: which the Lord's people spread abroad. 25 If one man

**2** And the lad Samuel was ministering unto the Lord before 'Eli. And the word of the Lord was scarce in those days: prophecy was not extended. 2 And it came to pass one day, when 'Eli was lying down in his place, and his eyes had begun to grow dim, he gone out, while Samuel was lying down in [the hall of] the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was: 4 to battle, and encamped beside Eben-ha'ezer; and the That the Lord called Samuel: and he said. Here am I. Philistines encamped in Aphek. 2 And the Philistines 5 And he ran unto 'Eli, and said. Here am I: for thou put themselves in battle-array against Israel; and the didst call me. And he said, I did not call: lie down battle became general, and Israel was smitten before again. And he went and lay down. 6 And the Lord the Philistines: and they slew on the battle-ground, in continued to call again, Samuel, And Samuel arose the field, about four thousand men. 3 And when the and went to 'Eli, and said, Here am I; for thou didst people were come back into the camp, the elders of call me. And he answered, I did not call, my son: lie Israel said, Wherefore hath the Lord smitten us this down again. 7 And Samuel knew not yet the Lord, day before the Philistines? Let us bring over to us out nor had the word of the Lord been as yet revealed of Shiloh the ark of the covenant of the Lord, that it unto him. 8 And the Lord continued to call, Samuel, may come in the midst of us, and deliver us out of the third time; and he arose and went to 'Eli, and the hand of our enemies, 4 So the people sent to said. Here am I: for thou didst call me. And 'Eli then Shiloh, and they brought away from there the ark of perceived that the Lord was calling the lad. 9 And 'Eli the covenant of the Lord of hosts, who dwelleth over said unto Samuel, Go, lie down; and it shall be, if he the cherubim: and the two sons of 'Eli, Chophni and call thee, that thou shalt say, Speak, Lord; for thy Phinehas, were there with the ark of the covenant of servant heareth. And Samuel went and lay down in God. 5 And it happened when the ark of the covenant his place. 10 And the Lord came, and placed himself, of the Lord came into the camp, that all Israel set up and called as at previous times, Samuel, Samuel, a great shout, so that the earth trembled. 6 And when And Samuel said, Speak; for thy servant heareth. 11 the Philistines heard the noise of the shouting, they And the Lord said to Samuel, Behold, I will do a thing said. What meaneth the noise of this great shouting in in Israel, at which both the ears of every one that the camp of the Hebrews? And they understood that heareth it shall tingle. 12 On that day will I fulfill on 'Eli the ark of the Lord was come into the camp. 7 And all that I have spoken concerning his house: I will the Philistines were afraid; for they said, God is come begin and finish. 13 And I tell him that I will judge his into the camp. And they said, Woe unto us! for the house for ever; for the iniquity that he knew that his like of this hath not been, vesterday or the day before. sons were drawing a curse on themselves, and he 8 Woe unto us! who shall deliver us out of the hand of restrained them not. 14 And therefore have I sworn these mighty Gods? these are the Gods that smote unto the house of 'Eli, that the iniquity of 'Eli's house the Egyptians with every plaque in the wilderness. 9 shall not be atoned for with sacrifice or meat-offering Be strong, and act like men, O Philistines, so that ye for ever. 15 And Samuel lay until the morning, when become not servants unto the Hebrews, as they have he opened the doors of the house of the Lord; and been servants to you: therefore act like men, and Samuel feared to tell the vision unto 'Eli. 16 But 'Eli fight. 10 And the Philistines fought, and the Israelites called Samuel, and said, Samuel, my son. And he were smitten, and they fled every man unto his tent: said, Here am I. 17 And he said, What is the word and the defeat was very great; and there fell of Israel which he hath spoken unto thee? do not, I pray thee, thirty thousand men on foot, 11 And the ark of God conceal it from me; may God do to thee thus, and was taken; and the two sons of 'Eli, Chophni and continue to do so, if thou conceal any thing from me Phinehas, died also. 12 And there ran a man of of all the word that he hath spoken unto thee. 18 And Benjamin from the battlefield, and came to Shiloh Samuel told him all the words, and concealed nothing on the same day, with his clothes rent, and earth from him. And he said, He is the Lord: let him do upon his head. 13 And when he came, lo, 'Eli was what seemeth good in his eyes. 19 And Samuel grew sitting upon a chair by the wayside watching; for his up, and the Lord was with him, and he did not let heart was anxious for the ark of God. And when the fall any one of all his words to the ground. 20 And man came to tell it in the city, all the city cried out. thus knew all Israel from Dan even to Beer-sheba' 14 And when 'Eli heard the noise of the crying, he that Samuel was accredited as a prophet of the Lord, said, What meaneth the noise of this multitude? And 21 And the Lord continued to appear in Shiloh; for the man came in hastily, and told it to 'Eli, 15 Now the Lord revealed himself to Samuel in Shiloh by the 'Eli was ninety and eight years old: and his eyes word of the Lord.

could not see; 3 And the lamp of God had not yet 1 And the word of Samuel became known to all Israel. Now Israel went out against the Philistines were fixed, so that he could not see. 16 And the man

[unto her], Fear not; for a son hast thou born. But the lamentation of the city went up to heaven. she answered not, nor did she take it to heart. 21 And she named the child I-chabod, saying, Glory is departed from Israel; because of the taking away of the ark of God, and because of her father-in-law and her husband. 22 And she said, Glory is departed from Israel; for the ark of God hath been taken away.

the lords of the Philistines unto them, and said, What of it; and then send it away, that it may go. 9 And then

said unto 'Eli, I am the person that came from the shall we do with the ark of the God of Israel? And battlefield, and I myself fled from the battlefield today. they answered, Let the ark of the God of Israel be And he said, What was it that took place, my son? removed unto Gath. And they removed the ark of the 17 And the messenger answered and said, Israel is God of Israel thither, 9 And it happened, after they fled before the Philistines, and there hath also been had removed it, that the hand of the Lord was against a great slaughter among the people, and also thy the city with a very great confusion; and he smote the two sons, Chophni and Phinehas, are dead, and the men of the city, both small and great, and they had ark of God hath been taken. 18 And it came to pass, hemorrhoids in their secret parts. 10 And they sent when he mentioned the ark of God, that he fell from away the ark of God to 'Ekron. And it came to pass, off the chair backward by the side of the gate, and his as the ark of God came to 'Ekron, that the 'Ekronites neck was broken, and he died; for the man was old, cried out, saving. They have removed to us the ark of and heavy. And he had judged Israel forty years. 19 the God of Israel, to slay us and our people. 11 So And his daughter-in-law, the wife of Phinehas, was they sent and gathered together all the lords of the with child, near to be delivered: and when she heard Philistines, and said, Send away the ark of the God the tidings concerning that the ark of God had been of Israel, that it may return to its own place, so that taken, and that her father-in-law and her husband it may not slay us, and our people; for there was a were dead, she sank down and gave birth; for her confusion of death throughout all the city; the hand of pains came suddenly upon her. 20 And at the moment God was very heavy there. 12 And the people that of her dying, the women that stood around her spoke did not die were smitten with the hemorrhoids; and

 $\boldsymbol{6}$  And the ark of the Lord was in the fields of the Philistines seven months. 2 And the Philistines called for the priests and the diviners, saving, What shall we do with the ark of the Lord? let us know wherewith we shall send off it to its place. 3 And they said, If ye send away the ark of the God of And the Philistines took the ark of God, and Israel, send it not away empty; but ye must to a brought it from Eben-ha'ezer unto Ashdod. 2 And certainty return him a trespass-offering: then will ye the Philistines took the ark of God, and brought it be healed, and it will be known to you why his hand into the house of Dagon, and set it by Dagon. 3 is not removed from you. 4 And they said, What shall And when the people of Ashdod arose early on the be the trespass-offering that we shall return to him? morrow, behold, Dagon was lying upon his face on And they answered, According to the number of the the earth before the ark of the Lord. And they took lords of the Philistines, five golden hemorrhoids, and Dagon, and set him again in his place. 4 And when five golden mice; for one plague affected them all, they arose early on the morning of the following day, and your lords. 5 Therefore make images of your behold, Dagon was lying upon his face on the ground hemorrhoids, and images of your mice that devastate before the ark of the Lord; and the head of Dagon the land; and give glory unto the God of Israel: and both the palms of his hands were cut off upon perhaps he will lighten his hand from off you, and the threshold; only the fish portion was left on him. from off your gods, and from off your land. 6 And why 5 Therefore do the priests of Dagon, and all that will ye harden your heart, just as the Egyptians and come into Dagon's house, not step on the threshold Pharaoh hardened their heart? Did not they, when he of Dagon in Ashdod even until this day. 6 And the had wrought wonderful deeds among them, dismiss hand of the Lord became heavy upon the people of them, and they departed? 7 And now make a new Ashdod, and he destroyed them, and smote them wagon, and take two milch-cows, on which there hath with hemorrhoids, even Ashdod and its territory. 7 come no yoke, and harness the cows to the wagon, And when the men of Ashdod saw that it was so, they and bring their calves home away from them: 8 And said. The ark of the God of Israel shall not remain take the ark of the Lord, and place it into the wagon; with us; for his hand is sore upon us, and upon Dagon and the articles of gold, which ye return him as a our God. 8 And they sent and gathered together all trespass-offering, ye must put in a casket alongside

see, if it go up by the way to its own boundary, to 7 And the men of Kiryath-ye'arim came, and fetched Beth-shemesh, then hath he done us this great evil; but if not, then shall we know that not his hand hath house of Abinadab on the hill, and Elazar his son smitten us; it is a chance which hath happened to us, they sanctified to guard the ark of the Lord, 2 And 10 And the men did so; and they took two milch-cows, it came to pass, from the time the ark remained in and harnessed them to the wagon, and their calves Kiryath-ve'arim, and the time was long, and it was they shut up at home: 11 And they placed the ark of twenty years: that all the house of Israel followed the Lord in the wagon, and the casket with the mice anxiously after the Lord. 3 And Samuel said unto all of gold and images of their hemorrhoids. 12 And the the house of Israel, as followeth, If with all your heart cows went straight forward on the way on the road to ye do return unto the Lord, then put away the gods Beth-shemesh: on one highway they did go along, of the stranger and the 'Ashtaroth from your midst, lowing as they went, and turned not aside to the right and direct your heart unto the Lord, and serve him or to the left: and the lords of the Philistines went alone; and then will be deliver you out of the hand of after them as far as the border of Beth-shemesh. 13 the Philistines. 4 Then did the children of Israel put And they of Beth-shemesh were reaping their wheat away the Be'alim and the 'Ashtaroth, and served the harvest in the valley; and when they lifted up their Lord alone. 5 And Samuel said, Assemble all Israel eyes, and saw the ark, they rejoiced to see it. 14 And together at Mizpah, and I will pray in your behalf the wagon came to the field of Joshua, the Beth- unto the Lord, 6 And they assembled themselves shemite, and stood still there; and there was a great together at Mizpah, and drew water, and poured it stone; and they split the wood of the wagon, and the out before the Lord, and fasted on that day, and cows they offered as a burnt-offering unto the Lord. said there, We have sinned against the Lord. And 15 And the Levites took down the ark of the Lord, and Samuel judged the children of Israel in Mizpah. 7 the casket that was with it, wherein were the articles And when the Philistines heard that the children of of gold, and put them on the great stone; and the men Israel had assembled themselves at Mizpah, the lords of Beth-shemesh offered bunt-offerings and sacrificed of the Philistines went up against Israel. And when sacrifices on the same day unto the Lord. 16 And the children of Israel heard it, they were afraid of when the five lords of the Philistines had seen it, they the Philistines. 8 And the children of Israel said to returned to 'Ekron on the same day, 17 And these Samuel, Do not abstain, so as not to cry for us unto are the golden hemorrhoids which the Philistines the Lord our God, that he may help us out of the hand returned as a trespass-offering unto the Lord: For of the Philistines. 9 And Samuel took one sucking Ashdod one, for Gazzah one, for Ashkelon one, for lamb, and offered it for an entire burnt-offering unto Gath one, for 'Ekron one. 18 And the golden mice the Lord: and Samuel cried unto the Lord in behalf of were according to the number of all the cities of the Israel; and the Lord answered him, 10 And as Samuel Philistines under the five lords, from the fortified city, was offering up the burnt-offering, the Philistines drew down to the open village, even unto the great stone near to battle against Israel; but the Lord thundered whereon they had set down the ark of the Lord, and with a loud noise on that day over the Philistines, and which is unto this day in the field of Joshua, the Beth-brought them into confusion, and they were smitten shemite. 19 And he smote among the men of Beth- before Israel. 11 And the men of Israel went out of shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the Mizpah, and pursued the Philistines, and smote them. Lord, namely, he smote among the people seventy as far as below Beth-car. 12 And Samuel took one men and fifty thousand men: and the people mourned stone, and set it between Mizpah and Shen, and because the Lord had caused among the people a called its name Eben-ha'ezer, saying, As far as this great slaughter. 20 And the men of Beth-shemesh hath the Lord helped us. 13 So were the Philistines said, Who is able to stand before the Lord, this holy humbled, and they came no more into the territory God? and to whom shall it go up away from us? of Israel; and the hand of the Lord was against the 21 And they sent messengers to the inhabitants of Philistines all the days of Samuel. 14 And the cities Kiryath-ye'arim, saying, The Philistines have brought which the Philistines had taken from Israel came back the ark of the Lord: come ve down, and fetch it again to Israel, from 'Ekron even unto Gath, and up to you.

up the ark of the Lord, and brought it unto the their territory did Israel deliver out of the hand of the Philistines. And there was peace between Israel and the Emorites. 15 And Samuel judged Israel all the

days of his life. 16 And he went from year to year tenth: and ye yourselves will become his servants. 18 and traveled in circuit to Beth-el, and Gilgal, and And ye will cry out on that day because of your king Mizpah, and judged Israel in all these places. 17 And whom ye will have chosen for yourselves, but the his return was to Ramah; for there was his house: Lord will not answer you on that day. 19 Nevertheless and there he judged Israel; and he built there an altar the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; unto the Lord.

And it came to pass, when Samuel was old, that he appointed his sons judges over Israel. 2 And the name of his first-born was Joel: and the name of his second Abiyah: they judged in Beer-sheba'. 3 But his sons walked not in his ways, and they inclined after their own advantage, and took bribes, and perverted justice. 4 Then did all the elders of Israel assemble themselves together, and came to Samuel unto Ramah, 5 And said unto him, Behold, thou art old, and thy sons have not walked in thy the nations. 6 But the thing was displeasing in the eves of Samuel, when they said. Give us a king to judge us. And Samuel prayed unto the Lord. 7 they rejected, that I should not reign over them. 8 In [them] for his work. 17 Of your flocks will he take the called a Seer. 10 Then said Saul to his servant, Thy

and they said, No; but a king shall be over us; 20 That we also may ourselves 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 spoke them before the ears of the Lord. 22 And the Lord said to Samuel, Hearken unto their voice, and appoint them a king. And Samuel said unto the men of Israel, Go ye every man unto his city.

• Now there was a man of Benjamin, whose name was Kish, the son of Abiel, the son of Zeror, the ways: now appoint for us a king to judge us like all son of Bechorath, the son of Aphiach, the son of a Benjamite, a mighty man of valor. 2 And he had a son whose name was Saul, young and handsome; and there was not a man among the children of Israel And the Lord said unto Samuel, Hearken unto the handsomer than he: from his shoulders and upward voice of the people in all that they may say unto he was taller than any of the people. 3 And there thee; for not thee have they rejected, but me have were lost the asses belonging to Kish, Saul's father; and Kish said to Saul his son, Do take with thee one accordance with all the deeds which they have done of the servants, and arise, go seek the asses. 4 And since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt he passed through the mountain of Ephraim, and even until this day, when they forsook me, and served passed through the land of Shalisha, but they found other gods: so do they also unto thee. 9 And now [them] not; then they passed through the land of hearken unto their voice: nevertheless thou must still Sha'alim, and there was nothing there; and he passed solemnly forewarn them, and tell them the manner of through the land of Benjamin, but they found them the king that will reign over them. 10 And Samuel not. 5 When they were come in the land of Zuph, said all the words of the Lord unto the people that Saul said to his servant that was with him, Come. and had asked of him a king. 11 And he said, This will let us return; lest my father relinquish the care for the be the manner of the king that will reign over you: asses, and become anxious for us. 6 And the other Your sons will he take, and appoint them for himself said unto him, Behold now, a man of God is in this with his chariots, and among his horsemen; and they city, and the man is honored; all that he ever saith will will have to run before his chariot; 12 And to appoint surely come to pass: now let us go thither; perhaps for himself captains over thousands, and captains he can tell us our way that we should go. 7 Then said over fifties; and to plough his ground, and to reap his Saul to his servant, But, behold, if we should go, what harvest, and to make his instruments of war, and the shall we bring to the man? for the bread is spent out instruments of his chariots. 13 And your daughters of our vessels, and there is not a present to bring will he take for ointment makers, and for cooks, and to the man of God: what have we with us? 8 And for bakers. 14 And your fields, and your vineyards, the servant answered Saul again, and said, Behold, I and your olive-yards, yea the best, will he take, and have here in my hand the fourth part of a shekel of give them to his servants. 15 And of your seeds, and silver; and I will give this to the man of God, that he of your vineyards will he take the tenth, and give [the may tell us our way. 9 In former times it was custom same] to his officers, and to his servants. 16 And your in Israel, that when a man went to inquire of God. he men-servants, and your maid-servants, and your best said thus, Come, and let us go as far as the seer: for young men, and your asses will he take, and employ the Prophet of the present day was in former times city where the man of God was. 11 As they went up the high-place into the city, and he spoke with Saul the ascent to the city, they found some maidens going upon the roof, 26 And they got up early; and it came out to draw water; and they said unto them. Is the to pass when the morning-dawn arose, that Samuel seer here? 12 And they answered them, and said. He called Saul to the roof, saving, Up, that I may send is; behold, he is before you: make haste now, for this thee away. And Saul arose, and they went out, both day came he to the city; because the people have a of them, he and Samuel, into the street. 27 As they sacrifice today on the high-place: 13 As soon as ve were going down to the end of the city. Samuel said are come into the city, ye will straightway find him, to Saul, Say to the servant that he pass on before us, before yet he can go up to the high-place to eat; for —and he passed on, —but thou remain standing a the people will not eat until he be come, because while, and I will let thee hear the word of God. he always blesseth the sacrifice; afterward eat those that are invited; and now go you up; for just today will ve surely find him. 14 And they went up into the city. They were entering into the city, when, behold, Samuel came out toward them, to go up to the highplace. 15 And the Lord had revealed to Samuel's ear one day before Saul's coming, saving, 16 About this time tomorrow will I send unto thee a man out of the land of Benjamin, and thou shalt anoint him as chief over my people Israel, that he may save my people out of the hand of the Philistines; for I have beheld my people, because their cry is come unto me. 17 And when Samuel saw Saul, the Lord addressed him. Behold, the man of whom I spoke to thee. This one shall rule over my people. 18 And Saul drew near to Samuel within the gate, and said, Tell me, I pray thee, where is the house of the seer, 19 And Samuel answered Saul, and said, I am the seer: go up before me unto the high-place, and ye shall eat with me today; and I will let thee go in the morning, and all that is in thy heart will I tell thee. 20 And as for thy asses that were lost unto thee this day three days ago, do not set thy heart on them; for they have been found. And to whom belongeth all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not to thee, and to all thy father's house? 21 And Saul answered and said, Am not I a son of Benjamin, of one of the smallest tribes of Israel? and lis not my family the least of all the families of the tribes of Benjamin? wherefore then hast thou spoken to me such thing? 22 And Samuel took Saul and his servant, and brought them into the apartment; and he assigned them a place at the head of the invited guests, who were about thirty persons. 23 And Samuel said unto the cook, Hand here the portion which I gave thee, of which I said unto thee, Put it away by thee. 24 And the cook took up the shoulder, and that which was on it, and set it before Saul; and he said. Behold what is left! set it before thee, and eat: for unto this time hath it been kept from thee. since I said, I have invited the people. And Saul ate

word is good: come, let us go. So they went unto the with Samuel on that day. 25 And they went down from

n And Samuel took a flask of oil, and poured it upon his head, and kissed him, and said, Behold, it is because the Lord hath anointed thee over his inheritance as chief. 2 When thou goest this day away from me, thou wilt find two men who are now by Rachel's sepulchre, on the boundary of Benjamin at Zelzach; and they will say unto thee. The asses which thou wentest to seek are found; and, lo, thy father hath given up the matter of the asses, and is anxious for you, saving. What shall I do for my son? 3 Then shalt thou go on forward from there, and thou shalt come as far as the grove of Tabor, and there shall meet thee three men going up to God to Beth-el, one carrying three kids, and another carrying three loaves of bread, and another carrying a bottle of wine: 4 And they will ask thee after thy welfare, and give thee two loaves of bread, which thou must take from their hand. 5 After that shalt thou come to the hill of God, where the outposts of the Philistines are; and it shall come to pass, when thou art come thither to the city, that thou wilt meet a company of prophets coming down from the high-place, having before them a psaltery, and a tambourine, and a pipe, and a harp: and they will be prophesying: 6 And the Spirit of the Lord will suddenly come over thee, and thou shalt prophesy with them, and thou shalt be changed into another man. 7 And it shall be, that, when these signs are come unto thee, then do thou what thy hand may be able to effect: 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 to thee, and then will I tell thee what thou shalt do. 9 And it happened. that, as he turned his back to go away from Samuel, God changed his heart into another; and all these signs came to pass on that same day. 10 And when they came thither to the hill, behold, a company of prophets met him; and the Spirit of God came

them. 11 And it came to pass, when all that knew And they despised him, and brought him no present. him before saw, that, behold, he prophesied with But he acted as though he were deaf, the prophets, then said the people one to another. What is this that hath happened to the son of Kish? is Saul also among the prophets? 12 And one of that 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 were ye gone? And he said, To seek the asses; and when we saw that they were nowhere, we went to Samuel. 15 And Saul's uncle said, Do tell me, I pray thee, what did Samuel say unto you. 16 And Saul said unto his uncle. He told us plainly that the asses had been found. But of the matter of the kingdom, whereof Samuel had spoken, he told him not. 17 And Samuel called the people together unto the Lord to Mizpah; 18 And he said unto the children of Israel, Thus hath said the Lord the God of Israel, I brought up Israel from Egypt, and delivered you out of the hand of the Egyptians, and out of the hand of all the kingdoms that oppressed you; 19 And ye for your part have this day rejected your God, he who hath saved you out of all your misfortunes and your tribulations; and ye have said unto him, Nevertheless, thou must set a king over us; and now present vourselves before the Lord according to your tribes, and according to your thousands. 20 And Samuel caused all the tribes of Israel to come near; and the tribe of Benjamin was seized. 21 And he caused the tribe of Benjamin to come near according to its families, and the family of Matri was seized, and then was seized Saul the son of Kish: and they sought him, but he could not be found. 22 And they inquired again of the Lord, Is the man yet come hither? And the Lord said, Behold, he hath hidden himself among the vessels. 23 And they ran and fetched him thence, and he placed himself erect in the midst of the people, and he was higher than any of the people from his shoulders and upward. 24 And Samuel said to all the people, Have ye seen him whom the Lord hath made choice of, that there is none like him among all the people? And all the people shouted, and said, Long live the king. 25 Then did Samuel speak to the people the rights of the kingdom, and wrote it in a book, and laid it down before the Lord. And Samuel sent away all the people, every man to his house. 26 And Saul also went to his home to Gib'ah: and there went with him a large crowd, whose heart God had touched. 27 But

suddenly over him, and he prophesied in the midst of the worthless men said. In what can this help us?

11 Then came up Nachash the 'Ammonite, and encamped against Yabesh-gil'ad: and all the men of Yabesh said unto Nachash. Make a covenant with us, and we will serve thee. 2 And Nachash the 'Ammonite said unto them. On this condition will I make it with you, that ye all have put out the right eye, that I may lay it as a reproach upon all Israel. 3 And the elders of Yabesh said unto him, Grant us seven days' respite, that we may send messengers throughout all the boundary of Israel; and then, if there be none to save us, will we come out to thee. 4 And the messengers came to Gib'ah of Saul, and spoke the words in the ears of the people; and all the people lifted up their voice, and wept. 5 And, behold, Saul was coming after the herds out of the field; and Saul said, What aileth the people that they weep? And they told him the words of the men of Yabesh. 6 And the spirit of God came suddenly over Saul when he heard these words, and his anger was kindled greatly, 7 And he took a yoke of oxen, and cut them in pieces, and sent them about throughout all the boundary of Israel by the hand of the messengers, saving. Whosoever goeth not forth after Saul and after Samuel, shall have his herds thus treated. And the dread of the Lord fell on the people, and they went out as one man. 8 And he numbered them in Bezek; and the children of Israel were three hundred thousand, and the men of Judah thirty thousand. 9 And they said unto the messengers that were come, Thus shall ye say unto the men of Yabesh-gil'ad, Tomorrow shall ye have help, when the sun shineth hot. And the messengers came and told it to the men of Yabesh; and these were glad. 10 And the men of Yabesh said, Tomorrow will we go out unto you, and ye can do unto us in accordance with all that seemeth good in your eyes. 11 And it happened 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 they smote the 'Ammonites until the heat of the day: and it came to pass, that those that remained were scattered, and no two among them were left together. 12 And the people said unto Samuel, Who is there that saith, Shall Saul reign over us? give up the men, and we will put them to death. 13 And Saul said, There shall not a man be put to death on this day; for today the Lord hath wrought deliverance in Israel. 14 And Samuel said to the people, Come and Israel rejoiced there very greatly.

12 And Samuel said unto all Israel, Behold, I have hearkened unto your voice in all that ye said unto me, and I have set a king over you, 2 And now. behold, the king is walking before you; and I am old and gray-headed; and my sons, behold, they are with you; and I have walked before you from my youth even until this day. 3 Behold, here am I; testify against me in the presence of the Lord, and in the presence of his anointed: Whose ox have I taken? or whose ass have I taken? or whom have I defrauded? whom have I oppressed? or from whose hand have I received any ransom so that I withdrew my eyes from him? and I will restore it you. 4 And they said. Thou hast not defrauded us, nor hast thou oppressed us, and thou hast not taken from any man's hand the least. 5 And he said unto them, The Lord is witness against you, and his anointed is witness this day, that ye have not found in my hand the least: and they answered, He is witness. 6 And Samuel said unto the people, It is the Lord who did [wonders through] Moses and Aaron, and who brought your fathers up out of the land of Egypt. 7 And now stand up, that I may hold iudament with you before the Lord concerning all the benefits of the Lord, which he hath done to you and to your fathers. 8 When Jacob was come into Egypt, then did your fathers cry unto the Lord, and the Lord sent Moses and Aaron, and they brought forth your fathers out of Egypt, and caused them to dwell in this place. 9 And when they forgot the Lord their God, he sold them into the hand of Sissera, the chief of the host of Chazor, and into the hand of the Philistines, and into the hand of the king of Moab, and they made war against them. 10 And they cried [then] unto the Lord, and said. We have sinned, because we have forsaken the Lord, and have served the Be'alim and the 'Ashtaroth; and now deliver us out of the hand of our enemies, and we will serve thee. 11 And the Lord sent Yerubba'al, and Bedan, and Yiphthach, and Samuel, and he delivered you out of the hand of your enemies on every side, so that ye dwelt safely. 12 But when ye saw that Nachash the king of the children of 'Ammon came against you, ye said unto me, No; but a king shall reign over us; when the Lord your God is your king. 13 And now here is the king whom ve

let us go to Gilgal, and renew there the choice of have chosen, whom ye have asked for! and, behold, the king. 15 And all the people went to Gilgal; and the Lord hath set over you a king. 14 If ye will fear they appointed there Saul as king before the Lord in the Lord, and serve him, and obey his voice, and will Gilgal: and they sacrificed there sacrifices of peace- not rebel against the will of the Lord: then shall both offerings before the Lord; and Saul with all the men of ve and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the Lord your God. 15 But if ye will not hearken to the voice of the Lord, and rebel against the will of the Lord: then will the hand of the Lord be against you, as it was against your fathers. 16 And now stand up and see this great thing, which the Lord is about doing before your eyes. 17 Is there not wheat-harvest today? I will call unto the Lord, and he will send thunders and rain; and ve will [thus] perceive and see that your wickedness is great, which ye have done, in the eyes of the Lord, to ask for yourselves a king. 18 And Samuel called unto the Lord; and the Lord sent thunders and rain on that day: and all the people feared greatly the Lord and Samuel. 19 And all the people said unto Samuel, Pray in behalf of thy servants unto the Lord thy God, that we may not die; for we have added unto all our sins yet this evil, to ask for ourselves a king. 20 And Samuel said unto the people. Fear not: ve have indeed done all this evil: yet turn not aside from following the Lord, and serve ye the Lord with all your heart; 21 And turn ye not aside: for then would ve go after vain things, which cannot profit nor deliver; because they are vain. 22 For the Lord will not forsake his people for the sake of his great name; because it hath pleased the Lord to make you a people unto himself. 23 Moreover as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray in behalf of you; but I will teach you the good and the right way: 24 Only fear the Lord, and serve him in truth with all your heart; for see what great things he hath done with you. 25 But if ye will in any wise do wickedly, both ye yourselves as also your king shall perish.

> 13 When Saul had reigned one year. —and two years he reigned over Israel, - 2 Saul chose for himself three thousand men out of Israel: and there were with Saul two thousand in Michmash and on the mountain of Beth-el, and a thousand were with Jonathan in Gib'ah of Benjamin: and the rest of the people he sent away every man to his tents. 3 And Jonathan smote the outpost of the Philistines that was at Geba', and the Philistines heard of it. And Saul blew the cornet throughout all the land, saying, Let the Hebrews hear it. 4 And all Israel heard it, saying, Saul hath smitten the outpost of the Philistines, and the Israelites also have put themselves in ill-favor

together after Saul to Gilgal. 5 And the Philistines toward the wilderness. 19 Now there was no smith gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, to be found throughout all the land of Israel; for the thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen. Philistines said. So that the Hebrews shall not make and people as the sand which is on the sea-shore themselves swords or spears. 20 But all the Israelites in multitude; and they came up, and encamped in went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man Michmash, eastward from Bethaven. 6 And when the his plough-share, and his coulter, and his axe, and men of Israel saw that they were in a strait. [for the his mattock, 21 And they used a file for the mattocks, people were oppressed, I then did the people hide and for the coulters, and for the three-pronged forks, themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads. 22 So it and in strongholds, and in pits. 7 And some of the came to pass on the day of battle, that there was Hebrews passed over the Jordan to the land of Gad neither sword nor spear found in the hand of any of and Gil'ad. As for Saul, he was still in Gilgal, and the people that were with Saul and Jonathan; but all the people followed him hastily. 8 And he tarried they were found with Saul and with Jonathan his son. seven days, according to the set time that Samuel 23 And the outpost of the Philistines went out to the had appointed; but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and pass of Michmash. the people were scattering themselves from him. 9 And Saul said. Bring hither to me the burnt-offering and the peace-offerings. And he offered the burntoffering. 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 greet him, 11 And Samuel said. What hast thou done: And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattering themselves from me, whereas thou camest not at the appointed day, and the Philistines are gathering themselves together at Michmash: 12 And I said. The Philistines will now come down unto me to Gilgal, and I have not yet made supplication unto the Lord: wherefore I forced myself, and offered the burnt-offering. 13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the Lord thy God, which he had commanded thee; for now would the Lord have established thy government over Israel for ever. 14 But now thy government shall not endure: the Lord hath sought out for himself a man after his own heart. and the Lord hath ordained him to be chief over his people: because thou hast not kept what the Lord had commanded thee. 15 And Samuel arose, and went up from Gilgal unto Gib'ah of Benjamin. And Saul numbered the people that were to be found with him, about six hundred men. 16 And Saul, and Jonathan his son, and the people that were to be found with them, were lying in Geba' of Benjamin; but the Philistines were encamped in Michmash. 17 And the troop of freebooters went out of the camp of the Philistines in three companies: one company turned into the way to 'Ophrah, unto the land of Shu'al: 18 And another company turned into the way to Bethchoron; and the other company turned into the way to

with the Philistines. And the people were called the frontier that looketh over the valley of Zebo'im

1 1 Now it happened one day, that Jonathan the son of Saul said unto the young man that bore his armor, Come, and let us go over to the Philistines' outpost, that is on the other side yonder. But unto his father he told nothing. 2 And Saul tarried in the lower part of Gib'ah under the pomegranate tree which is by Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men. 3 And Achiyah, the son of Achitub, the brother of I-chabod, the son of Phinehas, the son of 'Eli, the priest of the Lord in Shiloh, wore the ephod. And the people knew not that Jonathan was gone. 4 And between the passes, by which Jonathan sought to go over unto the outpost of the Philistines, there was a sharp point of rock on the one side, and a sharp point of rock on the other side: and the name of the one was Bozez, and the name of the other Seneh. 5 The one point rose up abruptly northward opposite Michmash, and the other southward opposite Geba'. 6 And Jonathan said to the young man that bore his armor, Come, and let us go over unto the outpost of these uncircumcised: it may be that the Lord will work for us; for there is no restraint to the Lord to save by means of many or by means of few. 7 And his armor-bearer said unto him, Do all that is in thy heart: turn thee; behold, I am with thee according to thy heart. 8 Then said Jonathan, Behold, we will pass over unto these men, and we will show ourselves unto them. 9 If they say thus unto us, Stand still until we come to you: then will we remain standing in our places, and will not go up unto them. 10 But if they say thus, Come up unto us: then will we go up; for the Lord hath delivered them into our hand; and this shall be unto us the sign. 11 And when both of them showed themselves

unto the outpost of the Philistines, the Philistines of honey; but no one put his hand to his mouth; for said, Behold, Hebrews are coming forth out of the people feared the oath. 27 But Jonathan had not holes wherein they have hidden themselves. 12 And heard his father charging the people with the oath; he the men of the outpost addressed Jonathan and his therefore put forth the end of the staff that was in his armor-bearer, and said. Come up to us, and we will hand, and dipped it in a honey-comb, and carried his let you know something. Then said Jonathan unto hand again to his mouth; and his eyes became clear. his armor-bearer, Come up after me; for the Lord 28 Then commenced one of the people, and said, hath given them up into the hand of Israel. 13 And Thy father strictly charged the people with an oath, Jonathan then ascended upon his hands and upon saying, Cursed be the man that will eat food this day; his feet, and his armor-bearer after him: and they fell though the people were faint. 29 Then said Jonathan, before Jonathan, and his armor-bearer was killing My father hath troubled the land: see, I pray you, after him. 14 And that first defeat, which Jonathan how my eyes become clear, because I have tasted a and his armor-bearer caused, was about twenty men, little of this honey. 30 How much more, if haply the within about the half of a field, which a yoke of oxen people had eaten freely this day of the spoil of their might plough. 15 And there arose a terror in the camp, enemies which they found? for would there not have in the field, and among all the people; the outposts, been now a greater defeat among the Philistines? 31 and the free-booters, they also were terrified, and And they smote on that day among the Philistines the earth quaked; and it became a very great terror. from Michmash to Avalon; and the people were very 16 And the watchers of Saul in Gib'ah of Benjamin faint. 32 And the people flew upon the spoil, and took looked; and, behold, the multitude became scattered, sheep, and oxen, and young steers, and slew them and ran hither and thither. 17 Then said Saul unto on the ground: and the people did eat upon the blood. the people that were with him, Muster now, and see 33 And they told Saul, saying, Behold, the people are who is gone away from us. And they mustered, and, sinning against the Lord, in eating upon the blood. behold, there was neither Jonathan nor his armor- And he [then] said, Ye have acted treacherously: roll bearer. 18 And Saul said unto Achiyah, Bring hither [hither] unto me this day a great stone. 34 And Saul the ark of God; for the ark of God was on that day said. Disperse yourselves among the people, and say with the children of Israel. 19 And it happened, while unto them, Bring near unto me every man his ox, and Saul was speaking unto the priest, that the confusion every man his lamb, and slaughter here, and eat: which was in the camp of the Philistines went on and and sin not against the Lord in eating by the blood. increased more and more: And Saul said unto the And all the people brought near every man his ox by priest, Withdraw thy hand. 20 And Saul and all the his hand that night, and slaughtered [them] there. 35 people that were with him were called together, and And Saul built an altar unto the Lord: the same was they came to the battle; and, behold, the sword of the first altar that he built unto the Lord, 36 And Saul every man was against his fellow, the disorder being said, Let us go down after the Philistines by night, very great. 21 And the Hebrews that were with the and spoil them until the morning-light, and let us not Philistines as before that time, those namely who had leave a man of them. And they said, Do whatsoever gone up with them, were in the camp round about; seemeth good in thy eyes. Then said the priest, Let but these also resolved to be with the Israelites that us draw near hither unto God. 37 And Saul asked were with Saul and Jonathan. 22 And all the men of counsel of God. Shall I go down after the Philistines? Israel who had hidden themselves on the mountain of wilt thou deliver them into the hand of Israel? But Ephraim, heard that the Philistines had fled; and they he answered him not on that day. 38 And Saul said, also followed hard after them in the battle. 23 So the Draw ye near hither all the chief of the people: and Lord saved Israel that day: and the battle passed over know and see through what this sin hath happened unto Beth-aven. 24 And the men of Israel were hard this day. 39 For, as the Lord liveth, who saveth Israel, urged that day; and Saul adjured the people, saying, that if it be in Jonathan my son, he shall surely die. Cursed be the man that will eat food until the evening. But no one answered him among all the people. 40 until I have been avenged on my enemies. And the Then said he unto all Israel, Ye shall be on one side, whole people tasted thus no food. 25 And [the men and I and Jonathan my son will be on the other side. of] all the land came to a forest; and there was honey And the people said unto Saul, Do what seemeth upon the surface of the field. 26 And when the people good in thy eyes. 41 And Saul said unto the Lord,

were come into the forest, behold, there was a stream God of Israel, O, show forth the perfect truth. And

Jonathan and Saul were seized; but the people came the midst of the 'Amalekites, lest I destroy you with man, or any valiant man, he took him unto himself.

15 And Samuel said unto Saul, Me did the Lord send to anoint thee as king over his people, over Israel: and now hearken thou unto the voice of the words of the Lord, 2 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. I remember what Amalek did to Israel, how he lay in wait for him on the way, when he came up from Egypt. 3 Now go and smite 'Amalek, and devote all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and lamb, camel and ass. 4 And Saul ordered the people to assemble, and he numbered them in Telaim, two hundred thousand men on foot, and ten thousand of the men of Judah. 5 And Saul came to the city of 'Amalek, and he fought in the valley. 6 And Saul said unto the Kenites, Go, depart, get you down from

forth [free]. 42 And Saul said, Cast the lot between them; whereas ye acted kindly with all the children me and Jonathan my son. And Jonathan was seized. of Israel, at their coming up out of Egypt. And the 43 Then said Saul to Jonathan. Do tell me what thou Kenites departed from the midst of the 'Amalekites. 7 hast done. And Jonathan told him, and said, I did but And Saul smote the 'Amalekites from Chavilah until taste with the end of the staff that was in my hand a thou comest to Shur, that is before Egypt. 8 And he little honey: lo, I am willing to die. 44 And Saul said, caught Agag the king of the 'Amalekites alive, and all May God do thus now, and in future also; for thou the people he devoted to the edge of the sword. 9 But shalt surely die, Jonathan. 45 And the people said Saul together with the people had pity on Agag, and unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this on the best of the flocks, and of the oxen, and of the great salvation in Israel? This shall not be: as the fatlings, and the fat lambs, and all that was good, and Lord liveth, there shall not fall one hair of his head to they would not destroy them; but all the cattle that the ground; for with God hath he wrought this day. So was of little value and weak, that they destroyed. 10 the people rescued Jonathan, and he died not. 46 And the word of the Lord came unto Samuel, saying, Then went Saul up from following the Philistines; and 11 repent that I have set up Saul as king; for he hath the Philistines went to their own place. 47 So Saul turned back from following me, and my word hath strengthened himself in the government over Israel; he not performed: and it displeased Samuel, and and he fought on every side against all his enemies. he cried unto the Lord all the night. 12 And Samuel against Moab, and against the children of 'Ammon, rose up early to meet Saul in the morning; and it and against Edom, and against the kings of Zobah, was told to Samuel, saying, Saul came to Carmel, and against the Philistines: and whithersoever he and, behold, he set himself up a monument, and turned himself, he caused terror. 48 And he gathered then went about, and passed on, and went down an army, and he smote the 'Amalekites, and delivered to Gilgal. 13 And Samuel came to Saul; and Saul Israel out of the hands of those that spoiled them. 49 said unto him, Blessed be thou unto the Lord, I have Now the sons of Saul were Jonathan, and Yishvi, and performed the word of the Lord. 14 And Samuel said, Malkishua': and the names of his two daughters—the What is then this bleating of the flocks in my ears, name of the first-born was Merab, and the name of and the lowing of the oxen which I hear? 15 And Saul the younger Michal, 50 And the name of Saul's wife said. From the 'Amalekites have they brought them: was Achino'am, the daughter of Achima'az: and the because the people had pity on the best of the flocks name of the captain of his army was Abner, the son of and of the oxen, in order to sacrifice unto the Lord Ner, Saul's uncle. 51 And Kish the father of Saul, and thy God; and the rest have we destroyed. 16 And Ner the father of Abner, were each the son of Abiel. Samuel said unto Saul, Stay, and I will tell thee what 52 And the war against the Philistines was violent the Lord said to me this night: and he said unto him, all the days of Saul: and when Saul saw any strong Speak. 17 And Samuel said, Is it not that, however little thou wast in thy own eyes, thou art the head of the tribes of Israel? and the Lord anointed thee as king over Israel? 18 And the Lord sent thee on a iourney, and said. Go and destroy the sinners, the 'Amalekites, and thou shalt fight against them until they be consumed. 19 Wherefore then didst thou not hearken unto the voice of the Lord, and didst fly upon the spoil, and didst the evil in the eyes of the Lord? 20 And Saul said unto Samuel, Yea, I have fully hearkened unto the voice of the Lord; and I went on the way which the Lord had sent me; and I have brought Agag the king of 'Amalek; and the 'Amalekites have I destroyed. 21 And the people took of the spoil, of the flocks and oxen, the chief of the devoted things. to sacrifice unto the Lord thy God in Gilgal. 22 And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as much delight in burntofferings and in sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of

the sin of witchcraft is rebellion, and idolatry and thy coming, 5 And he said. Peace: to sacrifice unto image-worship, stubbornness; inasmuch as thou hast the Lord am I come; sanctify yourselves, and come despised the word of the Lord, he hath also despised with me to the sacrifice. And he sanctified Jesse and thee that thou shalt not be king. 24 And Saul said his sons, and invited them to the sacrifice. 6 And it unto Samuel, I have sinned; for I have transgressed came to pass, when they came, that he saw Eliab, the will of the Lord, and thy words; because I feared and said. Surely the Lord's anointed is [here] before the people, and I hearkened to their voice. 25 And him. 7 But the Lord said unto Samuel, Regard not his now, I pray thee, pardon my sin, and return with appearance, nor the height of his stature; because I me, that I may prostrate myself to the Lord. 26 And have rejected him; for not what man looketh on; —for Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee; for man looketh on the eyes, but the Lord looketh on the thou didst despise the word of the Lord, and the Lord heart. 8 Then Jesse called Abinadab, and caused hath despised thee, that thou shalt not be king over him to pass before Samuel. And he said. This one Israel, 27 And Samuel turned about to go; and he laid also hath the Lord not chosen, 9 Then Jesse caused hold on the corner of his mantle, and it was rent. 28 Shammah to pass by. And he said, This one also hath And Samuel said unto him, The Lord hath rent the Lord not chosen. 10 And Jesse caused seven of kingdom of Israel from off thee this day, and hath his sons to pass before Samuel; and Samuel said given it to thy associate, who is better than thou. 29 unto Jesse, The Lord hath not made choice of these. And also the Strength of Israel will not lie nor repent; 11 And Samuel said unto Jesse, Are there not more for he is not a man, that he should repent. 30 And he young men? And he said, There is yet left behind said, I have sinned; [yet] honor me now, I pray thee, the youngest, and, behold, he is feeding the flocks. in the presence of the elders of my people, and in the And Samuel said unto Jesse, Send and fetch him: presence of Israel, and return with me, that I may for we will not sit down till he have come hither. 12 prostrate myself unto the Lord thy God. 31 So Samuel And he sent, and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, returned, following Saul; and Saul prostrated himself, having with all handsome eyes, and being of a goodly to the Lord. 32 And Samuel said, Bring ye hither appearance. And the Lord said, Arise, anoint him; for unto me Agag the king of the 'Amalekites; and Agag this is he. 13 Then took Samuel the horn of oil, and came unto him cheerfully; and Agag said, Surely anointed him from among his brothers; and the Spirit the bitterness of death is past. 33 And Samuel said, of the Lord came suddenly upon David from that day As thy sword did make women childless, so shall and forward. And Samuel then rose up, and went to thy mother be childless among women; and Samuel Ramah. 14 And the Spirit of the Lord departed from hewed Agag in pieces before the Lord in Gilgal. 34 Saul, and there troubled him an evil spirit from the Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to Lord. 15 And Saul's servants said unto him. Behold his house at Gib'ah of Saul. 35 And Samuel did not now, an evil spirit from God troubleth thee. 16 Let our see Saul any more until the day of his death; because Lord but say [the word], and thy servants, now before Samuel mourned for Saul; and the Lord repented that thee, will seek out a man, who is skilful as a player he had made Saul king over Israel. 16 And the Lord said unto Samuel, How long wilt thou mourn for Saul, seeing I have rejected him

so as not to reign over Israel? fill thy horn with oil, and go, I will send thee to Jesse the Beth-lechemite; for I have selected among his sons unto myself a king. 2 And Samuel said, How shall I go? if Saul should hear it, he would kill me. And the Lord said, Take a heifer with thee, and say, To sacrifice unto the Lord am I come. 3 And invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will let thee know what thou shalt do; and thou shalt anoint unto me the one whom I will say unto thee. 4 And Samuel did that which the Lord had spoken,

the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and came to Beth-lechem. And the elders of the town and to attend more than the fat of the rams. 23 For came hastily to meet him, and said, Peace to thee at 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, that thou mayest be well. 17 And Saul said unto his servants, Select for me, I pray you, a man that can play well, and bring him to me. 18 Then answered one of the servants, and said, Behold, I have seen a son of Jesse the Beth-lechemite, who is skilful as a player, and a mighty valiant man, and a man of war, and intelligent in speech, and a person of a good form, and the Lord is with him. 19 Thereupon Saul sent messengers unto Jesse, and said. Send me David thy son, who is with the flocks. 20 And Jesse took an ass laden with bread, and a bottle of wine. and a kid, and sent them through David his son unto

Saul. 21 And David came to Saul, and stood before the third Shammah. 14 And David was the youngest: spirit of God was upon Saul, that David took the harp, and played with his hand; so Saul became relieved, and he felt well, and the evil spirit departed from him.

**17** And the Philistines gathered together their camps to battle, and they gathered themselves together at Sochoh, which belongeth to Judah; and they encamped between Sochoh and 'Azekah, at Ephess-dammim. 2 And Saul and the men of Israel gathered themselves together, and encamped in the valley of Elah, and put themselves in battle-array opposite to the Philistines. 3 And the Philistines stood on a mountain on the one side, and the Israelites stood on a mountain on the other side: and the valley was between them. 4 And there went out the champion out of the camp of the Philistines, Goliath of Gath was his name, whose height was six cubits and a span. 5 And he had a helmet of copper upon his head, and he was clothed with a scaly coat of mail; and the weight of the coat of mail was 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 staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam; and the blade of his spear [weighed] six hundred shekels of iron: and the shield-bearer was walking before him. 8 And he stood and calleth unto the arrays of Israel, and said unto them, Why will ye come out to put yourselves in battle-array? Behold: I am the Philistine, and ye are servants to Saul! select for yourselves one man, and let him come down to me; 9 If he be able to fight with me, and he kill me, then will we be unto you as servants; but if I prevail against him, and kill him, then shall ve be unto us as servants, and ve shall serve us. 10 And the Philistine said, I have defied the arrays of Israel this day; give me a man, and let us fight together. 11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were disheartened, and became greatly afraid. 12 Now David was the son of that Ephrathite of Beth-lechem-judah, whose name was Jesse; and he had eight sons: and the man was old in the days of Saul, belonging to the persons [of high esteem]. 13 And the three eldest sons of Jesse were gone following Saul to the battle: and the names of his three sons that were gone to the battle were Eliab the first-born, and the next to him Abinadab, and

him; and he loved him greatly, and he became his and the three eldest followed Saul. 15 But David kept armor-bearer. 22 And Saul sent to Jesse, saying, Let going and returning from Saul to feed his father's David, I pray thee, stand before me: for he hath found flocks at Beth-lechem, 16 And the Philistine drew near favor in my eyes. 23 And it came to pass, when the morning and evening, and presented himself forty days. 17 And Jesse said unto David his son, Take, I pray thee, for thy brothers an ephah of this parched corn, and these ten loaves, and run to the camp to thy brothers; 18 And these ten cheeses shalt thou bring unto the captain of the thousand, and inquire of thy brothers how they fare, and take away their pledge. 19 Now Saul, and they, and all the men of Israel, were in the valley of Elah, fighting with the Philistines. 20 And David rose up early in the morning, and gave up the flocks to a keeper, and took, and went, as Jesse had commanded him; and he came to the entrenchment, as the host was going forth in battle-array, and shouted the battle-cry. 21 And the Israelites and the Philistines put themselves in battle-array, army against army. 22 And David left the articles which he had on him in the hand of the keeper of the baggage, and ran into the array, and came and asked of his brothers after their welfare. 23 And as he was speaking with them, behold, there came up the champion. Goliath the Philistine, by name, of Gath. out of the battle-arrays of the Philistines, and spoke in accordance with these same words: and David heard it. 24 And all the men of Israel, when they saw the man, fled from before him, and were greatly afraid. 25 And the men of Israel said, Have ye seen this man that is coming forth? for to defy Israel is he coming forth; and it shall be, that the man who killeth him, —him will the king enrich with great riches, and his daughter will he give him, and his father's house will he make free in Israel. 26 And David said to the men that stood by him, thus, What shall be done to the man that may smite yon Philistine, and take away the reproach from Israel? for who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the arrays of the living God? 27 And the people spoke to him after this manner, saying, So shall it be done to the man that may smite him. 28 And Eliab his eldest brother heard when he was speaking unto the men; and Eliab's anger was kindled against David, and he said, Why didst thou come down hither? and with whom hast thou left those few sheep in the wilderness? I know thy presumption, and the wickedness of thy heart; for in order to see the battle art thou come down. 29 And David said, What have I now done? It is nothing but a word. 30 And he turned from him toward another, and spoke after the same manner: and the people made

words which David had spoken were heard, and they earth; and all the earth shall know that there is a God told them in the presence of Saul, who sent for him, for Israel, 47 And all this assembly shall know that 32 And David said to Saul. Let no man's heart fail the Lord saveth not through sword and spear; for the because of him; thy servant will go and fight with this battle is the Lord's, and he will give you up into our Philistine. 33 And Saul said to David, Thou art not hand. 48 And it came to pass, when the Philistine able to go unto this Philistine to fight with him; for arose, and went and drew nigh to meet David, that thou art but a lad, and he [hath been] a man of war David hastened, and ran toward the battle-array to from his youth. 34 And David said unto Saul, Thy meet the Philistine. 49 And David put his hand into servant was feeding his father's flocks, and there the pouch, and took thence a stone, and slung it, came a lion, and a bear, and bore off a lamb out of and he struck the Philistine on his forehead, and the the drove; 35 And I went out after him, and smote stone sunk into his forehead; and he fell upon his him, and delivered it out of his mouth; and when he face to the ground, 50 So David prevailed over the rose up against me. I caught him by his beard, and Philistine with the sling and with the stone, and smote smote him, and slew him. 36 Both the lion and the the Philistine, and slew him; but there was no sword bear did thy servant smite: and this uncircumcised in the hand of David. 51 And David ran, and stood Philistine shall become as one of them; because he by the Philistine, and took his sword, and drew it hath defied the arrays of the living God, 37 Moreover, out of its sheath, and slew him, and cut off his head David said, The Lord who hath delivered me out of therewith. And when the Philistines saw that their the power of the lion, and out of the power of the hero was dead, they fled. 52 And then arose the men bear, will also surely deliver me out of the hand of this of Israel and of Judah, and shouted, and pursued Philistine. And Saul said unto David, Go, and may the the Philistines, until thou comest to the valley, and to Lord be with thee. 38 And Saul clothed David with his the gates of 'Ekron, And the slain of the Philistines garments, and he put a helmet of copper upon his fell down by the way to Sha'arayim, even as far as head; and he clothed him also with a coat of mail. 39 Gath, and up to 'Ekron. 53 And the children of Israel And David girded his sword over his garments, and returned from hotly pursuing after the Philistines, and he essayed to go; for he had not tried it. And David they spoiled their camps. 54 And David took the head said unto Saul, I cannot walk in these [things]; for I of the Philistine, and brought it to Jerusalem; but his have never tried it before. And David put them off weapons he placed in his tent. 55 And when Saul saw from him. 40 And he took his staff in his hand, and David going forth against the Philistine, he said unto chose himself five smooth stones out of the brook, Abner, the captain of the army, Abner, whose son is and put them in the shepherd's pouch which be had, this lad? And Abner said, As thy soul liveth, O king, I even in a scrip, with his sling in his hand; and he know it not, 56 And the king said. Ask thou whose approached to the Philistine. 41 And the Philistine son this youth is. 57 And as David returned from went and drew nearer and nearer unto David; and the smiting the Philistine, Abner took him, and brought man that bore the shield went before him. 42 And him before Saul with the head of the Philistine in his when the Philistine looked about, and saw David, he hand. 58 And Saul said to him, Whose son art thou, disdained him; for he was but a lad, and ruddy, with young man? And David answered. The son of thy a fair appearance. 43 And the Philistine said unto servant Jesse the Beth-lechemite. David, Am I a dog, that thou comest unto me with sticks? And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. 44 And the Philistine said to David, Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the heavens. and to the beasts of the field. 45 Then said David to the Philistine. Thou comest unto me with a sword. and with a spear, and with a javelin; but I come to thee in the name of the Lord of hosts, the God of the arrays of Israel, that thou hast defied. 46 This day will the Lord deliver thee into my hand: and I will smite thee, and remove thy head from thee; and I will give the carcasses of the army of the Philistines this day

him again a reply after the former manner, 31 And the unto the fowls of the air, and to the wild beasts of the

 $oldsymbol{18}$  And it came to pass, when he had made an end of speaking unto Saul, that the soul of Jonathan was knit on the soul of David: and Jonathan loved him as his own soul. 2 And Saul took him on that day, and would not permit him to go home to his father's house. 3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because of his loving him as his own soul. 4 And Jonathan stripped himself of the robe that he had upon him, and gave it to David, and likewise his garments, even to his sword, and to his bow, and to his girdle. 5 And David went out; whithersoever

Saul, with tambourines, with joy, and with triangles. 7 such as these David hath spoken. 25 And Saul said, out and came in before the people. 14 And David name was highly prized. was successful on all his ways: and the Lord was with him. 15 And when Saul saw that he was very successful, he was in dread of him. 16 But all Israel and Judah loved David; because he went out and came in before them. 17 And Saul said to David. Behold, here is my eldest daughter Merab, her will I give to thee for wife: only be thou unto me a man of valor, and fight the Lord's battles. And Saul thought, Let not my hand be against him, but let the hand of the Philistines be against 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 a son-in-law to the king? 19 But it happened at the time when Merab, Saul's daughter should have been given to David, that she was given unto 'Adriel the Mecholathite for wife. 20 And Michal Saul's daughter loved David: and they told it to Saul, and the thing was right in his eyes. 21 And Saul said, I will give her to him, that she may become unto him a snare, and that the hand of the Philistines may be against him. Wherefore Saul said to David, Through the second shalt thou this day become my son-in-law. 22 And Saul commanded his servants, Speak to David secretly, saying, Behold,

Saul used to send him, he was successful; and Saul the king hath delight in thee, and all his servants love set him over the men of war; and he was accepted thee; and now thou must become the king's son-inin the eyes of all the people, and also in the eyes law. 23 And the servants of Saul spoke in the ears of of the servants of Saul. 6 And it came to pass as David these words. And David said. Doth it seem so they came home, when David returned from smiting light in your eyes to become the king's son-in-law, the Philistines, that the women came forth out of all seeing that I am a poor man, and of light esteem? the cities of Israel, singing and dancing, to meet king 24 And the servants of Saul told him, saying, Words And the women that played answered one another, Thus shall ye say to David, The king desireth not any and said, Saul hath slain his thousands, and David his dowry, but a hundred foreskins of the Philistines, to ten thousands. 8 And Saul was very wroth, and this be avenged on the king's enemies. But Saul thought saying was displeasing in his eyes; and he said. They to cause David to fall by the hand of the Philistines. have given unto David ten thousands, and to me they 26 And when his servants told David these words, the have given the thousands: and all that he lacketh now thing was pleasing in the eyes of David to become the yet is only the kingdom. 9 And Saul looked jealous on king's son-in-law: and the days were not complete, 27 David from that day and forward. 10 And it came to When David arose and went, he and his men, and pass on the morrow, that an evil spirit from God came smote of the Philistines two hundred men; and David suddenly over Saul, and he spoke foolish things in brought their foreskins, and they counted them out in the midst of the house: while David was playing with full to the king, that he might become the king's sonhis hand, as on previous days; and the spear was in in-law. And Saul gave him Michal his daughter for the hand of Saul. 11 And Saul cast the spear; and wife. 28 And Saul saw and understood that the Lord he thought, I will strike David through even on the was with David: and Michal, Saul's daughter, loved wall. And David turned aside out of his presence him. 29 And Saul was yet the more afraid of David; twice. 12 And Saul was afraid of David; because the and Saul was David's enemy all the time. 30 And the Lord was with him, and from Saul he was departed. princes of the Philistines went forth; and it came to 13 Therefore Saul removed him from himself, and pass, whenever they went forth, that David was more made him his captain over a thousand: and he went successful than all the servants of Saul; so that his

> **19** And Saul spoke to Jonathan his son, and to all his servants, that he would kill David. But Jonathan the son of Saul delighted greatly in David. 2 And Jonathan told David, saving, Saul my father seeketh to kill 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 by the side of my father in the field where thou art, and I myself will speak of thee to my father; and I will see what it is, and I will tell thee. 4 And Jonathan spoke favorably of David unto Saul his father, and said unto him, Let not the king sin against his servant, against David; since he hath not sinned against thee, and because his deeds are very good for thee; 5 And he did put his life in his hand, and he slew the Philistine. and the Lord wrought a great salvation for all Israel; thou sawest it, and wast rejoiced: wherefore then wilt thou commit sin on innocent blood, by slaving David without a cause? 6 And Saul hearkened unto the voice of Jonathan: and Saul swore, As the Lord liveth, he shall not be put to death. 7 And Jonathan called David, and Jonathan told him all these words.

in his presence, as in times past. 8 And the war occurred again; and David went out, and fought with the Philistines, and smote them with a great defeat, and they fled from before him. 9 And the evil spirit from the Lord came upon Saul, and he was sitting in his house with his spear in his hand; and David was playing with his hand. 10 And Saul sought to strike David through with the spear even to the wall: but he slipped away from before Saul, who struck the spear into the wall; and David fled, and escaped that night. 11 But Saul sent messengers unto David's house, to watch him, and to slav him in the morning: and Michal his wife told it to David, saving, If thou save not thy life this night, tomorrow thou wilt be put to death. 12 And Michal let David down through the window: and he went, and fled, and escaped. 13 And Michal took an image, and put it in the bed, and a pillow of goats' hair she put for its head to rest on. and covered it with a cloth. 14 And when Saul sent messengers to take David, she said, He is sick. 15 And Saul sent the messengers to see David, saying, Bring him up to me in the bed, that I may put him to death. 16 And when the messengers were come in. behold, there was an image in the bed, with a pillow of goats' hair for its head to rest on. 17 And Saul said unto Michal, Why hast thou thus deceived me, and sent away my enemy, that he is escaped? And Michal said to Saul. He said unto me, Let me go away: why should I kill thee? 18 So David fled, and escaped, and came unto Samuel to Ramah, and he told him all that Saul had done to him. And he and Samuel went and remained in Navoth. 19 And it was told unto Saul. saving, Behold, David is at Navoth near Ramah, 20 And Saul sent messengers to take David: and when they saw the company of the prophets prophesying. and Samuel standing as superintendent over them: then came upon the messengers of Saul the spirit of God, and they also prophesied. 21 And when it was told to Saul, he sent other messengers, and these prophesied likewise. And Saul sent again messengers the third time, and these also prophesied. 22 Then went he himself also to Ramah, and came as far as the great well that is in Sechu: and he asked and said. Where are Samuel and David? And some one said, Behold, they are at Nayoth near Ramah. 23 And he went thither to Navoth near Ramah; and there came upon him also the Spirit of God, and he went on, and prophesied as he went, until he came to Navoth near Ramah. 24 And he also stripped off his clothes, and he also prophesied himself before

And Jonathan brought David to Saul, and he was Samuel, and lay down naked all that day and all that in his presence, as in times past. 8 And the war night. Therefore people are in the habit of saying, Is occurred again; and David went out, and fought with Saul too among the prophets?

20 And David fled from Nayoth near Ramah, and came and said before Jonathan. What have I done? what is my iniquity? and what is my sin before thy father, that he seeketh my life? 2 And he said unto him. God forbid: thou shalt not die: behold, my father is not wont to do a great thing or a small thing, which he doth not inform me of; and why should my father conceal this thing from me? it is not so. 3 But David swore again, and said. Thy father well knoweth that I have found grace in thy eyes; wherefore he said, Jonathan must not know this, lest he be grieved: nevertheless, as truly as the Lord liveth, and thy soul liveth, there was but one step between me and death. 4 Then said Jonathan unto David. Whatsoever thy soul saveth will I do for thee. 5 And David said unto Jonathan, Behold, tomorrow is the new-moon, and I should as usual sit with the king to eat; but let me go, that I may hide myself in the field until the third evening. 6 If thy father at all miss me, then do thou say. David asked earnestly leave of me that he might run to Beth-lechem his city; for there is a yearly sacrifice there for all the family. 7 If he should say thus. It is well: then shall thy servant have peace: but if it be at all displeasing to him, then know that the evil is determined on by him. 8 And do thou deal kindly with thy servant: for into a covenant of the Lord hast thou brought thy servant with thee; but if there be in me any iniquity, slav me thyself; for why shouldst thou bring me to thy father? 9 And Jonathan said. Far be it from thee: for if I should know for certain that evil were determined on by my father to come upon thee, would I not tell it thee? 10 Then said David to Jonathan. Who shall tell it me? or what, if thy father answer thee roughly? 11 And Jonathan said unto David. Come, let us go out into the field. And they went out, both of them, into the field. 12 And Jonathan said unto David, May the God of Israel [punish me] if, when I have sounded my father about this time tomorrow, or of the third day, and, behold, if he be good toward David, I do not then send unto thee, and inform thee of it. 13 May the Lord do so to Jonathan and continue so yet farther, that, if it please my father [to do] thee evil, I will inform thee of it, and send thee away, that thou mayest go in peace; and may the Lord be with thee, as he hath been with my father. 14 And wilt thou not. should I be yet alive, show me the kindness of the Lord, that I

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thy kindness from my house for ever, not even when kingdom: therefore now send and fetch him unto me, the Lord cutteth off the enemies of David, every one, for he shall surely die. 32 And Jonathan answered from off the face of the earth, 16 So Jonathan made a Saul his father, and said unto him. Wherefore shall he covenant with the house of David, [saving, ] May the be put to death? what hath he done? 33 And Saul Lord require it at the hand of David's enemies. 17 cast his spear at him to smite him: and Jonathan And Jonathan caused David to swear again, by his understood that it was determined on by his father love for him; for he loved him as he loved his own to put David to death. 34 And Jonathan arose from soul. 18 Then Jonathan said to David, Tomorrow is the table in fierce anger, and did eat no food on the the new-moon; and thou wilt be missed, because thy second day of the new-moon; for he was grieved seat will be left empty. 19 And when thou hast stayed for David; because his father had made him feel till the third day, then shalt thou go down greatly, and ashamed. 35 And it came to pass in the morning, come to the place where thou didst hide thyself on that Jonathan went out into the field to the place the work-day; and thou shalt remain by the stone appointed with David, and a little lad was with him. side thereof, as though I were shooting at a mark. 21 arrows which I shoot: and the lad ran, and he shot And, behold, I will send the lad, saying, Go, find the the arrow so as to pass beyond him. 37 And when arrows; if I should now say unto the lad. Behold, the the lad was come to the place of the arrow which arrows are on this side of thee: then take him and Jonathan had shot, Jonathan called after the lad, come; for there is peace to thee, and it is nothing; and said, Behold, the arrow is beyond thee! 38 And as the Lord liveth. 22 But if thus I should say unto Jonathan called after the lad, Make haste, speed, the young man, Behold, the arrows are beyond thee: stay not: and Jonathan's lad gathered up the arrows, then go thy way, for the Lord hath sent thee off, 23 and came to his master, 39 But the lad knew not the And touching the matter of which we have spoken, least: only Jonathan and David knew the matter. 40 thou and I, behold, the Lord is between me and thee And Jonathan gave his weapons unto the lad who for ever, 24 So David hid himself in the field; and was with him, and said unto him, Go, carry them to when the new-moon was come, the king set himself the city. 41 And as soon as the lad was gone, David down to the repast to eat. 25 And the king sat upon arose from the south side [of the stone], and fell his seat, as at other times, upon the seat by the wall: on his face to the ground, and bowed himself three and when Jonathan arose, Abner seated himself by times: and they kissed one another, and wept one the side of Saul, and David's place was left empty. 26 with another, until David exceeded. 42 And Jonathan Nevertheless Saul spoke not the least on that day; for said to David, Go in peace: what we have sworn, he thought. Something hath befallen him, he is not both of us, in the name of the Lord, saving. The Lord clean; because he hath not yet purified himself. 27 shall be between me and thee, and between my seed And it came to pass on the morrow, the second day of and thy seed for ever, [shall be kept]. And he arose the new-moon, that David's place was left empty; and and departed; and Jonathan went into the city. Saul said unto Jonathan his son, Wherefore is the son of Jesse not come, both vesterday and today, to the repast? 28 And Jonathan answered Saul, David asked earnestly leave of me to go as far as Bethlechem. 29 And he said, Let me go, I pray thee; for we have a family-sacrifice in the city, and my brother himself hath commanded it to me; and now, if I have found favor in thy eyes, let me get away, I pray thee, that I may see my brothers: therefore is he not come unto the king's table. 30 And the anger of Saul was kindled against Jonathan, and he said unto him, Thou son of perverse rebelliousness! do I not know that thou hast chosen the son of Jesse to thy own shame. and to the shame of thy mother's nakedness? 31 For all the days that the son of Jesse liveth upon the

may not die? 15 But, surely, thou wilt not withdraw ground, thou wilt not have any permanence with thy Ezel, 20 And I will myself shoot three arrows on the 36 And he said unto his lad. Run, do find out the

> 21 And David came to Nob to Achimelech the priest; and Achimelech hastened trembling to meet David, and said unto him, Why art thou alone. and no man is with thee? 2 And David said unto Achimelech the priest. The king commanded me a business, and said unto me, Let not any man know the least of the business concerning which I send thee, and which I have commanded thee. And the young men have I appointed to such and such a place. 3 And now what hast thou on hand: put five loaves of bread into my hand, or what else can be found. 4 And the priest answered David, and said, I have no common bread on hand, but there is hallowed bread; if the young men have only withheld

been denied us vesterday and the day before, when I the time that David was in the strong-hold, 5 And the went forth, and the vessels of the young men were prophet Gad said unto David. Thou must not remain holy; and if this was the custom with unholy things, in the strong-hold; depart, and get thee into the land how much more will it remain this day holy in the of Judah. Then David departed, and came into the vessels. 6 So the priest gave him hallowed bread; for forest of Chereth. 6 And Saul heard that David was there was no bread there except the showbread, that discovered, and the men that were with him, Inow was removed from before the Lord, so as to put down. Saul was sitting in Gib'ah under the tamarisk on the hot bread on the day when it was taken away. 7 Now hill, with his spear in his hand, and all his servants a certain man of the servants of Saul was there on were standing about him; ] 7 Then said Saul unto that day, detained before the Lord; and his name was his servants that stood about him. Hear, I pray you. Doeg, the Edomite, the chief of the herdsmen that men of Benjamin! will the son of Jesse give, indeed, belonged to Saul. 8 And David said unto Achimelech, to every one of you fields and vineyards? will he Hast thou not also here at hand a spear or sword: for appoint you all captains of thousands, and captains both my sword as also my other weapons have I not of hundreds? 8 That ye have conspired, all of you, brought with me, because the kind's business was against me, and there is none that informeth me, urgent, 9 And the priest said. The sword of Goliath while my son hath made a covenant with the son of the Philistine, whom thou didst slay in the valley of Jesse, and there is none of you that is concerned for Elah, behold, it is here wrapped up in a cloth behind me, or informeth me that my son hath stirred up my the ephod: if thou wilt take that for thyself, take it; servant to lie in wait against me, as it is this day? 9 for there is no other save it here. And David said, Then answered Doeg the Edomite, who was set over There is none like that; give it to me. 10 And David the servants of Saul, and said, I saw the son of Jesse arose, and fled on that day from before Saul, and coming to Nob, to Achimelech the son of Achitub. 10 came to Achish the king of Gath. 11 And the servants And he asked counsel for him of the Lord, and he of Achish said unto him. Is not this David the king of gave him provision, and gave him also the sword of the land? did they not of this man sing one to another Goliath the philistine. 11 Then sent the king to call in the dances, saving. Saul hath slain his thousands. Achimelech, the son of Achitub, the priest, and all his and David his ten thousands? 12 And David took father's house, the priests that were in Nob; and they these words to his heart, and was greatly afraid of came, all of them, to the king. 12 And Saul said. Hear Achish the king of Gath. 13 And he disguised his now, thou son of Achitub. And he said, here am I, reason before their eyes, and played the madman in my Lord. 13 And Saul said unto him, Why have ye their hands, and scribbled on the doors of the gate, conspired against me, thou and the son of Jesse, in and let his spittle run down upon his beard. 14 Then that thou didst give him bread, and a sword, and hast said Achish unto his servants, Lo, ye see, the man is asked counsel for him of God, that he should rise mad: wherefore then will ye bring him to me? 15 Have to lie in wait against me, as it is this day! 14 Then Llack of madmen, that we have brought this man to answered Achimelech the king, and said. And who is play his pranks about me? shall this one come into among all thy servants so trusted as David, and the mv house? 22 And David departed thence, and escaped to the

cave 'Adullam: and when his brothers and all his father's house heard it, they went down to him thither. 2 And there gathered themselves unto him every one that was in distress, and every one that had a creditor, and every one that had an embittered spirit: and he became a 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, go forth with you, until I can know what God will

themselves from women. 5 And David answered the do for me. 4 And he conducted them to the presence priest and said to him, To a certainty women have of the king of Moab: and they remained with him all king's son-in-law, and freely admitted to thy private council, and is honored in thy house? 15 Did I this day then begin to ask counsel for him of God? far be it from me; let not the king impute any thing unto his servant, [nor] to all the house of my father; for thy servant knew not of all this, either a little or great thing. 16 And the king said. Thou shalt surely die. Achimelech, thou, and all thy father's house. 17 And the king said unto the runners that stood about him, Turn round and slav the priests of the Lord; because their hand also is with David, and because they knew that he was fleeing, and did not disclose it to me. But the servants of the king would not stretch forth their

hand to fall upon the priests of the Lord. 18 And the servant. And the Lord said, He will come down. 12 seek thy life; but thou shalt be well guarded with me.

**23** Then they told David, saying, Behold, the Philistines are fighting against Ke'ilah, and they are plundering the threshing-floors. 2 Thereupon David asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shall I go and smite among these Philistines? And the Lord said unto David, Go and smite among the Philistines, and deliver Ke'ilah. 3 And David's men said unto him, Behold, here in Judah are we afraid: how much more then if we should go to Ke'ilah against the battlearrays of the Philistines? 4 Then David asked yet again counsel of the Lord. And the Lord answered him and said, Arise, Go down to Ke'ilah; for I [will] deliver the Philistines into thy hand. 5 So David and his men went to Ke'ilah: and he fought with the Philistines. and lead away their cattle, and smote among them a great slaughter. So David delivered the inhabitants of Ke'ilah. 6 And it came to pass, when Ebyathar the son of Achimelech, fled over to David, to Ke'ilah, that the ephod came down with him. 7 And it was told to Saul that David was come to Ke'ilah. And Saul said, God hath delivered him into my hand; for he is shut in, by entering into a town that hath gates and bars. 8 And Saul called all the people together to war, to go down to Ke'ilah, to besiege David and his men. 9 And David understood that Saul secretly devised mischief against him; and he said to Ebyathar the priest, Bring hither the ephod. 10 Then said David, O Lord, God of Israel, thy servant hath heard for certain that Saul seeketh to come to Ke'ilah, to destroy the city for my sake. 11 Will the men of Ke'ilah surrender me into his hand? will Saul come down as thy servant hath heard? O Lord, God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy

king said to Doeg, Turn thou round, and fall upon the Then said David, Will the men of Ke'ilah surrender priests. And Doeg the Edomite turned round, and he me and my men into the hand of Saul! And the Lord fell upon the priests, and slew on that day eighty and said. They will surrender, 13 Then grose Dayid and five persons that did wear a linen ephod. 19 And Nob, his men, about six hundred men, and departed out the city of the priests, he smote with the edge of the of Ke'ilah, and wandered about whithersoever they sword, both men and women, children and sucklings, could go. And when it was told to Saul that David was and oxen, and asses, and lambs, with the edge of escaped from Ke'ilah, he forbore to go forth. 14 And the sword. 20 And there escaped one of the sons David remained in the wilderness in strong-holds, of Achimelech the son of Achitub, whose name was and abode on the mountain in the wilderness of Ziph. Ebyathar, and he fled after David. 21 And Ebyathar And Saul sought him all the time, but God delivered told David that Saul had slain the priests of the Lord. him not into his hand. 15 And David saw that Saul 22 And David said unto Ebyathar, I knew on that day, was gone forth to seek his life: and David was in the because Doeg the Edomite was there, that he would wilderness of Ziph in the forest. 16 And Jonathan, the surely tell Saul: I have myself occasioned the death of son of Saul, arose and went to David into the forest, all the persons of thy father's house. 23 Remain thou and strengthened his hand in God. 17 And he said with me, fear nothing; for he that will seek my life will unto him, Fear not; for the hand of Saul my father will not find thee: and thou wilt be king over Israel. and I will be next unto thee; and also Saul my father knoweth this. 18 And they made, both of them, a covenant before the Lord: and David remained in the forest; but Jonathan went to his house. 19 Then came up the Ziphites unto Saul to Gib'ah, saying, Behold, David is hiding himself with us in the strong-holds in the forest, on the hill of Chachilah, which is on the right of the desert. 20 And now in accordance with all the longing of thy soul, O king, to come down, come down; and our part shall be to surrender him into the king's hand. 21 And Saul said, Blessed be ye of the Lord; for ye have pity on me. 22 Go, I pray you, make yet more preparations, and remark and see his place where his foot may be, who hath seen him there; for I am told that he dealeth with great subtilty. 23 See therefore, and remark every one of all the lurkingplaces where he usually hideth himself, and come ye again to me with the 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 throughout all the thousands of Judah. 24 And they arose, and went to Ziph before Saul; but David and his men were in the wilderness of Ma'on, in the plain on the right of the desert. 25 And Saul and his men went to make a search. And they told it to David: wherefore he came down to the rock, and abode in the wilderness of Ma'on. And when Saul heard this, he pursued after David into the wilderness of Ma'on. 26 And Saul went on this side of the mountain, and David and his men on that side of the mountain; and David made haste to get away from before Saul; and Saul and his men were compassing David and his men to seize them. 27 But a messenger came unto Saul, saying, Haste thee,

28 Wherefore Saul returned from pursuing after David, is the king of Israel gone out? after whom art thou and went against the Philistines: therefore they called that place Sela-hammachlekoth. 29 And David went up from there, and dwelt in strong-holds of 'En-gedi.

**21** And it came to pass, when Saul was returned from pursuing the Philistines, that it was told to him, saving, Behold, David is in the wilderness of 'Engedi. 2 Then took Saul 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 sheepfolds by the way, and there was a cave; and Saul went in to cover his feet: and David and his men were sitting in the lower end of the cave. 4 And the men of David said unto him. Behold, this is the day of which the Lord hath said unto thee. Behold, I will deliver thy enemy into thy hand, that thou mayest do to him as it shall seem good in thy eyes. And David arose, and cut off the corner of the robe which Saul wore, unperceived. 5 And it came to pass afterward, that David's heart smote him, because he had cut off the corner of Saul's [robe]. 6 And he said unto his men. Far be it from me for the Lord's sake, that I should do this thing unto my master, the Lord's anointed, to stretch forth my hand against him; because he is the anointed of the Lord. 7 So David restrained his servants with these words. and suffered them not to rise against Saul. But Saul for him. and buried him in his house at Ramah. And rose up out of the cave, and went on his way. David also arose afterward, and went forth out of the cave, and called after Saul, saying, My Lord, the king! And Saul then looked behind him, and David bowed his face to the earth, and prostrated himself. 9 And David said to Saul. Wherefore wilt thou listen to men's words, saying, Behold, David seeketh thy injury? 10 Behold, this day thy eyes have seen how that the Lord had delivered thee today into my hand in the cave, and some one said that I should kill thee: but my soul felt compassion for thee; and I said, I will not stretch forth my hand against my Lord: because he is the anointed of the Lord. 11 And now, my father, see, yea, see the corner of thy robe in my hand; for in that I cut off the corner of thy robe, and killed thee not, know thou and see that there is neither evil nor transgression in my hand, and that I have not sinned against thee: yet thou liest in wait for my soul to take it. 12 May the Lord judge between me and thee, and may the Lord avenge me on thee; but my hand shall

and come; for the Philistines have invaded the land. but my hand shall not be against thee. 14 After whom pursuing? after a dead dog, after a single flea, 15 May the Lord therefore be judge, and decide between me and thee, and see, and plead my cause, and obtain me justice out of thy hand. 16 And it came to pass, When David had finished speaking these words unto Saul, that Saul said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And Saul lifted up his voice, and wept. 17 And he said to David, Thou art more righteous than I; for thou hast done for me only what is good, whereas I have rewarded thee only with what is evil. 18 And thou hast proved this day, that thou hast dealt well with me: forasmuch as when the Lord had surrendered me into thy hand, thou didst not kill me. 19 For if a man find his enemy, will he let him go away on a good road? so may the Lord reward thee with good for what thou hast done unto me this day. 20 And now, behold. I know that thou wilt surely become king, and that the kingdom of Israel will stand firmly in thy hand. 21 And now swear unto me by the Lord, 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 to his house: but David and his men went up into the strong-hold.

25 And Samuel died; and all the Israelites assembled themselves together, and lamented David arose, and went down to the wilderness of Paran. 2 And there was a man in Ma'on, whose business was in Carmel; and the man was very great, and he had three thousand sheep, and a thousand goats: and he was, while they were shearing his sheep, at Carmel, 3 Now the name of the man was Nabal, and the name of his wife Abigayil: and the woman was of good understanding, and of a beautiful form; but the man was hard-hearted and evil in his deeds; and he was of the house of Caleb. 4 And David heard in the wilderness that Nabal was shearing his sheep. 5 And David sent out ten young men, and David said unto the young men, Get you up to Carmel, and go to Nabal, and ask him in my name after his well-being. 6 And ye shall say, May it thus be throughout thy life; and peace be to thee, and peace be to thy house, and unto all that thou hast be peace. 7 And now have I heard that thou hast sheepshearers: now thy shepherds have been with us, we have not injured them, neither hath there aught not be against thee. 13 As saith the proverb of the been missing unto them, all the time they were at ancients, From the wicked proceedeth wickedness; Carmel. 8 Ask thy young men, and they will tell it thee.

ceased. 10 And Nabal answered the servants of this worthless man, unto Nabal; for as his name is, that pertained unto him; and he hath requited me evil to thy house: see, I have hearkened to thy voice,

Therefore let the young men find favor in thy eyes; and alighted off the ass, and fell down before David for on a festive day are we come: give, I pray thee, on her face, and bowed herself to the ground. 24 And whatsoever thy hand is capable of unto thy servants, she fell at his feet, and said, On me, me, my lord, is and to thy son, to David. 9 And David's young men the fault; and let thy hand-maid. I pray thee, speak in came, and they spoke to Nabal in accordance with thy hearing, and listen to the words of thy hand-maid. all these words in the name of David; and then they 25 Let not my Lord, I pray thee, turn his heart unto David, and said. Who is David? and who is the son so is he: Nabal is his name, and meanness is with of Jesse? now-a-days there are many servants that him; but I thy hand-maid did not see the young men break away every one from his master. 11 Shall I then of my Lord, whom thou didst send. 26 And now, my take my bread, and my water, and my flesh that I lord, as the Eternal liveth, and as thy soul liveth, it have killed for my sheep-shearers, and give it unto is the Lord who hath withholden thee from coming men, whom I know not whence they are? 12 And to blood-quiltiness, and from helping thyself with thy David's young men turned about on their way, and own hand; and now may like Nabal be thy enemies, returned, and came and told him in accordance with and those that seek [to do] my Lord evil. 27 And now all these words. 13 And David said unto his men, this present which thy hand-maid hath brought unto Gird ye on, every man, his sword. And they girded my Lord, let it even be given unto the young men that on, every man, his sword; and David also girded follow in the train my Lord. 28 Pardon, I pray thee, the on his sword: and there went up after David about trespass of thy hand-maid; for the Lord will certainly four hundred men, and two hundred abode by the make for my lord an enduring house; because the baggage. 14 But one of the young men told Abigayil, battles of the Lord doth my lord fight, and evil will not Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, David sent messengers be found in thee all thy days. 29 And though a man is out of the wilderness to greet our master; but he risen up to pursue thee, and to seek thy soul: yet will hath spoken rudely to them. 15 Whereas the men the soul of my Lord be bound in the bond of life with have been very good unto us; and we have not been the Lord thy God; and the soul of thy enemies will he injured, neither have we missed any thing, all the hurl away, as out of the middle of the sling, 30 And it time that we went about with them, while we were shall come to pass, when the Lord will do to my lord, in the field: 16 A wall were they around us both by in accordance with all the good that he hath spoken night and by day, all the time we were with them, concerning thee, and will ordain thee as ruler over feeding the flocks. 17 And now know and consider Israel, 31 That this shall not be unto thee as a cause what thou canst do; for evil is determined on against of offense and as a reproach of heart unto my lord, our master, and against all his household; and he is both by having shed blood without cause, and by my too greatly a worthless man for me to speak to him. lord having righted himself; and when the Lord will do 18 And Abigayil made haste, and took two hundred good unto my lord, then do thou remember thy handloaves, and two bottles of wine, and five sheep ready maid. 32 And David said to Abigayil, Blessed be the dressed, and five measures of parched corn, and a Lord, the God of Israel, who sent thee this day to hundred clusters of raisins, and two hundred cakes of meet me; 33 And blessed be thy intelligence, and figs, and laid them on asses. 19 And she said unto blessed be thou, who hast prevented me this day her young men. Pass on before me: behold. I come from coming unto blood-quiltiness, and from helping after you. But to her husband Nabal she told nothing. myself with my own hand. 34 But truly, as the Lord 20 And it was so, as she was riding on the ass, and the God of Israel liveth, who hath withdrawn me from coming down by the covert of the mount, that, behold, injuring thee, except thou hadst hastened and come David and his men came down toward her; and she to meet me, surely there would not have been left met them. 21 Now David had said, Yea, for naught unto Nabal by the morning-light so much as a dog. 35 only have I guarded all that belongeth to this fellow in And David took out of her hand that which she had the wilderness, so that not the least was missed of all brought him; and unto her he said, Go up in peace instead of good. 22 So may God do unto the enemies and have respected thy presence. 36 And Abigayil of David, and do so yet farther, if I leave of all that came to Nabal; and, behold, he held a feast in his pertaineth to him by the morning light, as much as a house, like the feast of a king; and Nabal's heart was dog. 23 And when Abigayil saw David, she hastened, merry within him, and he was exceedingly drunken;

wherefore she told him not a word, either little or his head; but Abner and the people were lying round great, until the morning-light. 37 But it happened in about him. 8 Then said Abishai to David, God hath the morning, when the wine was gone out of Nabal, surrendered this day thy enemy into thy hand; and that his wife told him these things; and his heart died now let me strike him through. I pray thee, with the within him, and he became as a stone, 38 And it spear, even to the earth with one blow, and I will not came to pass in about ten days thereafter, that the give him a second one. 9 But David said to Abishai, Lord struck Nabal, and he died. 39 And when David Destroy him not; for who hath stretched forth his hand heard that Nabal was dead, he said. Blessed be the against the Lord's anointed, and remained guiltless? Lord, who hath pleaded the cause of my reproach 10 David said farthermore. As the Lord liveth, the from the hand of Nabal, and hath withheld his servant Lord alone shall strike him down: either his day shall from evil; and the wickedness of Nabal hath the Lord come that he die; or he shall go down into battle, and returned upon his own head. And David sent and perish. 11 Far be this from me for the sake of the applied for Abigavil, to take her to himself for wife. Lord, that I should stretch forth my hand against the 40 And the servants of David came to Abigavil to Lord's anointed; but now, I pray thee, take thou the Carmel, and they spoke unto her, saving. David hath spear that is by his head, and the cruise of water, and sent us unto thee, to take thee to himself for wife. 41 let us go our way. 12 So David took the spear and the Thereupon she arose, and bowed herself with her cruise of water by the head of Saul, and they went face to the earth, and said. Behold, let thy hand- their way; and no one saw it, and no one perceived maid be a servant to wash the feet of the servants of it, and-no one awaked; for they were all sleeping; my lord. 42 And Abigayil hastened, and arose, and because a deep sleep from the Lord was fallen upon rode upon an ass, with her five damsels that went them. 13 Then went David over to the other side, and in her train; and she went after the messengers of stood on the top of the mount afar off, the space David, and she became his wife. 43 David also took between them being great. 14 And David called to Achino'am of Yizre'el; and both of them became thus the people, and to Abner the son of Ner, saying, Wilt his wives. 44 But Saul had given Michal his daughter, thou not answer. Abner? And Abner answered and David's wife, to Palti, the son of Lavish, who was of said. Who art thou that callest to the king? 15 And Gallim.

26 And the Ziphites came unto Saul to Gib'ah, saying, Behold, David hideth himself on the hill of Chachilah, before the desert, 2 Then arose Saul, and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, and with him were three thousand men chosen out of Israel. to seek David in the wilderness of Ziph. 3 And Saul encamped on the hill of Chachilah, which is before the desert by the way: but David abode in the wilderness. and he saw that Saul was coming after him into the wilderness. 4 David thereupon sent out spies, and understood that Saul was come for a certainty. 5 And David arose, and came to the place where Saul was encamped; and David beheld the place where Saul lay, with Abner the son of Ner, the captain of his army; and Saul was lying in the midst of the ring, and the people were encamped round about him. 6 Then commenced David and said to Achimelech the Hittite, and to Abishai the son of Zeruvah, the brother of Joab, saving. Who will go down with me to Saul to the camp? And Abishai said, I will readily go down with thee. 7 So David and Abishai came to the people by night: and, behold, Saul lay sleeping within the ring, with his spear stuck in the ground by

David said to Abner, Art thou not a man? and who is like to thee in Israel? why then hast thou not kept guard over thy lord the king? for there came one of the people to destroy the king thy lord. 16 This thing which thou hast done is not good. As the Lord liveth, ye deserve to die; because ye have not kept quard over your master, over the Lord's anointed. And now see, where is the king's spear, and the cruise of water that was by his head? 17 And Saul recognized David's voice, and he said, Is this thy voice, my son David? And David said, It is my voice, my Lord, O king. 18 And he said, Why is this that my lord doth pursue after his servant? for what have I done? or what evil is in my hand? 19 And now, I pray thee, let my Lord the king hear the words of his servant! If the Lord have stirred thee up against me, then may he accept the savor of an offering; but if they be the children of men, then be they cursed before the Lord; because they have driven me out this day so that I cannot attach myself on the inheritance of the Lord, saying, Go, serve other gods. 20 Now, therefore, let not my blood fall to the earth far from the presence of the Lord; for the king of Israel is come out to seek a single flea, as one doth usually pursue a partridge on the mountains. 21 Then said Saul, I have sinned;

more, for the cause that my life was precious in thy Yerachmeelites, and against the south of the Kenites. eyes this day: behold, I have acted foolishly, and have 11 And David left not alive either man or woman, to erred exceedingly much. 22 And David answered and bring [them] to Gath, saving. That they may not tell said. Behold, here is the king's spear! and let one of on us, saving. So hath David done, and so is his the young men come over and fetch it. 23 And may custom all the days he hath dwelt in the fields of the the Lord recompense to every man his righteousness Philistines. 12 And Achish had confidence in David, and his faithfulness; since the Lord delivered thee saying, He hath surely spoiled his odor among his into my hand today, and I would not stretch forth my people, among Israel; and he will become unto me a hand against the anointed of the Lord. 24 And behold, servant for ever. as thy life was highly valued this day in my eyes, so may my life be highly valued in the eyes of the Lord, and may he deliver me out of all tribulation. 25 Then said Saul to David. Blessed be thou my son David: thou wilt both do great things, and wilt also surely prevail. And David went then on his way, and Saul returned to his place.

**77** And David said in his heart, Now I may yet perish suddenly one day by the hand of Saul; there is nothing better for me than that I should escape at once into the land of the Philistines, then Saul will abstain from me, to seek me any more in all the territory of Israel: and so shall I escape out of his hand. 2 And David arose, and he passed over himself with the six hundred men that were with him unto Achish, the son of Ma'och, the king of Gath. 3 And David remained with Achish at Gath, he and his men, every man with his household, also David with his two wives, Achino'am the Yizre'elitess, and Abigavil, Nabal's wife, the Carmelitess. 4 And when it was told unto Saul that David was fled to Gath, he continued no more to seek for him. 5 And David said unto Achish, If now I have found grace in thy eyes, let them give me a place in some one of the country-towns, that I may dwell there; for why should thy servant dwell in the royal city with thee? 6 Then gave Achish unto him on that day Ziklag: therefore hath Ziklag pertained unto the kings of Judah until this day. 7 And the number of the days that David dwelt in the fields of the Philistines was a full year and four months. 8 And David and his men went up, and invaded the Geshurites, and the Gizrites, and the 'Amalekites; for these nations were of old the inhabitants of the land, till thou comest to Shur, and as far as the land of Egypt. 9 And David smote the land, and left not alive either man or woman, and took away the flocks, and the oxen, and the asses, and the camels, and the apparel, and returned, and came to Achish. 10 And Achish said, Whither have ye made an inroad today? And David said, Against

return, my son David; for I will not do thee harm any the south of Judah, and against the south of the

28 And it came to pass in those days, that the Philistines gathered their camps together for warfare, to fight with Israel; and Achish said unto David, Thou must know that thou shalt go out with me into the camp, thou and thy men. 2 And David said to Achish, By reason of this wilt thou thyself ascertain what thy servant will do. And Achish said to David, Therefore will I make thee the guard of my head for all times. 3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city; and Saul had removed those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land. 4 And the Philistines assembled themselves together, and came and encamped at Shunem; and Saul assembled together all Israel, and they encamped at Gilboa'. 5 And when Saul saw the camp of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart trembled greatly. 6 And Saul asked counsel of the Lord: but the Lord answered him not, either by means of dreams, or by means of the Urim, or by means of the prophets. 7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek out for 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 'Endor. 8 And Saul disguised himself, and put on other garments, and he went, he and two men with him. and they came to the woman by night: and he said, Divine, I pray thee, unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring up for me the one whom I shall say unto thee. 9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou well knowest that which Saul hath done, that he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then lavest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die? 10 And Saul swore to her by the Lord, saying, As the Lord liveth, there shall no guilt attach to thee for this thing. 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up for thee? And he said. Samuel thou must bring up for me. 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman said to Saul thus, Why hast

thou deceived me? since thou art Saul. 13 And the 29 Now the Philistines assembled together all their king said unto her, Be not afraid; however, what hast thou seen? And the woman said unto Saul, A divine by the spring which is by Yizre'el. 2 And the lords being have I seen ascending out of the earth. 14 And of the Philistines passed on by hundreds, and by he said unto her. What is his form? And she said. An thousands; but David and his men passed on at old man is coming up; and he is wrapt in a mantle. the last with Achish. 3 Then said the princes of the And so Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he Philistines, What are these Hebrews to do? And bowed with his face to the ground, and prostrated Achish said unto the princes of the Philistines. Behold, himself. 15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou this is David, the servant of Saul the king of Israel, disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I who hath been with me already a year, or even years, am greatly distressed, and the Philistines make war and I have not found the least in him [to blame] from against me, and God is departed from me, and hath the day of his joining [me] until this day? 4 And the not answered me any more, either by the agency princes of the Philistines were angry with him; and of the prophets, or by means of dreams; wherefore the princes of the Philistines said unto him. Cause I have called thee, to make known unto me what I this man to go back, that he may return to his place shall do. 16 Then said Samuel, And why wilt thou ask whither thou hast assigned him; but he shall not go me, seeing the Lord is departed from thee, and is down with us to the battle, that he may not become become thy enemy? 17 And the Lord hath done for an adversary to us in the battle; for wherewith could himself as he hath spoken through my agency; and this person reconcile himself unto his master? is it the Lord hath rent the government out of thy hand, not by means of the heads of these men? 5 Is not and hath given it to thy associate, to David; 18 As this David, of whom they sang one to another in thou didst not obey the voice of the Lord, and didst the dances, saying, Saul hath slain his thousands, not execute his fierce wrath upon 'Amalek: therefore and David his ten thousands? 6 Then did Achish hath the Lord done this thing unto thee this day. 19 call David, and say unto him, As the Lord liveth, [I And the Lord will deliver also Israel with thee into the declare] that thou art upright, and that thy going out hand of the Philistines; and tomorrow shalt thou and and thy coming in with me in the camp is good in my thy sons be with me: also the camp of Israel will the eyes; for I have not found in thee any evil from the Lord deliver into the hand of the Philistines, 20 Then day of thy coming unto me until this day; nevertheless fell Saul hastily with his full length to the earth, and in the eyes of the lords thou art not good. 7 And now was greatly afraid, because of the words of Samuel: return, and go in peace, that thou mayest not do any there was also no strength in him; for he had not evil in the eyes of the lords of the Philistines. 8 And eaten any food all that day, and all that night. 21 And David said unto Achish, But what have I done? and the woman came unto Saul, and saw that he was what hast thou found in thy servant from the day that greatly terrified; and she said unto him, Behold, thy I have been before thee, until this day, that I shall hand-maid hath obeyed thy voice; and I put my life in not go to fight against the enemies of my Lord the my hand, and hearkened unto thy words which thou king? 9 And Achish answered and said to David, I spokest unto me. 22 And now, hearken thou also, I know that thou art good in my eyes, as an angel of pray thee, unto the voice of thy hand-maid, and let God: nevertheless, the princes of the Philistines have me set before thee a morsel of bread, and eat: that said. He shall not go up with us to the battle. 10 And thou mayest have strength when thou goest on the now rise up early in the morning with the servants of way. 23 But he refused, and said, I will not eat. But thy master that are come with thee: and rise then his servants urged him much, as also the woman; up early in the morning, and when ye have light, go and he hearkened unto their voice. So he arose from away. 11 And David and his men rose up early to go the earth, and sat upon the bed. 24 And the woman away in the morning, to return unto the land of the had a fatted calf in the house; and she hastened, and Philistines; but the Philistines went up to Yizre'el. slaughtered it, and took flour, and kneaded it, and baked unleavened bread thereof: 25 And she brought it near before Saul, and before his servants; and they ate. Then they rose up, and went away that night.

camps at Aphek: and the Israelites encamped

30 And it came to pass when David and his men came to Ziklag on the third day, that the 'Amalekites had invaded the south, and Ziklag, and smitten Ziklag, and burnt it with fire; 2 And had taken captive the women that were therein, both great and

and gone on their way. 3 When therefore David and men, who rode upon camels, and fled. 18 And David his men came to the city, behold, it was burnt with fire; recovered all that the 'Amalekites had taken away; and their wives, and their sons, and their daughters, and his two wives also did David rescue, 19 And there had been taken captive. 4 And David and the people was nothing missing to them, from small to great, as that were with him lifted up their voice and wept, until also sons and daughters, and spoil, down to every they had no more power to weep. 5 And the two thing that they had taken from them: the whole did wives of David were also taken captive, Achino'am David bring back. 20 And David took all the flocks the Yizre'elitess, and Abigayil the wife of Nabal the and the herds: these they drove before those other Carmelite. 6 And David was greatly distressed; for cattle, and said, This is David's spoil. 21 And David the people spoke of stoning him, because the soul came to the two hundred men, who had been too of all the people was imbittered, every man for his fatigued to follow after David, and whom they had left sons and for his daughters; but David fortified himself to remain at the brook Bessor: and they went forth to in the Lord his God. 7 And David said to Ebyathar meet David, and to meet the people that were with the priest, the son of Achimelech, Bring hither, I pray him; and David came near to the people, and asked thee, unto me the ephod. And Ebyathar brought the them after their well-being. 22 Then exclaimed every ephod near unto David. 8 And David asked counsel wicked and worthless man, of those that had gone of the Lord, saving, Shall I pursue after this troop! with David, and said, Because they went not with shall I overtake them? And he said to him, Pursue; for us, we will not give them aught of the spoil that we thou wilt surely overtake them, and certainly recover have recovered, save to every man his wife and his [all]. 9 So David went, he and the six hundred men children, and these they may lead away, and go. 23 that were with him, and came up to the brook Bessor, Then said David, Ye must not do so, my brethren; where those that were left behind stayed. 10 But since the Lord hath given us this, and guarded us, there stayed behind two hundred men, who were too our hand. 24 And who will hearken unto you in this fatigued to go over the brook Bessor. 11 And they matter? but as is the part of him that went down to found an Egyptian man in the field, and took him to the battle, so shall be the part of him that remained David, and gave him bread, and he did eat; and they with the baggage; together must they share, 25 And it made him drink water: 12 And they gave him a piece happened from that day and forward, that he made it of a cake of figs, and two clusters of raisins, and he a statute and an ordinance for Israel until this day. ate, and then his spirit returned to him; for he had not 26 And when David came to Ziklag, he sent of the eaten any bread, nor drunk any water, three days spoil unto the elders of Judah, to his friends, saying, whom belongest thou? and whence art thou? And he enemies of the Lord: 27 To those who were in Bethsaid, I am a young Egyptian man, the servant to an el, and to those who were in south Ramoth, and to 'Amalekite; and my master left me behind, because those who were in Yattir, 28 And to those who were I fell sick, today three days ago. 14 We made an in 'Aro'er, and to those who were in Siphmoth, and invasion upon the south of the Kerethites, and upon to those who were in Eshtemoa', 29 And to those that which belongeth to Judah, and upon the south who were in Rachal, and to those who were in the of Caleb; and Ziklag did we burn with fire. 15 And cities of Yerach-meelites, and to those who were in troop? And he said, Swear unto me by God, that thou Chormah, and to those who were in Kor-'ashan, and wilt not kill me, and that thou wilt not surrender me to those who were in 'Athach, 31 And to those who into the hand of my master, and then will I bring thee were in Hebron, and to all the places where David down to this troop. 16 And he brought him down; himself and his men had wandered about. and behold, they were scattered over the face of all the country, eating and drinking, and dancing for joy, because of all the great spoil which 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

small: they had not slain any one, but had led them off, escaped not a man of them, save four hundred young David pursued on, he and four hundred men; and and delivered the troop that came against us into and three nights. 13 And David said unto him, To Behold, here is a present for you from the spoil of the David said to him, Wilt thou bring me down to this the cities of the Kenites, 30 And to those who were in

31 Now the Philistines fought against Israel; and the men of Israel fled from before the Philistines, and there fell down [many] slain on mount Gilboa'. 2 And the Philistines overtook Saul and his sons; and the Philistines smote Jonathan, and Abinadab, and

Malkishua'. the sons of Saul. 3 And the battle was heavy against Saul, and he was found by the archers, the men with bows; and he was greatly in dread of the archers. 4 And Saul said unto his armor-bearer. Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and thrust me through, and wantonly ill-use me. But his armor-bearer would not; for he was greatly afraid; wherefore Saul took the sword, and fell upon it. 5 And when his armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, then fell he likewise upon his sword, and died with him. 6 Thus died Saul, and his three sons, and his armor-bearer, also all his men, on that same day together. 7 And when the men of Israel that were on the other side of the valley, and those that were on the other side of the Jordan, saw that the men of Israel had fled, and that Saul and his sons had died: they forsook the cities, and fled away; and the Philistines came and dwelt in them. 8 And it came to pass on the morrow, that the Philistines came to strip the slain; and they found Saul and his three sons fallen on mount Gilboa'. 9 And they cut off his head, and stripped off his armor, and sent it into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it in the house of their idols, and among the people. 10 And they put his armor in the house of 'Ashtaroth; and his body they fastened to the wall of Beth-shan. 11 And when the inhabitants of Yabeshqil'ad heard concerning him that which the Philistines had done to Saul: 12 Then arose all the valiant men, and walked all the night. and took the body of Saul and the bodies of his sons from the wall of Beth-shan, and they came to Yabesh, and burnt them there. 13 And they took their bones, and buried them under the tamarisk-tree at Yabesh. and they fasted seven days.

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1 Now it came to pass after the death of Saul, when David was returned from smiting the 'Amalekites, that David abode in Ziklag two days. 2 And 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 it happened, when he came to David, that he fell to the earth, and prostrated himself. 3 And David said unto him, From where comest thou? And he said unto him. Out of the camp of Israel am I escaped. 4 And David said unto him, What took place there? I pray thee, tell me. And he said, That the people are fled from the battle, and that also many of the people are fallen and have died; and that also Saul and Jonathan his son are dead. 5 And David said unto the young man that told him. How knowest thou that Saul is dead as also Jonathan his son? 6 And the young man that told him said, I happened entirely by chance to be upon mount Gilboa', when, behold, there was Saul leaning upon his spear; and, lo, the chariots and horsemen had overtaken him. 7 And he turned round, and he saw me, and called unto me, And I said, Here am I. 8 And he said unto me, Who art thou! And I answered him. An 'Amalekite am I. 9 And he said unto me. Place thyself. I pray thee. by me, and slav me; for a mortal tremor hath seized on me, although my life is yet whole in me. 10 So I placed myself by him, and slew him, because I was sure that he could not live after his fall: and I took the crown that was upon his head, and the bracelet that was on his arm, and I have brought them unto my lord hither. 11 David thereupon took hold of his clothes, and rent them; and [so did] likewise all the men that were with him: 12 And they lamented, and wept, and fasted until the evening, for Saul, and for Jonathan his son, and for the people of the Lord, and for the house of Israel; because they were fallen by the sword. 13 And David said unto the young man that told him. Whence art thou? And he said. The son of a stranger, an 'Amalekite, am I, 14 And David said unto him, How wast thou not afraid to stretch forth thy hand to destroy the Lord's anointed? 15 And David called one of the young men, and said, Come near, and fall upon him. And he smote him that he died. 16 And David said unto him, Thy blood is upon thy own head; for thy mouth hath testified against thee, saying, I myself have slain the Lord's anointed. 17 And David lamented with this lamentation over Saul and over Jonathan his son: 18 And he said, That the

children of Judah should be taught the bow; behold it is written in the book of Yashar. 19 O beauty of Israel! upon the high places slain; how are the mighty fallen! 20 Tell it not in Gath, publish it not in the streets of Ashkelon: that the daughters of the Philistines may not be glad, that the daughters of the uncircumcised may not rejoice. 21 O mountains of Gilboa', no dew, nor rain be upon you, nor fields of offerings; for there the shield of the mighty was stained, the shield of Saul, as though it had not been anointed with oil. 22 From the blood of the slain, from the fat of the mighty, the bow of Jonathan turned never back, and the sword of Saul never returned empty. 23 Saul and Jonathan, the beloved and the dear in their lives, were even in their death not divided; more than eagles were they swift, more than lions were they strong. 24 O daughters of Israel, weep for Saul, who clothed you in scarlet, with beautiful dresses, who put on ornaments of gold upon your apparel. 25 How are the mighty fallen in the midst of the battle! O Jonathan, on thy high places slain. 26 I am distressed for thee, my brother Jonathan; very dear hast thou been unto me: wonderful was thy love for me, passing the love of women, 27 How are the mighty fallen, and lost the instruments of war!

2 And it came to pass after this, that David asked counsel of the Lord, saying, Shall I go up into one of the cities of Judah? And the Lord 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, Achino'am the Yizre'elitess, and Abigayil, Nabal's wife, 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 then came the men of Judah, and they anointed there David as king over the house of Judah. And they told David, saying, The men of Yabesh-qil'ad were those that buried Saul. 5 And David thereupon sent messengers unto the men of Yabesh-qil'ad, and said unto them, Blessed be ye of the Lord, that ye have done this kindness unto your Lord, unto Saul, and have buried him. 6 And now may the Lord deal with you in kindness and truth: and as for me also, I will requite you this good deed, because ye have done this thing. 7 And now let your hands be strengthened, and be ye valiant men; for your lord Saul is dead; and also me have the house of Judah anointed as king over them. 8 But Abner. the son of Ner, the captain of the army of Saul, took Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and brought him over

and over the Ashurites, and over Yizre'el, and over top of a certain hill. 26 And Abner called to Joab, and when he became king over Israel, and two years long shall it be, ere thou wilt bid the people to return he reigned. But the house of Judah followed David. from pursuing their brethren? 27 And Joab said, As 11 And the number of days that David was king in God liveth, unless thou hadst spoken, surely then Hebron over the house of Judah was seven years already in the morning would the people have gone and six months. 12 And there went out Abner the son away every one from pursuing his brother. 28 So of Ner, and the servants of Ish-bosheth the son of Joab blew the cornet, and all the people remained Saul, from Machanayim to Gib'on. 13 And Joab the standing still, and pursued no more after Israel, and son of Zeruyah and the servants of David also went they continued no more to fight. 29 And Abner and his out, and they met together by the pool of Gib'on: and men walked through the plain all that night, and they they sat down, these on the one side of the pool, and passed over the Jordan, and went through all Bithron. the others on the other side of the pool. 14 And Abner and they came to Machanavim. 30 And Joab returned said to Joab, Do let the young men rise up and play from pursuing Abner; and he gathered all the people before us. And Joab said, They may rise up. 15 Then together; and there were missed of David's servants they rose up and went over by number; twelve for nineteen men and 'Asahel. 31 But the servants of Benjamin, and for Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, and David had smitten [many] of Benjamin, and of Abner's twelve of the servants of David. 16 And they grasped men: three hundred and sixty men died. 32 And they every one his fellow by the head, and thrust his took up 'Asahel, and buried him in the sepulchre of sword in his fellow's side; and they fell down together: his father, which was in Beth-lechem. And Joab and wherefore that place was called Chelkath-hazzurim. his men went all that night, and the day broke on which is by Gib'on. 17 And the battle was exceedingly them at Hebron. fierce on that day: and Abner with the men of Israel was beaten, before the servants of David. 18 And there were at that place three sons of Zeruyah, Joab, and Abishai, and 'Asahel: and 'Asahel was as fleet of foot as any roe in the field. 19 And 'Asahel pursued after Abner; and he turned not in going to the right hand or to the left from following Abner. 20 And Abner turned round and said, Art thou 'Asahel? And he answered, I am. 21 And Abner said to him. Turn thee aside to thy right hand or to thy left, and lay hold for thyself on one of the young men, and take thyself his armor. But 'Asahel would not turn aside from following him. 22 And Abner repeated again to say unto 'Asahel. Turn thee aside from following me: wherefore should I smite thee to the ground? and how should I then lift up my face to Joab thy brother? 23 But he refused to turn aside; and Abner smote him with the hinder end of the spear under the fifth rib, so that the spear came out behind him; and he fell down there, and died on the spot: and it came to pass, that all who came to the place where 'Asahel had fallen down and died remained standing still. 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 Giach on the way to the wilderness of Gib'on. 25 And the children of Benjamin assembled themselves together behind Abner, and

to Machanayim; 9 And made him king over Gil'ad, formed one solid body, and posted themselves on the Ephraim, and over Benjamin, and over all Israel. 10 said, Shall for everlasting the sword devour? knowest Forty years old was Ish-bosheth the son of Saul, thou not that it will be bitter in the end? and how

> ${f 3}$  And the war lasted a long time between the house of Saul and the house of David; but David became continually stronger and stronger, and the house of Saul became continually weaker and weaker. 2 And there were born unto David sons in Hebron: and his first-born was Amnon, of Achino'am the Yizre'elitess; 3 And his second was Kilab, of Abigavil the wife of Nabal the Carmelite: and the third. Abshalom, the son of Ma'achah the daughter of Talmai the king of Geshur: 4 And the fourth. Adonivah, the son of Chaggith: and the fifth, Shephatyah, the son of Abital: 5 And the sixth, Yithre'am, by 'Eglah, David's wife. These were born to David in Hebron. 6 And it came to pass, while the war lasted between the house of Saul and the house of David, that Abner upheld with all his strength the house of Saul. 7 And Saul had a concubine, whose name was Rizpah, the daughter of Avah: and Ish-bosheth said to Abner. Wherefore hast thou gone in unto my father's concubine? 8 And Abner became very wroth because of the words of Ish-bosheth, and said, Am I the chief of the dogs which belong to Judah? unto this day have I shown kindness unto the house of Saul thy father, to his brothers, and to his friends, and have not delivered thee into the hand of David; and yet thou chargest me today with a wrong committed with this woman? 9

to him, that, as the Lord hath sworn to David, even so away? 25 Thou knowest Abner the son of Ner, that to will I surely do to him; 10 To transfer the kingdom deceive thee did he come, and to know thy going from the house of Saul, and to establish the throne of out and thy coming in, and to know all that thou art David over Israel and over Judah, from Dan even to doing. 26 And Joab went out from David, and he sent Beer-sheba'. 11 And he could not answer Abner a messengers after Abner, who brought him back from word more in reply, because of his fear of him. 12 the well of Sirah; but David knew it not. 27 And when And Abner sent messengers to David on his behalf, Abner was returned to Hebron, Joab took him aside saying, Whose is the land? saying [also, ] Make thy in the gate to speak with him in private; and he smote covenant with me, and, behold, my hand shall be him there under the fifth rib, and he died, for the blood with thee, to bring round unto thee all Israel. 13 And of 'Asahel his brother. 28 And when David heard it he said, Well: I will indeed make a covenant with afterward, he said, I and my kingdom are guiltless thee; but one thing I require of thee, namely, Thou before the Lord for ever of the blood of Abner the son shalt not see my face, except thou first bring Michal, of Ner: 29 May it rest on the head of Joab, and on all Saul's daughter, when thou comest to see my face. his father's house; and may there not fail from the 14 And David sent messengers to Ish-bosheth, the house of Joab one that hath an issue, or that is a son of Saul, saying, Give up to me my wife Michal, leper, or that leaneth on a crutch, or that falleth by whom I espoused to me for a hundred foreskins of the sword, or that lacketh bread, 30 But Joab and the Philistines. 15 And Ish-bosheth sent, and took her Abishai his brother slew Abner, because he had killed from the man, from Paltiel the son of Layish. 16 And their brother 'Asahel at Gib'on in the battle. 31 And her husband went with her going along and weeping David said to Joab, and to all the people that were behind her as far as Bachurim: when Abner said unto with him, Rend your clothes, and gird yourselves with him, Go, return. And he returned. 17 And Abner had sackcloth, and [go] mourning before Abner. And king used these words with the elders of Israel, saying, David walked behind the bier. 32 And they buried Already yesterday and even before ye have been Abner in Hebron: and the king lifted up his voice, and desiring David as king over you: 18 And now do it; wept at the grave of Abner; and all the people wept. for the Lord hath said of David thus, By the hand of 33 And the king lamented over Abner, and said, O, my servant David will I save my people Israel out of that Abner had to die, as the worthless dieth! 34 Thy the hand of the Philistines, and out of the hand of hands were not bound, and thy feet were not put into all their enemies. 19 And Abner also spoke in the fetters: as one falleth before men of wickedness art ears of Benjamin; and Abner went also to speak in thou fallen. And all the people wept again over him. the ears of David in Hebron all that seemed good 35 And all the people came to cause David to eat food in the eyes of Israel, and in the eyes of the whole while it was yet day; but David swore, saying, So do house of Benjamin. 20 And Abner came to David to God to me, and thus may he continue, if before the Hebron, and with him were twenty men; and David sun be down I taste bread, or the least else. 36 And made for Abner and for the men that were with him all the people took notice of it, and it was pleasing in a feast. 21 And Abner said unto David, I will now their eyes: as whatsoever the king did was pleasing arise and go, and I will assemble unto my Lord the in the eyes of all the people. 37 And all the people king all Israel, that they may make a covenant with and all Israel understood on that day that it had not thee, and that thou mayest reign over all that thy soul been of the king to slay Abner the son of Ner. 38 And longeth for. And David dismissed Abner: and he went the king said unto his servants, Know ye not that a in peace. 22 And, behold, the servants of David and prince and a great man hath fallen this day in Israel? Joab came from a predatory excursion, and brought 39 And I am this day yet weak, and just anointed king; in much booty with them; but Abner was no more and these men, the sons of Zeruyah, are too strong with David in Hebron; for he had dismissed him, and for me: may the Lord pay the doer of evil according to he was gone in peace. 23 When Joab and all the his wickedness. army that was with him were come, they told Joab, saying, Abner the son of Ner came to the king, and 4 And when Saul's son heard that Abner had died in he hath dismissed him, and he is gone in peace. 24 Then came Joab to the king, and said. What hast thou done? behold, Abner came unto thee: why is

May God do so to Abner, and continue to do yet more it that thou hast dismissed him, that he went freely

Hebron, his hands became enfeebled, and all the Israelites were troubled. 2 And Saul's son had two men who were captains of bands; the name of the one was Ba'anah, and the name of the other Rechab, all the elders of Israel to the king unto Hebron; and the sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, of the children king David made a covenant with them in Hebron of Benjamin: (for Beeroth also was reckoned to before the Lord; and they anointed David as king over Beniamin: 3 And the Beerothites had fled to Gittavim. Israel. 4 Thirty years was David old when he became and remained sojourners there until this day.) 4 And king, [and] forty years he reigned, 5 In Hebron he Jonathan, Saul's son, had a son that was lame on reigned over Judah seven years and six months: and both feet. He was five years old when the tidings in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years over came of Saul and Jonathan from Yizre'el, and his all Israel and Judah, 6 And the king and his men went nurse took him up and fled: and it came to pass, to Jerusalem against the Jebusites, the inhabitants of in her haste to flee, that he fell, and was rendered the land; who said unto David, as followeth, Thou lame. And his name was Mephibosheth. 5 And the shalt not come in hither, except thou [first] remove sons of Rimmon the Beerothite, Rechab and Ba'anah, away the blind and the lame: meaning, David cannot went, and came at the heat of the day to the house of come in hither, 7 Nevertheless David captured the Ish-bosheth, who was just Iving in bed as usual at strong-hold of Zion; the same is the city of David. 8 noon. 6 And they came thither into the interior of the And David said on that day. Whosoever will smite the house, as buyers of wheat; and they smote him under Jebusites, and reach the aqueduct and the lame and the fifth rib: and Rechab and Ba'anah his brother the blind, that are hateful to David's soul, -Wherefore escaped, 7 Namely, they came into the house, while people usually say. The blind and the lame shall not he was lying on his bed in his sleeping-chamber, come into the house. 9 And David dwelt in the fort, and they smote him, and slew him, and cut off his and he called it "The City of David." And David built head, and took his head, and went by the way of the [it] round about from the Millo and inward. 10 And plain all the night. 8 And they brought the head of David went on, and became greater and greater, Ish-bosheth unto David to Hebron, and they said to and the Lord the God of hosts was with him. 11 And the king, Behold, here is the head of Ish-bosheth the Hiram the king of Tyre sent messengers to David, son of Saul thy enemy, who sought thy life: and the and cedar-trees, and carpenters, and stone-masons: Lord hath granted to my lord the king vengeance this, and they built a house for David. 12 And David felt day on Saul, and on his seed. 9 But David answered conscious that the Lord has established him as king Rechab and Ba'anah his brother, the sons of Rimmon over Israel, and that he had exalted his kingdom for the Beerothite, and said unto them, As the Lord liveth, the sake of his people Israel. 13 And David took yet who hath redeemed my soul out of all adversity, 10 more concubines and wives out of Jerusalem, after When one told me, saying, Behold, Saul is dead, and he was come from Hebron; and there were born to he was in his own eyes as though he brought good David yet [more] sons and daughters. 14 And these tidings. I took hold of him, and slew him in Ziklag, are the names of those that were born unto him in who [thought] that I should give him a reward for his Jerusalem: Shammua', and Shobab, and Nathan, and tidings: 11 How much more, when wicked men have Solomon, 15 And Yibchar, and Elishua', and Nepheg, slain a righteous man in his own house upon his bed? and Yaphia', 16 And Elishama', and Elyada', and and now, behold, I will require his blood of your hand, Eliphelet. 17 But when the Philistines heard that the and I will remove you away from the earth, 12 And people had anointed David as king over Israel, all David gave the command to the voung men, and the Philistines came up to seek David; and David they slew them, and cut off their hands and their feet, heard of it, and went down to the strong-hold. 18 The and hanged them up by the pool in Hebron. But the Philistines also came and spread themselves out in head of Ish-bosheth they took, and buried it in the the valley of Rephaim. 19 And David asked counsel of sepulchre of Abner in Hebron.

5 Then came all the tribes of Israel to David unto Hebron, and spoke, saying, Behold us, thy bone and thy flesh are we: 2 Already vesterday, and even before, when Saul was king over us, thou wast the one that led out and brought in Israel: And the Lord said to thee. Thou shalt indeed feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be a chief over Israel. 3 Thus came

the Lord, saying, shall I go up against the Philistines? wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said unto David. Go up: for I will certainly deliver the Philistines into thy hand. 20 And David came to Ba'alperazim, and David smote them there, and said, The Lord hath broken down my enemies before me, as a breach [is made by] water. Wherefore he called the name of that place Ba'al-perazim. 21 And they left behind there their idols, and David and his men burnt

Geba' until thou comest to Gezer.

And David assembled again all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. 2 And David arose, and went with all the people who were with him from Ba'ale-yehudah, to bring up from there the ark of God, the name of which was called by the name of the Lord of hosts, that dwelleth over the cherubim. 3 And they conveyed the ark of God in a new wagon, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was on the hill: and 'Uzzah and Achvo, the sons of Abinadab. guided the new wagon. 4 When they brought it out of the house of Abinadab which was on the hill, [they were] near the ark of God; but Achyo went before the ark. 5 And David and all the house of Israel played before the Lord on all manner of instruments made of fir-wood, and on harps, and on psalteries, and on tambourines, and with bells, and with cymbals. 6 And when they came to the threshing-floor of Nachon, 'Uzzah put forth [his hand] to the ark of God, and took hold of it; for the oxen shook it. 7 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against 'Uzzah; and God smote him there for the error; and he died there by the ark of God. 8 And it was grievous to David, because the Lord had suddenly taken away 'Uzzah: and he called that place Perez-'uzzah [[Breach of 'Uzzah]] until this day. 9 And David was afraid of the Lord on that day, and said, How shall the ark of the Lord come to me? 10 So David would not allow to have

them. 22 And the Philistines came up once again, and the bearers of the ark of the Lord had progressed six spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim. 23 paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. 14 And David And when David asked counsel of the Lord, he said, danced with all his might before the Lord; and David Thou shalt not go up; but turn about and fall in the was girded with a linen ephod. 15 So David and all rear of them, and come upon them opposite to the the house of Israel brought up the ark of the Lord mulberry-trees. 24 And it shall be, when thou hearest with shouting, and with the sound of the cornet. 16 the sound of walking on the top of the mulberry-trees. And it happened, as the ark of the Lord came into the that thou shalt then bestir thyself; for then will the city of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked Lord go out before thee, to smite in the camp of the through the window, and saw king David leaping and Philistines. 25 And David did so, as the Lord had dancing before the Lord; and she despised him in her commanded him; and he smote the Philistines from heart. 17 And they brought in the ark of the Lord, and set it in its place, in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and David offered burnt-offerings before the Lord and peace-offerings. 18 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings and the peace-offerings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord of hosts. 19 And he dealt out to all the people, to the whole multitude of Israel, to both men and women, to every person one cake of bread, and a good piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine: and all the people departed every one to his house. 20 And David then returned to bless his household. But Michal the daughter of Saul came out to meet David. and she said, How honored was today the king of Israel, who uncovered himself today before the eyes of the hand-maids of his servants, as only one of the low fellows can uncover himself! 21 And David said unto Michal, Before the Lord, who chose me before thy father, and before all his house, to ordain me ruler over the people of the Lord, over Israel: —yea, before the Lord will I yet farther play. 22 And should I be yet more vile than thus, and should I be base in my own eves: yet among the maid-servants of whom thou hast spoken, yea, among them would I still be honored. 23 And Michal the daughter of Saul had no child until the day of her death.

7 And it came to pass, when the king dwelt in his house, and the Lord had given him rest round about from all his enemies; 2 That the king said unto the ark of the Lord removed unto him into the city of Nathan the prophet, See now, I dwell in a house of David: but David had it carried round into the house cedar, while the ark of God dwelleth within curtains. 3 of 'Obed-edom the Gittite. 11 And the ark of the Lord And Nathan said to the king, all that is in thy heart remained in the house of 'Obed-edom the Gittite go and do; for the Lord is with thee. 4 And it came three months: and the Lord blessed 'Obed-edom, and to pass during that night, That the word of the Lord all his household. 12 And it was told to king David, came unto Nathan, saying, 5 Go and say unto my saying, The Lord hath blessed the house of 'Obed-servant, unto David, Thus hath said the Lord, Wilt edom, and all that pertaineth unto him, because of thou indeed build me a house for my dwelling? 6 For I the ark of God: and David then went and brought up have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought the ark of God from the house of 'Obed-edom into the up the children of Israel out of Egypt, even until this city of David with joy. 13 And it happened, that when day; but have been moving about in a tent and in a

among all the children of Israel, did I speak a word the only nation on the earth, which God went to to any one of the tribes of Israel, whom I ordained redeem for himself as a people, and to acquire for to feed my people Israel, saving. Why have ve not himself a name, and to do for you this great deed. built for me a house of cedar? 8 Now therefore, thus and fearful things for thy land [to drive out], from shalt thou say unto my servant, to David, Thus hath before thy people which thou hast redeemed for said the Lord of hosts, I took thee from the sheep- thyself from Egypt, nations and their gods. 24 For cote, from behind the flocks, to be a ruler over my thou hast established for thyself thy people Israel as people, over Israel: 9 And I have been with thee a people unto thee for ever; and thou, O Lord, art whithersoever thou didst go, and I have cut off all indeed become their God. 25 And now, O Eternal thy enemies from thy presence, and I have made God, let the word that thou hast spoken concerning thee a great name, like the name of the great who thy servant, and concerning his house, stand firm are on the earth: 10 And I have procured a place for for ever, and do as thou hast spoken. 26 And let thy my people, for Israel, and I have planted them, that name be magnified unto everlasting, that men may they may dwell in a place of their own, and be no say. The Lord of hosts is the God over Israel; and more troubled; and that the children of wickedness may the house of thy servant David be established shall not afflict them any more as aforetimes, 11 And before thee. 27 For thou, O Lord of hosts, the God of las it was since the day that I ordained judges to be Israel, hast revealed to the ear of thy servant, saving. over my people Israel; and I have caused thee to rest. A house will be built up for thee; therefore hath thy from all thy enemies; and the Lord telleth thee that servant found the heart to pray unto thee this prayer. he, the Lord, will make thee a house. 12 When thy 28 And now, O Lord Eternal, thou art the [true] God, days will be completed, and thou wilt sleep with thy and thy words must become the truth, and thou hast fathers; then will I set up thy seed after thee, who spoken unto thy servant this goodness; 29 And now shall proceed out of thy body, and I will establish his let it please thee and bless the house of thy servant. kingdom. 13 He it is that shall build a house for my that it may continue for ever before thee; for thou. O name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom. Lord Eternal, hast spoken it; and from thy blessing let for ever. 14 I too will be to him as a father, and he the house of thy servant be blessed for ever. shall indeed be to me as a son; so that when he committeth iniquity, I will chastise him with the rod of men, and with the plagues of the children of man; 15 But my kindness shall not depart from him, as I caused it to depart from Saul, whom I removed from before thee. 16 And thy house and thy kingdom shall be steadfast for ever before thee: thy throne shall be established for ever. 17 In accordance with all these words, and in accordance with all this vision, so did Nathan speak unto David. 18 Then went king David in, and sat down before the Lord, and he said. Who am I. O Lord Eternal? and what is my house, that thou hast brought me as far as hitherward? 19 And this was yet too small a thing in thine eyes, O Lord Eternal; and thou hast spoken also of thy servant's house for a distant time. And is this the desert of man. O Lord Eternal? 20 And what can David add vet more to speak unto thee? since thou, O Lord Eternal, knowest well thy servant? 21 For the sake of thy word, and in accordance with thy own heart, hast thou done all this great thing, so as to let thy servant know it. 22 Therefore art thou great, O Eternal God: for there is none like thee, and there is no God beside thee, in accordance with all that we have heard with

tabernacle, 7 In all the places where I moved about our ears, 23 And who is like thy people, like Israel.

**8** And it came to pass after this, that David smote the Philistines, and humbled them: and David took Methed-haammah out of the hand of the Philistines. 2 And he smote Moab, and measured them with a line, laying them down on the ground; and he measured with two lines to put to death, and with one full line to keep alive. And the Moabites became David's servants, bringing presents, 3 David smote also Hadad'ezer, the son of Rechob, the king of Zobah, as he went to extend his territory at the river Euphrates. 4 And David captured from him a thousand and seven hundred horsemen, and twenty thousand men on foot: and David hamstringed all the chariot-teams, but reserved of them a hundred chariot-teams. 5 And the Syrians of Damascus then came to aid Hadad'ezer, the king of Zobah, when David slew of the Syrians twenty and two thousand men. 6 And David put garrisons in Syria of Damascus: and the Syrians became servants to David, bearing presents. And the Lord helped David whithersoever he went. 7 And David took the shields of gold that belonged to the servants of Hadad'ezer, and brought them to Jerusalem. 8 And from Betach, and from

David reigned over all Israel; and David did what is table; and he was lame on both his feet. just and right unto all his people. 16 And Joab the son of Zeruyah was over the army; and Jehoshaphat the son of Achilud was recorder; 17 And Zadok the son of Achitub, and Achimelech the son of Ebyathar, were priests; and Serayah was scribe; 18 And Banayahu the son of Yehovada' was over both the Kerethites and the Pelethites; and David's sons were officers of state.

the house of Saul, that I may show him kindness for the sake of Jonathan? 2 And the house of Saul him unto David; and the king said unto him, Art thou Ziba? And be said, Thy servant [is it]. 3 And the of Saul, that I may show him the kindness of God! And Ziba said unto the king, There is yet a son of

Berothai, cities of Hadad'ezer, did king David take thy father, and I will restore unto thee all the land of exceedingly much copper. 9 And when To'i the king Saul thy father; and thou shalt eat bread at my table of Chamath heard that David had smitten all the host continually. 8 And he bowed himself, and said, What of Hadad'ezer. 10 Then did To'i send Yoram his son is thy servant, that thou shouldst turn thy regard unto unto king David, to ask him after his well-being, and such a dead dog as I am? 9 Then called the king for to bless him, because that he had fought against Ziba, Saul's servant, and said unto him, all that hath Hadad'ezer, and smitten him; for Hadad'ezer had pertained to Saul and to all his house have I given been engaged in wars with To'i; and he had in his hand unto thy master's son. 10 And thou shalt till for him vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and vessels of the land, thou, and thy sons, and thy servants, and copper: 11 These also did king David sanctify unto the thou shalt bring in [the product], that thy master's son Lord, with the silver and gold that he had sanctified may have bread which he can eat; but Mephibosheth from all the nations which he subdued; 12 From Syria, thy master's son shall eat continually bread at my and from Moab, and from the children of 'Ammon, table. Now Ziba had fifteen sons and twenty servants. and from the Philistines, and from 'Amalek, and from 11 And Ziba said unto the king, In accordance with all the spoil of Hadad'ezer, the son of Rechob, the king that my Lord the king may command his servant, so of Zobah. 13 And David acquired a name when he will thy servant do. And Mephibosheth [said the king] returned from his smiting the Syrians in the valley of shall eat at my table, as one of the king's sons. 12 And salt, eighteen thousand men. 14 And he put garrisons. Mephibosheth had a young son, whose name was in Edom; throughout all Edom put he garrisons, and Micha. And all that dwelt in the house of Ziba were all the Edomites became servants to David. And the servants unto Mephibosheth. 13 And Mephibosheth Lord helped David whithersoever he went. 15 And dwelt in Jerusalem; for he ate continually at the king's

 ${f 10}$  And it came to pass after this, that the king of the children of 'Ammon died, and Chanun his son reigned in his stead. 2 Then said David, I will show kindness unto Chanun the son of Nachash. as his father showed me kindness. And David sent to comfort him by the hand of his servants for his father. And David's servants came unto the land of the children of 'Ammon. 3 And the princes of the And David said, Is there yet any one that is left of children of 'Ammon said unto Chanun their Lord, Doth David honor thy father in thy eyes, that he hath sent comforters unto thee! hath David not sent his servants had a servant whose name was Ziba; and they called unto thee, in order to search the city, and to spy it out, and to overthrow it? 4 Chanun thereupon took David's servants, and shaved off the one-half of their beard, king said, Is there no one left any more of the house 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 [persons] to meet them, because Jonathan, lame on both feet. 4 And the king said the men were greatly ashamed; and the king said, unto him. Where is he? And Ziba said unto the king, Tarry at Jericho until your beard be grown, and then Behold, he is in the house of Machir, the son of return. 6 And when the children of 'Ammon saw that 'Ammiel, in Lo-debar. 5 And king David sent, and they were become in bad odor with David, the children had him taken out of the house of Machir, the son of of 'Ammon sent and hired the Syrians of Beth-rechob, 'Ammiel, from Lo-debar. 6 And Mephibosheth, the and the Syrians of Zoba, twenty thousand men on son of Jonathan, the son of Saul, came unto David, foot, and the king of Ma'achah with a thousand men, and he fell on his face, and bowed himself. And David and of the people of Tob twelve thousand men. 7 said. Mephibosheth; And he answered, Here is thy And when David heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the servant! 7 And David said unto him, Fear not; for I will army, [and] the mighty men. 8 And the children of surely show thee kindness for the sake of Jonathan 'Ammon came out, and put themselves in battle-array

at the entrance of the gate: and the Syrians of Zoba, this is Beth-sheba', the daughter of Eli'am, the wife and of Rechob, and the people of Tob and Ma'achah, of Uriyah the Hittite. 4 And David sent messengers, were by themselves in the field. 9 When now Joab and took her; and she came in unto him, and he lay saw that the front of the battle was against him before with her, and she had just purified herself from her and behind, he selected from all the chosen men of uncleanness; and she returned unto her house, 5 Israel, and arrayed himself against the Syrians: 10 And the woman conceived; and she sent and told And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand David, and said, I am with child. 6 And David sent of Abishai his brother, who arrayed himself against to Joab, Send unto me Uriyah the Hittite, And Joab the children of 'Ammon. 11 And he said, If the Syrians sent Uriyah to David. 7 And when Uriyah was come be too strong for me, then shalt thou bring me help; unto him, David asked after the well-being of Joab, but if the children of 'Ammon be too strong for thee, and after the well-being of the people, and how the then will I go to help thee. 12 Be strong, and let us war prospered. 8 And David said to Uriyah, Go down strengthen ourselves in behalf of our people, and in to thy house, and wash thy feet. And Urivah went behalf of the cities of our God; and may the Lord do forth out of the king's house, and there followed him a that which seemeth good in his eyes. 13 And Joab mess of food from the king. 9 But Urivah laid himself drew nigh, and the people that were with him, unto down at the door of the king's house with all the the battle against the Syrians; and they fled from servants of his lord, and went not down to his house. before him. 14 And when the children of 'Ammon 10 And they told David, saving, Urivah is not gone saw that the Syrians were fled, then did they also fly down unto his house: and David said unto Uriyah, Art before Abishai, and entered into the city. Joab then thou not come from a journey? why then art thou not returned from the children of 'Ammon, and came to gone down unto thy own house? 11 Then said Uriyah Jerusalem. 15 And when the Syrians saw that they unto David, The ark, and Israel, and Judah abide in were smitten before Israel, they gathered themselves booths; and my Lord Joab and the servants of my altogether. 16 And Hadar'ezer sent, and brought out Lord are encamped in the open field: and should I the Syrians that were beyond the river, and they came alone go unto my house, to eat and to drink, and to Chelam; and Shobach the captain of the army of to lie with my wife? as thou livest, and as thy soul Hadar'ezer went before them. 17 And when it was liveth, I will not do this thing. 12 And David said unto told to David, he gathered all Israel together, and Urivah, Tarry here also this day, and tomorrow will passed over the Jordan, and came to Chelam. And I send thee off. So Uriyah remained in Jerusalem the Syrians set themselves in battle-array against on that day and the following. 13 And David invited David, and fought with him. 18 And the Syrians fled him, and he ate and drank before him, and he made from before Israel; and David slew of the Syrians [the him drunken; and he went out in the evening to lie menl of seven hundred chariots, and forty thousand down on his resting-place with the servants of his horsemen; and Shobach also the captain of their lord; but to his house he did not go down. 14 And army he smote, and he died there. 19 And when all it came to pass in the morning, that David wrote a the kings, the vassals to Hadar'ezer saw that they letter to Joab, and sent it by the hand of Uriyah. 15 were smitten before Israel, they made peace with And he wrote in the letter, saving, Set Uriyah in front, Israel, and served them; and the Syrians feared to opposite to the hottest fight, and then withdraw from help the children of 'Ammon any more.

**11** And it came to pass, at the return of the same season of the year, at the time when kings go forth, that David sent Joab, and his servants with him, and all Israel; and they destroyed the children of 'Ammon, and besieged Rabbah. But David remained behind at Jerusalem. 2 And it happened at eveningtide, that David arose from off his couch, and walked upon the roof of the king's house; and he saw from the roof a woman bathing herself; and the woman was of a very beautiful appearance. 3 And David sent and inquired after the woman; and some one said, Behold,

behind him, that he may be smitten and die. 16 And it came to pass, when Joab was enclosing the city, that he placed Uriyah toward the spot of which he knew that valiant men were there. 17 And the men of the city went out and fought with Joab; and there fell some of the people, of the servants of David, and there died also Urivah the Hittite. 18 Then did Joab send, and told unto David all the events of the war. 19 And he charged the messenger, saying, When thou hast finished telling all the events of the war to the king. 20 And it happen that the king's wrath arise, and he say unto thee. Wherefore did you approach unto the city to fight? knew ye not, that they would shoot

down from off the wall? 21 Who smote Abimelech master into thy bosom, and gave unto thee the house the son of Yerubbesheth? did not a woman throw of Israel and Judah: and if this be too little, I could down upon him a piece of an upper mill-stone from bestow on thee yet many more like these things, 9 off the wall so that he died at Thebez? why did ve Wherefore hast thou despised the word of the Lord to approach unto the wall? then must thou say, Also do what is evil in his eyes? Urivah the Hittite hast thy servant Uriyah the Hittite is dead. 22 And the thou smitten with the sword, and his wife hast thou messenger went, and came and told unto David all taken unto thee for wife; but him hast thou slain with for which Joab had sent him. 23 And the messenger the sword of the children of 'Ammon, 10 And now, the said unto David, Because the men overpowered us sword shall not depart from thy house for ever; for the and came out against us into the field; but we set reason that thou hast despised me, and hast taken upon them, as far as the entrance of the gate. 24 And the wife of Uriyah the Hittite to be thy wife. 11 Thus the archers then shot at thy servants from off the wall; hath said the Lord, Behold, I will raise up against thee and there died some of the servants of the king, and evil out of thy own house, and I will take away thy also thy servant Urivah the Hittite is dead. 25 Then wives before thy eyes, and I will give them unto thy said David to the messenger. Thus shall thou say to neighbor; and he shall lie with thy wives before the Joab, Let this thing not be displeasing in thy eyes; for face of this sun. 12 For thou hast done it in secret; at times this, at other times the other will the sword but I will surely do this thing before all Israel, and devour; continue firmly in thy war against the city, and before the sun. 13 Then said David unto Nathan, I overthrow it: and thus do thou encourage him. 26 have sinned against the Lord. And Nathan said to And when the wife of Uriyah heard that Uriyah her David, Also the Lord hath caused thy sin to pass husband had died, she mourned for her lord. 27 And away: thou shalt not die. 14 Nevertheless, because when the [time of] mourning was past, David sent thou hast given great cause to the enemies of the and took her to his house, and she became his wife: Lord to blaspheme through this thing, the child also and she bore him a son. But the thing which David that hath been born unto thee shall surely die. 15 And had done was displeasing in the eyes of the Lord.

12 And the Lord sent Nathan unto David, and he came unto him and said to him, Two men were once in one city, the one rich and the other poor. 2 The rich man had flocks and herds, in great abundance. 3 But the poor man had nothing, save one little ewe, which he had bought; and he nourished it, and it grew up with him and with his children together; of his bread it used to eat, and out of his cup it used to drink, and in his bosom it used to lie, and it was to him as a daughter. 4 And there came a traveler unto the rich man; and he felt compunction to take from his own flocks and from his own herds to dress for the wayfarer that was come to him; but he took the ewe of the poor man, and dressed it for the man that was come to him. 5 And the anger of David was greatly kindled against the man; and he said to Nathan, As the Lord liveth, surely the man that hath done this deserveth to die; 6 And the ewe he shall pay fourfold, for punishment that he hath done this thing, and because he had no compassion. 7 Then said Nathan to David, Thou art the man! Thus hath said the Lord, the God of Israel, It is I who anointed thee as king over Israel, and it is I who delivered thee out of the hand of Saul; 8 And I gave unto thee the house of thy master, and [put] the wives of thy

Nathan went to his house: and the Lord struck the child that Urivah's wife had born unto David, that it became very sick. 16 And David besought God in behalf of the lad: and David kept a fast, and came home, and lay over night upon the earth. 17 And the elders of the house arose about him, to raise him up from the earth; but he would not, and he did not partake of any bread with them. 18 And it came to pass on the seventh day that the child died; and the servants of David were afraid to tell him, that the child was dead; for they said, Behold, while the child was yet alive, we spoke to him, and he would not hearken to our voice: how then shall we say to him, The child is dead! he might do [himself] a hurt. 19 But when David saw that his servants were whispering to each other, David understood that the child was dead; wherefore David said unto his servants, Is the child dead? and they said, he is dead. 20 David then rose up from the earth, and washed and anointed himself, and changed his garments, and went into the house of the Lord and prostrated himself; and then he came to his own house, and asked that they should set food before him, and he ate. 21 And his servants then said unto him. What is this thing which thou hast done? On account of the child when living thou didst fast and weep; but as soon as the child was dead thou didst arise and eat bread! 22 And he

said, While the child was yet alive, I fasted and wept; the king came to see him, Amnon said to the king, because I said, Who knoweth, but that the Lord will Let, I pray thee, Thamar my sister come, and mix up be gracious to me, that the child may live? 23 But before my eyes a couple of cakes, that I may enjoy now he is dead, wherefore should I fast then? can I them out of her hand, 7 Then did David send home to restore him again? I am going to him; but he will not Thamar, saying, Do go now to thy brother Amnon's return to me. 24 And David comforted Bath-sheba' his house, and prepare for him the refreshment. 8 So wife, and he went in unto her, and lay with her; and Thamar went to the house of Amnon her brother, she bore a son, and called his name Solomon; and and he was lying down; and she took the dough and the Lord loved him. 25 And he sent by the hand of kneaded, and mixed it up before his eyes, and baked Nathan the prophet, and called his name, Yedideyah the cakes; 9 And she took the pan, and poured them in behalf of the Lord. 26 And Joab fought against out before him; but he refused to eat; and Amnon Rabbah of the children of 'Ammon, and captured the said. Cause every man to go out from me; and they royal city. 27 And Joab sent messengers to David: went out, every man, from him, 10 And Amnon said and said. I have fought against Rabbah, and have to Thamar, Bring the refreshment into the chamber. also captured the water-town. 28 And now gather the that I may enjoy it out of thy hand. So Thamar took rest of the people together, and encamp against the the cakes which she had made, and brought them city, and capture it: lest I capture the city myself, and unto Amnon her brother into the chamber. 11 And it be called by my name. 29 And David gathered all when she had brought them near unto him to eat, he the people together and went to Rabbah, and fought took hold of her, and said unto her, Come, lie with against it, and captured it. 30 And he took the crown me, my sister. 12 But she said to him, No, my brother, of Malkam from off his head, and its weight was a do not violate me; for such a deed ought not to be talent of gold, and [on it was] a precious stone, and it done in Israel; do not this scandalous act! 13 And I, was set on the head of David; and the booty of the whither should I carry my shame? and as for thee, city he brought out in great abundance, 31 And the thou wouldst be like one of the worthless in Israel; but people that were therein he brought forward, and put now, O speak, I pray thee, unto the king, for he will them under saws, and under iron threshing-wagons, not withhold me from thee, 14 Nevertheless, he would and under axes of iron, and made them pass through not hearken unto her voice; but he overpowered her, brick-kilns: and thus did he unto all the cities of the and violated her, and lay with her. 15 Then did Amnon children of 'Ammon: and David returned with them hate her with a very great hatred: so that the hatred with all the people unto Jerusalem.

13 And it came to pass after this, that Abshalom the son of David had a handsome sister, whose name was Thamar: and Amnon the son of David loved her. 2 And Amnon worried himself so that he fell sick on account of Thamar his sister: for she was a virgin; and it was impossible in the eyes of Amnon to do her the least [harm]. 3 But Amnon had a friend, whose name was Yonadab, the son of Shim'ah, David's brother; and Yonadab was a very sensible man. 4 And he said to him. Why art thou so wasted. O prince, morning after morning? Wilt thou not tell me? Then said Amnon to him, Thamar the sister of Abshalom my brother do I love. 5 And Yonadab said to him. Lie down on thy couch, and feign thyself sick; and when thy father cometh to see thee, thou must say unto him, Let, I pray thee, Thamar my sister come, and give me some food, and prepare the refreshment before my eyes, in order that I may see it, and eat it out of her hand. 6 So Amnon lay down, and feigned himself sick; and when

with which he hated her was greater than the love with which he had loved her; and Amnon said unto her, Arise, be gone. 16 And she said unto him, [Do] not add this vet greater wrong than the other which thou hast done with me, to send me [now] away! But he would not listen to her; 17 And he called his young man, his servant, and said, Do send this woman away from me, into the street, and lock the door behind her. 18 And she had on a garment of divers colors: for thus were usually appareled the king's daughters when virgins, in robes; and his servant brought her out into the street, and locked the door behind her. 19 And Thamar put ashes on her head, and the garment of divers colors which was on her she rent: and she placed her hand on her head, and went away and cried as she went along. 20 Then said to her Abshalom her brother, Hath Amnon thy brother been with thee? but now, my sister, keep silence, he is thy brother, take this thing not to thy heart. So Thamar remained, and was secluded in the house of Abshalom her brother. 21 And when king David heard all these things, it displeased him greatly. 22 And

for Abshalom hated Amnon, because he had violated And [the soul of] king David longed to go forth unto Thamar his sister, 23 And it came to pass after two full Abshalom; for he was comforted concerning Amnon. vears, that Abshalom had sheep-shearers at Ba'alchazor, which is near Ephraim; and Abshalom invited all the king's sons. 24 And Abshalom came to the king, and said, Behold, now, thy servant hath sheepshearers; let the king. I pray thee, and his servants go with thy servant. 25 And the king said to Abshalom. No, my son, do not let us all go now, that we may not be a burden upon thee. And he urged him much, but he would not go, and he blessed him. 26 And Abshalom said, If not, let, I pray thee, Amnon my brother go with us. And the king said to him. Why should he go with thee? 27 But Abshalom urged him greatly, and he sent with him Amnon and all the sons of the king. 28 Now Abshalom commanded his servants, saying, Mark ye, I pray you, when Annon's heart is merry with wine, and I say unto you. Smite Amnon: then kill him, fear not; behold, it is I who command it you; be firm and show yourselves men of valor. 29 And the servants of Abshalom did unto Amnon as Abshalom had commanded. Then arose all the king's sons, and they rode off, every man on his mule, and fled, 30 And it happened, while they were on the way, that the report came to David. saying, Abshalom hath smitten all the king's sons, and there is not one of them left. 31 Then arose the king and rent his garments, and laid himself on the earth: and all his servants were standing by with their garments rent. 32 But Yonadab the son of Shim'ah, David's brother, commenced and said, Let not my Lord suppose that they have slain all the young men. the king's sons: since Amnon alone is dead; for by the command of Abshalom was this ordained from the day that he violated Thamar his sister. 33 And now let not my Lord the king take the thing to his heart. thinking, that all the king's sons are dead; for Amnon alone is dead. 34 And Abshalom flew away. And the young man that was watching lifted up his eyes, and looked, and behold, many people were coming by the way behind him, by the side of the mount. And Yonadab said to the king, The king's sons are come: according to the word of thy servant, so hath it come to pass. 36 And it happened, as he had just finished speaking, that, behold, the king's sons came, and they lifted up their voice and wept; and also the king and all his servants wept very much. 37 But Abshalom had fled; and he went to Talmai, the son of 'Ammihud, the king of Geshur: and [David] mourned for his son all the time. 38 So did Abshalom flv. and

Abshalom spoke not with Amnon either bad or good; go to Geshur, and he remained there three years. 39 that he was dead.

> 11 And when now Joab the son of Zeruvah perceived that the heart of the king was [turned] toward Abshalom: 2 Then sent Joab to Tekoa', and he fetched thence a wise woman, and said to her. Feign, I pray thee, as though thou mournest, and do put on mourning garments, and anoint thyself not with oil; but be as a woman that hath these many days been mourning for the dead. 3 And thou must come to the king and speak with him after these words: and Joab put the words into her mouth. 4 And the woman from Tekoa' spoke to the king, and fell on her face to the ground, and bowed herself, and said, Help, O king! 5 And the king said unto her. What aileth thee? And she said. Truly, I am a widow-woman: since my husband is dead. 6 And thy hand-maid had two sons. and they two guarreled together in the field, and there was no one between them to help [either]; so the one smote the other, and slew him. 7 And, behold. the whole family is risen up against thy handmaid, and they said, Give up the slayer of his brother, that we may have him put to death, for the life of his brother whom he hath killed; and we will destroy also the heir: and thus they will quench my coal which is remaining, so as not to allow to my husband either name or remainder upon the face of the earth. 8 And the king said unto the woman, Go to thy house, and I will issue [my] charge concerning thee. 9 Then said the woman of Tekoa unto the king. On me. my Lord. O king, be the iniquity, and on my father's house: and may the king and his throne be guiltless. 10 And the king said, Whosoever speaketh aught unto thee, bring him to me, and he shall not touch thee any more. 11 Then said she. Let the king. I pray thee. remember the Lord thy God, so as not to suffer the avenger of the blood to cause yet more destruction, and that they may not destroy my son. And he said, As the Lord liveth, there shall not fall one hair of thy son to the earth. 12 Then said the woman. Let thy hand-maid. I pray thee, speak unto my Lord the king one word. And he said, Speak on. 13 And the woman said, Wherefore then hast thou thought such a thing against the people of God? and since the king doth speak this thing, he is as a guilty man, if the king do not permit his banished one to return home. 14 For we must needs die, and are as water which is spilt on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again;

because the people made me afraid; and therefore would not come to him; and he sent again the second word of his hand-maid. 16 For the king may hear [me], mine, and he hath barley there; go and set it on fire. to deliver his hand-maid out of the hand of the man. And Abshalom's servants set the field on fire. 31 [that desireth] to exterminate me and my son together. Then did Joab arise, and he went to Abshalom unto said, May the word of my Lord the king now become servants set the field belonging to me on fire? 32 And [the means of giving] repose; for as an angel of God, Abshalom said to Joab, Behold, I had sent unto thee, so is my Lord the king to comprehend the good and saving. Come hither, that I may send thee to the king. the bad: and may the Lord thy God be with thee. 18 to say, Wherefore am I come from Geshur? it would Then answered the king and said unto the woman, be better for me were I vet there; and now let me Conceal not, I pray thee, from me a word concerning see the king's face; and if there be any iniquity in what I am going to ask thee. And the woman said, me, let him put me to death, 33 So Joab went to the Let my Lord the king but speak. 19 And the king said, king, and told it to him: and he called for Abshalom, Is not the hand of Joab with thee in all this? And the who came to the king, and bowed himself on his face woman answered and said, As thy soul liveth, my to the ground before the king; and the king kissed Lord, O king! none can turn to the right or to the left Abshalom. from all that my Lord the king hath spoken; for it was thy servant Joab who hath bidden me, and it was he that hath put in the mouth of thy hand-maid all these words. 20 In order to change the appearance 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 that is [done] on the earth. 21 And the king said unto Joab, Behold, now, thou hast done this thing: go then, bring back the young man Abshalom. 22 And Joab fell on his face to the ground, and bowed himself, and blessed the king: and Joab said. Today is thy servant convinced that I have found grace in thy eyes, my Lord, O king; since the king hath acted in accordance with the word of thy servant. 23 And Joab arose and went to Geshur. and brought Abshalom to Jerusalem. 24 And the king said. Let him repair to his own house, but my face he shall not see. So Abshalom repaired to his own house, but the king's face he did not see. 25 And like Abshalom there was no man as handsome in all Israel, so that he was greatly praised: from the sole of his foot up to the crown of his head there was no blemish on him. 26 And when he shaved off [the hair of his head [and it was at the end of every year that he shaved it off; because it was too heavy on him, so that he had to shave it off: I he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels by the king's weight. 27 And there was born unto Abshalom three sons and one daughter, whose name was Thamar:

and yet doth God not take away life; and he deviseth this one was a woman of handsome appearance. 28 thoughts, so that the banished one may not remain And Abshalom dwelt two full years in Jerusalem, and banished from him. 15 And now that I am come to the king's face he did not see. 29 Abshalom sent out speak unto my Lord the king of this thing. [happened] therefore for Joab, to send him to the king; but he thy hand-maid said, I will still speak unto the king; time; but he would not come. 30 He thereupon said perhaps the king may act [in accordance with] the unto his servants, See, Joab's field is alongside of out of the inheritance of God. 17 And thy hand-maid his house, and said unto him, Wherefore have thy

> 15 And it came to pass after this, that Abshalom provided for himself a chariot and horses, and fifty men who ran before him. 2 And Abshalom rose up early, and stood on the side of the way to the gate: and it happened, that whenever a man who had a controversy came to the king for judgment, Abshalom called to him, and said, From what city art thou? And he said, Thy servant is from one of the tribes of Israel, 3 And Abshalom said unto him. See, thy words are good and right; but no one listeneth to thee on the part of the king. 4 And Abshalom said, Oh, if there were but one to appoint me judge in the land, so that every man who may have any controversy or cause might come unto me, and I would do him iustice! 5 And it happened, that when a man came nigh to bow down to him, he used to put forth his hand, and laid hold of him, and kissed him. 6 And Abshalom did after this manner to all Israel that came to the king for judgment: and thus did Abshalom steal the heart of the men of Israel. 7 And it came to pass at the end of forty years, that Abshalom said unto the king, Let me go, I pray thee, and fulfill my vow, which I have vowed unto the Lord, at Hebron, 8 For thy servant vowed a vow while I abode at Geshur in Svria. saying, If the Lord will ever bring me back again to Jerusalem, then will I serve the Lord. 9 And the king said unto him, Go in peace: and he arose, and went to Hebron. 10 But Abshalom sent spies throughout

sound of the cornet, then shall ye say, Abshalom is it, and his dwelling; 26 But if he should thus say, I two hundred men out of Jerusalem, who were invited, seemeth good in his eyes, 27 The king said also unto and going in their simplicity; and they knew of nothing Zadok the priest, If thou see the justice of this, return whatever. 12 And Abshalom sent for Achithophel the to the city in peace: and your two sons, Achima'az while he offered the sacrifices. And the conspiracy you. 28 See, I will tarry in the plain of the wilderness, became strong; and the people increased continually until there come word from you to bring me news. with Abshalom. 13 And there came a news-bearer 29 Zadok therefore and Ebyathar carried the ark of servants that were with him at Jerusalem, Arise, and Olives, weeping as he went up, and had his head let us flee; for there will not [else] be any escape for covered, and he was walking barefoot: and all the us from Abshalom: make haste, to depart, lest he people that were with him covered every man his make haste and overtake us suddenly and overwhelm head, and they went up, weeping as they went up. us with evil, and smite the city with the edge of the 31 And some one told David, saying, Achithophel is sword. 15 And the king's servants said unto the king, among the conspirators with Abshalom, And David choose, are thy servants ready. 16 And the king went Achithophel, O Lord! 32 And it came to pass, that, forth, and all his household in his train. And the king when David was come to the top, where he used to left behind ten women, who were concubines, to bow himself down to God, behold, Chushai the Arkite and all the Gittites, six hundred men, who were come Abshalom, Thy servant will I be, O king; thy father's 19 Then said the king to Ittai the Gittite, Wherefore will I also be thy servant: then mightest thou defeat wilt thou also go with us? turn back and abide with for me the counsel of Achithophel. 35 And, behold, the king; for thou art a stranger, and also an exile thou hast with thee there Zadok and Ebyathar the from thy place. 20 Yesterday thou camest; and today priests; therefore shall it be, that what thing soever should I move thee about with us to wander? seeing thou mayest hear out of the king's house, shalt thou that I go whither I may: return thou, and take back thy tell to Zadok and Ebyathar the priests. 36 Behold, brethren with thee, in kindness and truth. 21 And Ittai they have there with them their two sons. Achima'az my Lord the king may be, whether for death or for life, can hear, 37 So Chushai, David's friend, came into even there will thy servant be. 22 And David said then the city, as Abshalom had just resolved to enter into to Ittai, Go and pass on. And Ittai the Gittite passed Jerusalem. on, and all his men, and all the little ones that were with him. 23 And all the [people of the] country wept with a loud voice, as all the people passed on: and the king passed over the brook Kidron, and all the people passed over, along the way to the wilderness. 24 And Io, Zadok also, and all the Levites with him, were bearing the ark of the covenant of God; and they set down the ark of God; and Ebvathar went up, until all the people had finished 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 the

all the tribes of Israel, saying, When ye hear the Lord, he will bring me back again, and show me both become king at Hebron. 11 And with Abshalom went have no delight in thee: here am I, let him do to me as Gilomite, David's counsellor, from his city, from Giloh, thy son, and Jonathan the son of Ebyathar, are with to David, saying, the heart of the men of Israel is God again to Jerusalem: and they remained there. 30 turned after Abshalom. 14 And David said unto all his And David went up by the ascent of the mount of In accordance with all that my Lord the king may said, I pray thee, turn into foolishness the counsel of guard the house. 17 And the king went forth, and all came to meet him with his coat rent, and earth upon the people in his train, and tarried in a place that was his head. 33 And David said unto him, If thou passest far off. 18 And all his servants passed on alongside of on with me, thou wouldst be a burden unto me; 34 him, and all the Kerethites, and all the Pelethites: But if thou shouldst return to the city, and say unto in his train from Gath, passed on before the king, servant have I been this long time past, and now answered the king, and said, As the Lord liveth, and for Zadok, and Jonathan for Ebyathar: and ye shall as my Lord the king liveth, surely in whatever place send by means of them unto me whatever thing ye

> 16 And when David was passed a little beyond the top [of the mount], behold, Ziba the servant of Mephibosheth came toward him, with a couple of asses saddled, and upon them two hundred loaves of bread, and a hundred bunches of raisins, and a hundred [cakes] of dried figs, and a bottle of wine. 2 And the king said unto Ziba, What meanest thou with these? And Ziba said, The asses are for the king's household to ride on: and the bread and the dried figs for the young men to eat; and the wine to

And the king said, And where is thy master's son? served in thy father's presence, so will I be in thy And Ziba said unto the king, Behold, he remaineth presence. 20 Then said Abshalom to Achithophel. at Jerusalem; for he said. Today will the house of Hold counsel among yourselves as to what we shall Israel restore unto me the kingdom of my father, 4 do. 21 And Achithophel said unto Abshalom. Go in Then said the king to Ziba, Behold, thine shall be all unto thy father's concubines, whom he hath left to that pertaineth unto Mephibosheth. And Ziba said, I guard the house; and all Israel will hear that thou prostrate myself; let me but find grace in thy eyes, my art in bad odor with thy father; and then will the Lord, O king, 5 And when King David came as far as hands of all that are with thee become strong, 22 Bachurim, behold, there came out thence a man of So they spread for Abshalom a tent upon the roof; the family of the house of Saul, whose name was and Abshalom went in unto his father's concubines Shim'i, the son of Gera, coming forth, and cursing, 6 before the eyes of all Israel, 23 And the counsel of And he cast stones at David, and at all the servants. Achithophel, which he counseled in those days, was of king David; and all the people and all the mighty as if a man had asked advice of the word of God; so men were on his right and on his left. 7 And thus said was all the counsel of Achithophel both with David Shim'i as he cursed, Away, away, thou man of blood, and with Abshalom. and thou worthless man! 8 The Lord hath brought back upon thee all the blood of the house of Saul. in whose stead thou didst reign; and the Lord hath placed the kingdom into the hand of Abshalom thy son; and, behold, thou art now in thy misfortune, because a man of blood art thou. 9 Then said Abishai the son of Zeruvah unto the king. Why should this dead dog curse my Lord the king? let me go over. I pray thee, and remove his head. 10 And the king said. What have I to do with you, ve sons of Zeruvah? so let him curse; because the Lord hath said unto him, Curse David. Who shall then say. Wherefore hast thou done so? 11 And David said to Abishai, and to all his servants. Behold, my son, who hath come forth out of my own body, seeketh my life: how much more now this Benjamite? let him alone, and let him curse; for the Lord hath said it to him. 12 Perhaps the Lord will look on my affliction, and the Lord will requite me good instead of his cursing this day. 13 And David and his men went [thus] on the way. And Shim'i went on the side of the mount opposite to him, and cursed as he went, and threw stones toward him, and cast dust. 14 And the king, and all the people that were with him, arrived weary, and refreshed themselves there. 15 And Abshalom, and all the people the men of Israel, came to Jerusalem, and Achithophel [also] with him. 16 And it came to pass, when Chushai the Arkite, David's friend, was come unto Abshalom, that Chushai said unto Abshalom. Long live the king! Long live the king! 17 And Abshalom said to Chushai, Is this thy kindness for thy friend? why art thou not gone with thy friend? 18 And Chushai said unto Abshalom. No: but whom the Lord, and this people, and all the men of Israel have chosen, his will I be, and with him will I remain. 19 And secondly, who is it whom I shall

drink for such as may be faint in the wilderness. 3 serve? is it not in the presence of his son? as I have

**17** Moreover Achithophel said unto Abshalom, Do let me now select 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 weakhanded, and will terrify him; so that all the people that are with him will flee; and I will smite the king alone; 3 And I will bring back all the people unto thee: when all return [except] the man whom thou seekest. all the people will be in peace. 4 And the thing was pleasing in the eyes of Abshalom, and in the eyes of all the elders of Israel. 5 Then said Abshalom. Do call now also Chushai the Arkite, and let us hear what he likewise beareth in his mouth. 6 And when Chushai was come to Abshalom. Abshalom said unto him. as followeth. Such words as these hath Achithophel spoken: shall we do after his words? if not, do thou speak. 7 And Chushai said unto Abshalom, The counsel that Achithophel hath given at this time is not good. 8 And Chushai said, Thou well knowest thy father and his men, that they are mighty men, and are of an embittered spirit, as a bear robbed of her whelps in the field: and thy father is also a man of war, and will not lodge with the people. 9 Behold, he is now hidden in some one of the pits, or in some one of the fother] places; and it will come to pass, when some of them should fall at the first onset, that whosoever heareth it would say. There hath been slaughter among the people that follow Abshalom. 10 And he also that is most valiant, whose heart is as the heart of the lion, would become guite discouraged; for all Israel knoweth that thy father is a mighty man, and they who are with him are valiant persons. 11 But I counsel that all Israel be gathered together unto thee, from Dan even to Beer-sheba'.

of Israel; and thus and thus have I counseled. 16 said. The people are hungry, and weary, and thirsty. Now therefore send quickly, and tell David, saying, in the wilderness. Lodge not this night in the plains of the wilderness, but rather pass over at once; lest the king be entirely ruined, and all the people that are with him. 17 Now Jonathan and Achima'az were staving by 'En-rogel: and a maid-servant had to go and tell them, that they should go and tell king David; for they dared not be seen to come into the city. 18 Nevertheless a lad saw them, and told it to Abshalom; but they went, both of them, quickly away, and came to the house of a man in Bachurim, who had a well in his court; and they went down thither. 19 And the wife took and spread a covering over the well's mouth, and scattered ground corn thereupon; so that nothing was perceived. 20 And Abshalom's servants came to the woman into the house, and they said. Where are Achima'az and Jonathan? And the woman said unto them. They are passed over the brook of water. And they sought, but could not find them; and they returned to Jerusalem. 21 And it came to pass, after they were gone, that they came up out of the well. and went and told it to king David, and they said unto David, Arise, and pass guickly over the water; for thus hath Achithophel counseled against you. Then did David arise, and all the people that were with him, and they passed over the Jordan; by the time the morning was light, not even one was lacking who had not passed over the Jordan. 23 And when Achithophel saw that his counsel was not followed, he saddled the ass, and arose, and went home to his house, to his city, and gave his charge to his household, and hanged himself; and he died, and was buried in the sepulchre of his father. 24 Then

like the sand that is by the sea in multitude: while came David to Machanayim: and Abshalom passed thou in thy own person goest into the fight. 12 And over the Jordan, he and all the men of Israel with him. when we come upon him in some one of the places 25 And Abshalom placed 'Amassa instead of Joab as where he may be found, we will encamp around him captain over the army; and 'Amassa was the son of as the dew falleth on the earth; and there shall not be a man, whose name was Yithra the Israelite, who left of him and of all the men that are with him so had gone in to Abigal the daughter of Nachash, the much as one. 13 And if he should withdraw into a city, sister of Zeruyah Joab's mother. 26 And Israel and then shall all Israel bring ropes to that city, and we Abshalom encamped in the land of Gil'ad. 27 And it will drag it into the stream, until there be not found came to pass, when David was come to Machanayim, there even one small stone. 14 And Abshalom and all that Shobi the son of Nachash of Rabbah of the the men of Israel said, The counsel of Chushai the children of 'Ammon, and Machir the son of 'Ammiel of Arkite is better than the counsel of Achithophel. But Lo-debar, and Barzillai the Gil'adite of Rogelim, 28 the Lord had ordained to frustrate the good counsel Brought beds, and bowls, and earthen vessels, and of Achithophel, to the intent that the Lord might bring wheat, and barley, and flour, and parched corn, and the evil upon Abshalom. 15 Then said Chushai unto beans, and lentils, and parched pulse. 29 And honey. Zadok and to Ebyathar the priests. Thus and thus and cream, and sheep, and cow's cheese, for David, did Achithophel counsel Abshalom and the elders and for the people that were with him, to eat; for they

> 18 And David numbered the people that were with him, and he set over them captains of thousands and captains of hundreds. 2 And David sent forth the people a third part under the command of Joab, and a third part under the command of Abishai the son of Zeruyah, Joab's brother, and a third part under the command of Ittai the Gittite. And the king said unto the people, I myself also will without fail go forth with you. 3 But the people said, Thou shalt not go forth; for if we should have to flee away, they will not care for us; and if half of us die, they will not care for us; for now thou art worth ten thousand of us: therefore now it is better that thou shouldst be a succor to us out of the city. 4 And the king said unto them, What seemeth good in your eyes will I do. And the king placed himself by the side of the gate, 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, with Abshalom. And all the people heard when the king charged all the captains with respect to Abshalom. 6 So the people went out into the field against Israel; and the battle took place in the forest of Ephraim. 7 And the people of Israel were smitten there before David's servants, and the slaughter was great there on that day—twenty thousand men. 8 And the battle became extended there over the face of all the country: and the forest devoured yet more of the people than the sword had devoured on that day. 9 And Abshalom happened to come before the servants of David. And Abshalom was riding upon a

a great oak, and his head caught hold of the oak, gates: and the watchman went up to the roof of the and he was left hanging between the heaven and the gate, upon the wall, and as he lifted up his eyes. earth; and the mule that was under him passed on, he saw, and behold, a man was running alone, 25 10 And a certain man saw, and told it to Joab, and And the watchman cried, and told it to the king. And said, Behold, I have seen Abshalom hanging on an the king said, If he be alone, there are tidings in his oak. 11 And Joab said unto the man that told him, mouth. And he came nearer and nearer continually. And, behold, thou sawest him: why then didst thou 26 And the watchman saw another man running: not smite him there to the ground? and it would have and the watchman called unto the gate-keeper, and been obligatory on me to give thee ten shekels of said, Behold, here is a man running alone. And the silver and a girdle. 12 And the man said unto Joab, king said, Also this one bringeth tidings. 27 And the And though I should weigh on my hands a thousand watchman said, I regard the running of the foremost shekels of silver. I would not stretch forth my hand as the running of Achima'az the son of Zadok. And the against the king's son; for before our ears did the king king said. That is a good man, and with good tidings charge thee and Abishai and Ittai, saving. Take heed, must be come, 28 And Achima'az called, and said whoever it be, of the young man, of Abshalom. 13 Or unto the king, Peace. And he prostrated himself to should I even have acted with falsehood against my the king with his face to the earth, and said, Blessed own life, since there is no matter which can be hidden be the Lord thy God, who hath surrendered the men from the king; thou wouldst surely have placed thyself that had lifted up their hand against my Lord the king. aloof. 14 Then said Joab, I will not wait thus before 29 And the king said, Is the young man Abshalom thee. And he took three darts in his hand, and thrust safe? And Achima'az answered, I saw the greatest them into the heart of Abshalom, who was yet alive in crowd when Joab sent off the king's servant, and thy the midst of the oak, 15 And ten young men. Joab's servant; but I know not what hath happened, 30 And armor-bearers, encompassed and smote Abshalom, the king said, Turn aside, place thyself here. And he and slew him. 16 And Joab blew the cornet, and the turned aside, and remained standing. 31 And, behold, people returned from pursuing after Israel; for Joab the Cushi came [next]; and the Cushi said. Let my restrained the people. 17 And they took Abshalom, lord the king receive the tidings, that the Lord hath and cast him down in the forest, into the large pit, done thee justice this day from the power of all those and erected upon him a very great heap of stones: that had risen up against thee. 32 And the king said and all Israel fled, every one, to his tents. 18 Now unto the Cushi, Is the young man Abshalom safe? Abshalom had taken and reared up for himself in And the Cushi answered, May like the young man be his lifetime, the pillar, which is in the king's dale; for the enemies of my Lord the king, and all that have he said. I have no son, so as to keep my name in risen up against thee for evil, 33 And the king was remembrance; and he called the pillar after his own much moved, and he went up to the upper chamber name: and it was called Abshalom's monument, even of the gate, and wept: and thus he said as he went, O until this day. 19 And Achima'az the son of Zadok my son Abshalom, my son, my son Abshalom! who said. Do let me run, I pray thee, and bear the king would grant that I had died in thy stead, O Abshalom, tidings, that the Lord hath done him justice from the my son, my son! power of his enemies. 20 And Joab said unto him. Thou art not the man to bear [good] tidings this day, and 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 Cushi, Go tell the king what thou hast seen, And Cushi bowed himself unto Joab, and ran. 22 Then said Achima'az the son of Zadok yet again to Joab, Be it as it may, let me, I pray thee, run also after the Cushi. And Joab said, Wherefore is it that thou wilt run, my son, seeing that thou hast no profitable tidings? 23 But be it as it may, let me run. And he said unto him. Run. And Achima'az ran by the way of the plain, and passed

mule, and the mule came under the thick boughs of the Cushi. 24 And David was sitting between the two

19 And it was told unto Joab, Behold, the king is weeping and he mourneth for Abshalom. 2 And the victory on that day was turned into mourning unto all the people; for the people heard it said on that day, that the king was grieved for his son. 3 And the people repaired by stealth on that day when coming into the city, as usually steal away the people who are ashamed when they flee in battle. 4 But the king covered his face, and the king cried with a loud voice, O my son Abshalom, O Abshalom, my son, my son! 5 And Joab came to the king, into the house, and said, Thou hast covered with shame this

day the faces of all thy servants, who have saved of Gera fell down before the king, as he was passing

thy life this day, and the life of thy sons and of thy over the Jordan; 19 And he said unto the king, Let daughters, and the life of thy wives, and the life of thy not my Lord impute it unto me as iniquity, neither concubines: 6 Since thou lovest thy enemies, and do thou remember that in which thy servant acted hatest thy friends: for thou hast declared this day, that perversely on the day that my Lord the king went thou hast neither princes nor servants; for I perceive forth out of Jerusalem, so that the king should lay it to this day, that if Abshalom were but alive, and we all his heart. 20 For thy servant doth know that I have were dead this day, that then it would have been indeed sinned; and, behold, I am come this day the just right in thy eyes. 7 And now arise, go forth, and first of all the house of Joseph to go down to meet speak to the heart of thy servants; for by the Lord my Lord the king. 21 But Abishai the son of Zeruyah have I sworn, that if thou go not forth, there shall spoke out and said, Shall Shim'i for this not be put to not remain one man with thee this night: and this death, because he cursed the Lord's anointed? 22 would be worse unto thee than all the evil that hath And David said, What have I to do with you, ye sons befallen thee from thy youth until now. 8 Then the of Zeruyah, that ye should become a hindrance this king arose, and sat in the gate. And they told it unto day unto me? shall this day any man be put to death all the people, saying, Behold, the king is sitting in in Israel? for do I not know that this day I am king the gate. And all the people came before the king; over Israel? 23 And the king said unto Shim'i, Thou but Israel fled, every man to his tents, 9 And all the shalt not die, And the king swore unto him, 24 And people were contending throughout all the tribes of Mephibosheth the [grand] son of Saul came down to Israel, saying, The king hath saved us out of the hand meet the king, and he had not dressed his feet, nor of our enemies, and he it was that hath delivered trimmed his beard, nor washed his clothes, from the us out of the hand of the Philistines; and now he is day that the king departed until the day that he came fled out of the land from before Abshalom. 10 And home in peace. 25 And it came to pass, when he Abshalom, whom we had anointed over us, died in was come to Jerusalem to meet the king, that the battle: and now why are ye silent about bringing the king said unto him, Wherefore didst thou not go with king back? 11 And king David sent to Zadok and me, Mephibosheth? 26 And he answered, My Lord, O to Ebyathar the priests, saying, Speak ye unto the king, my servant deceived me; for thy servant said, I elders of Judah, saving. Why will you be the last to will saddle for me the ass, that I may ride thereon. bring the king back to his house? seeing the speech and go with the king; because thy servant is lame. 27 of all Israel is already come to the king, to his house. And he slandered thy servant unto my Lord the king; 12 My brothers are ye, my bone and my flesh are but my Lord the king is like an angel of God: do then ye: wherefore then will you be the last to bring back what is good in thy eyes. 28 For all of my father's the king? 13 And to 'Amassa shall ye say, Art thou house were nothing but men deserving death with not my bone and my flesh? May God do so to me, my Lord the king: and yet didst thou set thy servant and may he thus continue to do, if thou shalt not be among those that eat at thy own table. What other captain of the army before me continually in the room merit therefore have I, and what to complain of yet of Joab. 14 And he turned the heart of all the men farther unto the king? 29 And the king said unto him, of Judah, as of one man: and these sent unto the For what purpose speakest thou yet thy words? I king. Return thou, with all thy servants. 15 So the have said. Thou and Ziba shall divide the field. 30 And king returned, and came as far as the Jordan; and Mephibosheth said unto the king, Yea, let him take Judah came to Gilgal, to go forth to meet the king, to the whole, since that my Lord the king is come [back] conduct the king over the Jordan. 16 Then hastened in peace unto his own house. 31 And Barzillai the Shim'i the son of Gera, the Benjamite, who was of Gil'adite came down from Rogelim; and he passed Bachurim, and went down with the men of Judah over the Jordan with the king, to accompany him over to meet king David. 17 And there were with him a the Jordan. 32 Now Barzillai was very aged, eighty thousand men of Benjamin, and Ziba the servant years old: and he had sustained the king while he of the house of Saul, and his fifteen sons and his lay at Machanayim; for he was a very great man. 33 twenty servants with him; and they set hastily over And the king said unto Barzillai, Come thou over with the Jordan before the king. 18 And there went over me, and I will sustain thee near me in Jerusalem. 34 the ferry-boat to carry over the king's household, and But Barzillai said unto the king, How many yet are to do what was good in his eyes. And Shim'i the son the days of the years of my life, that I should go up

with the king to Jerusalem? 35 I am eighty years until the day of their death, living in widowhood. 4 old this day: can I discern between good and evil? Then said the king to 'Amassa, Call together for me or can thy servant taste what I eat or what I drink? the men of Judah within three days, and thou present or can I listen yet to the voice of singing men and thyself here [then]. 5 So 'Amassa went to call Judah singing women? wherefore then should thy servant together; but he remained out longer than the set time become yet a burden unto my Lord the king? 36 Thy which he had appointed him. 6 And David said to servant will pass a little way over the Jordan with Abishai, Now will Sheba' the son of Bichri do us more the king; and why should the king recompense me harm than [did] Abshalom; take thou the servants of with this reward? 37 Let thy servant, I pray thee, thy Lord, and pursue after him, lest he succeed in turn back again, that I may die in my own city, by reaching fortified cities, and withdraw himself from the sepulchre of my father and of my mother. But, our eyes. 7 And there went out after him Joab's men, behold, thy servant Kimham will pass over with my and the Kerethites, and the Pelethites, and all the Lord the king; and do to him what is good in thy eyes. mighty men: and they went forth out of Jerusalem, 38 And the king said. Kimham shall pass over with to pursue after Sheba' the son of Bichri. 8 They me, and I will do to him that which shall seem good in were close by the great stone which is at Gib'on, as thy eyes: and whatsoever thou wilt desire of me, will I 'Amassa came before them. And Joab was girded do for thee. 39 And all the people passed over the with his coat, his [usual] garment, and upon it the Jordan, after the king had passed over; and the king girdle of the sword which was fastened upon his loins kissed Barzillai, and blessed him; and he returned in its sheath; and as he went forth it fell out. 9 And unto his own place. 40 Then did the king pass on to Joab said to 'Amassa, Art thou in health, my brother? Gilgal, and Kimham passed on with him: and all the And Joab's right hand took hold of 'Amassa's beard people of Judah conducted the king, and also half the to kiss him. 10 And 'Amassa did not guard himself people of Israel, 41 And, behold, all the men of Israel against the sword that was in Joab's hand; so he came to the king, and said unto the king, Why have smote him therewith in the fifth rib and shed out his our brethren the men of Judah stolen thee away, and bowels to the ground, and struck him not again; and have conducted the king and his household over the he died. But Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Jordan, and all David's men with him? 42 And all the after Sheba' the son of Bichri. 11 And one man of men of Judah replied to the men of Israel, Because Joab's people remained standing by him, and said. the king is near of kin to us: wherefore then are ye so He that favoreth Joab, and he that is for David, follow angry for this matter? have we eaten the least from Joab. 12 And 'Amassa was wallowing in his blood in the king? or hath he given us any gift? 43 And the the midst of the highway. And when the man saw that men of Israel answered the men of Judah, and said, all the people stood still, he put 'Amassa aside out Ten parts have we in the king, and also in David have of the highway into the field, and threw a garment we more right than ve: why then did ve esteem us over him, when he saw that every one that came lightly? and was not our word the very first to bring by him stood still. 13 When he was removed out of back our king? And the words of the men of Judah the highway, every man passed on after Joab, to were fiercer than the words of the men of Israel.

**2** And there happened to be a worthless man. whose name was Sheba', the son of Bichri, a Benjamite: and he blew the cornet, and said. We have no part in David, nor have we any inheritance in the son of Jesse: every man to his tents, O Israel! 2 So every man of Israel went off from David, following Sheba' the son of Bichri; but the men of Judah adhered 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, the concubines, whom he had left to guard the house, and put them in a guard-house, and provided for them, but went not in unto them. So they were confined

pursue after Sheba' the son of Bichri. 14 And this one passed through all the tribes of Israel unto Abel. which is of Beth-ma'achah, and all the Berim: and they assembled themselves together, and went also after him. 15 And they came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-ma'achah, and they cast up a trench against the city, and it stood enclosed by the troops: and all the people that were with Joab were battering to throw down the wall. 16 Then called a wise woman out of the city, Hear, hear: say, I pray you, unto Joab, Come near as far as hither, that I may speak with thee. 17 And when he was come near unto her, the woman said. Art thou Joab? And he said. I am. Then said she unto him. Hear the words of thy hand-maid. And he said, I do hear. 18 Then said she, thus, They

ought surely first to have spoken, saying, "Let them of Jonathan the son of Saul, because of the Lord's 'Ira also the Yairite was an officer of state unto David.

21 And there was a famine in the days of David three years, year after year; and David besought the presence of the Lord, And the Lord said, On account of Saul, and on account of the house of blood, is this; because he hath slain the Gib'onites. 2 And the king called for the Gib'onites, and said unto them: [now the Gib'onites are not of the children of Israel, but of the remnant of the Emorites; and the children of Israel had sworn unto them; but Saul had sought to slav them in his zeal for the children of Israel in Judah: ] 3 Wherefore David said unto the Gib'onites, What shall I do for you? and wherewith shall I make the atonement, that ve may bless the inheritance of the Lord? 4 And the Gib'onites said unto him. We have no concern of silver or gold with Saul and with his house: nor do we wish to kill any man in Israel. And he said, What ye say, will I do for you. 5 And they said to the king. The man that consumed us, and that devised against us that we should be destroyed, so that we should have no footing in all the boundaries of Israel. 6 Let there be delivered unto us seven men of his sons, and we will hang them up unto the Lord in Gib'ah of Saul, the chosen of the Lord. And the king said, I will give them. 7 But the king had pity on Mephibosheth, the son

ask at least in Abel:" and so would they have come oath that was between them, between David and to an end. 19 I am one of the peaceful and faithful Jonathan the son of Saul. 8 And the king took the Icities in Israel: thou seekest to overthrow a city two sons of Rizpah the daughter of Avah, whom she and a metropolis in Israel: why wilt thou destroy the had born unto Saul, Armoni and Mephibosheth; and inheritance of the Lord? 20 And Joab answered and the five sons of Michal the daughter of Saul, whom said, Far be it, far be it from me, that I should destroy she had brought up for 'Adriel the son of Barzillai or ruin. 21 The matter is not so; but a man from the the Mecholathite: 9 And he delivered them into the mountains of Ephraim, Sheba' the son of Bichri is hand of the Gib'onites, and they hanged them on the his name, hath lifted up his hand against the king, mount before the Lord; and they fell, these seven, against David: give him up alone, and I will withdraw together; and they were put to death in the first days from the city. And the woman said unto Joab, Behold, of harvest, in the beginning of the barley-harvest. 10 his head shall be cast down to thee over the wall. And Rizpah the daughter of Ayah took sackcloth, 22 And the woman came unto all the people with and spread out it for herself upon the rock, from the her wisdom; and they cut off the head of Sheba' the beginning of the harvest until water dropped down son of Bichri, and cast it down to Joab: and he blew upon them out of heaven, and she suffered neither the cornet, and they scattered themselves from the the birds of heaven to rest on them by day, nor the city, every man to his tents. And Joab returned to beasts of the field by night, 11 And it was told to David Jerusalem unto the king. 23 Now Joab was over all what Rizpah the daughter of Ayah, the concubine of the army of Israel; and Benayah the son of Yehoyada' Saul, had done. 12 And David then went and took the was over the Kerethites and over the Pelethites; 24 bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son from And Adoram was over the tribute; and Jehoshaphat the men of Yabeshqil'ad, who had stolen them from the son of Achilud was recorder: 25 And Sheva was the market-place of Bethshan, where the Philistines scribe; and Zadok and Ebyathar were priests; 26 And had hanged them up, at the time the Philistines had smitten Saul at Gilboa': 13 And he brought up from there the bones of Saul and the bones of Jonathan his son; and they gathered up the bones of those that had been hanged. 14 And they buried the bones of Saul and Jonathan his son in the country of Benjamin at Zela', in the sepulchre of Kish his father: and they performed all that the king had commanded. And after that God was entreated for the land. 15 And the Philistines had again a war with Israel; and David went down, and his servants with him, and fought against the Philistines: and David became fatigued. 16 And Yishbi at Nob, who was of the children of the Raphah, the weight of whose spear was three hundred shekels of copper, he being girded with a new armor, thought to slav David. 17 But Abishai the son of Zeruyah succored him, and smote the Philistine, and killed him. Then swore the men of David unto him, saying, Thou shalt go out no more with us to battle, that thou mayest not quench the lamp of Israel. 18 And it came to pass after this, that there was again a battle at Gob, with the Philistines: then smote Sibbechai the Chushathite Saph, who was of the children of the Raphah. 19 And there was again a battle at Gob with the Philistines, when Elchanan the son of Ya'are-oregim, the Bethlechemite, slew Goliath the Gittite, the staff of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 20 And there was again a battle in

Gath, where was a man of [great] stature, that had on hands did he recompense me. 22 For I had kept the servants.

**22** And David spoke unto the Lord the words of this song, and on the day that the Lord had delivered him out of the hand of all his enemies. and out of the hand of Saul. 2 And he said, Lord, my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; 3 God, my rock. in whom I trust; my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my high tower, and my refuge, my saviour! from violence dost thou save me! 4 Praised, I cried. be the Lord, and from my enemies was I saved. 5 For the waves of death encompassed me, the floods of destruction made me afraid: 6 The bonds of hell encircled me, the snares of death seized on me: (Sheol h7585) 7 [When] in my distress I called upon the Lord, and to my God I cried; and he heard from his temple my voice, and my complaint [entered] into his ears. 8 Then shook and trembled the earth; the foundations of the heavens were moved; and they shook, because he was wroth. 9 Smoke went up in his anger, and consuming fire out of his mouth, coals flamed forth from him. 10 And he bent the heavens, and came down, and thick darkness was under his feet. 11 And he rode upon a cherub, and flew along, and he was seen upon the wings of the wind. 12 And he made darkness round about him into pavilions, heavy masses of waters, thick clouds of the skies. 13 From the brightness before him flamed forth coals of fire. 14 The Lord thundered from heaven, and the Most High uttered forth his voice. 15 And he sent out arrows, and scattered them; lightning, and discomfited them. 16 And then were seen the channels of the sea, there were laid open the foundations of the world; at the rebuke of the Lord, through the blast of the breath of his nostrils. 17 He stretched out from above [his hand], he took me; he drew me out from the mighty waters. 18 He delivered me from my enemy, the strong, from those that hated me, when they were too mighty for me. 19 They overcame me on the day of my calamity; but the Lord became my stay: 20 And he brought me forth into a large space: he delivered me, because he had delight in me. 21 The Lord rewarded me according to my righteousness: according to the purity of my

every hand six fingers, and on every foot six toes, lin ways of the Lord, and had not wickedly departed from all four and twenty in number; and he also was born my God. 23 For all his ordinances were before me. to the Raphah. 21 And he defied Israel: but Jonathan and from none of his statutes did I depart. 24 I was the son of Shim'ah, the brother of David, slew him. 22 also upright toward him, and I guarded myself against These four were born to the Raphah in Gath; and my iniquity. 25 Therefore did the Lord recompense they fell by the hand of David, and by the hand of his me according to my righteousness, according to my purity before his eyes. 26 With the kind thou wilt show thyself kind: with the upright mighty man thou wilt show thyself upright. 27 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the perverse thou wilt wage a contest. 28 And the afflicted people thou wilt save: but thy eves are upon the haughty. [that] thou mayest bring [them] down. 29 For thou art my lamp. O Lord! and the Lord will enlighten my darkness. 30 For [aided] by thee I run through a troop: [helped] by my God I leap over a wall. 31 As for God-his way is perfect; the word of the Lord is tried; he is a shield to all that trust in him. 32 For who is God, save the Lord? and who is a rock, save our God? 33 God is my strength and power; and he rendereth free from obstruction my way. 34 He maketh my feet like those of the hinds, and upon my high places he causeth me to stand. 35 He teaches my hands for the war, so that a brazen bow is bent by my arms. 36 And thou gavest me the shield of thy salvation; and thy assistance hath made me great. 37 Thou enlargest my steps under me, so that my joints do not slip. 38 I pursue my enemies and destroy them; and I return not again until I have made an end of them. 39 And I make an end of them, and I crush them, that they cannot rise; and they fall under my feet. 40 For thou hast girded me with strength for the war: thou subduest my opponents under me. 41 And my enemies thou causest to turn their back to me: those that hate me, —that I may destroy them. 42 They look about, but there is none to help; unto the Lord—but he answereth them not. 43 And I beat them small as the dust of the earth; as the mire of the street, I stamp them, I tread them down. 44 Thou hast also delivered me from the contests of my people: thou preservest me to be the head of nations, a people which I know not shall serve me. 45 The children of the stranger shall utter flattery unto me; as soon as their ear heareth they shall be obedient unto me. 46 The children of the stranger shall fade away, and come forth tottering out of their close places. 47 The Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock; and exalted be the God, the Rock of my salvation; 48 The God, that granteth me vengeance, and bringeth down nations under me; 49 And that bringeth me forth from my

enemies: also above my opponents thou liftest me outpost of the Philistines was then in Beth-lechem. 15 up, from the man of violence thou deliverest me. 50 And David longed, and said, Oh that one would bring Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O Lord, among me water to drink out of the well at Beth-lechem, the nations, and unto thy name will I sing praises; which is by the gate! 16 And the three mighty men 51 [To] the tower of salvation of his king, and who showeth kindness to his anointed, to David and to his seed forever.

23 And these are the last words of David. Thus saith David the son of Jesse, and thus saith the man who was raised up on high, the anointed of the God of Jacob, and the sweet singer of Israel: 2 The Spirit of the Lord spoke through me, and his word was upon my tongue. 3 [Thus] said the God of Israel, concerning me spoke the Rock of Israel, That [I should be] ruler over men, be righteous, ruling in the fear of God: 4 And as in the light of morning the sun riseth, in a morning without clouds, with more than the brightness [reflected] by rain on the herbs that spring from the earth. 5 Truly is not so my house with God? since he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, firm in all, and sure? yea, will he not cause to grow all my salvation, and all my desire? 6 But the godless are all of them as waving thorns, which cannot be taken in the hand; 7 But the man that will touch them must protect his hand with iron and the staff of a spear: and they will be utterly burnt with fire in the dwelling. 8 These are the names of the mighty men whom David had: Yosheb-bashebeth, the Thachkemonite, the chief among the captains, —the same as 'Adino the 'Eznite, —because of eight hundred slain at one time. 9 And after him was El'azar the son of Dodo, the son of Achochi, 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 had withdrawn themselves; 10 He then arose, and smote the Philistines until his hand was weary, and his hand did cleave unto the sword: and the Lord wrought a great victory on that day; and the people returned after him only to strip [the slain]. 11 And after him was Shammah the son of Age the Hararite. The Philistines were gathered together into a troop, and there was a piece of ground full of lentiles; and the people had fled from the Philistines; 12 But he placed himself in the midst of the ground, and delivered it, and smote the Philistines: and the Lord wrought a great victory. 13 And these three, the chiefs of the thirty, went down, and came to David at harvesttime 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 strong-hold, and an

the gate, and took it, and brought it to David; but he would not drink thereof, and poured it out unto the Lord. 17 And he said, Far be it from me, O Lord, that I should do this: [is not this] the blood of the men that went at the risk of their life? and thus he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men. 18 And Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruyah, was the chief of these three; and he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain, and had a name among the three. 19 Although he was the most honored of the three, wherefore he became their captain: he nevertheless attained not unto the three [in prowess]. 20 And Benayahu the son of Yehoyada', the son of a valiant man, great in many acts of Kabzeel; he it was that smote the two lion-like heroes of Moab; he also went down and slew a lion in the midst of a pit on a day when it snowed; 21 And he slew an Egyptian, a man of good appearance; and the Egyptian had a spear in his hand; but he went down to him with a staff, and he snatched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. 22 These things did Benavahu the son of Yehoyada', and he had a name among the three mighty men. 23 He was more honored than the thirty; but he attained not to these three. And David appointed him in his private council. 24 'Asahel the brother of Joab was one of the thirty: Elchanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lechem, 25 Shammah the Charodite, Elika the Charodite, 26 Chelez the Paltite, 'Ira the son of 'Ikkesh the Teko'ite, 27 Abi'ezer the 'Anethothite, Mebunnai the Chushathite, 28 Zalmon the Achochite, Maharai the Netophathite, 29 Cheleb the son of Ba'anah, the Netophathite. Ittai the son of Ribai of Gib'ah of the children of Benjamin, 30 Benayahu the Pir'athonite, Hiddai of Nachale-Ga'ash, 31 Abi-'albon the 'Arbathite, 'Azmaveth the Barchumite, 32 Elyachba the Sha'albonite, Bne-yashen, Jonathan, 33 Shammah the Hararite, Achiam the son of Sharar the Ararite, 34 Eliphelet the son of Achasbai, the son of the Ma'achathite, Eli'am the son of Achithophel the Gilonite, 35 Chezrai, the Carmelite, Pa'arai the Arbite, 36 Yigal the son of Nathan of Zobah, Bani the Gadite, 37 Zelek the 'Ammonite, Nacharai the Beerothite, the armor-bearer of Joab the son of Zeruyah, 38 'Ira the

Yithrite, Gareb the Yithrite, 39 Uriyah the Hittite: in all are great; but let me not fall into the hand of man. thirty and seven.

**21** And again was the anger of the Lord kindled against Israel, and he incited David against them to sav. Go. number Israel and Judah. 2 And the king said to Joab the captain of the army, who was with him. Traverse, I pray thee, all the tribes of Israel. from Dan even to Beer-sheba', and number ye the people, that I may know the number of the people. 3 Then said Joab unto the king, Now may the Lord thy God add unto the people, how many soever they be, a hundred-fold more, and may the eyes of my Lord the king see it; but why doth my Lord the kina find delight in this thing? 4 Nevertheless the king's word remained firm against Joab, and against the captains of the army: and Joab and the captains of the army went out from the presence of the king, to number the people of Israel. 5 And they passed over the Jordan, and encamped in 'Aro'er, on the right side of the city that lieth in the midst of the valley of Gad, and toward Ya'zer: 6 Then they came to Gil'ad, and to the land of Tachtimchodshi: and they came to Dan-va'an, and about to Zidon: 7 And they came to the strong-hold of Tyre, and to all the cities of the Hivites. and of the Canaanites: and they went out to the south of Judah. up to Beer-sheba'. 8 And so they traversed all the land, and they came at the end of nine months and twenty days to Jerusalem. 9 And Joah gave up the sum of the number 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 the Lord. I have sinned greatly in what I have done; and now, I beseech thee. O Lord. cause the iniquity of thy servant to pass away; for I have acted very foolishly. 11 And when David was arisen in the morning. The word of the Lord came unto Gad the prophet, David's seer, saying, 12 Go and speak unto David. Thus hath said the Lord. Three things do I offer thee: choose for thyself one of them. and I will do it unto thee. 13 So Gad came to David. and told it unto him; and he said unto him, Shall there come unto thee seven years of famine in thy land? or three months, that thou flee before thy enemies, while they pursue thee? or that there be for three days a pestilence in thy land? now consider and see what word I shall bring back to him that hath sent me. 14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall then into the hand of the Lord, -for his mercies

15 And the Lord sent a pestilence in 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 over Jerusalem to destroy it, the Lord bethought himself of the evil, and said to the angel that destroyed among the people. It is enough: now stay thy hand. And the angel of the Lord was by the threshingfloor of Aravnah the Jebusite. 17 And David spoke unto the Lord when he saw the angel that smote among the people, and said, Lo, I have indeed sinned, and I have truly done wickedly; but these sheep, what have they done? let thy hand. I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house. 18 And Gad came to David on that day, and said unto him, Go up, erect an altar unto the Lord on the threshing-floor of Araynah the Jebusite. 19 And David went up, according to the word of Gad, as the Lord had commanded. 20 And Aravnah looked up. and saw the king and his servants coming on toward him: and Aravnah went out, and bowed himself before the king with his face to the ground. 21 And Aravnah said. Wherefore is my Lord the king come to his servant? And David said. To buy from thee the threshingfloor. to build an altar unto the Lord, that the plaque may be stayed from the people. 22 And Aravnah said unto David. Let my Lord the king take and offer up what seemeth good in his eyes: behold, the oxen are here for burnt-offerings, and the threshing rollers and the harness of the oxen for wood. 23 All these things did Aravnah, [for] the king, give unto the king. And Aravnah said unto the king, May the Lord thy God receive thee favorably. 24 And the king said unto Aravnah, No; but I will surely buy it from thee at the value; for I will not offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord my God without paying therefor. So David bought the threshing-floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. 25 And David built there an altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt-offerings and peace-offerings: and the Lord was entreated for the land, and the plaque was stayed from Israel.

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## 1 Kings

1 Now king David was old, stricken in years; and they covered him with clothes, but he could not become warm. 2 Wherefore his servants said unto him. Let them seek out for my lord the king a young virgin, and let her stand before the king, and let her be an attendant on him; and let her lie in thy bosom, that my lord the king may become warm. 3 So they sought for a fair maiden throughout all the territory of Israel; and they found Abishag the Shunammite, and brought her to the king. 4 And the maiden was exceedingly fair; and she became an attendant on the king, and ministered to him; but the king knew her not. 5 And Adonivah the son of Chaggith exalted himself, saving, I shall be king; and he procured himself a chariot and horsemen, and fifty men who ran before him. 6 And his father had never grieved him in all his life by saying, Why hast thou done so? and he also was of a very goodly form; and his mother had born him after Abshalom. 7 And he had conferences with Joab the son of Zeruyah, and with Ebyathar the priest: and they, following Adoniyah, helped him. 8 But Zadok the priest, and Benayahu the son of Yehovada', and Nathan the prophet, and Shim'i, and Re'i, and the mighty men that belonged to David, were not with Adoniyah. 9 And Adoniyah slaughtered sheep and oxen and fatted cattle by the stone Zocheleth, which is by 'En-rogel; and he invited all his brothers the king's sons, and all the men of Judah the king's servants; 10 But Nathan the prophet, and Benayahu, and the mighty men, and Solomon his brother, he invited not. 11 And Nathan spoke unto Bath-sheba' the mother of Solomon, saying, Hast thou not heard that Adoniyah the son of Chaggith is become king, and [that] David our lord knoweth it not? 12 And now come. let me. I pray thee, give thee counsel, that thou mayest save thy own life, and the life 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 thy hand-maid, saving. Assuredly, Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and only he shall sit upon my throne? why then is Adoniyah become king? 14 And, lo, while thou shalt be yet speaking there with the king, I myself will come in after thee, and confirm thy words. 15 And Bathsheba' went in unto the king into the chamber, and the king was very old; and Abishag the Shunammite was ministering unto the king. 16 And Bath-sheba' bowed, and prostrated herself unto the king; and the king

said. What wouldst thou? 17 And she said unto him. My lord, thou thyself didst swear by the Lord thy God unto thy hand-maid. Assuredly, Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and only he shall sit upon my throne. 18 And now, behold, Adonivah is become king; and now, my lord, O king, thou knowest it not: 19 And he hath slaughtered oxen and fatted cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath invited all the sons of the king, and Ebyathar the priest, and Joab the captain of the army; but Solomon thy servant hath he not invited. 20 And as for thee, my lord, O king, the eyes of all Israel are upon thee, to tell them, who shall sit on the throne of my lord the king after him. 21 Otherwise it would come to pass, when my lord the king sleepeth with his fathers, that I and my son Solomon may be counted offenders. 22 And, lo, while she was yet speaking with the king, Nathan the prophet also came in. 23 And they told the king, saving, Behold, here is Nathan the prophet: and when he was come in before the king, he prostrated himself before the king with his face to the ground. 24 And Nathan said, My lord, O king, hast thou then said, Adoniyah shall reign after me, and he shall sit upon my throne? 25 For he is gone down this day, and hath slaughtered oxen and fatted cattle and sheep in abundance, and hath invited all the king's sons, and the captains of the army, and Ebyathar the priest: and, behold, they are eating and drinking before him, and they say, Long live king Adonivah, 26 But as for me, me thy servant, and Zadok the priest, and Benayahu the son of Yehoyada', and thy servant Solomon, hath he not invited. 27 Can it be that this hath been done by order of my lord the king, and thou hast not informed thy servant, who should sit on the throne of my lord the king after him? 28 Then answered king David, and said, Call me Bath-sheba'; and she came into the king's presence, and stood before the king. 29 And the king swore and said, As the Lord liveth, that hath redeemed my soul out of all distress. 30 Even as I have sworn unto thee by the Lord the God of Israel, saying, Assuredly Solomon thy son shall reign after me, and only he shall sit upon my throne in my stead: even so will I certainly do this day. 31 Then did Bath-sheba' bow herself with her face to the earth, and prostrate herself unto the king; and she said, May my lord, the king David, live for ever! 32 And king David said, Call unto me Zadok the priest, and Nathan the prophet, and Benayahu the son of Yehovada'. And they came 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 my own mule, and conduct him down

the prophet anoint him there as king over Israel; he arose, and went, and caught hold on the horns of and blow ve with the cornet, and say, Long live king the altar, 51 And it was told unto Solomon, saying, Solomon, 35 Then shall ve go up after him, and he Behold, Adonivah feareth king Solomon; and, behold, shall come and sit upon my throne; and he shall be he hath caught hold on the horns of the altar, saving. king in my stead: and him have I ordained to be ruler Let king Solomon swear unto me today that he will over Israel and over Judah. 36 And Benayahu the son not slay his servant with the sword. 52 And Solomon of Yehovada' answered the king, and said. Amen: said, If he will become a worthy man, there shall not May thus say the Eternal the God of my lord the king. a hair of his fall to the earth; but if any wrong shall be 37 As the Eternal hath been with my lord the king, found on him, then shall he die. 53 So king Solomon even so may he be with Solomon, and may he make sent, and they brought him down from the altar; and his throne greater than the throne of my lord the king he came and bowed himself to king Solomon; and David. 38 Thereupon Zadok the priest, and Nathan Solomon said unto him. Go to thy house. the prophet, and Benavahu the son of Yehovada'. and the Kerethites, and the Pelethites, went down. and caused Solomon to ride upon king David's mule. and conducted him to Gichon. 39 And Zadok the priest took the horn of oil out of the tabernacle, and anointed Solomon. And they blew with the cornet; and all the people said, Long live king Solomon. 40 And all the people went up after him, and the people blew on flutes, and rejoiced with great joy, so that the earth was rent at their noise. 41 And Adonivah and all the guests that were with him heard it as they had just finished eating; and when Joab heard the sound of the cornet, he said, Wherefore is this noise of the city in an uproar? 42 And while he was yet speaking, behold. Jonathan the son of Ebvathar the priest came in: and Adoniyah said [unto him], Come in; for thou art a worthy man, and must bring good tidings. 43 And Jonathan answered and said to Adoniyah, Alas, no; our lord king David hath made Solomon king; 44 And the king hath sent with him Zadok the priest. and Nathan the prophet, and Benayahu the son of Yehoyada', and the Kerethites, 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 as king on the Gichon; and they are come up from there rejoicing, and the city hath been set in commotion. This is the noise that ye have heard. 46 And Solomon hath also sat on the kingly throne. 47 And also the king's servants are come to bless our lord king David, saying, May God make the name of Solomon more famous than thy name, and make his throne greater than thy throne: and the king hath bowed himself upon the bed. 48 And also thus hath the king said, Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, who hath given [me] this day one who sitteth on my throne, while my eyes see it. 49 And all the quests that were with Adonivah were terrified, and rose up, and went, every man, on his own way. 50

to Gichon: 34 And let Zadok the priest with Nathan And Adoniyah was afraid because of Solomon; and

**2** And when the days of David drew near that he should die, he charged Solomon his son, saying, 2 I am going the way of all the earth; but be thou strong, and become a man: 3 And keep the charge of the Lord thy God, to walk in his ways, to keep his statutes, his commandments, and his ordinances, and his testimonies, as it is written in the law of Moses; in order that thou mayest prosper in all that thou doest. and whithersoever thou turnest thyself: 4 In order that the Lord may fulfill his word which he hath spoken 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 never fail thee, said he, a man on the throne of Israel. 5 And thou also knowest well what Joab the son of Zeruvah hath done to me, what he did to the two captains of the armies of Israel, unto Abner the son of Ner, and unto 'Amassa the son of Yether, whom he slew, and shed the blood of war in peace, and put the blood of war upon his girdle that was about his loins, and on his shoes that were on his feet. 6 Do therefore according to thy wisdom, and let not his hoary head go down in peace to the grave, (Sheol h7585) 7 But unto the sons of Barzillai the Gil'adite show thou kindness, and let them be of those that eat at thy table; for so they came near to me when I fled from before Abshalom thy brother. 8 And, behold, thou hast with thee Shim'i the son of Gera, the Beniamite of Bachurim, who cursed me with a grievous curse on the day when I went to Machanavim: but who came down to meet me at the Jordan, and I swore to him by the Lord, saying, I will not put thee to death with the sword. 9 But now leave him not unpunished: for thou art a wise man; know then what thou oughtest to do unto him, and bring thou down his hoary head with blood to the grave. (Sheol h7585) 10 And David slept with his fathers, and was buried in the city of

David. 11 And the days that David reigned over Israel priest unto the Lord, to fulfill the word of the Lord, were forty years: in Hebron he reigned seven years, which he had spoken concerning the house of 'Eli and in Jerusalem he reigned thirty and three years. in Shiloh. 28 And the report came to Joab; for Joab 12 Then sat Solomon upon the throne of David his had turned after Adonivah, though he had not turned father; and his kingdom was established greatly. 13 after Abshalom. And Joab fled unto the tabernacle And Adoniyah the son of Chaggith came to Bath- of the Lord, and caught hold on the horns of the sheba' the mother of Solomon: and she said, Is thy altar. 29 And it was told to king Solomon that Joab coming for peace? And he said, For peace. 14 He had fled unto the tabernacle of the Lord; and that, said moreover, I have a word for thee. And she behold, he was close by the altar. Then sent Solomon said, Speak. 15 And he said, Thou well knowest that Benayahu the son of Yehoyada, 'saying, Go, fall upon mine was the kingdom, and that on me all Israel had him. 30 And Benayahu came to the tabernacle of the set their faces, that I should reign: nevertheless the Lord, and said unto him, Thus hath said the king, kingdom was turned about, and became my brother's; Come forth. And he said, No; but here will I die. And for from the Lord was it [made] his. 16 And now there Benayahu brought the king word again, saying, Thus is one petition I am going to ask of thee, do not turn hath Joab spoken, and thus hath he answered me. 31 me away. And she said unto him, Speak. 17 And Then said the king unto him, Do as he hath spoken, he said, Speak, I pray thee, unto Solomon the king, and fall upon him, and bury him; and remove [thus] Ifor he will not turn thee away, I that he may give the innocent blood, which Joab hath shed, from me, me Abishag the Shunammite for wife. 18 And Bath- and from the house of my father. 32 And may the sheba' said, Well: I will speak for thee unto the king. Lord bring back his blood-quiltiness upon his own speak unto him for Adoniyah; and the king rose up and better than he, and slew them with the sword, to meet her, and bowed himself unto her, and then while my father David knew it not, Abner the son of king's mother; and she sat on his right hand. 20 Then the son of Yether, the captain of the army of Judah. said she. There is one small petition I am going to 33 And their blood shall return upon the head of Joab, ask of thee; do not turn me away. And the king said and upon the head of his seed for ever; but unto unto her. Ask on, my mother; for I will not turn thee David, and unto his seed, and unto his house, and away. 21 And she said, Let Abishag the Shunammite unto his throne, may there be peace for ever from the king Solomon answered and said unto his mother, up, and fell upon him, and slew him: and he was And why dost thou ask Abishag the Shunammite for buried in his own house in the wilderness. 35 And the Adoniyah? rather ask for him the kingdom; for he is king appointed Benayahu the son of Yehoyada' in my elder brother; — even for him, and for Ebyathar his place over the army; and Zadok the priest did the priest, and for Joab the son of Zeruyah. 23 Then the king appoint in the place of Ebyathar. 36 And the swore king Solomon by the Lord, saying, May God king sent and called for Shim'i, and said unto him, do so to me, and may he thus continue, if Adoniyah Build thee a house in Jerusalem, and dwell there, have not spoken this word against his own life. 24 and thou shalt not go forth from there hither or thither. And now, as the Lord liveth, who hath established 37 And it shall be, that on the day thou goest out, me, and seated me on the throne of David my father, and passest over the brook Kidron, thou shalt know and who hath made me a house, as he hath spoken, for certain that thou shalt surely die: thy blood shall this very day shall Adoniyah be put to death. 25 And be upon thy own head. 38 And Shim'i said unto the king Solomon sent by the hand of Benayahu the son king, It is well: as my Lord the king hath spoken, so of Yehoyada'; and he fell upon him so that he died. will thy servant do. And Shim'i dwelt in Jerusalem 26 And unto Ebyathar the priest said the king, Go to many days. 39 And it came to pass at the end of 'Anathoth, unto thy own fields; for thou art a man three years, that two servants of Shim'i ran away unto worthy of death; but on this day will I not put thee to Achish the son of Ma'achah the king of Gath: and death; because thou hast borne the ark of the Lord they told unto Shim'i, saying, Behold, thy servants are was afflicted in all wherein my father was afflicted. 27 and went to Gath to Achish to seek his servants; and

19 Bath-sheba' thereupon went unto king Solomon, to head, because he fell upon two men more righteous sat down on his throne, and placed a chair for the Ner, the captain of the army of Israel, and 'Amassa be given to Adoniyah thy brother for wife. 22 And Lord. 34 So Benayahu the son of Yehoyada' went Eternal before David my father, and because thou in Gath. 40 And Shim'i arose, and saddled his ass, So Solomon banished Ebyathar that he should not be Shim'i went, and brought his servants from Gath. 41

And it was told to Solomon that Shim'i had gone from eyes of the Lord, that Solomon had asked this thing. established in the hand of Solomon.

3 And Solomon intermarried with Pharaoh the king of Eavpt, and took the daughter of Pharaoh, and brought her into the city of David, until he had finished building his own house, and the house of the Lord, and the wall of Jerusalem round about. 2 But the people sacrificed still on the high-places; because there was no house built unto the name of the Lord, until those days. 3 And Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of David his father: only that he sacrificed and burnt incense on the high-places. 4 And the king went to Gib'on to sacrifice there; for that was the great high-place: one thousand burntofferings did Solomon offer upon that altar. 5 In Gib'on the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream of the night: and God said, Ask what I shall give thee. 6 And Solomon said, Thou hast shown unto thy servant David my father great kindness, just 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 kindness, and thou hast given him a son who sitteth on his throne, as it is this day. 7 And now, O Lord my God, thou hast made thy servant king in the place of David my father: and I am but a young lad; 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 he numbered nor counted for multitude. 9 Give therefore thy servant an understanding heart to iudge thy people, to discern between good and bad; for who would [otherwise] be able to judge this thy great people? 10 And the speech was pleasing in the

Jerusalem to Gath, and had returned. 42 And the 11 And God said unto him, Because thou hast asked king sent and called for Shim'i, and said unto him, this thing, and hast not asked for thyself long life; Did I not make thee swear by the Lord, and warned and hast not asked for thyself riches, nor hast asked thee, saving. On that day thou goest out, and walkest the life of thy enemies; but hast asked for thyself abroad hither or thither, know for certain that thou discernment to understand [how to give] judgment: shalt surely die? and thou saidst unto me, It is well, 12 Behold, I have done according to thy word; lo, I I have heard? 43 Why then hast thou not kept the have given thee a wise and a discerning heart; so oath of the Lord, and the commandment with which I that like unto thee there was none before thee, nor charged thee? 44 The king said moreover to Shim'i, after thee shall any one arise like unto thee. 13 And Thou well knowest all the wickedness of which thy also what thou hast not asked have I given thee, heart is conscious, that thou hast done to David my both riches and honor: so that like unto thee there father; and the Lord bringeth back thy wickedness shall not have been any one among the kings all thy upon thy own head: 45 But king Solomon will be days, 14 And if thou wilt walk in my ways, to keep blessed, and the throne of David will be established my statutes and my commandments, as thy father before the Lord for ever. 46 So the king commanded David did walk, then will I lengthen thy days. 15 And Benayahu the son of Yehoyada', who went out, and Solomon awoke, and, behold, it was a dream; and he fell upon him, so that he died. And the kingdom was went to Jerusalem, and stood before the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and offered up burnt-offerings, and prepared peace-offerings, and made a feast to all his servants. 16 Then came there two women, that were harlots, unto the king, and placed themselves before him. 17 And the one woman said, Pardon, 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 on the third day after I was delivered. that also this woman was delivered: and we were together, there was no stranger with us in the house. only we two were in the house. 19 And this woman's son died in the night; because she had overlaid him. 20 And she arose in the midst of the night, and took my son from beside me, while thy hand-maid slept, and laid him in her bosom, and her dead son she laid in my bosom. 21 And when I rose in the morning to give my son suck, behold, he was dead; but when I looked at him carefully in the morning, behold, it was not my son, whom I had born. 22 And the other woman said. It is not so; my son is the living one, and thy son is the dead; and this one said. It is not so: thy son is the dead, and my son is the living: thus they spoke before the king. 23 Then said the king. This one saith, This is my son that liveth, and thy son is dead: and the other saith, It is not so; thy son is the dead, and my son is the living. 24 And the king said, Fetch me a sword: and they brought the sword before the king. 25 And the king said, Hew the living child in two, and give the one half to one, and the other half to the other. 26 Then spoke the woman whose son was the living unto the king, for her love had become enkindled for her son, and she said. O pardon, my Lord, give her the living child, and only

was in him, to exercise justice.

↑ Thus was king Solomon king over all Israel. 2 And these were the princes whom he had: 'Azaryahu the son of Zadok the priest; 3 Elichoreph and Achiyah, the sons of Shisha, scribes; Jehoshaphat the son of Achilud, the recorder; 4 And Benayahu the son of Yehoyada' over the army; and Zadok and Ebyathar priests; 5 And Azaryahu the son of Nathan was over the superintendents: and Zabud the son of Nathan was an officer of state and the king's friend; 6 And Achishar was over the household; and Adoniram the son of 'Abda was over the tribute. 7 And Solomon had twelve superintendents over all Israel, who provided for the king and his household: one month in the year had the particular one to procure provisions. 8 And these are their names: Ben-chur on the mountain of Ephraim; 9 Ben-deker, in Makaz, and in Sha'albim, and Beth-shemesh, and Elon-beth-chanan; 10 Benchessed, in Arubboth; to him pertained Sochoh and all the land of Chepher; 11 Ben-abinadab, in all the district of Dor; he had Taphath the daughter of Solomon for wife: 12 Ba'ana the son of Achilud in Tha'anach and Megiddo, and all Beth-shean, which is by Zarethanah beneath Yizre'el, from Beth-shean to Abel-mecholah, as far as beyond Yokme'am; 13 Bengeber, in Ramoth-gil'ad; to him pertained the villages of Ya'ir the son of Menasseh, which are in Gil'ad; to him also pertained the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and brazen bars; 14 Achinadab the son of 'Iddo in Machanayim; 15 Achima'az in Naphtali; he also took Bahsemath the daughter of Solomon for wife; 16 Ba'anah the son of Chushai in Asher and in Be'aloth: 17 Jehoshaphat the

do not slay it; but the other said, Neither mine nor Solomon's provision for one day was thirty kors of fine thine shall it be, hew it asunder. 27 The king then flour, and sixty kors of meal, 23 Ten fatted oxen, and answered and said, Give her the living child, and do twenty pasture oxen, and a hundred sheep, besides not slav it: she is its mother. 28 And when all Israel harts, and roebucks, and fallow-deer, and fatted fowl. heard of the judgment which the king had given, they 24 For he had dominion over all the region on this side feared the king; for they saw that the wisdom of God the river, from Thiphsach even to Gazzah, 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 in safety, every man under his vine and under his figtree, from Dan even to Beer-sheba', all the days of Solomon. 26 And Solomon had forty thousand stalls for the horses for his chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen. 27 And those superintendents provided for king Solomon, and for all that came near unto king Solomon's table, every man in his month: they let nothing be wanting. 28 The barley also and the straw for the horses and the runners did they bring unto the place where he might be, every man according to his prescription. 29 And God gave unto Solomon wisdom and understanding exceedingly 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 country, and all the wisdom of Egypt. 31 And he was wiser than all men; than Ethan the Ezrachite, and Heman, and Kalkol, and Darda', the sons of Machol: and his name was [spread] among all the nations round about. 32 And he spoke three thousand proverbs; and his songs were a thousand and five. 33 And he spoke concerning the trees, from the cedar-tree that is on the Lebanon even unto the hyssop that springeth out of the wall; he spoke also concerning the beasts, and concerning the fowl, and concerning the creeping things, and concerning the fishes. 34 And men came from all the people to hear the wisdom of Solomon, from all the kings of the earth, who had heard of his wisdom.

5 And Hiram the king of Tyre sent his servants unto Solomon; for he had heard that they had anointed son of Paruach, in Issachar: 18 Shim'i the son of Ela, him king in the room of his father; for Hiram had all in Benjamin; 19 Geber the son of Uri in the country of the time been a lover of David. 2 And Solomon sent Gil'ad, the country of Sichon the king of the Emorites, to Hiram, saying, 3 Thou well knowest of David my and of 'Og the king of Bashan; besides the one father, that he was not able to build a house unto superintendent who was in the land. 20 Judah and the name of the Lord his God, on account of the war Israel were numerous, as the sand which is by the sea wherewith his enemies encompassed him, until the in multitude; and they ate and drank, and made merry. Lord had put them under the soles of his feet. 4 But 21 And Solomon was ruling over all the kingdoms now hath the Lord my God given me rest on every from the river unto the land of the Philistines, and as side, there is neither adversary nor evil hinderance. 5 far as the boundary of Egypt, which brought presents, And, behold, I purpose to build a house unto the name and served Solomon all the days of his life. 22 And of the Lord my God, as the Lord hath spoken unto

thy room upon thy throne, he it is that shall build the unto the Lord. 2 And the house which king Solomon house unto my name. 6 And now command thou that built unto the Lord, was sixty cubits in length, and they hew me cedar-trees out of Lebanon; and my twenty in breadth, and thirty cubits in height, 3 And servants shall be with thy servants; and the wages the porch before the temple of the house, was twenty of thy servants will I give unto thee in accordance cubits in length, in front of the breadth of the house; with all that thou wilt say; for thou well knowest that and ten cubits in breadth at the east side of the there is not among us a man that hath the skill to hew house. 4 And he made for the house windows wide timber like unto the Zidonians. 7 And it came to pass, without and narrow within. 5 And he built on the wall when Hiram heard the words of Solomon, that he of the house a gallery round about, on the walls of rejoiced greatly; and he said, Blessed be the Lord the house round about, of the temple and of the most this day, who hath given unto David a wise son over holy place: and he made side-chambers round about. this numerous people. 8 And Hiram sent to Solomon, 6 The nethermost gallery was five cubits in breadth, saving. I have heard what thou hast sent to me for: I and the middle was six cubits in breadth, and the will gladly execute all thy desire in respect of timber third was seven cubits in breadth; for projections had of cedar, and in respect of timber of fir. 9 My servants he made to the house round about on the outside, so shall bring them down from the Lebanon unto the sea: as to fasten nothing in the walls of the house. 7 And and I will convey them by sea in floats unto the place the house, when it was in building, was built of entire of which thou wilt send me word, and I will cause stones as they had been prepared at the quarry: so them to be taken apart there, and thou shalt take that neither hammer, nor axe, nor any tool of iron them away; and thou shalt accomplish my desire, in was heard in the house, while it was in building. 8 giving the food for my household. 10 So Hiram gave The door for the middle [gallery] sidechamber was in Solomon cedar-trees and fir-trees, all his desire. 11 the right side of the house; and with winding stairs And Solomon gave Hiram twenty thousand kors of they went up into the middle chamber, and out of the wheat as provision for his household, and twenty kors middle into the third. 9 So he built the house, and of beaten oil: thus did Solomon give to Hiram year by finished it: and covered the house with hollow tiles. year. 12 And the Lord gave wisdom unto Solomon, as and with boards of cedar. 10 And he built the gallery he had spoken to him; and there was peace between against all the house, [each] five cubits in height; and Hiram and Solomon: and they made a covenant with it was fastened on to the house with timber of cedar. each other. 13 And king Solomon raised a levy out of 11 And the word of the Lord came to Solomon, saying, all Israel; and the levy was thirty thousand men. 14 12 This house which thou art building—if thou wilt walk And he sent them into the Lebanon, ten thousand in in my statutes, and execute my ordinances, and keep each month by turns; one month they used to be in all my commandments to walk in them; then will I the Lebanon, two months at home: and Adoniram perform my word with thee, which I have spoken unto was over the levy. 15 And there belonged to Solomon David thy father. 13 And I will dwell in the midst of the seventy thousand bearers of burdens, and eighty children of Israel, and I will not forsake my people thousand stone-cutters in the mountains; 16 Besides Israel. 14 So did Solomon build the house, and finish the chiefs who were appointed by Solomon over the it. 15 And he built the walls of the house within with work, three thousand and three hundred, who ruled boards of cedar; from the floor of the house to where over the people that wrought on the work. 17 And the walls touched the ceiling did he overlay it on the when the king commanded, they guarried out great inside with wood; and he overlaid the floor of the stones, heavy stones, to lay the foundation of the house with boards of fir. 16 And he built the twenty house, and hewn stones. 18 And the builders of cubits on the lower side of the house with boards Solomon, and the builders of Hiram, and the Giblites of cedar, from the floor to the battlements; and he hewed them; and so they prepared the wood and the built it within, for the debir, for the holy of holies. 17 stones to build the house.

And it came to pass, in the four hundred and eightieth year after the going forth of the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt, in the fourth year, in the month Ziv, which is the second month, of the

David my father, saying, Thy son, whom I will place in reign of Solomon over Israel, that he built the house And the house, that is, the temple before it, was forty cubits long. 18 And the cedar on the house within was carved with colocynths and opening flowers: all was cedar, no stone was seen. 19 And the debir in the house within did he prepare, to set therein the ark of the covenant of the Lord. 20 And the interior

cubits in breadth, and twenty cubits was its height:

of the debir was twenty cubits in length, and twenty 7 But his own house was Solomon building thirteen years, and then he finished all his house. 2 He built and he overlaid it with pure gold; and he overlaid also the house of the forest of Lebanon: a hundred the altar with cedar-wood. 21 And Solomon overlaid cubits was its length, and fifty cubits was its breadth. the house within with pure gold: and he barred by and thirty cubits was its height, upon four rows of means of chains of gold the front of the debir; and cedar pillars, with cedar beams upon the pillars. 3 he overlaid it with gold. 22 And the whole house he And it was covered with cedar above over the beams, overlaid with gold, until all the house was finished: that lay on the forty-five pillars, fifteen in a row. 4 also the whole altar that was before the debir did he And there were window-spaces in three rows, and overlay with gold. 23 And within the debir he made windows were opposite each other in three ranks. 5 two cherubims of oleaster-wood, each ten cubits high. And all the entrances and door-posts formed a square 24 And five cubits was the one wing of the cherub, in shape: and windows were opposite windows in and five cubits the other wing of the cherub: [there three ranks. 6 And he made a porch of pillars: fifty were] ten cubits from the uttermost part of the one cubits was its length, and thirty cubits its breadth; and wing unto the uttermost part of the other. 25 And the the porch was before them; and the other pillars with other cherub was also ten cubits: both the cherubim an entablature before them. 7 Then he made a porch were of one measure and one form. 26 The height of for the throne where he might judge, the porch of the one cherub was ten cubits, and so that of the judgment; and it was covered with cedar from one other cherub. 27 And he set the cherubim within the side of the floor to the other. 8 And his house where innermost part of the house: and they spread forth he dwelt in another court within the porch, was of the wings of the cherubim, so that the wing of the the like work: and Solomon made also a house for one touched the one wall, and the wing of the other Pharaoh's daughter, whom he had taken for wife, like cherub touched the other wall; and their wings toward unto this porch. 9 All these were of heavy stones, the middle of the house touched one another. 28 And hewn after a fixed measure, sawed with the saw he overlaid the cherubim with gold. 29 And on all the inside and outside, even from the foundation unto the wall of the house round about he carved figures of coping, and from the outside unto the great court. 10 cherubim and palm-trees and opening flowers, in the And the foundation was of heavy stones, large stones, debir and in the temple. 30 And the floor of the house stones of ten cubits, and stones of eight cubits. 11 he overlaid with gold for the debir and for the temple. And above were heavy stones, hewn after a fixed 31 And for the entrance of the debir he made doors of measure, and cedars. 12 And the great court round oleaster-wood: the lintel with the side-posts forming about was of three rows of hewn stones, and one row five sides. 32 And also upon the two doors of oleaster- of cedar beams, both for the inner court of the house wood he carved figures of cherubim and palm-trees of the Lord, and for the porch of the house. 13 And and opening flowers, and overlaid them with gold, king Solomon sent and fetched Hiram out of Tyre. 14 and spread the gold, by beating, upon the cherubim, He was the son of a widow of the tribe of Naphtali, and upon the palm-trees. 33 So also made he for and his father was a man of Tyre, a worker in copper: the entrance of the temple door-posts of oleaster- and he was filled with wisdom, and understanding, wood in shape of a square: 34 And two doors of fir- and knowledge, to make every work in copper; and wood; the one door having two leaves which were he came to king Solomon, and did all his work. 15 folding, and the other door having two leaves which And he cast two pillars of copper, eighteen cubits was were folding. 35 And he carved thereon cherubim, the height of the one pillar; and a line of twelve cubits and palm-trees and opening flowers: and he overlaid did encompass the second pillar. 16 And he made two them with gold fitting upon the carved work. 36 And capitals, to set upon the tops of the pillars, of molten he built the inner court of three rows of hewn stone, copper; five cubits was the height of the one capital, and one row of cedar beams. 37 In the fourth year and five cubits was the height of the other capital; was the foundation of the house of the Lord laid, in 17 And nets of checker-work, and wreaths of chainthe month Ziv; 38 And in the eleventh year, in the work, for the capitals which were upon the top of the month Bul, which is the eighth month, was the house pillars; seven for the one capital, and seven for the finished throughout all its parts, and according to all other capital. 18 And he made the pillars, so that two its requirements. So was he building it seven years. rows of pomegranates were round about upon the one net-work, to cover the capitals that were upon the

top: and the same he made for the other capital. 19 were all cast. 34 And there were four undersetters to And the capitals, that were upon the top of the pillars, the four corners of each one base; the undersetters furnished with lily-work, [as] those in the porch, were were of one piece with the base itself. 35 And on the four cubits, 20 And the capitals upon the two pillars top of the base was a rounded compass of half a rose also above, close by the rounding which was cubit high; and on the top of the base were its sideon the side of the network: and the pomegranates ledges; and its borders were of one piece with itself. were two hundred, in rows round about, upon either 36 And he engraved on the plates of its side-ledges capital. 21 And he set up the pillars for the porch of and on its borders, cherubim, lions, and palm-trees: the temple; and he set up the right pillar, and called and in the open space of every one were pendant its name Yachin; and he set up the left pillar, and wreaths round about. 37 After this manner did he called its name Boaz. 22 And upon the top of the make the ten bases: one casting, one measure, one pillars there was lily-work: and so was finished the form, was there for all of them. 38 Then made he ten work of the pillars. 23 And he made the molten sea, lavers of copper; forty baths could each one laver ten cubits from the one brim to the other, rounded all contain; every layer was four cubits; each one layer about, and it was five cubits in height; and a line of was upon each one base of the ten bases. 39 And he thirty cubits did encompass it round about. 24 And put the bases, five on the right side of the house, colocynth-shaped knobs were under its brim round and five on the left side of the house: and the sea he about encompassing it, ten in a cubit, encircling the set on the right side of the house eastward opposite sea round about: the colocynths were in two rows, the south. 40 And Hiram made the lavers, and the and were cast [with it] when it was cast. 25 It was shovels, and the basins; so Hiram made an end of standing upon twelve oxen, three looking toward the doing all the work that he made for king Solomon for north, and three looking toward the west, and three the house of the Lord. 41 The two pillars, and the looking toward the south, and three looking toward two bowl-shaped capitals that were on the top of the the east; and the sea was resting above upon them, two pillars; and the two net-works, to cover the two and all their hinder parts were inward. 26 And its bowl-shaped capitals which were upon the top of the thickness was a hand's breadth, and its brim was pillars; 42 And the four hundred pomegranates for the wrought like the brim of a cup, with lily-buds: it could two net-works, two rows of pomegranates for each contain two thousand baths. 27 And he made ten one net-work, to cover the two bowl-shaped, capitals bases of copper: four cubits was the length of each that were upon the front of the pillars; 43 And the one base, and four cubits its breadth, and three ten bases, and the ten lavers upon the bases; 44 cubits its height. 28 And this was the workmanship of And the one sea, and the twelve oxen under the sea; the bases: They had borders, and the borders were 45 And the pots, and the shovels, and the basins; between the corner ledges: 29 And on the borders and all these vessels, which Hiram had made for that were between the ledges were lions, oxen, and king Solomon for the house of the Lord, were of cherubim; and upon the corner ledges it was thus also polished copper. 46 In the plain of Jordan did the king above; and likewise beneath the lions and oxen were cast them, in the clay-ground between Succoth and pendant wreaths of plated work. 30 And every base Zarethan. 47 And Solomon set down all the vessels had four copper wheels, and axles of copper; and its [unweighed], because they were exceedingly many; four corners had undersetters: under the layer were the weight of the copper was not inquired into. 48 the undersetters cast on; at the side of each were And Solomon made all the vessels that pertained pendants. 31 And its mouth was within the capital unto the house of the Lord: The altar of gold, and and above a cubit in height; but the mouth of this the table whereupon the show-bread was, of gold, was rounded after the work of the base, a cubit and a 49 And the candlesticks, five on the right side, and half cubit; and also upon its mouth were carvings; five on the left, before the debir, of pure gold, with and their borders were square, not rounded. 32 And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold, the four wheels were under the borders; and the 50 And the bowls, and the knives, and the basins, axletrees of the wheels were joined to the base; and and the spoons, and the censers of pure gold; and the height of each one wheel was a cubit and a half the hinges, for the doors of the inner house, for the cubit. 33 And the workmanship of the wheels was like holy of holies, for the doors of the house, and for the the workmanship of a chariot-wheel: their axletrees, temple, [were] of gold. 51 And so was ended all the and their naves, and their felloes, and their spokes, work that king Solomon made for the house of the

Lord: and Solomon brought in the things sanctified house, that my name might be therein; but I made the house of the Lord.

and all the heads of the tribes, the princes of the divisions of the children of Israel, unto king Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, which is Zion. 2 And all the men of Israel assembled themselves unto king Solomon at the feast in the month Ethanim, which is the seventh month. 3 And all the elders of Israel came, and the priests took up the ark. 4 And they brought up the ark of the Lord, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle: 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 told nor numbered for multitude. 6 And the priests brought in the ark of the covenant of the Lord unto its place, into the debir of the house, into the most holy place, 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 its staves from above. 8 And they had made the staves so long, that the ends of the staves were seen out in the holy place in the front of the debir, but they were not seen without; and they have remained there until this day. 9 There was nothing in the ark save the two tables of stone, which Moses had placed therein at Horeb, where the Lord 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 place, that the cloud filled the house of the Lord: 11 And the priests were not able to stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of the Lord. 12 Then said Solomon, The Lord said that he would dwell in the thick darkness. 13 I have indeed built a dwellinghouse for thee, a settled place for thy abode for ever. 14 And the king turned his face about, and blessed all the congregation of Israel; and all the congregation of Israel was standing; 15 And he said, Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, who spoke with his mouth unto David my father, and hath with his hand fulfilled it, when he said, 16 Since the day that I brought forth my people Israel out of Egypt, I did not make choice

by David his father, the silver, and the gold, and the choice of David to be over my people Israel. 17 And it vessels, [and] he placed [these] in the treasuries of was in the heart of David my father to build a house for the name of the Lord, the God of Israel, 18 But the Lord said unto David my father. Whereas it was in **Q** Then did Solomon assemble the elders of Israel, thy heart to build a house unto my name, thou didst well that it was in thy heart: 19 Nevertheless, thou shalt not thyself build the house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy loins, he shall build the house unto my name. 20 And the Lord hath fulfilled his word that he hath spoken: and I am risen up in the room of David my father, and I sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord hath spoken, and I have built the house for the name of the Lord the God of Israel. 21 And I have assigned there a place for the ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord, which he made with our fathers, when he brought them forth out of the land of Egypt. 22 And Solomon now placed himself before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his hands toward heaven; 23 And he said, O Lord, the God of Israel, there is no god like thee, in the heavens above, and on the earth beneath, thou who keepest the covenant and the kindness for thy servants that walk before thee with all their heart; 24 Who hast kept for thy servant David my father what thou hadst promised him; and thou spokest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with thy hand, as it is this day, 25 And now, O Lord, the God of Israel, keep for thy servant David my father what thou hast spoken concerning him, saying, There shall never fail thee a man in my sight who sitteth on the throne of Israel; if thy children but take heed to their way to walk before me, as thou hast walked before me. 26 And now, O God of Israel, I pray thee, let thy word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy servant David my father. 27 For in truth will God then dwell on the earth? behold, the heavens and the heavens of heavens cannot contain thee: how much less then this house that I have built! 28 Yet wilt thou turn thy regard unto the prayer of thy servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God, to listen unto the entreaty and unto the prayer, which thy servant prayeth before thee today; 29 That thy eyes may be open toward this house night and day, toward the place of which thou hast said, My name shall be there; that thou mayest listen unto the prayer which thy servant shall pray at this place. 30 And listen thou to the supplication of thy servant, and of thy people Israel, which they will pray at this place: and oh, do thou hear in heaven thy dwelling-place; and of any city out of all the tribes of Israel to build a hear, and forgive. 31 If any man trespass against his

neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him to cause him chosen, and of the house that I have built for thy to swear, and the oath come before thy altar in this name: 45 Then hear thou in heaven their prayer and house: 32 Then do thou hear in heaven, and act, and their supplication, and procure them justice. 46 If they judge thy servants, by condemning the wicked, to sin against thee, Ifor there is no man that may not bring his way upon his head; and by justifying the sin, 1 and thou be anary with them, and give them up righteous, to give him according to his righteousness. before the enemy, so that their captors carry them 33 When thy people Israel are struck down before the away captive unto the land of the enemy, [be it] far enemy, because they have sinned against thee, and or near: 47 And if they then take it to their heart in they return then to thee, and confess thy name, and the land whither they have been carried captive, and pray, and make supplication unto thee in this house: repent, and make supplication unto thee in the land 34 Then do thou hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of their captors, saying, We have sinned, and have of thy people Israel, and cause them to return unto committed iniquity, we have acted wickedly; 48 And the land which thou hast given unto their fathers. 35 they return unto thee with all their heart, and with all When the heavens be shut up, and there be no rain, their soul, in the land of their enemies, who have led because they have sinned against thee, and they them away captive, and they pray unto thee in the pray toward this place, and confess thy name, and direction of their land, which thou hast given unto their turn from their sin, because thou hast afflicted them: fathers, of the city which thou hast chosen, and of the 36 Then do thou hear in heaven, and forgive the sin of house which I have built for thy name: 49 Then hear thy servants, and of thy people Israel; for thou wilt thou in heaven the place of thy dwelling their prayer teach them the good way wherein they should walk; and their supplication, and procure them justice; 50 and give then rain upon thy land, which thou hast And forgive thy people for what they have sinned given to thy people for an inheritance. 37 If there be a against thee, and all their transgressions whereby famine in the land, if there be pestilence, blasting, they have transgressed against thee, and cause them mildew, or if there be locust, caterpillar, if their enemy to find mercy before their captors, that they may have besiege them in the land of their gates; at whatsoever mercy on them; 51 For they are thy people, and thy plague, whatsoever sickness: 38 What prayer and heritage, whom thou hast brought forth out of Egypt. supplication soever be made by any man, of all thy from the midst of the iron furnace; 52 That thy eyes people Israel, when they shall be conscious every may be open unto the supplication of thy servant, and man of the plaque of his own heart, and he then unto the supplication of thy people Israel, to listen spread forth his hands toward this house: 39 Then do unto them in all for which they call unto thee; 53 For thou hear in heaven the place of thy dwelling, and thou hast separated them unto thee as a heritage forgive, and act, and give to every man in accordance from all the people of the earth, as thou spokest by with all his ways, as thou mayest know his heart: the hand of Moses thy servant, when thou broughtest for thou, thyself alone, knowest the heart of all the forth our fathers out of Egypt, O Lord Eternal, 54 children of men; 40 In order that they may fear thee And it happened, that, when Solomon had made all the days that they live on the face of the land an end of praying all this prayer and supplication which thou hast given unto our fathers. 41 But also unto the Lord, he arose from before the altar of the to the stranger, who is not of thy people Israel, but Lord from kneeling on his knees, with his hands cometh out of a far-off country for the sake of thy spread out toward heaven. 55 And he stood up, and name; 42 For they will hear of thy great name, and of blessed all the congregation of Israel with a loud thy strong hand, and of thy outstretched arm; when voice, saying, 56 Blessed be the Lord, who hath given he will come and pray at this house: 43 Mayest thou rest unto his people Israel, in accordance with all that listen in heaven the place of thy dwelling, and do he hath spoken: [so that] there hath not failed one according to all that the stranger will call on thee for; word of all his good promise, which he spoke by the in order that all the nations of the earth may know hand of Moses his servant. 57 The Lord our God thy name, to fear thee, as [do] thy people Israel; and be with us, as he was with our fathers; oh may he that they may understand that this house, which I not leave us, nor forsake us; 58 That he may incline have built, is called by thy name. 44 If thy people our heart unto him, to walk in all his ways, and to go out to battle against their enemy, on the way on keep his commandments, and his statutes, and his which thou mayest send them, and they do pray unto ordinances, which he commanded our fathers. 59

the Lord in the direction of the city which thou hast And may these my words, wherewith I have made

supplication before the Lord, be nigh unto the Lord which I have set before you, and go and serve other David his servant, and for Israel his people.

And it came to pass, when Solomon had finished building the house of the Lord, and the king's house, and all Solomon's desire which he was pleased to execute: 2 That the Lord appeared to Solomon the second time, as he had appeared unto him at Gib'on. 3 And the Lord said unto him, I have heard thy prayer and thy supplication, that thou hast offered before me; I have hallowed this house, which thou hast built, to put my name there for ever; and my eves and my heart shall be there at all times. 4 And as for thee, if thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father walked, in integrity of heart, and in rectitude, to do in accordance with all that I have commanded thee, [and] wilt keep my statutes and my ordinances: 5 Then will I establish the throne of thy kingdom over Israel for ever; as I have spoken concerning David thy father, saying, There shall never fail thee a man upon the throne of Israel. 6 But if ye will at all turn away, ye or your children, from following me, and will not keep my commandments [and] my statutes

our God day and night, that he may maintain the gods, and bow down to them: 7 Then will I cut off cause of his servant, and the cause of his people Israel from the face of the land which I have given Israel in their daily requirements: 60 In order that them; and the house, which I have hallowed unto my all the nations of the earth may know that the Lord name, will I cast away from my sight; and Israel shall is the [true] God, and none else. 61 Let your heart be a proverb and a by-word among all the nations; therefore be entire with the Lord our God, to walk 8 And at this house, [which] should be so exalted, in his statutes, and to keep his commandments, as every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and at this day. 62 And the king, and all Israel with him, shall hiss; and men will say, Why hath the Lord done offered sacrifices before the Lord. 63 And Solomon thus unto this land, and unto this house? 9 And they offered [as] the sacrifice of peace-offering which he shall say, For the cause that they forsook the Lord offered unto the Lord, two and twenty thousand oxen, their God, who had brought forth their fathers out of and a hundred and twenty thousand sheep. And thus the land of Egypt, and took hold of other gods, and did the king and all the children of Israel dedicate the bowed down to them, and served them; therefore house of the Lord. 64 On the same day did the king hath the Lord brought upon them all this evil. 10 And hallow the interior of the court that was before the it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when house of the Lord; for he prepared there the burnt- Solomon had built the two houses, the house of the offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat of the Lord, and the king's house. 11 (Now Hiram the king of peace-offerings; because the copper altar that was Tyre had supplied Solomon with cedar-trees and firbefore the Lord was too small to contain the burnt- trees, and with gold, according to all his desire, ) that offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat of the king Solomon then gave to Hiram twenty cities in the peace-offerings. 65 And Solomon held at that time land of Galilee. 12 And Hiram came out from Tyre the feast, and all Israel with him, a great assembly, to see the cities which Solomon had given him; but from the entrance of Chamath unto the river of Egypt, they were not right in his eyes. 13 And he said, What before the Lord our God, seven days and seven kind of cities are these which thou hast given me, my days, even fourteen days. 66 On the eighth day he brother? And he called them, The land of Cabul, until dismissed the people, and they blessed the king; and this day. 14 And Hiram sent to the king one hundred they went unto their tents joyful and glad of heart, and twenty talents of gold. 15 And this is the manner because of all the good that the Lord had done for of the levy which king Solomon raised, to build the house of the Lord, and his own house, and the Millo, and the wall of Jerusalem, and Chazor, and Megiddo, and Gezer. 16 (Pharaoh king of Egypt had gone up, and captured Gezer, and burnt it with fire, and slain the Canaanites that dwelt in the city, and given it as a marriage-present unto his daughter, Solomon's wife. 17 And Solomon built Gezer, and lower Beth-choron, 18 And Ba'alath, and Thadmor in the wilderness, in the land. 19 And all the treasure-cities that Solomon had. and the cities for the chariots, and the cities for the horsemen, and the [other] desire of Solomon which he desired to build in Jerusalem, and in Lebanon, and in all the land of his dominion.) 20 All the people that were left of the Emorites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of the children of Israel, 21 Their children that were left after them in the land, whom the children of Israel had not been able utterly to destroy, these did Solomon levy as tributary laborers until this day. 22 Yet of the children of Israel did Solomon make no one a bondman: but they were the men of war, and his servants. and his princes, and his captains, and the officers of

his chariots, and of his horsemen. 23 These [also] to king Solomon. 11 And also the ship of Hiram, that were the chiefs of the superintendents that were over fetched gold from Ophir, brought in from Ophir in Solomon's work, five hundred and fifty, who ruled great abundance sandal-wood and precious stones, over the people that wrought on the work, 24 But 12 And the king made of the sandal-wood a railing Pharaoh's daughter came up out of the city of David for the house of the Lord, and for the king's house, unto her house which he had built for her: then did he and harps and psalteries for the singers: there came build the Millo. 25 And Solomon did offer three times no such sandal-wood, nor was it seen [again] until in every year burnt-offerings and peace-offerings this day, 13 And king Solomon gave unto the gueen upon the altar which he had built unto the Lord, and of Sheba all her pleasure, whatsoever she asked, he burnt incense upon the one that was before the beside what Solomon gave her of his royal bounty. Lord. So he finished the house. 26 And king Solomon So she turned about and went to her own country, made a ship in 'Ezyon-geber, which is near Eloth, on she and her servants. 14 Now the weight of the gold the shore of the Red Sea, in the land of Edom. 27 that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred And Hiram sent in the ship his servants, seamen, and sixty and six talents of gold, 15 Beside [what he that had knowledge of the sea, with the servants of had of the traveling tradesmen, and of the traffic Solomon. 28 And they came to Ophir, and fetched of the merchants, and of the kings of confederate from there gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and nations, and of the governors of the country. 16 And brought it to king Solomon.

1 \( \) And when the queen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon in connection with the name of the Lord, she came to prove him with riddles. 2 And she came to Jerusalem with an exceedingly great train, with camels bearing spices, and gold in great abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she spoke with him of all that was on her heart. 3 And Solomon solved [for] her all her questions: nothing remained hidden from the king, which he did not tell her. 4 And when the queen of Sheba saw all Solomon's wisdom, and the house that he had built, 5 And the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and his ascent by which he went up unto the house of the Lord: there was no more spirit in her. 6 And she said to the king. The truth only was the word that I heard in my own land of thy acts and of thy wisdom. 7 And I believed not in the words, until I came, and my eyes saw [all]: and, behold, the half hath not been told me; thou excellest in wisdom and prosperity the report which I have heard. 8 Happy are thy men, happy are these thy servants, who stand before thee continually, who hear thy wisdom, 9 Blessed be the Lord thy God, who hath had delight in thee, to place thee on the throne of Israel; because the Lord loveth Israel for ever, therefore hath he made thee king, to do justice and righteousness. 10 And she gave to the king one hundred and twenty talents of gold, and of spices a very great store, and precious stones: there came no more spices in such abundance as these which the gueen of Sheba gave

king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of gold he used for each one target. 17 And [he made] three hundred shields of beaten gold; three manehs of gold he used for each one shield: and the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. 18 The king also made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with the best gold. 19 The throne had six steps, and there was a round top on the throne behind: and there were arms on either side on the place of the seat, and two lions stood beside the arms. 20 And twelve lions stood there upon the six steps on both sides: there was not the like made in any other kingdom. 21 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 not valued in the days of Solomon at the least, 22 For the king had a Tharshish-ship at sea with the ship of Hiram: once in three years the Tharshish-ship used to come home, laden with gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and peacocks. 23 And king Solomon became greater than all the kings of the earth for riches and for wisdom. 24 And [men of] all the earth sought the presence of Solomon to hear his wisdom, which God had put in his heart. 25 And they brought every man his present, vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, and armor, and spices, horses, and mules: and so year by year. 26 And Solomon gathered together chariots and horsemen: and he had a thousand and four hundred chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, whom he quartered in the cities for chariots, and near the king at Jerusalem. 27 And the king rendered the silver in Jerusalem like stones. and the cedars he rendered like the sycamore-trees

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that are in the lowlands, for abundance. 28 And namely, when David was in Edom, when Joab the out by their means.

**11** But king Solomon loved many strange women, beside the daughter of Pharaoh, women of the Moabites, 'Ammonites, Edomites, Zidonians, and Hittites. 2 From the nations concerning which the Lord had said unto the children of Israel, Ye shall not go in among them, nor shall they come in among you; surely they will turn away your heart after their gods: unto these Solomon did cleave to love them. 3 And he had seven hundred wives, princesses, and three hundred concubines: and his wives turned away his heart. 4 And it came to pass, at the time that Solomon was old, that his wives turned away his heart after other gods; and his heart was not undivided with the Lord his God, like the heart of David his father. 5 And Solomon went after 'Ashtoreth the divinity of the Zidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the 'Ammonites. 6 And Solomon did what is evil in the eves of the Lord, and went not fully after the Lord, like David his father, 7 Then did Solomon build a high-place for Kemosh, the abomination of Moab, on the mount that is before Jerusalem, and for Molech, the abomination of the children of 'Ammon. 8 And so did he for all his strange wives, who burnt incense and sacrificed unto their gods. 9 And the Lord was angry with Solomon; because his heart was turned away from the Lord 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 did not keep that which the Lord had commanded. 11 And the Lord said unto Solomon. Forasmuch as this is in thy mind, and thou hast not kept my covenant and my statutes, which I commanded concerning thee: I will surely rend the kingdom from thee, and will give it to thy servant. 12 Nevertheless in thy days will I not do it, for the sake of David thy father; [but] out of the hand of thy son will I rend it. 13 Still all the kingdom will I not rend away: one tribe will I give to thy son on account of David my servant, and on account of Jerusalem which I have chosen. 14 And the Lord stirred up an adversary unto Solomon, Hadad the Edomite: he was of the king's seed in Edom. 15 It came to pass,

Solomon had horses brought out of Egypt; and a captain of the army was gone up to bury the slain, company of the king's merchants bought a quantity at after he had smitten every male in Edom: 16 (For six a price. 29 And a charjot-team came up and went out months did Joab remain there with all Israel, until of Egypt for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse he had cut off every male in Edom; ) 17 That Hadad for a hundred and fifty: and so for all the kings of the fled, he and certain Edomites of his father's servants Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them with him, to go into Egypt; but Hadad was then yet a young lad. 18 And they arose from Midian, and came to Paran; and they took [some] men with them from Paran, and came to Egypt, unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt; who gave him a house, and decreed him a support, and gave him land. 19 And Hadad found great favor in the eyes of Pharaoh, so that he gave him for wife the sister of his own wife, the sister of Thachpeness the gueen. 20 And the sister of Thachpeness bore him Genubath his son, whom Thachpeness brought up in Pharaoh's house; and Genubath remained 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 army was dead: Hadad said to Pharaoh, Dismiss me, that I may go to my own country. 22 Then said Pharaoh unto him, But what dost thou lack with me, that, behold, thou seekest to go to thy own country? And he answered, Nothing: nevertheless thou must let me go away. 23 And God stirred him up [another] adversary, Rezon the son of Elyada', who had fled from Hadad'ezer the king of Zobah his lord; 24 And he gathered around him some men, and became captain over a band, when David slew those [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, beside the mischief that Hadad did: and he abhorred Israel, and reigned over Syria. 26 Also Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, an Ephrathite of Zeredah, the name of whose mother was Zeru'ah, a widow woman, was a servant of Solomon, and he lifted up his hand against the king. 27 And this was the occasion that he lifted up his hand against the king: Solomon built up the Millo, and closed up the breach of the city of David his father. 28 And the man Jerobo'am was a mighty man of valor: and Solomon seeing the young man that he was [also] an industrious worker, he appointed him over all the charge of the house of Joseph. 29 And it came to pass at that time when Jerobo'am went out of Jerusalem, that the prophet Achiyah the Shilonite found him on the way; and he had clad himself with a new garment; and these two were alone by themselves in the field: 30 And Achivah caught hold of the new garment that was on him, and

rent it in twelve pieces; 31 And he said to Jerobo'am, of Israel came, and spoke unto Rehobo'am, saving, Take thee ten pieces; for thus hath said the Lord, 4 Thy father made our yoke hard; but do thou now the God of Israel, Behold, I will rend the kingdom out make lighter the hard service of thy father, and his of the hand of Solomon, and I will give to thee the heavy voke which he put upon us, and we will serve ten tribes: 32 But the one tribe shall remain for him, thee, 5 And he said unto them, Go away yet for three on account of my servant David, and on account of days, and then return to me. And the people went Jerusalem, the city which I have chosen out of all away. 6 Then consulted king Rehobo'am with the old the tribes of Israel: 33 For the cause that they have men, that had stood before Solomon his father while forsaken me, and have bowed down to 'Ashtoreth the he yet lived, and said, How do ye advise that I should divinity of the Zidonians, to Kemosh the god of Moab, give an answer to this people? 7 And they spoke unto and to Milcom the god of the children of 'Ammon, and him, saying, If thou wilt this day be a servant unto this have not walked in my ways, to do what is right in my people, and wilt serve them, and be attentive to them, eyes, and my statutes and my ordinances, like David and speak to them good words; then will they be his father. 34 Nevertheless will I not take the whole servants unto thee for all times. 8 But he forsook the kingdom out of his hand; but I will let him remain counsel of the old men, which they had given him, prince all the days of his life for the sake of David my and consulted with the young men that were grown servant, whom I chose, who kept my commandments up with him, those who stood before him: 9 And he and my statutes: 35 But I will take the kingdom out of said unto them. What do you counsel how we should the hand of his son, and I will give it unto thee, even give an answer to this people, who have spoken to the ten tribes. 36 And unto his son will I give one tribe; me, saying, Make lighter the yoke which thy father so that there may remain a government for David my did put upon us? 10 Then spoke unto him the young servant at all times before me in Jerusalem, the city men that were grown up with him, saying, Thus must which I have chosen for me, to put my name there, 37 thou say unto this people that have spoken unto thee. But thee will I take, and thou shalt reign over all that saying, Thy father made our yoke heavy, but do thou thy soul may long for; and thou shalt be king over make it lighter unto us: thus must thou speak unto Israel, 38 And it shall be, if thou wilt hearken unto all them. My little finger is thicker than my father's loins. that I shall command thee, and wilt walk in my ways, 11 And now, if my father hath burdened you with a and do what is right in my eyes, to keep my statutes heavy voke. I will even add to your voke: if my father and my commandments, as David my servant did: hath chastised you with whips, then will I chastise that I will be with thee, and build thee a permanent you with scorpion-thorns. 12 When now Jerobo'am house, as I have built for David, and I will give Israel and all the people came to Rehobo'am on the third unto thee. 39 And I will afflict the seed of David for day, as the king had spoken, saying, Return to me this; but not for all times. 40 Solomon thereupon on the third day. 13 The king answered the people sought to put Jerobo'am to death: but Jerobo'am harshly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they arose, and fled into Egypt, unto Shishak the king had advised him; 14 And he spoke to them after the of Egypt, and remained in Egypt until the death of counsel of the young men, saying, My father made Solomon. 41 And the rest of the acts of Solomon, your yoke heavy, and I will even add to your yoke; my and all that he did and his wisdom, behold, they are father chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you written in the book of the history of Solomon, 42 And with scorpion-thorns, 15 Thus the king hearkened not the days that Solomon reigned in Jerusalem over all unto the people; for it was so brought about from the Israel were forty years. 43 And Solomon slept with his Lord, in order that he might fulfill his word, which the fathers, and was buried in the city of David his father; Lord had spoken by means of Achiyah the Shilonite and Rehobo'am his son became king in his stead.

12 And Rehobo'am went to Shechem; for all Israel were come to Shechem to make him king. 2 And it came to pass, when Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, heard of it, (but he was yet in Egypt, whither he was fled from the presence of king Solomon, and Jerobo'am dwelt in Egypt: 3 And they had sent and called him; ) that Jerobo'am and all the congregation

unto Jerobo'am the son of Nebat. 16 So when all Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the people gave the king an answer saying, What portion have we in David? nor have we an inheritance in the son of Jesse; to your tents, O Israel: now see to thy own house. David, So did Israel go away unto their tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel who dwelt in the cities of Judah, over them did Rehobo'am reign. 18 Then sent king Rehobo'am Adoram, who

stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehobo'am made heart; and he ordained a feast unto the children of speed with all his might to get up into his chariot, to flee to Jerusalem. 19 So did Israel rebel against the house of David unto this day. 20 And it came to pass. when all Israel heard that Jerobo'am 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, save the tribe of Judah alone. 21 And when Rehobo'am was come to Jerusalem, he assembled all the house of Judah, with the tribe of Benjamin, a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, warriors, to fight against the house of Israel, to bring back the kingdom to Rehobo'am the son of Solomon. 22 But the word of God came unto Shema'yah the man of God, saying, 23 Say unto Rehobo'am, the son of Solomon, the king of Judah, and unto all the house of Judah and Benjamin, and to the remnant of the people, saying, 24 Thus hath said the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight with your brethren the children of Israel: return every man to his house; for from me hath this thing been brought about. And they hearkened to the word of the Lord, and returned to go home, according to the word of the Lord. 25 And Jerobo'am built Shechem in the mountain of Ephraim, and dwelt therein; and he went out from there and built Penuel. 26 And Jerobo'am said in his heart. Now may the kingdom return to the house of David: 27 If this people go up to prepare sacrifices in the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, then may the heart of this people turn again unto their Lord, even unto Rehobo'am the king of Judah, and they might kill me, and return to Rehobo'am the king of Judah. 28 Whereupon the king took counsel, and he made two calves of gold, and said unto the people. You have been long enough going up to Jerusalem: behold, here are thy gods, O Israel, which have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt. 29 And he placed the one in Beth-el, and the other put he in Dan. 30 And this thing became a sin; and the people went before the one, as far as Dan. 31 And he made a house of the high-places, and made priests of the lowest of the people, who were not of the sons of Levi. 32 And Jerobo'am made 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, sacrificing unto the calves that he had made: and he stationed at Beth-el the priests of the high-places whom he had made. 33 So he offered upon the altar which he had made in Beth-el on the fifteenth day of the eighth month, in

was over the tribute; but all Israel stoned him with the month which he had falsely devised of his own Israel, and he went up to the altar, to burn incense.

> 3 And, behold, there came a man of God out of Judah by the word of the Lord unto Beth-el: while Jerobo'am was standing upon the altar to burn incense. 2 And he called out against the altar by the word of the Lord, and he said. O altar, altar, thus hath said the Lord, Behold, a child shall be born unto the house of David, Josiah by name, and he shall sacrifice upon thee the priests of the high-places that burn incense upon thee, and men's bones shall be burnt upon thee. 3 And he gave on the same day a token, saying. This is the token that the Lord hath spoken, Behold, the altar shall be rent, and the ashes which are upon it shall be spilled about. 4 And it came to pass, when the king heard the word of the man of God, which he had called out against the altar in Beth-el, that Jerobo'am stretched forth his hand from off the altar, saying, Seize him. And his hand, which he had put forth against him, dried up, so that he could not draw it back to himself. 5 The altar also was rent, and the ashes were spilled about from the altar, according to the token which the man of God had given by the word of the Lord. 6 And the king commenced and said unto the man of God. Offer but entreaty before the Lord thy God, and pray in behalf of me, that my hand may return to me again. And the man of God offered his entreaty before the Lord, and the king's hand returned to him again, and became as it was before. 7 And the king spoke unto the man of God, Come home with me, and take some refreshment, and I will give thee a present. 8 But the man of God said unto the king. If thou wert to give me the half of thy house, I would not go in with thee, neither would I eat bread nor drink water in this place; 9 For so was it charged me by the word of the Lord, saying, Thou shalt not eat bread, nor drink water, nor return by the way that thou camest. 10 So he went by another way, and returned not by the way on which he was come to Beth-el. 11 Now there dwelt a certain old prophet in Beth-el; and his son came and told him all the deed that the man of God had done that day in Beth-el: the words [also] which he had spoken unto the king, these too they told to their father. 12 And their father spoke unto them, What way did he go? His sons however had seen what way had gone the man of God, who had come from Judah. 13 And he said unto his sons, Saddle me the ass. So they saddled him the ass,

man of God, and found him sitting under the oak; own sepulchre; and they lamented over him, "Alas, and he said unto him. Art thou the man of God that my brother!" 31 And it came to pass, after he had camest from Judah? And he said, I am. 15 Then said buried him, that he spoke to his sons, saving, When I he unto him. Come with me home, and eat bread, am dead, then bury me in the sepulchre wherein the 16 And he said, I cannot return with thee, nor go in man of God is buried; beside his bones lay ye my with thee: neither will I eat bread nor drink water with bones; 32 For the thing which he called out by the thee in this place: 17 For a command came to me word of the Lord against the altar which is in Beth-el. by the word of the Lord, Thou shalt not eat bread and against all the houses of the high-places which nor drink water there; thou shalt not return to go by are in the cities of Samaria, will surely come to pass. the way [also] by which thou camest. 18 And he said 33 After this event Jerobo'am returned not from his unto him, I also am a prophet like thee; and an angel evil way; but made again of the lowest of the people spoke unto me by the word of the Lord, saying, Bring priests of the high-places: whosoever desired it, he him back with thee unto thy house, that he may eat consecrated, that he might become one of the priests bread and drink water. But he lied unto him. 19 So he of the high-places. 34 And he became through this returned with him, and ate bread in his house, and thing the cause of sin unto the house of Jerobo'am, drank water. 20 And it came to pass, as they were and to cause that it was blotted out, and destroyed sitting at the table. That the word of the Lord came from off the face of the earth. unto the prophet who had brought him back: 21 And he called unto the man of God that was come from Judah, saying, Thus hath said the Lord, Forasmuch as thou hast disobeyed the order of the Lord, and hast not kept the commandment which the Lord thy God had commanded thee: 22 But didst return, and hast eaten bread and drunk water in the place, of which he had spoken to thee. Thou shalt not eat bread, nor drink water: thy dead 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. Ito wit, I for the prophet whom he had brought back. 24 And when he was gone, a lion met him on the way, and slew him; and his corpse remained cast down on the way, and the ass stood by it, the lion also stood by the corpse. 25 And, behold, men passed by, and saw the corpse cast down on the way, and the lion standing by the corpse; and they came and spoke of it in the city where the old prophet dwelt. 26 And when the prophet that had brought him back from the way heard it. he said, It is the man of God who was disobedient unto the order of the Lord: wherefore the Lord hath given him up unto the lion, who hath torn him, and slain him, according to the word of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him. 27 And he spoke to his sons. saving. Saddle me the ass. And they saddled him. 28 And he went and found his corpse cast down on the way, and the ass and the lion standing by the corpse: the lion had not eaten the corpse, nor torn the ass. 29 And the prophet took up the corpse 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 lament

and he rode away thereon, 14 And he went after the for, and to bury him. 30 And he laid his corpse in his

**14** At that time Abiyah the son of Jerobo'am fell sick. 2 And Jerobo'am said to his wife, Arise, I pray thee, and disguise thyself, that people may not know that thou art the wife of Jerobo'am; and go to Shiloh: behold, there is Achiyahu the prophet, who spoke of me that [I should become] king over this people. 3 And take with thee ten loaves of bread and spice-cakes, and a cruise of honey, and go to him: he will tell thee what is to become of the lad. 4 And Jerobo'am's wife did so, and arose, and went to Shiloh, and came to the house of Achiyahu. But Achiyahu was not able to see; for his eyes were set by reason of his high age. 5 And the Lord had said unto Achivahu. Behold the wife of Jerobo'am is coming to inquire a word of thee about her son; for he is sick: thus and thus shalt thou speak unto her; for it will be, when she cometh in, that she will feign to be another, 6 And it happened, when Achivahu heard the sound of her feet, as she came in at the door, that he said. Come in, thou wife of Jerobo'am: why is this, that thou feignest to be another? but I am sent to thee with a hard message. 7 Go, say to Jerobo'am, Thus hath said the Lord the God of Israel, Forasmuch as I exalted thee from the midst of the people, and made thee prince over my people Israel, 8 And I rent the kingdom away from the house of David, and gave it unto thee; whereas thou hast not been like my servant David, who kept my commandments, and who followed after me with all his heart, to do only what is right in my eyes: 9 And thou hast done more evil than all that were before thee; and thou art gone and hast made unto thyself other gods, and molten

cast behind thy back: 10 Therefore, behold, will I the children of Israel. 25 And it came to pass in the bring evil upon the house of Jerobo'am, and will cut fifth year of king Rehobo'am, that Shishak the king of off from Jerobo'am every male. [also] the guarded Egypt came up against Jerusalem: 26 And he took and fortified in Israel: and I will sweep out after the away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the house of Jerobo'am as one sweepeth away the dung treasures of the king's house; yea, every thing did he till there be nothing left of it. 11 Him that dieth of take away; and he took away all the shields of gold Jerobo'am in the city shall the dogs eat: and him that which Solomon had made. 27 And king Rehobo'am dieth in the field shall the fowls of the heavens eat; made in their stead shields of copper, and committed for the Lord hath spoken it. 12 But thou, arise now, them for keeping into the hand of the chiefs of the go to thy own house: when thy feet enter into the runners, who kept guard at the door of the king's city, the child shall die. 13 And all Israel shall mourn house. 28 And it happened whenever the king went for him, and bury him; for this one alone shall come into the house of the Lord, that the runners used of Jerobo'am's [family] to the grave: because there to bear them, and carried them then back into the hath been found in him some good thing toward the apartment of the runners. 29 And the rest of the acts Lord the God of Israel in the house of Jerobo'am. of Rehobo'am, and all that he did, behold, they are 14 And the Lord will raise up unto himself a king written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of over Israel, who shall cut off the house of Jerobo'am Judah, 30 And there was war between Rehobo'am what is here this day, and what will be after this, 15 and Jerobo'am all the days, 31 And Rehobo'am slept And the Lord will smite Israel, as the reed is shaken with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the in the water, and he will pull up Israel out of this city of David. And his mother's name was Na'amah good land, which he gave to their fathers, and will the 'Ammonitess. And Abiyam his son became king in scatter them on the other side of the river; because his stead. they have made their groves, provoking the Lord to anger. 16 And he will give Israel up for the sake of the sins of Jerobo'am, who did sin, and who induced Israel to sin. 17 And Jerobo'am's wife arose, and departed, and came to Thirzah: [and] as she came to the threshold of the door, the lad died: 18 And they buried him; and all Israel mourned for him, according to the word of the Lord, which he had spoken by the hand of his servant Achiyahu the prophet. 19 And the rest of the acts of Jerobo'am, how he warred, and how he reigned, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 20 And the days which Jerobo'am reigned were two and twenty years; and he slept with his fathers, and Nadab his son became king in his stead. 21 And Rehobo'am the son of Solomon reigned in Judah, Rehobo'am was forty and one years old when he became king, and seventeen years did he reign in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Na'amah the 'Ammonitess. 22 And Judah did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord, and they moved him to wrath more than all that their fathers had done, with their sins which they committed. 23 And they also built themselves high-places, and standing images. and groves, on every high hill, and under every green tree. 24 And sodomites also were in the land: they acted in accordance with all the abominable deeds

images, to provoke me to anger, and me hast thou of the nations which the Lord had driven out before

15 Now in the eighteenth year of king Jerobo'am the son of Nebat became Abiyam king over Judah. 2 Three years he reigned in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Ma'achah, 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 entire with the Lord his God, like the heart of David his father. 4 Nevertheless for the sake of David did the Lord his God give him a rule in Jerusalem, to set up his son after him, and to allow Jerusalem to exist. 5 Because David did what is right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from all that he had commanded him all the days of his life, save only in the matter of Uriyah the Hittite. 6 And there had been war between Rehobo'am and Jerobo'am all the days of his life. 7 And the rest of the acts of Abivam. and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. And there was [also] war between Abiyam and Jerobo'am. 8 And Abiyam slept with his fathers; and they buried him in the city of David: and Assa his son became king in his stead. 9 And in the twentieth year of Jerobo'am the king of Israel became Assa king over Judah. 10 And forty and one years did he reign in Jerusalem. And the name of his mother was Ma'achah, the daughter of Abishalom. 11 And Assa did what is right in the eyes of the Lord, like David his father. 12 And he put away the

which his fathers had made. 13 And also Ma'achah him at Gibbethon, which belonged to the Philistines: his mother, even her he removed from being gueen; while Nadab and all Israel were besieging Gibbethon. because she had made a scandalous image for the 28 And Ba'sha slew him in the third year of Assa grove; and Assa cut down her scandalous image, the king of Judah, and became king in his stead. and burnt it by the brook Kidron. 14 But the high- 29 And it came to pass, when he reigned, that he places were not removed; nevertheless Assa's heart smote all the house of Jerobo'am; he left not any was entire with the Lord all his days. 15 And he that breathed unto Jerobo'am, until he had destroyed brought the things which his father had sanctified, him, according to the word of the Lord, which he and his own sanctified things, into the house of the had spoken by his servant Achiyah the Shilonite; Lord. silver. and gold, and vessels. 16 And there was 30 Because of the sins of Jerobo'am which he had war between Assa and Ba'sha the king of Israel all sinned, and through which he had induced Israel to their days. 17 And Ba'sha the king of Israel went up sin, by his provoking wherewith he provoked the Lord against Judah, and built Ramah, in order not to suffer the God of Israel to anger. 31 And the rest of the acts any one to go out or come in to Assa the king of of Nadab, and all that he did, behold, they are written Judah. 18 Then did Assa take all the silver and the in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 32 gold that were left in the treasures of the house of And there was war between Assa and Ba'sha the the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and king of Israel all their days, 33 In the third year of gave them into the hand of his servants; and king. Assa the king of Judah became Ba'sha the son of Assa sent them to Ben-hadad, the son of Tabrimmon, Achiyah king over all Israel, in Thirzah, [for] twenty the son of Chesyon, the king of Syria, who dwelt in and four years. 34 And he did what is evil in the eyes Damascus, saying, 19 A covenant is between me and of the Lord, and walked in the way of Jerobo'am, and thee, [as] between my father and thy father: behold, in his sin wherewith he had induced Israel to sin. I have sent unto thee a present of silver and gold: go and do break thy covenant with Ba'sha the king of Israel, that he may withdraw from me. 20 And Ben-hadad hearkened unto king Assa, and sent the captains of the armies which he had against the cities of Israel, and smote 'Iyon, and Dan, and Abel-bethma'achah, and the whole of Kinneroth, with all the land of Naphtali. 21 And it came to pass, when Ba'sha heard this, that he left off the building of Ramah, and remained in Tirzah. 22 Then king Assa called together by proclamation all Judah, none being exempted; and they took away the stones of Ramah, and its timber. wherewith Ba'sha had built: and king Assa built with them Geba' of Benjamin, and Mizpah. 23 And the rest of all the acts of Assa, and all his mighty deeds, and all that he did, and the cities which he built, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. Nevertheless in the time of his old age he became diseased in his feet. 24 And Assa slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David his father; and Jehoshaphat his son became king in his stead. 25 And Nadab the son of Jerobo'am became king over Israel in the second year of Assa the king of Judah; and he reigned over Israel two years. 26 And he did what is evil in the eves of the Lord, and he walked in the way of his father. and in his sin wherewith he had induced Israel to sin. 27 And Ba'sha the son of Achiyah, of the house of

sodomites out of the land, and removed all the idols. Issachar, conspired against him; and Ba'sha smote

16 Then came the word of the Lord to Jehu the son of Chanani against Ba'sha, saying, 2 Forasmuch as I lifted thee up out of the dust, and I set thee as prince over my people Israel; and thou hast walked in the way of Jerobo'am, and hast induced my people Israel to sin, to provoke me to anger with their sins: 3 Behold, I will sweep out after Ba'sha, and after his house: and I will render thy house like the house of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat; 4 Him that dieth of Ba'sha in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth of his in the field shall the fowls of the heavens eat. 5 And the rest of the acts of Ba'sha, and what he did, and his mighty deeds, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 6 And Ba'sha slept with his fathers, and was buried in Thirzah: and Elah his son became king in his stead. 7 And also by the hand of Jehu the son of Chanani, the prophet, came the word of the Lord against Ba'sha, and against his house, both for all the evil that he did in the eyes of the Lord, to provoke him to anger with the work of his hands, thus being like the house of Jerobo'am; and because he had killed him. 8 In the twenty and sixth year of Assa the king of Judah became Elah the son of Ba'sha king over Israel in Thirzah, [for] two years. 9 And there conspired against him his servant Zimri, captain of half the chariots, as he was in Thirzah, drinking

the house in Thirzah. 10 And Zimri went in and smote sin wherewith he induced Israel to sin, to provoke him, and killed him, in the twenty and seventh year the Lord God of Israel to anger with their vanities. 27 of Assa the king of Judah, and became king in his Now the rest of the acts of 'Omri which he did, and stead. 11 And it came to pass, when he began to his mighty deeds that he displayed, behold, they are reign, as soon as he sat on his throne, that he slew written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of all the house of Ba'sha: he left him not a single male, Israel. 28 And 'Omri slept with his fathers, and was neither of his kinsfolks, nor of his friends. 12 Thus did buried in Samaria; and Achab his son became king in Zimri exterminate all the house of Ba'sha, according his stead. 29 And Achab the son of 'omri became king to the word of the Lord, which he had spoken against over Israel in the thirty and eighth year of Assa the Ba'sha by the agency of Jehu the prophet, 13 For king of Judah; and Achab the son of 'Omri reigned all the sins of Ba'sha, and the sins of Elah his son, over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. 30 And by which they had sinned, and by which they had Achab the son of 'Omri did what is evil in the eyes induced Israel to sin, to provoke the Lord the God of of the Lord more than all that had been before him. Israel to anger with their vanities. 14 Now the rest of 31 And it came to pass, as if it had been too light a the acts of Elah, and all that he did, behold, they are thing for him to walk in the sins of Jerobo'am the son written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of of Nebat, that he took for wife Izebel the daughter Israel, 15 In the twenty and seventh year of Assa the of Ethba'al the king of the Zidonians, and went and king of Judah did Zimri reign seven days in Thirzah: served Ba'al, and worshipped him. 32 And he erected and the people were encamped against Gibbethon, an altar for Ba'al in the house of Ba'al, which he had which belonged to the Philistines. 16 And when the built in Samaria. 33 And Achab made a grove; and people that were encamped heard it said, Zimri hath Achab did yet more, so as to provoke the Lord the conspired, and hath also slain the king: all Israel God of Israel to anger, than all the kings of Israel that made 'Omri, the captain of the army, king over Israel had been before him. 34 In his days did Chiel the on that day in the camp. 17 And 'Omri went up, and Beth-elite build Jericho: with Abiram his first-born all Israel with him from Gibbethon, and they besieged laid he the foundation thereof, and with Segub his Thirzah. 18 And it came to pass, when Zimri saw that youngest son set he up the gates thereof, according the city was captured, that he went into the strong- to the word of the Lord, which he had spoken by hold of the king's house, and burnt the king's house means of Joshua the son of Nun. over him with fire, and he died; 19 For his sins which he had sinned, in doing what is evil in the eyes of the Lord, to walk in the way of Jerobo'am, and in his sin which he did, to induce Israel to sin. 20 And the rest of the acts of Zimri, and his conspiracy that he contrived, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 21 At that time were the people of Israel divided into two parts: one half of the people followed Thibni the son of Ginath, to make him king; and the other half followed 'Omri. 22 But the people that followed 'Omri prevailed against the people that followed Thibni the son of Ginath: and Thibni [also] died, and 'Omri became king. 23 In the thirty and first year of Assa the king of Judah became 'Omri king over Israel, [for] twelve years; in Thirzah he reigned six years. 24 And he bought the mount Samaria, of Shemer for two talents of silver, and built on the mount, and called the name of the city which he had built, after the name of Shemer. the Lord of the mount, Samaria, 25 And 'Omri did what is evil in the eves of the Lord, and did worse than all that were before him. 26 And he walked in all

himself drunk in the house of Arza, who was set over the way of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, and in his

17 Then said Elijah the Tishbite, who was of the inhabitants of Gil'ad, unto Achab, As the Lord the God of Israel liveth, before whom I have stood. there shall not be in these years dew or rain, except according to my word. 2 And the word of the Lord came unto him, saying, 3 Go away from here, and turn thyself eastward, and hide thyself by the brook Kerith, which is to the east of the Jordan. 4 And it shall be, that out of the brook shalt thou drink; and the ravens have I ordained to sustain thee there. 5 And he went and did according to the word of the Lord; and he went and remained by the brook Kerith, that is to the east of the Jordan. 6 And the ravens brought him bread and flesh in the morning, and bread and flesh in the evening; and out of the brook he used to drink. 7 And it came to pass after a while that the brook dried up; because there had been no rain in the land. 8 And the word of the Lord came unto him. saying, 9 Arise, go unto Zarephath, which belongeth to Zidon, and remain there: behold, I have ordained there a widow-woman to sustain thee. 10 So he arose

gate of the city, behold, there was there a widow- upon the face of the earth. 2 And Elijah went to show woman gathering sticks of wood: and he called her, himself unto Achab; and the famine was grievous and said. Fetch me. I pray thee, a little water in a in Samaria. 3 And Achab called 'Obadiah, who was vessel, that I may drink. 11 And as she went to fetch the superintendent of the house: —(now 'Obadiah it, he called to her, and said, Bring me, I pray thee, feared the Lord greatly; 4 And it happened, when a morsel of bread in thy hand. 12 And she said, As Izebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that 'Obadiah the Lord thy God liveth. I have nothing baked, but a took a hundred prophets, and hid them fifty each in handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a cruise: one cave, and provided them with bread and water; and, behold, I am gathering a couple of sticks, that I ) 5 And Achab said unto 'Obadiah, Go through the may go in and prepare it for me and my son; and land, unto all the springs of water, and unto all the when we have eaten it, we shall have to die. 13 And brooks, peradventure we may find grass and keep Elijah said unto her, Fear not; go and do as thou hast alive horse and mule, that we lose not all the cattle. said; but make me thereof a little cake at first, and 6 So they divided between them the land to pass bring it out unto me, and for thee and for thy son shalt through it; Achab went one way by himself alone, and thou prepare [something] afterward. 14 For thus hath 'Obadiah went another way by himself alone. 7 And said the Lord the God of Israel, The jar of meal shall as 'Obadiah was on the way, behold, Elijah came not fail, neither shall the cruise of oil diminish, until toward him; and he recognized him, and fell on his the day that the Lord giveth rain upon the face of the face, and said, Art thou here indeed, my Lord Elijah? earth. 15 And she went and did according to the word 8 And he said unto him, I am: go, say unto thy Lord, of Elijah: and she, and he, and her household, did eat Behold, Elijah is here. 9 And he said, What have I [many] days. 16 The jar of meal failed not, nor did sinned, that thou wouldst deliver thy servant into the the cruise of oil diminish, according to the word of hand of Achab, to slav me? 10 As the Lord thy God the Lord, which he had spoken through means of liveth, there is not a nation or kingdom whither my Elijah. 17 And it came to pass after these events, Lord hath not sent to seek thee; and when they said, that the son of the woman, the mistress of the house. He is not here; he caused that kingdom and nation fell sick; and his sickness became very severe, until to take an oath, that no one could find thee. 11 And that at length there was no breath left in him. 18 And now thou savest. Go. say unto thy Lord. Behold. here she said unto Elijah, What have I to do with thee, O is Elijah. 12 And it may come to pass, that, when I man of God? thou art come unto me to call my sin to go from thee, the spirit of the Lord may carry thee remembrance, and to slay my son! 19 And he said whither I know not; and when I come to inform Achab, unto her, Give me thy son. And he took him out of her and he cannot find thee, he will slay me; but I thy bosom, and carried him up into the upper chamber, servant have feared the Lord from my youth. 13 Hath in which he abode, and he laid him upon his own it not been told unto my Lord what I did when Izebel bed. 20 And he called unto the Lord, and said, O Lord slew the prophets of the Lord, how I hid a hundred my God, hast thou also brought evil upon the widow men of the prophets of the Lord, fifty each in one with whom I sojourn, by slaving her son? 21 And he cave, and provided them with bread and water? 14 stretched himself out over the child three times, and And now thou savest. Go say to thy lord, Behold, called unto the Lord, and said, O Lord my God, let, I Elijah is here: and he will slav me, 15 Then said pray thee, the soul of this child return again within Elijah, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I him. 22 And the Lord listened to the voice of Elijah: have stood, surely today will I show myself unto him. and the soul of the child returned into him, and he 16 So 'Ohadiah went to meet Achab, and he told it to revived. 23 And Elijah took the child, and brought him him; and Achab went to meet Elijah. 17 And it came down out of the upper chamber into the house, and to pass, when Achab saw Elijah, that Achab said gave him unto his mother; and Elijah said, See, thy unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel? 18 And son liveth. 24 And the woman said to Elijah, Now by he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, this do I know, that thou art a man of God, and the and thy father's house, through your forsaking the word of the Lord in thy mouth is truth.

**18** And it lasted many days, when the word of the Lord came to Elijah in the third year, saying,

and went to Zarephath; and when he came to the Go, show thyself unto Achab; and I will give rain commandments of the Lord, and because thou hast followed the Be'alim. 19 And now send, assemble unto me all Israel at Mount Carmel, and the prophets of Ba'al four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the

And Elijah said unto the people, I have been left a near, and said, O Lord, God of Abraham, of Isaac, put no fire to it. 24 And do ve call on the name of a fire of the Lord, and consumed the burnt-offering. altar of the Lord that had been torn down. 31 And the entrance of Yizre'el. Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the Lord was come, saying, Israel shall be thy name. 32 And he built of the stones an altar in the name of the Lord; and he made a trench as great as would contain two seahs of seed round about the altar. 33 And he put in order the wood, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid them on the wood, 34 And he said. Fill four jars with water; and they had to pour

grove four hundred, who eat at the table of Izebel. it on the burnt-offering, and on the wood: and he said, 20 And Achab sent round among all the children of Do it the second time: and they did it the second Israel, and he assembled the prophets at Mount time: and he said, Do it the third time; and they did Carmel. 21 And Elijah approached unto all the people. it the third time. 35 And the water ran round about and said, How long halt ye between the two opinions? the altar; and the trench also he filled with water. 36 if the Lord be the God, follow him; and if Ba'al—follow And it came to pass, at [the time of] the offering of him. And the people answered him not a word. 22 the evening-sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came prophet of the Lord by myself alone; but the prophets and of Israel, this day let it be known that thou art of Ba'al are four hundred and fifty men. 23 Therefore God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that at let there be given unto us two bullocks; and let them thy word I have done all these things. 37 Answer me, choose for themselves the one bullock, and cut it in O Lord, answer me, and let all this people know that pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire to it: and I thou, O Lord, art the [true] God, and thou wilt [then] will prepare the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and have turned their heart back again. 38 And there fell your god, and I will call on the name of the Lord: and and the wood, and the stones, and the dust; and the it shall be that the God who answereth by fire, he water also that was in the trench did it lick up. 39 And shall be the [true] God. And all the people answered when all the people saw this, they fell on their faces: and said, The proposal is good. 25 And Elijah said and they said, the Lord—he is the God; the Lord—he unto the prophets of Ba'al, Choose you for yourselves is the God. 40 And Elijah said unto them, Seize the the one bullock, and prepare it first; for ye are the prophets of Ba'al; not one of them must escape; and many; and call on the name of your god, but put no they seized them: and Elijah brought them down to fire to it. 26 And they took the bullock which he had the brook Kishon, and slaughtered them there. 41 given to them, and they prepared it; and they called And Elijah said unto Achab, Go up, eat and drink; for on the name of Ba'al from morning even until noon, there is a sound of abundance of rain. 42 So Achab saving, O Ba'al, answer us; but there was no voice, went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the nor any answer: and they danced about the altar top of Carmel; and he cast himself down toward the which had been made. 27 And it came to pass at earth, and put his face between his knees: 43 And he noon, that Elijah mocked at them, and said, Call with said to his servant, Go up, I pray thee, look in the a loud voice; for he is a god; either he is holding direction of the sea. And he went up, and looked, and council, or he is busy in some pursuit, or he is on a said, Not the least [is visible]. And he said, Go again, journey; or peradventure he sleepeth, and may thus seven times. 44 And it came to pass at the seventh awaken, 28 And they called with a loud voice and cut time, that he said, Behold, there is a little cloud like a themselves after their custom with knives and spears, man's hand arising out of the sea. And he said, Go till the blood gushed out over them. 29 And it came up, say unto Achab, Harness up [thy chariot], and to pass, when midday was past, that they practised come down, that the rain may not detain thee. 45 And their follies until near [the time of] the offering of the it came to pass in the mean while, that the heavens evening-sacrifice; but there was neither voice, nor were blackened with clouds and wind, and there was any answer, nor any perceptible sound. 30 And Elijah a great rain, And Achab rode, and went to Yizre'el, 46 said unto all the people, Come near unto me: and all And the inspiration of the Lord came over Elijah, and the people came near unto him; and he repaired the he girded up his loins; and he ran before Achab up to

> 19 And Achab told Izebel all that Elijah had done. and withal that he had slain all the prophets with the sword. 2 Then sent Izebel a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So may the gods do to me, and may they thus continue, if about this time tomorrow I do not render thy life as the life of any one of them. 3 And when he saw this, he arose, and went for his life, and came to Beer-sheba', which belongeth to Judah.

went forward into the wilderness a day's journey, and slay. 18 And I will leave in Israel seven thousand, he came and sat down under a certain broom-bush: all the knees which have not been bent unto Ba'al. and he requested for himself to die: and he said. It and every mouth which hath not kissed him. 19 And is enough, now, O Lord, take away my soul; for I he departed thence, and found Elisha' the son of am not better than my fathers. 5 And he laid himself Shaphat, who was ploughing; twelve yoke of oxen down and slept under a certain broom-bush, and, were before him, and he was with the twelfth: and behold then, an angel was touching him, and said Elijah passed up to him, and cast his mantle toward unto him, Arise, eat. 6 And he looked about, and, him. 20 And he left the oxen, and ran after Elijah, and behold, there was at his head a cake baked on coals, said, Let me, I pray thee, kiss but my father and my and a cruise of water; and he ate and drank, and laid mother, and I will [then] follow thee: and he said unto himself down again. 7 And the angel of the Lord came him, Go, return; for what have I done to thee? 21 again, the second time, and touched him, and said, And he returned back from him, and took a yoke of Arise, eat; because the journey is yet far for thee, 8 oxen, and slew them, and with the instruments of the And he arose, and ate and drank; and he went on the oxen he boiled the flesh for them, and he gave it unto strength of that eating forty days and forty nights unto the people, and they did eat; and then he arose, and the mount of God, Horeb. 9 And he came there unto went after Elijah, and ministered unto him. a cave, and remained there over night: and, behold, and Ben-hadad the king of Syria assembled and some to him and said unto him. What dost thou here, Elijah? 10 And he said, I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thy altars have they thrown down, and thy prophets have they slain with the sword: and I am left by myself alone, and they have sought my life, to take it away. 11 And he said. Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the Lord: and, behold, the Lord passed by, and a wind, great and strong, rending the mountains. and breaking in pieces the rocks [went] before the Lord; but not in the wind was the Lord: and after the wind was an earthquake: but not in the earthquake was the Lord; 12 And after the earthquake was a fire; but not in the fire was the Lord; and after the fire was the sound of a soft whisper. 13 And it came to pass, when Elijah heard it, that he concealed his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entrance of the cave: and, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What dost thou here, Elijah? 14 And he said. I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; because the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thy altars have they thrown down, and thy prophets have they slain with the sword: and I am left by myself alone, and they have sought my life, to take it away. 15 And the Lord said unto him, Go, return on thy way to the wilderness of Damascus; and go, anoint Chazael to be king over Syria; 16 And Jehu the son of Nimshi shalt thou anoint to be king over Israel; and Elisha' the son of Shaphat of Abel-mecholah shalt thou anoint to be prophet in thy stead. 17 And it shall come to pass, that him that escapeth the sword of Chazael shall Jehu slay; and

and he left his young man there. 4 But he himself him that escapeth the sword of Jehu shall Elisha'

all his host together: and thirty and two kings were with him, and horses, and chariots; and he went up and besieged Samaria, and made war against it. 2 And he sent messengers to Achab the king of Israel into the city; 3 And he said unto him, Thus hath said Ben-hadad, Thy silver and thy gold are mine; thy wives also and thy children, even the best, are mine. 4 And the king of Israel answered and said, According to thy word, my Lord, O king, thine am I, and all that I have. 5 And the messengers returned, and said, Thus hath said Ben-hadad, to say [to thee], I have indeed sent unto thee, saving. Thou shalt give unto me thy silver, and thy gold, and thy wives, and thy children; 6 Nevertheless, about this time tomorrow will I send my servants unto thee, and they shall search through thy house, and the houses of thy servants; and it shall be, that whatsoever is pleasant in thy eyes, they shall place it in their hand, and take it away. 7 Then did the king of Israel call for all the elders of the land, and said, Mark, I pray you, and see that this man seeketh mischief; for he hath sent unto me for my wives, and for my children, and for my silver, and for my gold, and I have not refused them to him. 8 And all the elders and all the people said unto him, Thou must not hearken, nor consent. 9 Wherefore he said unto the messengers of Ben-hadad, Say to my lord the king, all that thou didst send for to thy servant at the first will I do; but this thing I am not able to do. And the messengers went away, and brought him word again. 10 And Ben-hadad then sent unto him, and said, May the gods do so unto me, and continue to do so, if the dust of Samaria shall suffice

for handfuls for all the people that are in my train. 11 came to pass at the return of the year, that Ben-hadad And the king of Israel answered and said, Speak, numbered the Syrians, and went up to Aphek, to the Let him that girdeth on the armor not boast himself war with Israel. 27 And the children of Israel were as he that putteth it off. 12 And it came to pass, numbered, and provisioned, and went [out] against when he heard this message, as he was drinking, he them: and the children of Israel encamped opposite and the kings in the pavilions, that he said unto his to them like two little flocks of goats; but the Syrians servants, Get ready for the attack. And they got ready filled the country. 28 And there approached the man for the attack against the city. 13 And, behold, there of God, and spoke unto the king of Israel, and said, approached a certain prophet unto Achab the king of Thus hath said the Lord, Forasmuch as the Syrians Israel, and said, Thus hath said the Lord, Hast thou have said, "A God of the hills is the Lord, but he is seen all this great multitude? behold, I will deliver not God of the valleys": will I deliver all this great it into thy hand this day; and thou shalt know that multitude into thy hand; and ye shall know that I am I am the Lord. 14 And Achab said, By whom? And the Lord. 29 And they encamped one opposite the he said, Thus hath said the Lord, By means of the other for seven days. And it happened, that on the young men of the princes of the provinces. Then said seventh day the battle took place: and the children of he, Who shall order the battle? And he said, Thou. Israel smote the Syrians a hundred thousand men on 15 He then numbered the young men of the princes foot in one day. 30 But those that were left fled to of the provinces, and they were two hundred and Aphek, into the city; but the city-wall fell upon the thirty-two: and after them he numbered all the people, twenty and seven thousand men that had been left. all the children of Israel, seven thousand strong. 16 And Ben-hadad fled, and came into the city, into an And they went out at midday; while Ben-hadad was innermost chamber. 31 And his servants said unto drinking himself drunk in the pavilions, he and the him, Behold now, we have heard that the kings of kings, the thirty and two kings that helped him. 17 And the house of Israel are kindly kings; let us, we pray the young men of the princes of the provinces went thee, put sackcloth on our loins, and ropes upon our out at first; and Ben-hadad sent out, and they told heads, and go out to the king of Israel; peradventure him, saying, Some men are come out of Samaria. 18 he may save thy life. 32 So they girded sackcloth on And he said, If they be come out for peace, catch their loins, and ropes on their heads, and came to them alive; and if they be come out for war, alive must the king of Israel, and said. Thy servant Ben-hadad ye catch them. 19 So these, the young men of the hath said, I pray thee, let me live. And he said, Is he princes of the provinces, came out of the city, with the yet alive? he is my brother. 33 Now the men took army which followed them. 20 And they slew every it for a good sign, and hastened and caught at his one his man; and the Syrians fled, and Israel pursued word, whether it was his earnest; and they said, Thy them: and Ben-hadad the king of Syria escaped on a brother Ben-hadad! But he said, Go ye, bring him. horse with the horsemen. 21 And the king of Israel Then came Ben-hadad forth to him; and he caused went out, and smote the horses and chariots, and him to come up into the chariot. 34 And he said unto inflicted on the Syrians a great defeat. 22 And the him, The cities, which my father took from thy father, prophet approached unto the king of Israel, and said will I restore; and thou canst lay out for thyself streets unto him, Go, strengthen thyself, and mark, and see in Damascus, as my father laid out in Samaria. "And I what thou hast to do; for at the return of the year the for my part will send thee away with this covenant." king of Syria will come up against thee. 23 And the So he made a covenant with him, and sent him away. servants of the king of Syria said unto him, Gods of 35 And a certain man of the sons of the prophets said the mountains are their gods; therefore they prevailed unto his companion, By the word of the Lord, smite over us; but let us fight against them in the plain, me, I pray thee. But the man refused to smite him. [and see] whether we shall not prevail over them. 24 36 Then said he unto him, Forasmuch as thou hast But do this thing, Remove the kings, every one from not obeyed the voice of the Lord, behold, when thou his place, and appoint governors in their rooms; 25 goest away from me, a lion shall slay thee. And he And thou, number for thyself an army, like the army went away from him, when a lion found him, and that thou hast lost, horse for horse, and chariot for slew him, 37 Then he met with another man, and chariot: and we will fight against them in the plain, said, Smite me, I pray thee. And the man smote him, [and see] whether we shall prevail over them. And smiting and wounding [him]. 38 And the prophet then

he hearkened unto their voice, and did so. 26 And it went, and placed himself before the king on the way,

and disquised himself with a bandage over his eyes. wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and cause and displeased, and he came to Samaria.

Naboth the Yizre'elite had a vineyard, which was in Yizre'el, near the palace of Achab the king of Samaria. 2 And Achab spoke unto Naboth, saying, Give me thy vineyard, that it may serve me for a herb-garden, because it is near unto my house; and I will give thee in its stead a vineyard better than it; for, 1 if it seem good in thy eyes, I will give thee the money, the value of the same. 3 And Naboth said to Achab, Far be it from me before the Lord, that I should give the inheritance of my fathers unto thee. 4 And Achab came into his house low-spirited and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Yizre'elite had spoken to him, when he said, I will not give unto thee the inheritance of my fathers. And he laid himself down upon his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food. 5 But Izebel his wife came to him, and spoke unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad! and why eatest thou no food? 6 And he said unto her, Because I spoke unto Naboth the Yizre'elite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee a vinevard in its stead; but he hath said, I will not give unto thee my vineyard. 7 Then said unto him Izebel his wife, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise. eat bread, and let thy heart be merry: I will myself give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Yizre'elite. 8 So she wrote letters in Achab's name, and sealed them with his seal; and she sent the letters unto the elders and unto the nobles who were in his city, and who dwelt near Naboth. 9 And she

39 And as the king passed by, he cried unto the king. Naboth to sit at the head of the people; 10 And seat and said, Thy servant went out into the midst of the two men, worthless fellows, opposite to him, and let battle; and, behold, a man turned aside, and brought them bear witness against him, saving. Thou hast unto me a man, and said, Guard this man; if by any blasphemed God and the king; and then lead him means he be missing, then shall thy life be [forfeit] for forth, and stone him, that he may die. 11 And the his life, or else thou shalt weigh me down a talent of men of his city, the elders and the nobles, those who silver. 40 But it happened as thy servant was Busy dwelt in his city, did as Izebel had sent unto them, as here and there, that he was gone. And the king of was written in the letters which she had sent unto Israel said unto him, So is thy sentence: thou thyself them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and caused Naboth hast decided it. 41 And he hastened, and removed to sit at the head of the people. 13 And there came in the bandage from his eyes; and the king of Israel two men, worthless fellows, and seated themselves recognized him that he was one of the prophets. opposite to him; and these worthless men testified 42 And he said unto him. Thus hath said the Lord, against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the Because thou hast let go out of thy hand the man people, saving. Naboth hath blasphemed God and whom I had caught in my net, therefore shall thy life the king. Then they led him forth out of the city, and be the forfeit for his life, and thy people for his people. stoned him with stones, that he died. 14 And they 43 And the king of Israel went to his house low-spirited sent to Izebel, saving, Naboth hath been stoned, and is dead. 15 And it came to pass, when Izebel heard that Naboth had been stoned, and was dead, that 21 And it came to pass after these events, that Izebel said to Achab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Yizre'elite, which he refused to give thee for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead. 16 And it came to pass, when Achab heard that Naboth was dead, that Achab rose up to go down to the vineyard of Naboth the Yizre'elite, to take possession of it. 17 And the word of the Lord came to Elijah the Tishbite, saving, 18 Arise, go down to meet Achab the king of Israel, who is in Samaria; behold he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to take possession of it. 19 And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus hath said the Lord, Hast thou murdered, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus hath said the Lord, In the place where the dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall the dogs lick thy blood, yes, thine also. 20 And Achab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O my enemy? And he answered. I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to do what is evil in the eyes of the Lord. 21 Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and I will sweep out after thee, and will cut off from Achab every male, and the guarded and fortified in Israel, 22 And I will make thy house like the house of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, and like the house of Ba'sha the son of Achiyah, for the provocation wherewith thou hast provoked [me] to anger, and induced Israel to sin. 23 And also concerning Izebel hath the Lord spoken, saying, The dogs shall eat Izebel in the valley of Yizre'el. 24 Him that dieth of Achab in the city shall the dogs eat; and him that dieth in the field shall the fowls of the heavens eat. 25

But indeed there was none like unto Achab, who sold And all the prophets prophesied so, saying, Go up to will I bring the evil upon his house.

22 And they remained [at rest] three years, there being no war between Syria and Israel. 2 And it came to pass in the third year that Jehoshaphat the king of Judah came down to the king of Israel. 3 And the king of Israel said unto his servants. Know ye that Ramoth in Gil'ad is ours, and we remain idle, without taking it out of the hand of the king of Syria? 4 And he said unto Jehoshaphat, Wilt thou go with me to the battle against Ramoth-gil'ad? And Jehoshaphat said to the king of Israel, I [will be] like thee, my people like thy people, my horses like thy horses. 5 And Jehoshaphat said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, today [first] of the word of the Lord. 6 Then assembled the king of Israel the prophets, about four hundred men, and said unto them, shall I go against Ramoth-gil'ad to battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up; and the Lord will deliver [it] into the hand of the king. 7 And Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Eternal besides, that we might inquire of him? 8 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat. There is yet one man, by whom we might inquire of the Lord; but I hate him; for he will never prophesy good concerning me, but evil: [it is] Michayhu the son of Yimlah. And Jehoshaphat said. Let not the king say so. 9 Then called the king of Israel a certain officer, and said Hasten hither Michayhu the son of Yimlah. 10 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat the king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, dressed in their regal garments, in a threshing-floor at the entrance of the gate of Samaria; and all the prophets prophesied before them. 11 And Zedekiah the son of Kena'anah had made himself horns of iron; and he said. Thus hath said the Lord, With these shalt thou push the Syrians, until thou have made an end of them. 12

himself to do what is evil in the eyes of the Lord, to Ramoth-qil'ad, and prosper; and the Lord will deliver it which Izebel his wife incited him. 26 And he acted into the king's hand. 13 And the messenger that went very abominably in following the idols, in all things to call Michayhu spoke unto him, saying, Behold now. just as had done the Emorites, whom the Lord had the words of the prophets are with one voice good for driven out from before the children of Israel. 27 And it the king; do let thy word, I pray thee, be like the word came to pass, when Achab heard these words, that of any one of them, and speak something good. 14 he rent his clothes, and put sackcloth upon his flesh. And Michavhu said. As the Lord liveth, truly, what and fasted, and slept in the sackcloth, and walked the Lord may say unto me, that will I speak. 15 And about barefooted. 28 And the word of the Lord came when he was come to the king, the king said unto to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 29 Hast thou seen how him, Michayhu, shall we go against Ramoth-gil'ad to Achab hath humbled himself before me? therefore, battle, or shall we forbear? And he answered him, Go because he hath humbled himself before me, will I up, and prosper; and may the Lord deliver it into the not bring the evil in his days; in the days of his son hand of the king, 16 And the king said unto him. How many times yet must I adjure thee that thou shalt not speak to me anything but the truth in the name of the Lord? 17 And he said, I saw all Israel scattered over the mountains, as flocks that have not a shepherd: and the Lord said, These have no master; let them return every man to his house in peace. 18 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, Did I not say unto thee that he would not prophesy concerning me any good, but [only] evil? 19 And he said. Therefore hear thou the word of the Lord, I saw the Lord sitting on his throne, and all the host of heaven standing by him on his right and on his left. 20 And the Lord said. Who will persuade Achab, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gil'ad! And one said. In this manner, and another said, In that manner. 21 And there came forth a spirit, and placed himself before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? 22 And he said, I will go forth, and I will be a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou wilt persuade him, and also prevail: go forth, and do so. 23 And now, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of all these thy prophets; but the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee. 24 And Zedekiah, the son of Kena'anah, went near, and struck Michayhu on the cheek, and said. Which way passed the Spirit of the Lord away from me to speak with thee! 25 And Michayhu said, Behold, thou shalt see it on that day, when thou shalt go into the innermost chamber to hide thyself. 26 And the king of Israel said, Take Michayhu, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and unto Joash the king's son; 27 And say, Thus hath said the king, Put this man in the prison, and feed him with sparing bread and with sparing water, until I come home in peace. 28 And Michavhu said. If thou return at all in peace, then hath the Lord not spoken through me. And he said, Hear it, O all ye nations! 29 So the

against the Syrians; but he died in the evening; and as his father had done. the blood of the wound flowed down into the hollow of the chariot. 36 And there went a proclamation throughout the camp at the going down of the sun, saving. Every man to his city, and every man to his own land. 37 So the king died, and was brought to Samaria: and they buried the king in Samaria. 38 And the chariot was washed out at the pool of Samaria; and the dogs licked up his blood, as they washed his armor: according to the word of the Lord which he had spoken. 39 Now the rest of the acts of Achab, and all that he did, and the ivory house which he built. and all the cities that he built, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 40 So Achab slept with his fathers: and Achazyahu his son became king in his stead. 41 And Jehoshaphat the son of Assa became king over Judah in the fourth vear of Achab the king of Israel. 42 Jehoshaphat was thirty and five years old when he became king, and twenty and five years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was 'Azubah the daughter of Shilchi. 43 And he walked in all the ways of Assa his father; he turned not aside from it, doing what is right in the eyes of the Lord: Nevertheless the high-places were not removed; for the people still offered, and burnt incense on the high-places. 44 And Jehoshaphat made peace with the king of Israel. 45 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, and his mighty deeds that he showed, and how he warred, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles

king of Israel went up with Jehoshaphat the king of of the kings of Judah. 46 And the remnant of the Judah to Ramoth-gil'ad. 30 And the king of Israel sodomites, that had been left in the days of his father said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and Assa, did he put away out of the land. 47 There enter into the battle; but do thou put on thy regal was then no king in Edom; a deputy was king. 48 garments. And the king of Israel disguised himself, Jehoshaphat made Tharshish-ships to go to Ophir for and went into the battle. 31 And the king of Syria had gold; but they went not; for the ships were wrecked at commanded the captains over his chariots, thirty-two 'Ezyon-geber. 49 Then said Achazyahu the son of [in number], saying, Fight neither with a small nor a Achab unto Jehoshaphat, Let my servants go with thy great one, save only with the king of Israel alone. 32 servants in the ships. But Jehoshaphat would not. And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots 50 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was saw Jehoshaphat, that they said, Surely this is the buried with his fathers in the city of David his father: king of Israel. And they turned aside against him to and Jehoram his son became king in his stead. 51 fight: and Jehoshaphat cried out. 33 And it came to Achazyahu the son of Achab became king over Israel pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived in Samaria in the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat. that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned the king of Judah; and he reigned over Israel two back from following him. 34 But a man drew his bow years. 52 And he did what is evil in the eyes of the at a venture, and struck the king of Israel between Lord, and walked in the way of his father, and in the the joints and the armor: wherefore he said unto his way of his mother, and in the way of Jerobo'am the chariot-driver. Turn about, and carry me out of the son of Nebat, who had induced Israel to sin. 53 And camp; for I am wounded. 35 And the battle increased he served Ba'al, and bowed down to him, and he on that day; and the king was stayed up in his chariot provoked to anger the Lord the God of Israel, all just

## 2 Kings

1 Then did Moab rebel against Israel after the death of Achab. 2 And Achazyah fell down through the lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and became sick; and he sent messengers, and said unto them. Go. inquire of Ba'al-zebub the god of 'Ekron whether I shall recover from this sickness. 3 But an angel of the Lord spoke 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 not a God in Israel, that ye go to inquire of Ba'al-zebub the god of 'Ekron? 4 Now therefore, thus hath said the Lord, From the bed on which thou art gone up shalt thou not come down: for thou shalt surely die. And Elijah departed. 5 And the messengers returned unto him. and he said unto them, Why is this that ye are already returned? 6 And they said unto him, There came up a man to meet us, and he said unto us, Go, return unto the king that hath sent you, and speak unto him. Thus hath said the Lord, Is it because there is not a God in Israel, that thou sendest to inquire of Ba'al-zebub the god of 'Ekron? therefore from the bed on which thou art gone up shalt thou not come down; for thou shalt surely die. 7 And he spoke unto them, What is the manner of the man who came up to meet you, and spoke unto you these words? 8 And they said unto him, He is a hairy man, with a girdle of leather girded about his loins. And he said, It is Elijah the Tishbite. 9 Then did he send 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 mount; and he spoke unto him, O man of God, the king hath commanded, Come down. 10 And Elijah answered and spoke to the captain of the fifty, And if I be a man of God, let a fire come down from heaven and consume thee and thy fifty. And there came down a fire from heaven, and consumed him and his fifty. 11 And he sent again unto him another captain of fifty with his fifty. And he commenced and spoke unto him. O man of God, thus hath the king said. Come down guickly. 12 And Elijah answered and spoke unto them, If I be a man of God, let a 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 he sent again a captain of fifty the third time with his fifty. And the third captain of fifty went up, and came and bent down on his knees before Elijah, and besought him, and spoke unto him, O man of God, I pray thee, let my life and the life of these fifty thy servants be

precious in thy eyes. 14 Behold, there came down a fire from heaven, and consumed the two captains of the first fifties with their fifties: and now let my life be precious in thy eyes. 15 And the angel of the Lord spoke 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 spoke unto him, Thus hath said the Lord, Forasmuch as thou didst send messengers to inquire of Ba'al-zebub the God of 'Ekron, as though there were no God in Israel to inquire of his word: therefore from the bed on which thou art gone up shalt thou not come down; for thou shalt surely die. 17 And he died, according to the word of the Lord which Elijah had spoken; and Jehoram became king in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah; because he had no son. 18 Now the rest of the acts of Achazyahu which he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel.

2 And it came to pass, when the Lord was about to take up Elijah by a storm-wind to heaven, that Elijah went out with Elisha' from Gilgal. 2 And Elijah said unto Elisha', Remain, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me as far as Beth-el. But Elisha' said, As the Lord 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 today the Lord will take away thy master from thy head? And he said. Lalso know it: be still. 4 And Elijah said unto him, Elisha', remain, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to Jericho. But he said. As the Lord 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 today the Lord will take away thy master from thy head? And he said, I also know it; be still. 6 And Elijah said unto him, Remain, I pray thee, here; for the Lord hath sent me to the Jordan. But he said, As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth, I will not leave thee. So these two went on. 7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went, and stood opposite [to them] afar off: and those two stood by the Jordan. 8 And Elijah took his mantle, and folded it together, and smote the waters, and they were divided hither and thither, and they went, both of them, over on dry ground. 9 And it came to pass, when they passed over, that Elijah said unto Elisha'. Ask what I shall do for thee, before I shall be taken away from thee. And Elisha' said, Let there be,

And he said, Thou hast asked a hard thing: if thou there he returned to Samaria. see me when I am taken from thee, it shall be so [given] unto thee; but if not, it shall not be. 11 And it came to pass, as they went on, speaking as they were going, that, behold, there came a chariot of fire, and horses of fire, and parted them both asunder; and Elijah went up by a storm-wind to heaven. 12 And Elisha' saw it, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and their horsemen. And he saw him no more; and he took hold of his clothes, and rent them in two pieces. 13 And he lifted up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back, and stood by the border of the Jordan: 14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him. and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord the God of Elijah? and when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither; and Elisha' passed over. 15 And when the sons of the prophets who were at Jericho, at a distance, saw him, they said, The spirit of Elijah Doth rest on Elisha'. And they came forth to meet him, and bowed themselves unto him to the ground. 16 And they said unto him, Behold now, there are among thy servants fifty strong men; let them go, we pray thee, and seek thy master; peradventure the Spirit of the Lord hath taken him up, and cast him upon one of the mountains, or into one of the valleys. And he said. Ye must not send. 17 And they urged him till he was ashamed, when he said. Send. And they sent fifty men; and they sought three days, but found him not. 18 And they returned again to him, for he had remained at Jericho; and he then said unto them, Did I not say unto you, Ye should not go? 19 And the men of the city said unto Elisha'. Behold, I pray thee, the situation of this city is good, as my Lord seeth; but the water is bad, and the land causeth untimely births. 20 And he said, Fetch me a new flask, and put salt therein; and they fetched it to him. 21 And he went forth unto the spring of the waters, and cast therein the salt, and said, Thus hath said the Lord, I have healed these waters; there shall not be from there any more death or untimely births. 22 So the waters were healed unto this day, according to the word of Elisha' which he spoke. 23 And he went up from there to Beth-el: and as he was going up by the way, there came forth young lads out of the city, and they mocked him, and said unto him, Go up, bald-head! go up, bald-head! 24 And he turned back, and looked on them, and cursed them in the name of the Lord; and there came forth two she-bears out of the forest, and tore of them forty and two boys. 25

I pray thee, a double portion of thy spirit upon me. 10 And he went from there to mount Carmel, and from

 ${f 3}$  And Jehoram the son of Achab became king over Israel in Samaria in the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, and he reigned twelve vears. 2 And he did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord: but not like his father, and like his mother: and he removed the statue of Ba'al which his father had made. 3 Nevertheless unto the sins of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, who had induced Israel to sin, did he cleave: he departed not therefrom. 4 And Mesha' the king of Moab was a sheepmaster, and rendered as tribute unto the king of Israel a hundred thousand lambs, and a hundred thousand rams, with the wool. 5 And it came to pass, when Achab 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 numbered 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 as thyself, my people as thy people, my horses as thy horses. 8 And he said, Which way shall we go up? And he said, The way through the wilderness of Edom. 9 So the king of Israel went with the king of Judah, and the king of Edom; and they took a circuitous route, a seven days' journey; and there was no water for the camp, and for the cattle that followed in their train. 10 And the king of Israel said, Alas! that the Lord hath called these three kings, to deliver them into the hand of Moab! 11 But Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Lord, that we may inquire of the Lord from him? And there answered one of the king of Israel's servants and said, Here is Elisha' the son of Shaphat, who poured water on the hands of Elijah. 12 And Jehoshaphat said, The word of the Lord is with him. And there went down to him the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat and the king of Edom. 13 And Elisha' said unto the king of Israel, What have I to do with thee? go to the prophets of thy father, and to the prophets of thy mother. And the king of Israel said unto him, Not so; for the Lord hath called these three kings, to deliver them into the hand of Moab. 14 And Elisha' said, As the Lord of hosts liveth, before whom I have stood, 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 musician. And it came to pass. when the musician played, that the inspiration of the Lord came upon him. 16 And he said. Thus hath said

from him, and returned to their land.

⚠ And a certain woman, of the wives of the sons of the prophets cried unto Elisha', saying, Thy servant my husband is dead; and thou well knowest that thy servant was one who feared the Lord: and now the creditor is come to take my two sons unto himself for servants. 2 And Elisha' said unto her, What shall I do for thee? tell me, what hast thou in the house? And she said, Thy hand-maid hath nothing in the house, save a pot of oil. 3 And he said, Go,

the Lord, Make this valley full of ditches. 17 For thus borrow for thyself vessels from abroad from all thy hath said the Lord, Ye shall not perceive wind, nor neighbors, empty vessels, let them not be a few. 4 shall ye see rain; yet this valley shall be filled with And then go home, and lock the door behind thee water, that ve may drink, yourselves, and your flocks, and behind thy sons, and then pour out into all those and your cattle. 18 And this is yet too light a thing vessels; and that which is full thou shalt set aside. 5 in the eyes of the Lord; and he will also deliver the So she went from him, and locked the door behind Moabites into your hand. 19 And ye shall smite every her and behind her sons, who brought the vessels fortified city, and every choice city, and every good near to her, and she poured out. 6 And it came to tree shall ye fell, and all springs of water shall ye pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto stop, and every good piece of land shall ye spoil with her son, Bring near to me yet another vessel; and stones. 20 And it came to pass in the morning, at the he said unto her, There is not a vessel more: and time when the meat-offering is offered, that, behold, the oil stayed. 7 Then came she and told it to the there came water by the way from Edom, and the man of God; and he said, Go, sell the oil, and pay thy country was filled with the water. 21 And when all debt, and thou with thy children shalt live of the rest. the Moabites heard that the kings were come up to 8 And it happened one day, that Elisha' passed over fight against them, they were called together from to Shunem, and there was a great woman, and she every one who was girded with a sword, and upward, constrained him to eat bread; and it happened, that and they posted themselves on the border. 22 And as oft as he passed by, he used to turn in thither to when they rose up early in the morning, and the sun eat bread. 9 And she said unto her husband, Behold shone upon the water, the Moabites saw the water at now, I perceive that this is a holy man of God, who a distance as red as blood. 23 And they said, This is passeth through by us continually. 10 Let us then blood; the kings have certainly had a contest among make a little upper chamber, on the wall; and let us themselves, and they have smitten one another: and set for him there a bed, and a table, and a chair, and now, up to the spoil, Moab. 24 But when they came to a candlestick: and it shall be, when he cometh to the camp of Israel, the Israelites rose up and smote us, that he shall turn in thither. 11 And it happened the Moabites, so that they fled before them; and one day, that he came thither, and he turned into they smote the Moabites completely, even in their the upper chamber, and lay there. 12 And he said own country. 25 And the cities they pulled down, and to Gechazi his servant, Call this Shunammite: and into every good piece of land they cast every man he called her, and she stood before him. 13 And he his stone, and filled it up, and every spring of water said unto him, Say now unto her, Behold, thou hast they stopped, and every good tree they felled, until been at pains to take all this trouble for us: what is to they left only its stones in Kir-chareseth, and this the be done for thee? wouldst thou be spoken for to the slingers encompassed and smote it. 26 And when the king, or to the chief of the army? And she said, I dwell king of Moab saw that the battle was too strong for in the midst of my own people. 14 And he said, What him, he took with him seven hundred men that drew then is to be done for her? And Gechazi said, Verily, the sword, to break through unto the king of Edom; she hath no son, and her husband is old. 15 And he but they could not. 27 Then took he his eldest son said, Call her: and he called her, and she stood in the that should have reigned in his stead, and offered door. 16 And he said, At this season, next year, thou him for a burnt-offering upon the wall. And there was shalt embrace a son, And she said. No, my Lord. great indignation against Israel: and they departed man of God, do not deceive thy hand-maid. 17 But the woman conceived, and bore a son at that season in the following year, as Elisha' had spoken unto her. 18 And the child grew up; and it happened one 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 a lad, Carry him to his mother. 20 And he took him up, and brought him to his mother, and he sat on her knees till noon, when he died. 21 And she went up, and laid him on the bed of the man of God, and locked the door behind him, and went out. 22 And she called unto her husband, and said, Send me, I

asses, that I may hasten as far as the man of God, gather herbs, and found a wild vine, and gathered and return. 23 And he said. Wherefore art thou going thereof wild colocynths his garment full, and came to him today? it is neither new moon, nor sabbath, and cut them up into the pot of pottage; for they knew And she said. It is well. 24 Then she saddled the she-them not. 40 And they poured it out for the men to ass, and said to her servant, Drive, and go forward; eat; and it came to pass, as they were eating of the do not restrain me in riding, unless I say it to thee. 25 pottage, that they cried out, and said, Death is in the So she went and came unto the man of God to mount pot. O man of God. And they could not eat. 41 But Carmel; and it came to pass, when the man of God he said, Then bring some meal. And he cast it into saw her afar off, that he said to Gechazi his servant, the pot; and he said, Pour it out for the people, that Behold, yonder that Shunammite. 26 Now do run to they may eat. And there was nothing bad in the pot. meet her, and say unto her. Is it well with thee? is it 42 And there came a man from Ba'alshalishah, and well with thy husband? is it well with thy child? and brought unto the man of God bread of the first-fruits. she answered. It is well. 27 And she came to the man twenty loaves of barley bread, and fresh ears of corn of God to the mount, and caught hold of his feet; and in his scrip; and he said. Give it unto the people, that Gechazi came near to thrust her away; but the man they may eat. 43 And his servitor said, What, shall I of God said, Let her alone; for her soul is grieved set this before a hundred men? And he said, Give it within her; and the Lord hath hidden it from me, and unto the people, that they may eat; for thus hath said hath not told it me. 28 And she said. Did I request the Lord. They shall eat, and shall leave [thereof]. a son from my Lord? did I not say, Do not lead me 44 So he set it before them, and they ate, and left astray? 29 Then said he to Gechazi, Gird up thy loins, thereof, according to the word of the Lord. and take my staff in thy hand, and go thy way: if thou meet any man, thou shalt not salute him; and if any salute thee, thou shalt not answer him; and lav my staff upon the face of the lad. 30 And the mother of the lad said. As the Lord liveth, and as thy soul liveth. I will not leave thee. And he arose and followed her. 31 And Gechazi passed on before them, and laid the staff upon the face of the lad; but there was neither voice, nor perceptible sound; wherefore he went back to meet him, and told him, saying. The lad is not awakened. 32 And when Elisha' was come into the house, behold, the lad was dead, laid upon his bed. 33 And he went in and locked the door behind both of them, and prayed unto the Lord, 34 And he went up. and laid himself 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 became warm. 35 Then he returned, and walked in the house to and fro; and went up, and stretched himself [again] upon him; and the lad sneezed as many as seven times, and the lad opened his eyes. 36 And he called Gechazi, and said. Call this Shunammite: so he called her, and she came in unto him: and he said. Take up thy son. 37 Then went she in, and fell at his feet, and bowed herself to the ground, and took up her son, and went out. 38 And Elisha' returned to Gildal: and there was a famine in the land; and the sons of the prophets were sitting before him: and he said unto his servant. Set on the large pot, and seethe pottage for the sons

pray thee, one of the young men, and one of the she- of the prophets. 39 And one went out into the field to

5 And Na'aman, the captain of the army of the king of Syria, was a great man before his Lord, and highly honored; because by him had the Lord given victory unto Syria: and this man was valiant in war, [but] a leper. 2 And the Syrians had gone out in predatory troops, and had brought away captive out of the land of Israel a little maiden; and she waited on Na'aman's wife. 3 And she said unto her mistress. Oh that my Lord were but before the prophet that is in Samaria! then would he heal him of his leprosy. 4 And he went in, and told his lord, saying, Thus and thus hath spoken the maiden that is from the land of Israel. 5 And the king of Syria said, Go to, go, and I will send a letter unto the king of Israel. And he departed, and took with him ten talents of silver, and six thousand pieces of gold, and ten changes of garments. 6 And he brought the letter to the king of Israel, which said, And now when this letter cometh unto thee, behold, I have sent to thee Na'aman my servant, that thou mayest heal him of his leprosy. 7 And it came to pass. when the king of Israel read the letter, that he rent his clothes, and said, Am I God, to kill and to make alive, that this one doth send unto me to heal a man of his leprosy? for know to a certainty, I pray you, and see that he but seeketh a guarrel against me. 8 And it happened, 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 but come to me, and he shall know

with his horses and with his chariot, and remained at silver, and two changes of garments. 23 And Na'aman the door of the house of Elisha'. 10 And Elisha' sent a said, Give thy assent, take two talents. And he urged messenger unto him, saving. Go and bathe seven him, and bound up two talents of silver in two bags. times in the Jordan, and thy flesh shall be restored with two changes of garments, and he gave them [healthy] to thee, and thou shalt become clean. 11 unto his two young men, and they carried them before But Na'aman became wroth, and went away, and him. 24 And when he came to the hill, he took them said, Behold, I had thought, He will surely come out from their hand, and bestowed them in the house: to me, and stand, and call on the name of the Lord and he dismissed the men, and they departed. 25 But his God, and swing his hand over the place, and heal he went in, and stood before his master. And Elisha' the leper. 12 Are not Amanah and Pharpar, the rivers said unto him, Whence comest thou, Gechazi? And of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? he said, Thy servant went not hither or thither. 26 And may I not bathe in them, and become clean? and he he said unto him, My mind was not gone, when the turned and went away in a rage. 13 And his servants man turned round from his chariot to meet thee. Is came near, and spoke unto him, and they said, My it a time to take money, and to take garments, and father, if the prophet had bidden thee a great thing, oliveyards, and vineyards, and sheep, and oxen, and wouldst thou not do it? how much rather then, when men-servants, and maid-servants? 27 May then the he hath said to thee, Bathe, and become clean? 14 leprosy of Na'aman cleave unto thee, and unto thy Then went he down, and dived seven times in the seed for ever. And he went out from his presence a Jordan, according to the word of the man of God: and leper [as white] as snow. his flesh was restored [healthy] like the flesh of a little boy, and he became clean. 15 And he returned to the man of God, he with all his camp, and came and stood before him, and said, Behold, now I know that there is no god on all the earth, but in Israel; and now, I pray thee, take a present from thy servant. 16 But he said, As the Lord liveth before whom I have stood. I will take none: and he urged him to take it: but he refused. 17 And Na'aman said, If [thou wilt] not, [then] let there be given, I pray thee, unto thy servant two mules' burden of earth; for thy servant will not offer henceforth either burnt-offering or peacesacrifice unto other gods, except unto the Lord. 18 For this thing may the Lord pardon thy servant, that when my Lord goeth into the house of Rimmon to prostrate himself there, and he leaneth on my hand, and I prostrate myself also in the house of Rimmon: when I prostrate myself in the house of Rimmon, may the Lord pardon thy servant for this thing. 19 And he said unto him, Go in peace: so he departed from him some distance. 20 But Gechazi, the servant of Elisha' the man of God, said, Behold, my master hath spared Na'aman, this Syrian, in not receiving from his hand what he had brought; but, as the Lord liveth, I will run after him, and take some little thing from him. 21 So Gechazi hurried after Na'aman; and when Na'aman saw him running after him, he lighted doom 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 mountain of Ephraim two young men of the sons of

that there is a prophet in Israel. 9 And Na'aman came the prophets: do give them, I pray thee, a talent of

 $oldsymbol{6}$  And the sons of the prophets said unto Elisha', Behold now, the place where we dwell before thee is too narrow for us. 2 Let us go, we pray thee, as far as the Jordan, and take thence every man one beam, and let us prepare for us there a place to dwell therein. And he said, Go. 3 And one said, Give thy assent, I pray thee, and go with thy servants. And he said, I will indeed go. 4 So he went with them; and they came to the Jordan, and they cut down trees. 5 But as one was felling a beam, the axe-head fell into the water: and he cried, and said, Alas, my Lord! it was also borrowed. 6 And the man of God said, Where did it fall? And he showed him the place. And he cut down a stick, and cast it in thither, and he caused the iron to swim. 7 And then said he, Lift it up to thee. And he stretched out his hand, and took it. 8 And the king of Syria made war against Israel, and took counsel with his servants, saying, In such and such a place shall be my camp. 9 And the man of God sent unto the king of Israel, saying, Beware that thou pass not that place; for thither the Syrians are come down. 10 And the king of Israel sent to the place, which the man of God had told him and warned him of, and he took care of himself there: not once nor twice. 11 Therefore the heart of the king of Syria was sorely troubled concerning this thing; and he called for his servants, and said unto them. Can ve not tell me who of us is for the king of Israel? 12 And one of his servants said, Not so, my Lord, O king; but Elisha', the prophet that is in Israel,

mayest speak in thy sleeping-chamber. 13 And he today, and my son we will eat tomorrow. 29 So we said. Go and see where he is, that I may send and boiled my son, and ate him; but when I said unto her fetch him. And it was told unto him, saving, Behold, on the next day, Give up thy son, that we may eat he is in Dothan. 14 And he sent thither horses, and him; she hid her son, 30 And it came to pass, when chariots, and a strong army: and they came by night, the king heard the words of the woman, that he rent and surrounded the city. 15 And the servant of the his clothes, as he was passing along upon the wall: man of God rose early, and went forth, when, behold, and the people looked, and, behold, he had sackcloth an army compassed the city both with horses and beneath upon his flesh. 31 Then said he, May God do chariots. And his servant said unto him, Alas, my so unto me and continue so yet farther, if the head master! how shall we do? 16 And he said, Fear not: of Elisha' the son of Shaphat shall remain on him for those that are with us are more than those that are this day. 32 But Elisha' was sitting in his house, and with them. 17 And Elisha' prayed, and said, O Lord, the elders were sitting with him; and he sent a man open. I pray thee, his eyes, that he may see, And from before him; but before the messenger could yet the Lord opened the eyes of the young man; and he come to him, he said to the elders. See ye how this saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and son of the murderer hath sent to remove my head? chariots of fire round about Elisha'. 18 And when they look, when the messenger cometh, shut the door, came down to him. Elisha' prayed unto the Lord, and and hold him back with the door; is not the sound of said. Smite. I pray thee, this people with blindness, his master's feet behind him? 33 And while he was And he smote them with blindness according to the yet speaking with them, behold, the messenger came word of Elisha'. 19 And Elisha' said unto them, This is down unto him: and he said, Behold, this evil is of the not the way, neither is this the city: follow me, and I Lord; what shall I hope for in the Lord any longer? will lead you to the man whom ve wish to seek. And he led them thus to Samaria. 20 And it came to pass. when they were come into Samaria, that Elisha' said. Lord, open the eyes of these, that they may see, And the Lord opened their eyes, and they saw, and, behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. 21 And the king of Israel said unto Elisha', when he saw them. Shall I smite them? Shall I smite them, my father? 22 But he said, Thou shalt not smite them: wouldst 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 [back] to their master. 23 And he prepared for them a great meal; and they ate and drank, and he sent them away, and they went [back] to their master. And the predatory bands of Syria came no more into the land of Israel. 24 And it came to pass after this, that Benhadad the king of Syria assembled all his camp, and went up, and besieged Samaria. 25 And there was a great famine in Samaria; and, behold, they besieged it, until an ass's head was sold for eighty pieces of silver, and the fourth part of a kab of dove's dung for five pieces of silver. 26 And it happened as the king of Israel was passing along upon the wall, that a woman cried unto him, saying, Help, my Lord, O king 27 And he said. If the Lord do not help thee, whence shall I help thee? shall it be out of the threshing-floor. or out of the wine-press? 28 And the king said unto her, What aileth thee? And she said, This woman

can tell unto the king of Israel the words that thou said unto me, Give up thy son, that we may eat him

Then said Elisha', Hear ye the word of the Lord: Thus hath said the Lord, About this time tomorrow a seah of fine flour shall be sold for a shekel, and two seahs of barley for a shekel, in the gate of Samaria. 2 Then answered the lord of the king, on whose hand he used to lean, the man of God, and said, Behold, will the Lord make windows in the heavens, that this thing shall be? And he said. Behold, thou shalt see it with thy eyes, but thereof shalt thou not eat, 3 And there were four leprous men at the entrance of the gate: and they said one to another. Why do we remain here until we die? 4 If we say, We will enter into the city, then is the famine in the city, and we shall die there; and if we remain here, we die [also]: now therefore come, and let us go over unto the camp of the Syrians; if they will let us live, 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 uttermost part of the camp of the Syrians, behold, there was no man there. 6 For the Lord had caused the camp of the Syrians to hear a noise of chariots, and a noise of horses, the noise of a large army; and they said one to the other, 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 And they were arisen and fled in the twilight, and had left their tents, and their horses, and their asses, the camp as it was.

the uttermost part of the camp, and they went into but thereof shalt thou not eat. 20 And it happened one tent, and ate and drank, and carried away thence unto him so; for the people trod him down in the gate, silver, and gold, and garments, and went and hid and he died. them: and they returned, and entered into another tent, and carried away [something] thence, and went and hid it. 9 And then they said one to the other, We do not act correctly: this day is a day of good tidings: and if we remain silent, and tarry till the morning-light, we shall incur guilt: now then come, and let us go and tell it at the king's house. 10 So they went and called unto one of the gate-keepers of the city, and they told them, saving. We came to the camp of the Syrians, and, behold, there was no man there, nor the voice of man: but the horses were tied, and the asses were tied, and the tents as they had been. 11 And he called the gate-keepers; and they told it at the king's house within. 12 And the king arose in the night, and said unto his servants. I can easily tell you what the Syrians have done to us: they know that we are hungry; and they are therefore gone out of the camp to hide themselves in the field, saying, If they should come out of the city, we will catch them alive. and enter 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, let it fare with them as with all the multitude of Israel that are left in it. [or] let it fare with them as with all the multitude of Israel that have perished: and let us send out and see. 14 And they took two chariots with horses; and the king sent after the camp of the Syrians, saying, Go and see. 15 And they went after them as far as the Jordan: and, lo, the whole way was full of garments and vessels, which the Syrians had cast away in their haste: and the messengers returned, and told it to the king. 16 And the people went out, and plundered the camp of the Syrians: and a seah of fine flour was to be had for a shekel. and two seahs of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the Lord. 17 And the king had appointed the lord on whose hand he used to lean to have the charge of the gate; and the people trod him down in the gate, and he died; as the man of God had spoken, which he spoke when the king came down to him. 18 And it came to pass as the man of God was speaking to the king, saying, Two seahs of barley for a shekel, and a seah of fine flour for a shekel. shall be about this time tomorrow in the gate of Samaria: 19 That the Lord had answered the man of God, and said. Now, behold, if even the Lord were to make windows in the heavens, would such a thing be? And

and fled for their life. 8 And so came these lepers to he had said, Behold, thou shalt see it with thy eyes,

8 And Elisha' spoke 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 the Lord hath called for a famine. and it is also coming in the land for seven years. 2 And the woman arose, and did after the word of the man of God; and she went, she with her household, and sojourned in the land of the Philistines seven years. 3 And it came to pass at the end of seven years, 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 And the king was just speaking with Gechazi the servant of the man of God. saying, Relate to me, I pray thee, all the great things that Elisha' hath done. 5 And it came to pass, as he was just relating to the king how he had restored the dead to life, that, behold, the woman, whose son he had restored to life, cried to the king for her house and for her land. And Gechazi said, My lord, O king, this is the woman, and this is her son, whom Elisha' restored to life. 6 And the king asked of the woman, who related it to him. So the king appointed unto her a certain officer, saying, Restore all that belongeth to her, and all the products 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 even hither. 8 And the king said unto Chazael. Take a present in thy hand, and go to meet the man of God, and inquire of the Lord from him, saving, Shall I recover from this sickness? 9 So Chazael went to meet him, and took a present in his hand, and all manner of good things of Damascus, a burden for forty camels, and he came and stood before him, and said, Thy son Ben-hadad the king of Syria hath sent me to thee, saying, Shall I recover from this sickness? 10 And Elisha' said unto him, Go, say unto him. Thou mayest certainly recover: nevertheless the Lord hath shown me that he shall surely die. 11 And he restrained his countenance, and held back as long as he could: and then wept the man of God. 12 And Chazael said, Why doth my Lord weep? And he said, Because I know what evil thou wilt do unto the children of Israel: their strong-holds wilt thou set on fire, and their young men wilt thou slay with the sword, and their children wilt thou dash, and their pregnant

what is thy servant, the dog, that he should do this Achab in Yizre'el, because he was sick. great thing? And Elisha' said. The Lord hath caused me to see thee as king over Syria. 14 So he went away from Elisha', and came to his master: who said to him, What hath Elisha' said to thee? And he said, he said to me that thou couldst surely recover. 15 And it came to pass on the morrow, that he took a cover lid, and dipped it in water, and spread it over his face, and he died: and Chazael became king in his stead. 16 And in the fifth year of Joram the son of Achab the king of Israel, Jehoshaphat being yet king of Judah, Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat the king of Judah became king. 17 Thirty and two years old was he when he became king, and eight years did he reign in Jerusalem. 18 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as the house of Achab had done; for a daughter of Achab had he for wife; and he did what is evil in the eves of the Lord. 19 Yet would the Lord not destroy Judah for the sake of David his servant, as he said unto him, to give him a government and to his children at all times. 20 In his days Edom revolted from under the power of Judah, and they appointed a king over themselves. 21 And Joram went over to Za'ir, and all the chariots were with him; and he rose up by night, and smote the Edomites who compassed him about, and the captains of the chariots: and the people fled unto their tents. 22 Yet Edom revolted from under the power of Judah even until this day; then did Libnah revolt at the same time. 23 And the rest of the acts of Joram, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 24 And Joram slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David: and Achazyahu his son became king in his stead. 25 In the twelfth year of Joram the son of Achab the king of Israel became Achazyahu, the son of Jehoram the king of Judah, king. 26 Two and twenty years old was Achazvahu when he became king; and one year did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was 'Athalyahu, the [grand-]daughter of 'Omri the king of Israel. 27 And he walked in the way of the house of Achab, and did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord, like the house of Achab: for he was the son-in-law of the house of Achab. 28 And he went with Joram the son of Achab to the war against Chazael the king of Syria at Ramoth-gil'ad: and the Syrians smote Joram. 29 And king Joram returned to be healed in Yizre'el of the wounds which the Syrians had inflicted on him at Ramah, when he was fighting against Chazael the king of Syria. And Achazyahu the son of Jehoram the

women wilt thou rip up. 13 And Chazael said, But king of Judah went down to see Joram the son of

**9** And Elisha' the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this flask of oil in thy hand, and go to Ramoth-gil'ad: 2 And when thou art come thither, look out there for Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and cause him to stand up from the midst of his brethren, and bring him in to the innermost chamber; 3 And thou shalt then take the flask of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus hath said the Lord, I have anointed thee as king over Israel. Then must thou open the door, and flee, and not wait for any thing. 4 So the young man, the disciple of the prophet, went to Ramothail'ad. 5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the army were sitting; and he said, I have a word for thee, O captain. And Jehu said, For whom of all of us? And he said, For thee, O captain. 6 And he arose, and went into the house: and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus hath said the Lord the God of Israel, I anoint thee as king over the people of the Lord, over Israel. 7 And thou shalt smite the house of Achab thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets. and the blood of all the servants of the Lord, at the hand of Izebel. 8 And the whole house of Achab shall perish: and I will cut off from Achab every male, and the guarded and fortified in Israel; 9 And I will make the house of Achab like the house of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, and like the house of Ba'sha the son of Achiyah; 10 And Izebel shall the dogs eat in the field of Yizre'el, with none to bury her. And he [then] opened the door, and fled. 11 But Jehu came forth to the servants of his Lord: and one said unto him, Is all well? wherefore came this madman to thee? And he said unto them, Ye yourselves know the man, and his talk. 12 And they said, It is false: only tell us, we pray thee. And he said, So and so did he speak to me, saving. Thus hath said the Lord, I anoint thee as king over Israel. 13 Then they hastened, and they took every man his garment, and put it under him on the top of the stairs; and they blew the cornet, saying, Jehu is king. 14 So Jehu the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi conspired against Joram. (Now Joram had kept guard at Ramoth-gil'ad, he and all Israel, because of Chazael the king of Syria. 15 But king Jehoram was returned to be healed in Yizre'el of the wounds which the Syrians had inflicted on him, when he was fighting with Chazael the king of Syria.)

Achazyahu the king of Judah went out, each in his Yizre'el; so that they shall not say. This is Izebel. chariot, and they went out to meet Jehu, and found him in the portion of land of Naboth the Yizre'elite. 22 And it came to pass, when Jehoram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he said, What peace can there be with the acts of incest of thy mother Izebel and her many witchcrafts? 23 And Jehoram turned about, and fled, and said to Achazyahu, Treachery, Achazvahu. 24 And Jehu grasped the bow with his full strength, and struck Jehoram between his arms. and the arrow went out at his heart, and he sunk down in his chariot. 25 Then said he to Bidkar his officer, Lift up, [and] cast him down in the part of the field that was Naboth's the Yizre'elite: for remember how that I and thou rode alongside each other after Achab his father, when the Lord pronounced over him this fatal decree: 26 Surely I have seen yesterday the blood of Naboth, and the blood of his sons, saith the Lord; and I will repay thee in this part of the field, saith the Lord. And now lift up, [and] cast him down into the field, according to the word of the Lord. 27 And when Achazyahu the king of Judah saw this, he fled by the way of the garden-house; but Jehu pursued after him, and said. Also him smite in the chariot, [And they did so] on the ascent to Gur, which is by Yible'am. And he fled to Megiddo, and died there. 28 And his servants carried him in a chariot to

And Jehu said, If this be your mind, then let none Jerusalem, and buried him in his sepulchre with his that escapeth go forth out of the city to go to tell it in fathers in the city of David. 29 And in the eleventh Yizre'el. 16 So Jehu rode in a charjot, and went to vear of Joram the son of Achab became Achazvah Yizre'el: for Joram was Iving there. And Achazvah king over Judah. 30 And Jehu came to Yizre'el: and the king of Judah was come down to see Joram. 17 when Izebel heard of it, she painted her eyes, and And the watchman stood on the tower in Yizre'el, ornamented her head, and looked out at the window. and he saw the company of Jehu as he came; and 31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Is it he said. A company do I see, And Jehoram said, peace, O Zimri, who hath slain his master? 32 And he Take a horseman, and send out to meet them, and let lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on him say, Is it peace? 18 So there went one riding on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or horseback to meet him, and said, Thus hath said the three chamberlains. 33 And he said, Pitch her down. king, Is it peace? And Jehu said, What hast thou to So they pitched her down: and some of her blood do with peace? turn thee about behind me. And the was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses; and watchman told, saving. The messenger came up to he trod her under foot, 34 And he came in, and ate them, but he hath not returned, 19 Then sent he out a and drank; and then said he, Look, I pray you, after second rider on horseback, who came to them, and this accursed one, and bury her; for she is a king's said, Thus hath said the king, Is it peace? And Jehu daughter. 35 And they went to bury her: but they answered. What hast thou to do with peace? turn found nothing of her but the skull, and the feet, and thee about behind me. 20 And the watchman told, the palms of the hands. 36 And they returned, and saying, He came up to them, but he hath not returned: told him; and he said, It is the word of the Lord, which and the driving is like the driving of Jehu the son of he spoke by means of his servant Elijah the Tishbite, Nimshi; for he driveth as though he were mad. 21 saying, In the field of Yizre'el shall the dogs eat the And Jehoram said, Harness up. And his chariot was flesh of Izebel: 37 And the carcass of Izebel shall be harnessed up. And Jehoram the king of Israel and as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of

> 10 And Achab had seventy sons in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters and sent them to Samaria, unto the rulers of Yizre'el, the elders, and to those that brought up Achab's children, saying, 2 And now as soon as this letter cometh to you, seeing that there are with you your master's sons, and there are with you the chariots and the horses, and the fortified city, and the armor: 3 Select then the best and the most fitting of your master's sons, and set him on his father's throne, and fight for your master's house. 4 But they were exceedingly much afraid. and said, Behold, the two kings could not stand before him: how then shall we be able to stand? 5 And the superintendent over the house, and the commander over the city, and the elders, and the bringers up of the children, sent to Jehu, saying. We are thy servants, and all that thou mayest say unto us will we do; we will not set up any one as king: do what is good in thy eyes. 6 Then wrote he to them a letter the second time, saying, If ye be for me, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, then take the heads of the men, your master's sons, and come to me to Yizre'el by this time tomorrow. Now the king's sons, seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, who brought them up. 7 And it came to pass, when the

letter came to them, that they took the king's sons house of Ba'al; and the house of Ba'al was full from and slaughtered them, seventy persons, and put their one end to another. 22 And he said unto him that was heads in baskets, and sent them to him to Yizre'el, 8 over the wardrobe, Bring forth vestments for all the And the messenger came, and told him, saving. They worshippers of Ba'al, And he brought forth for them have brought the heads of the king's sons. And he the vestments. 23 And Jehu went, with Yehonadab said, Place ye them in two heaps at the entrance of the son of Rechab, into the house of Ba'al, and he the gate until the morning. 9 And it came to pass in said unto the worshippers of Ba'al, Search, and look the morning, that he went out, and stood, and said to that there be not here with you any of the servants of all the people, Ye are righteous: behold, I conspired the Lord, but the worshippers of Ba'al entirely alone. against my master, and slew him; but who hath killed 24 And they went in to prepare sacrifices and burntall these? 10 Know now that there shall not fall of the offerings; but Jehu had set for himself without eighty word of the Lord unto the earth, the least that the Lord men, and said, [If there be] a man that escapeth from hath spoken concerning the house of Achab; and the men whom I deliver into your hands, [there shall the Lord hath done that which he spoke by means be given] life for his life. 25 And it came to pass, of his servant Elijah. 11 And Jehu smote all that yet as soon as they had made an end of preparing the remained of the house of Achab in Yizre'el, and all his burnt-offering, that Jehu said to the runners and to great men, and his acquaintance, and his priests, until the officers, Go in, smite them: let none come forth. he had left him none that escaped. 12 And he arose And they smote them with the edge of the sword; and and departed, and came to Samaria; he was just at the runners and the captains cast them out, and went the binding-house of the shepherds, on the way: 13 as far as the city of the house of Ba'al. 26 And they When Jehu met with the brothers of Achazyahu the brought forth the statues out of the house of Ba'al, king of Judah, and he said, Who are ye? And they and burnt every one of them. 27 And they broke down said, The brothers of Achazyahu are we; and we are the statue of Ba'al, and broke down the house of come down to salute the children of the king and the Ba'al, and made it a common sewer unto this day. children of the queen. 14 And he said, Seize them 28 Thus Jehu exterminated Ba'al out of Israel. 29 alive. And they seized them alive, and slaughtered Nevertheless the sins of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, them at the pit of the binding-house, two and forty who induced Israel to sin, Jehu departed not from in men; and he left not one of them remaining. 15 And following them, [namely, ] the golden calves that were he went away thence, and met Yehonadab the son of in Beth-el, and that were in Dan. 30 And the Lord Rechab coming to meet him: and he saluted him, and said unto Jehu, Forasmuch as thou hast acted well said to him, Is all right in thy heart, as my heart is with in doing what is right in my eyes, and hast done in thy heart? And Yehonadab answered, It is; it is: give accordance with all that was in my heart unto the me thy hand. And he gave him his hand; and he took house of Achab: children of the fourth generation him up to him into the chariot. 16 And he said, Come after thee shall sit upon the throne of Israel. 31 But with me, and behold my zeal for the Lord. So they Jehu took no heed to walk in the law of the Lord made him ride in his chariot. 17 And when he came to the God of Israel with all his heart: he departed not Samaria, he smote all that yet remained unto Achab from the sins of Jerobo'am, who induced Israel to in Samaria, till he had exterminated him, according to sin, 32 In those days the Lord began to cut Israel the word of the Lord which he had spoken to Elijah, short; and Chazael smote them in all the boundary of 18 And Jehu assembled all the people, and said unto Israel; 33 From the Jordan to the rising of the sun, all them, Achab hath served Ba'al a little: Jehu will serve the land of Gil'ad, the Gadites, and the Reubenites, him much. 19 And now call unto me all the prophets and the Menassites, from 'Aro'er which is by the river of Ba'al, all his worshippers, and all his priests: let Arnon, both Gil'ad and Bashan. 34 Now the rest of no one be missing; for I have a great sacrifice to the acts of Jehu, and all that he did, and all his mighty make for Ba'al; whosoever will be missing, shall not deeds, behold, they are written in the book of the live. But Jehu did it in subtilty, in order to destroy the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 35 And Jehu slept worshippers of Ba'al. 20 And Jehu said, Sanctify a with his fathers, and they buried him in Samaria. And solemn assembly for Ba'al. And they proclaimed it. 21 Jehoachaz his son became king in his stead. 36 And And Jehu sent throughout all Israel: and there came the time that Jehu reigned over Israel in Samaria was all the worshippers of Ba'al, so that there was not a twenty and eight years. man remaining that came not; and they came into the

daughter of king Joram, the sister of Achazyahu, him that followeth her put to death with the sword. hid him from 'Athalyah, so that he was not slain. 3 into the king's house: and she was put to death there. and the runners, and brought them to him into the all the people of the land into the house of Ba'al, and house of the Lord, and made a covenant with them, pulled it down: his altars and his images they broke showed them the king's son. 5 And he commanded they slew before the altars. And the priest appointed them, saying. This is the thing that ye shall do: A superintendents over the house of the Lord. 19 And third part of you that enter in on the sabbath shall he took the chiefs over hundreds, and the quards, even be keeping watch in the king's house; 6 And and the runners, and all the people of the land, and a third part shall be at the gate of Sur; and a third they brought down the king from the house of the watch at the house, as a defence. 7 And two parts of to the king's house: and he sat on the throne of the king. 8 And ye shall encompass the king round about, the sword at the king's house. 21 Seven years old every man with his weapons in his hand; and he that was Jehoash when he became king. cometh within the ranges shall be put to death: and be ve with the king when he goeth out and when he cometh in. 9 And the captains over the hundreds did in accordance with all that Yohayada' the priest had commanded: and they took every man his men that came in on the sabbath, with those that were to be relieved on the sabbath, and came to Yehoyada' the priest. 10 And the priest gave to the captains over the hundred the spears and shields that had belonged to king David, that were in the house of the Lord. 11 And the runners stood every man with his weapons in his hand, from the right side of the house to the left side of the house, by the altar and within, round about the king. 12 And he brought forth 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 'Athalyah heard the noise of the runners [and] of the people, she came to the people in the house of the Lord. 14 And she looked, and, behold, the king stood upon a stand, according to custom, and the princes and the trumpeters were by the king, and all the people of the land were rejoicing, and blowing with trumpets: and 'Athalyah then rent her clothes, and cried, Conspiracy! conspiracy! 15 But

11 And when 'Athalyah the mother of Achazyahu Yehoyada' the priest commanded the captains of the saw that her son was dead, she arose and hundreds, the commanders of the army, and said destroyed all the seed royal. 2 But Yehosheba', the unto them, Lead her forth to within the ranges: and took Joash the son of Achazyahu, and stole him For the priest had said, She shall not be slain in the away from among the king's sons that were slain, house of the Lord. 16 And they made way for her; and him and his nurse into the bed-chamber: and they she went by the way of the entrance of the horses And he was with her in the house of the Lord hidden 17 And Yehoyada' made a covenant between the Lord for six years, while 'Athalyah was reigning over the and between the king and between the people, that land. 4 And in the seventh year Yehoyada' sent and they should be a people unto the Lord; and between fetched the rulers over the hundreds, of the guards the king and between the people. 18 And then came and made them swear in the house of the Lord, and in pieces thoroughly, and Mattan the priest of Ba'al part at the gate behind the runners; so shall ye keep Lord, and came by the way of the gate of the runners you all that are relieved on the sabbath, even they kings. 20 And all the people of the land rejoiced, and shall keep watch in the house of the Lord about the the city was quiet; but 'Athalyah they had slain with

> 12 In the seventh year of Jehu became Jehoash king; and forty years did he reign in Jerusalem; and the name of his mother was Zibyah of Beersheba'. 2 And Jehoash did what is right in the eyes of the Lord all his days, that Yehoyada' the priest instructed him. 3 Only the high-places were not removed: the people as yet sacrificed and burnt incense on the high-places. 4 And Jehoash said to the priests, all the money of the dedicated things that may be brought into the house of the Lord, the money of every one that passeth the numbering, the money any man is valued at, and all the money that cometh into any man's heart to bring into the house of the Lord, 5 The priests shall take to themselves, every man from his acquaintance; and they shall repair the breaches of the house, wheresoever any breach may be found. 6 But it happened, that in the three and twentieth year of king Jehoash the priests had not repaired the breaches of the house. 7 Then called king Jehoash for Yehoyada' the priest, and the [other] priests, and he said unto them, Wherefore do ye not repair the breaches of the house? and now ye shall take no more money from your acquaintances, but ye shall give it up [at once] for the breaches of the house.

money from the people, nor to repair the breaches of stead. the house. 9 But Yehovada' the priest took a chest. and bored a hole in its lid, and he placed it beside the altar, on the right side as one cometh into the house of the Lord: and the priests that kept watch at the threshold put therein all the money, that was brought into the house of the Lord. 10 And it happened, 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 up in bags, after having counted, the money that was found in the house of the Lord. 11 And they gave the money, after it was counted, into the hands of those who overlooked the workmen. that had been appointed as overseers of the house of the Lord: and they laid it out to the carpenters and to the builders, that wrought on the house of the Lord. 12 And to the masons, and the hewers of stone. and for the purchase of timber and hewn stones to repair the breaches of the house of the Lord, and for all that was laid out for the house to repair it. 13 Nevertheless there were not made for the house of the Lord bowls of silver, knives, basins, trumpets, all kinds of vessels of gold, or vessels of silver, from the money that was brought into the house of the Lord: 14 But they gave it to those who overlooked the workmen, and they repaired therewith the house of the Lord. 15 And they reckoned not with the men, into whose hand they delivered the money to give it to those who overlooked the workmen; for they acted in good faith. 16 The money for trespass-offerings and the money for sin-offerings was not brought into the house of the Lord: it belonged to the priests. 17 At that time Chazael the king of Syria went up, and fought against Gath, and captured it: and Chazael directed his face to go up against Jerusalem. 18 Then took Jehoash the king of Judah all the hallowed things that Jehoshaphat, Jehoram, and Achazyahu, his fathers, the kings of Judah, had dedicated, and his own hallowed things, and all the gold that was found in the treasures of the house of the Lord, and in the king's house, and sent it to Chazael the king of Syria: and he withdrew from Jerusalem. 19 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 20 And his servants arose, and formed a conspiracy, and smote Joash in Beth-millo, which [lieth on the road] that goeth down to Silla. 21 And Yozachar the son of Shim'ath, and Yehozabad the son of Shomer, his servants, smote him, and he died; and they buried him with his fathers in the city

8 And the priests consented neither to take any more of David: and Amazyah his son became king in his money from the people, nor to repair the breaches of stead

13 In the three and twentieth year of Joash the son of Achazyahu the king of Judah became Jehoachaz the son of Jehu king over Israel in Samaria [for] seventeen years. 2 And he did what is evil in the eves of the Lord, and followed the sins of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, who induced Israel to sin: he departed not therefrom. 3 And the anger of the Lord was kindled against Israel; and he gave them up into the hand of Chazael the king of Syria, and into the hand of Ben-hadad the son of Chazael. all the time. 4 And Jehoachaz besought the Lord; and the Lord hearkened unto him; for he saw the oppression of Israel, how the king of Syria oppressed them. 5 (And the Lord gave Israel a deliverer, so that they came out from under the power of the Syrians: and the children of Israel dwelt in their tents, as in times past. 6 Nevertheless they departed not from the sins of the house of Jerobo'am, who induced Israel to sin, therein the people walked: and the Asherah also remained standing in Samaria.) 7 For he had left of people to Jehoachaz none but fifty horsemen, and ten chariots, and ten thousand men on foot; for the king of Syria had destroyed them, and had made them like the dust at threshing. 8 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoachaz, and all that he did, and his mighty deeds, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 9 And Jehoachaz slept with his fathers; and they buried him in Samaria: and Joash his son became king in his stead. 10 In the thirty and seventh year of Joash the king of Judah became Jehoash the son of Jehoachaz king over Israel in Samaria, [for] sixteen years. 11 And he did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord; he departed not from all the sins of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, who induced Israel to sin: therein he walked. 12 And the rest of the acts of Joash, and all that he did, and his mighty deeds wherewith he fought against Amazyah the king of Judah, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 13 And Joash slept with his fathers; and Jerobo'am 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 had to die. And Joash the king of Israel came down unto him, and wept over his face, and said, O my father, my father, the chariot of Israel, and their horsemen. 15 And Elisha' said unto him, Fetch a bow and arrows. And he fetched unto him a bow and arrows. 16 And he said to the king of

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Israel, Place thy hand upon the bow. And he placed law of Moses, that the Lord commanded, saying, The his hand [upon it]: and Elisha' laid his hands upon fathers shall not be put to death for the children, nor the king's hands. 17 And he said, Open the window shall the children be put to death for the fathers; but eastward. And he opened it. Then said Elisha', Shoot. every man shall be put to death for his own sin. 7 He And he shot. And he said, The arrow of victory from it was that smote of Edom in the valley of salt ten the Lord, and the arrow of victory over Syria; and thousand men, and seized Sela' in the war, and called thou shalt smite the Syrians in Aphek, till they be its name Yoktheel until this day. 8 Then sent Amazyah consumed. 18 And he said, Take the arrows. And he messengers to Jehoash, the son of Jehoachaz the took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Strike son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saying, Come, let us upon the ground. And he struck three times, and look one another in the face. 9 And Jehoash the stopped. 19 And the man of God was angry with him, king of Israel sent to Amazyahu the king of Judah, and said, Thou shouldst have struck five or six times; saying, The thornbush that was in the Lebanon sent then wouldst thou have smitten the Syrians till they to the cedar that was in the Lebanon, saying, Give thy had been consumed: whereas now thou shalt smite daughter to my son for wife. And there passed along the Syrians three times. 20 And Elisha' died, and they the wild beasts that were in Lebanon, and trod down buried him. And the predatory bands of Moabites the thornbush. 10 Thou hast indeed smitten Edom, frequently invaded the land at the coming in of the and thy heart hath lifted thee up: keep thy glory and year. 21 And it came to pass, as they were burying stay in thy house; and why wilt thou meddle with a man, that, behold, they saw the band; and they misfortune, that thou mayest fall, thou, and Judah with cast down the man into the sepulchre of Elisha": and thee? 11 But Amazyahu would not hear. Therefore as the man came, and touched the bones of Elisha', Jehoash the king of Israel went up; and he and he revived, and rose up on his feet. 22 But Chazael Amazyahu the king of Judah looked one another in the king of Syria oppressed Israel all the days of the face at Beth-shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. Jehoachaz. 23 And the Lord became gracious unto 12 And Judah was defeated before Israel; and they them, and had mercy on them, and turned his regard fled every man to his tents. 13 And Jehoash the king unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, of Israel caught Amazyahu the king of Judah, the son he cast them not off from his presence even until now. and he came to Jerusalem, and made a breach in the 24 And Chazael the king of Syria died: and Ben-hadad wall of Jerusalem from the gate of Ephraim unto the his son became king in his stead. 25 And Jehoash corner-gate, four hundred cubits. 14 And he took all the son of Jehoachaz took again the cities out of the the gold and the silver, and all the vessels that were power of Ben-hadad the son of Chazael, which he found in the house of the Lord, and in the treasures had taken out of the power of Jehoachaz his father of the king's house, and the children of the chiefs as in the war. Three times did Joash beat him, and he hostages, and returned to Samaria. 15 Now the rest recovered the cities of Israel.

1 1 In the second year of Joash the son of Joachaz the king of Israel became Amazyahu, the son of Joash the king of Judah, king. 2 Twenty and five years was he old when he became king, and twenty and nine years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Yeho'addan of Jerusalem. 3 And he did what is right in the eyes of the Lord, yet not like David his father: in accordance with all that Joash his father had done, [so] did he. 4 Nevertheless the highplaces were not removed: as yet the people sacrificed and burnt incense on the high-places. 5 And it came to pass, when the kingdom was firmly 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: as it is written in the book of the

Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, and of Jehoash, the son of Achazyahu, at Beth-shemesh; of the acts of Jehoash which he did, and his mighty deeds, and how he fought with Amazyahu the king of Judah, behold, they are 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 Jerobo'am his son became king in his stead. 17 And Amazyahu the son of Joash the king of Judah lived after the death of Jehoash, the son of Jehoachaz the king of Israel, fifteen years. 18 And the rest of the acts of Amazyahu, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 19 Now they raised a conspiracy against him in Jerusalem: wherefore he fled to Lachish; but they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. 20 And they brought him on horses: and he was buried at Jerusalem with his fathers in the city of David. 21 And all the people of Judah took 'Azaryah, who was

sixteen years old, and they made him king instead of son of Jerobo'am king over Israel in Samaria [for] his fathers. 23 In the fifteenth year of Amazyahu the not from the sins of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat. the eyes of the Lord; he departed not from all the his stead. 11 And the rest of the acts of Zechariah. under the heavens; but he helped them by means in his stead. 15 And the rest of the acts of Shallum, mighty deeds, how he warred, and how he brought Israel. 16 At that time did Menachem smite Thiphsach, back Damascus and Chamath, [which had belonged] and all that was therein, and its territory from Thirzah; Israel: and Zechariah his son became king in his became Menachem the son of Gadi king over Israel. stead.

15 In the twenty and seventh year of Jerobo'am the king of Israel became 'Azarvah, the son of Amazvah king of Judah, king, 2 Sixteen years old was he when he became king, and two and fifty years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Yecholyahu of Jerusalem. 3 And he did what is right in the eyes of the Lord, in accordance with all that Amazyahu his father had done; 4 Nevertheless the high-places were not removed: as yet the people sacrificed and burnt incense on the high-places. 5 And the Lord afflicted the king with leprosy, and he was a leper unto the day of his death, and he dwelt in the leper-house. And Jotham the king's son was over the house, [and] judged the people of the land. 6 And the rest of the acts of 'Azaryahu, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 7 And 'Azaryah slept with his fathers: and they buried him with his fathers in the city of David: and Jotham his son became king in his stead. 8 In the thirty and eighth year of 'Azaryahu the king of Judah became Zechariah the

his father Amazyahu. 22 He it was that built Elath, six months. 9 And he did what is evil in the eyes and brought it back to Judah, after the king slept with of the Lord, as his fathers had done: he departed son of Joash the king of Judah became Jerobo'am who induced Israel to sin. 10 And Shallum the son of the son of Joash the king of Israel king in Samaria, Yabesh conspired against him, and smote him before [for] forty and one years. 24 And he did what is evil in the people, and put him to death, and became king in sins of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, who induced behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles Israel to sin. 25 He restored the boundary of Israel of the kings of Israel. 12 This was the word of the from the entrance of Chamath unto the sea of the Lord which he spoke unto Jehu, saying, Sons of the plain; in accordance with the word of the Lord God of fourth generation shall sit after thee on the throne of Israel, which he had spoken by means of his servant Israel. And so it came to pass. 13 Shallum the son of Jonah the son of Amitthai, the prophet, who was of Yabesh became king in the nine and thirtieth year of Gathchepher, 26 For the Lord saw the affliction of 'Uzzivah the king of Judah: and he reigned for the Israel, which was very bitter; that the guarded was no space of one month in Samaria. 14 Then went up more, and that the fortified was no more, and there Menachem the son of Gadi from Thirzah, and came was no helper for Israel. 27 And the Lord had not to Samaria, and smote Shallum the son of Yabesh spoken that he would blot out the name of Israel from in Samaria, and put him to death, and became king of Jerobo'am the son of Joash. 28 Now the rest of and his conspiracy which he made, behold, they are the acts of Jerobo'am, and all that he did, and his written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of to Judah, to Israel, behold, they are written in the because they opened not to him, he smote it; and all book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel, 29 And the pregnant women therein he ripped up. 17 In the Jerobo'am slept with his fathers, with the kings of nine and thirtieth year of 'Azaryah the king of Judah Iforl ten years, in Samaria, 18 And he did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord: he departed not from the sins of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, who induced Israel to sin, all his days. 19 [Then] came Pul the king of Assyria against the land: and Menachem gave Pul a thousand talents of silver, that his hand might be with him to strengthen the kingdom in his hand. 20 And Menachem exacted the money from all Israel, from all the mighty men of the army, to give to the king of Assyria, fifty shekels of silver from every man; and the king of Assyria then returned and staved not there in the land. 21 And the rest of the acts of Menachem, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Israel. 22 And Menachem slept with his fathers; and Pekachyah his son became king in his stead. 23 In the fiftieth year of 'Azaryah the king of Judah became Pekachyah the son of Menachem king over Israel in Samaria, [for] two years. 24 And he did what is evil m the eves of the Lord: he departed not from the sins of Jerobo'am the son of Nebat, who induced Israel to sin. 25 And Pekach the son of Remalvahu, an officer of his, conspired against him, and smote him

king in his stead.

16 In the seventeenth year of Pekach the son of Remalyahu, became Achaz, the son of Jotham the king of Judah, king, 2 Twenty years old was Achaz when he became king, and sixteen years did he reign in Jerusalem; and he did not what is right in the eyes of the Lord his God, like David his father. 3 But he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and

in Samaria, in the fortress of the king's house, with even his son he caused to pass through the fire, after the aid of Argob and the Aryeh, and with him were the abominable acts of the nations whom the Lord fifty men of the children of the Gil'adites: and he put had driven out from before the children of Israel. 4 him to death, and became king in his stead, 26 And And he sacrificed and burnt incense on the highthe rest of the acts of Pekachyah, and all that he did, places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles 5 Then came up Rezin the king of Syria and Pekach of the kings of Israel. 27 In the fifty-second year of the son of Remalyahu the king of Israel to Jerusalem 'Azaryah the king of Judah became Pekach the son to war: and they besieged Achaz, but were not able of Remalyahu king over Israel in Samaria, [for] twenty to make an attack. 6 At that time did Rezin the king years. 28 And he did what is evil in the eyes of the of Syria bring Elath back to Syria, and drove the Lord: he departed not from the sins of Jerobo'am the Jews from Elath: and the Edomeans came to Elath son of Nebat, who induced Israel to sin. 29 In the days and dwelt there, even until this day. 7 And Achaz of Pekach the king of Israel came Tiglath-pilesser then sent messengers to Tiglath-pilesser the king of the king of Assyria, and took 'lyon, and Abel-beth, Assyria, saying, Thy servant and thy son am I: come ma'achah, and Yanoach, and Kedesh, and Chazor, up, and help me out of the hand of the king of Syria, and Gil'ad, and Galilee, all the land of Naphtali, and and out of the hand of the king of Israel, who rise up led them away as exiles to Assyria. 30 And Hoshea' against me. 8 And Achaz took the silver and the gold the son of Elah made a conspiracy against Pekach that were found in the house of the Lord, and in the the son of Remalyahu, and smote him, and put him to treasures of the king's house, and sent [the same] death, and became king in his stead, in the twentieth to the king of Assyria as a bribe. 9 And the king of year of Jotham the son of 'Uzziyah. 31 And the rest Assyria hearkened unto him; and the king of Assyria of the acts of Pekach, and all that he did, behold, went up against Damascus, and captured it, and led they are written in the book of the chronicles of the [the people of] it away captive to Kir, and Rezin did kings of Israel. 32 In the second year of Pekach the he put to death. 10 And King Achaz went to meet son of Remalyahu the king of Israel became Jotham, Tiglath-pilesser the king of Assyria to Damascus, and the son of 'Uzziyah the king of Judah, king. 33 Five he saw the altar that was at Damascus: and king and twenty years old was he when he became king, Achaz then sent to Uriyah the priest the form of the and sixteen years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his altar, and its pattern, after all its workmanship. 11 mother's name was Yerusha, the daughter of Zadok. And Urivah the priest built the altar: in accordance 34 And he did what is right in the eyes of the Lord: with all that king Achaz had sent from Damascus, so in accordance with all that 'Uzziyahu his father had did Uriyah the priest make it against the arrival of done, [so] did he. 35 Nevertheless, the high-places king Achaz from Damascus. 12 And when the king were not removed: as yet the people sacrificed and came from Damascus, the king saw the altar; and the burnt incense on the high-places. He it was that built king approached to the altar and offered thereon. 13 the upper gate of the house of the Lord. 36 Now the And he burnt his burnt-offering and his meat-offering, rest of the acts of Jotham, and all that he did, behold, and poured out his drink-offering, and sprinkled the they are written in the book of the chronicles of the blood of his peace offerings upon the altar. 14 And kings of Judah. 37 In those days began the Lord as respecteth the copper altar which was before to send against Judah Rezin the king of Syria, and the Lord, he moved it back from the forefront of the Pekach the son of Remalyahu. 38 And Jotham slept house, from between the altar and the house of the with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the Lord, and set it on the side of the altar to the north. city of David his father: and Achaz his son became 15 And king Achaz commanded Uriyah the priest, saying, Upon the great altar burn the morning burntoffering, and the evening meat-offering, and the king's burnt-offering, and his meat-offering, with the burntoffering of all the people of the land, and their meatoffering, and their drink-offerings; and all the blood of the burnt-offering, and all the blood of the sacrifices shalt thou sprinkle on it; and the copper altar shall be for me to visit occasionally. 16 And Uriyah the priest did in accordance with all that king Achaz had

commanded. 17 And king Achaz cut off the borders of not do this thing. 13 The Lord had indeed warned became king in his stead.

17 In the twelfth year of Achaz the king of Judah became Hoshea' the son of Elah king in Samaria over Israel, [for] nine years. 2 And he did what is evil in the eves of the Lord, but not like the kings of Israel that were before him. 3 Against him came up Shalmanesser, the king of Assyria; and Hoshea' became his servant, and rendered him tribute. 4 And the king of Assyria discovered a conspiracy on Hoshea': for he had sent messengers to So the king of Egypt, and had raised no tribute for the king of Assyria, as [before] year by year; and the king of Assyria made him prisoner, and shut him up in a prison-house. 5 And the king of Assyria came up over all the land, and went up to Samaria, and besieged it three years. 6 In the ninth year of Hoshea' did the king of Assyria capture Samaria, and he led Israel away as exiles into Assyria, and settled them in Chalach and in Chabor by the river of Gozan, and in the cities of Media. 7 This took place, because the children of Israel had sinned against the Lord their God, who had brought them up out of the land of Egypt, from under the hand of Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and had feared other gods. 8 And had walked in the customs of the nations whom the Lord had driven out from before the children of Israel, and in those of the kings of Israel, which they had made. 9 And [because] the children of Israel had secretly done things that are not right against the Lord their God, and had built themselves high-places in all their cities, from the tower of the watchmen up to fortified cities; 10 And had set themselves up statues and groves on every high hill, and under every green tree: 11 And had burnt there incense on all the highplaces, like the nations that the Lord had led away exiles before them; and wrought wicked things to provoke the Lord to anger; 12 And had served the idols, whereof the Lord had said unto them. Ye shall

the bases, and removed the layers from off them: Israel and Judah, by means of all the prophets, all and the sea he took down from off the copper oxen the seers, saving. Turn ve back from your evil ways, that were under it, and placed it upon a payement of and keep my commandments [and] my statutes, in stones. 18 And the covered passage for the sabbath accordance with all the law which I commanded your that they had built on the house, and the outer king's fathers, and which I have sent to you by means of my entrance, turned he from the house of the Lord, on servants the prophets. 14 But they would not hear, account of the king of Assyria. 19 Now the rest of the and hardened their neck, like the neck of their fathers. acts of Achaz which he did, behold, they are written who had not believed in the Lord their God: 15 And in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 20 they despised his statutes, and his covenant which he And Achaz slept with his fathers, and was buried with had made with their fathers, and his testimonies which his fathers in the city of David: and Hezekiah his son, he had entrusted to them; and they followed after what is vanity, and became vain, and followed after the nations that were round about them, concerning whom the Lord had charged them, not to do like them. 16 And they forsook all the commandments of the Lord their God, and made themselves molten images, two calves, and made a grove, and bowed down to all the host of the heavens, and served Ba'al; 17 And they caused their sons and their daughters to pass through the fire, and used divinations and enchantments, and sold themselves to do what is evil in the eyes of the Lord, to provoke him to anger, 18 Therefore became the Lord very angry with Israel. and he removed them from his presence: there was none left but the tribe of Judah alone. 19 Also Judah kept not the commandments of the Lord their God, but walked in the customs of Israel which they had made. 20 Therefore did the Lord reject all the seed of Israel, and he afflicted them, and gave them up into the hand of spoilers, until that he had cast them out of his presence. 21 For Israel had torn themselves from the house of David, and they made Jerobo'am the son of Nebat king; and Jerobo'am misled Israel from following the Lord, and caused them to commit a great sin; 22 And the children of Israel walked in all the sins of Jerobo'am which he did: they departed not therefrom, 23 Until that the Lord removed Israel out of his presence, as he had spoken by means of all his servants the prophets; and Israel was led away as exiles out of their own land to Assyria even until this day. 24 And the king of Assyria brought [men] from Babylon, and from Cuthah, and from 'Avva, and from Chamath, and from Sepharvavim, and settled them in the cities of Samaria in the room of the children of Israel: and they took possession of Samaria, and dwelt in its cities. 25 And it happened at the beginning of their dwelling there, that they feared not the Lord: wherefore the Lord sent among them lions, which slew some of them. 26 And they said to the king of Assyria, as followeth, The nations that thou hast led

away, and settled in the cities of Samaria, know not 18 And it came to pass in the third year of Hoshea' the manner of the God of the land; wherefore he slaying them, since they know not the manner of the Twenty and five years old was he when he became God of the land. 27 Then commanded the king of king, and twenty and nine years did he reign in Assyria, saying, Carry thither one of the priests whom Jerusalem; and his mother's name was Abi, the ye led away from there; and let them go and dwell daughter of Zechariah. 3 And he did what is right in there, and let him teach them the manner of the God the eyes of the Lord, in accordance with all that David of the land. 28 And there came one of the priests his father had done. 4 He it was that removed the whom they had led away as exiles from Samaria, and high-places, and broke the statues, and cut down the dwelt in Beth-el; and he taught them how they should groves, and stamped in pieces the copper serpent fear the Lord. 29 Yet they made, every nation, their that Moses had made; for unto those days were own gods; and they put them in the houses of the the children of Israel burning incense to it; and he high-places which the Samaritans had made, every called it Nechushtan. 5 In the Lord the God of Israel nation in their cities wherein they dwelt. 30 And the did he trust; and after him there was not his like of Cuth made Neregal, and the men of Chamath were before him. 6 And he adhered to the Lord, and made Ashima. 31 And the 'Avvites made Nibchaz and turned not away from following him: but he kept his Tharthak, and the Sepharvites burnt their children in commandments, which the Lord had commanded fire to 'Adrammelech and 'Anammelech, the gods of Moses. 7 And the Lord was with him; whithersoever they made unto themselves of the lowest of them the king of Assyria, and served him not. 8 He it was priests of the high-places, and these sacrificed for that smote the Philistines, as far as Gazzah, and them in the houses of the high-places. 33 The Lord its territory, from the tower of the watchmen up to did they fear, and their own gods did they serve, after the fortified city. 9 And it came to pass in the fourth the manner of the nations whence they had been year of king Hezekiah, which was the seventh year the former manners: they fear not the Lord, neither Shalmanesser the king of Assyria came up against do they act after their own customs, and after their Samaria, and besieged it. 10 And they captured it at manner, nor after the law and after the commandment the end of three years, —in the sixth year of Hezekiah, which the Lord commanded the children of Israel, that is the ninth year of Hoshea' the king of Israel, whose name he styled Israel; 35 With whom the Lord was Samaria captured. 11 And the king of Assyria led had made a covenant, and charged them, saying, Ye away Israel as exiles unto Assyria, and transported shall not fear other gods, nor bow yourselves down to them to Chalach and to Chabor, by the river of Gozan, them, nor serve them, nor sacrifice to them; 36 But and to the cities of Media; 12 Because they had the Lord, who hath brought you up out of the land not obeyed the voice of the Lord their God, but had of Egypt with great might and with an outstretched transgressed his covenant, all that Moses the servant arm, him alone shall ye fear, and to him shall ye bow of the Lord had commanded; and had not obeyed, yourselves down, and to him shall ye sacrifice; 37 And nor done accordingly. 13 And in the fourteenth year of the statutes, and the ordinances, and the law, and the king Hezekiah did Sennacherib the king of Assyria commandment, which he hath written for you, shall ye come up against all the fortified cities of Judah, and observe to do for all time; and ye shall not fear other seized on them. 14 And Hezekiah the king of Judah gods. 38 And the covenant that I have made with you sent to the king of Assyria to Lachish, saying, I have shall ye not forget; and ye shall not fear other gods. sinned; retire from me: what thou wilt impose on 39 But the Lord your God shall ye fear; and he will me will I bear. And the king of Assyria exacted from deliver you out of the hand of all your enemies. 40 Hezekiah the king of Judah three hundred talents Nevertheless they have not hearkened, but they act of silver and thirty talents of gold. 15 And Hezekiah after their former manner. 41 So were these nations, gave up all the silver that was found in the house of while they feared the Lord, also serving their graven the Lord, and in the treasures of the king's house. 16 images; and both their children and their children's At that time did Hezekiah cut off [the gold from] the children do until this day as their fathers have done. doors of the temple of the Lord, and from the door-

the son of Elah the king of Israel, that Hezekiah, hath sent among them lions, and, behold, they are the son of Achaz the king of Judah, became king. 2 men of Babylon made Succoth-benoth, and the men among all the kings of Judah, nor among those that Sepharvayim. 32 And they feared [also] the Lord; and he went forth he prospered: and he rebelled against led away. 34 Even until this day do they act after of Hoshea' the son of Elah the king of Israel, that

and gave the same to the king of Assyria. 17 And the induce you to trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will king of Assyria sent Tharthan and Rub-sariss and surely deliver us, and this city will not be given up Rabshakeh from Lachish to king Hezekiah with a into the hand of the king of Assyria: 31 Hearken not strong army against Jerusalem. And they went up to Hezekiah: for thus hath said the king of Assyria. and came to Jerusalem; and when they were come Make a treaty of peace with me, and come out to me, up, they came and halted by the aqueduct of the and eat ye every man of his own vine, and every man upper pool, which is on the highway of the washer's of his fig-tree, and drink ve every man the waters field. 18 And they called for the king, when there of his cistern: 32 Until I come and take you away to came out to them Elyakim the son of Chilkiyahu, who a land like your own land, a land of corn and wine, was superintendent over the house, and Shebnah the a land of bread and vineyards, a land of oil-olive scribe, and Yoach the son of Assaph the recorder, trees, and of honey, that ye may live, and not die; 19 And Rabshakeh said unto them, Say ye now to and hearken not unto Hezekiah; for he will mislead Hezekiah, Thus hath said the great king, the king you, saving. The Lord will deliver us, 33 Have the of Assyria. What confidence is this wherewith thou gods of the nations delivered in anywise each his hast trusted? 20 Thou saidst, but it was only a word land out of the hand of the king of Assyria? 34 Where uttered with the lips, [I have] counsel and strength are the gods of Chamath, and of Arpad? where are for the war. Now on whom didst thou trust, that thou the gods of Sepharyavim, Hena', and 'Ivvah? have rebelledst against me? 21 Now, behold, thou trustedst they then delivered Samaria out of my hand? 35 Who thee upon yon cracked reed-staff, upon Egypt, which, are they among all the gods of the countries, that if a man lean on it, will enter into his hand, and pierce have delivered their country out of my hand, that the it: so is Pharaoh the king of Egypt unto all that trust on Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? 36 him. 22 But if ye should say unto me. In the Lord our But the people remained silent, and answered him God have we trusted: is he not the one whose high- not a word; for it was the king's command, saying, places and whose altars Hezekiah hath removed. Ye shall not answer him. 37 Then came Elvakim the when he said to Judah and to Jerusalem. Before this son of Chilkivah, who was superintendent over the altar shall ye prostrate yourselves in Jerusalem? 23 house, and Shebnah the scribe, and Yoach the son And now, I pray thee, enter into a contest with my of Assaph the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes master the king of Assyria, and I will give thee two rent; and they told unto him the words of Rabshakeh. thousand horses, if thou be able on thy part to set riders upon them. 24 How then wilt thou turn back the face of a single chieftain among the least of my master's servants, while thou hast put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen! 25 Now am I come up without the Lord ['s will] against this place to destroy it? The Lord hath said to me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. 26 Then said Elyakim the son of Chilkivahu, and Shebnah, and Yoach, unto Rabshakeh. Speak, we pray thee, to thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not with us in the Jewish language before the ears of the people that are on the wall. 27 But Rabshakeh said unto them. Hath my master then sent me to thy master, and to thee, to speak these words? is it not rather to the men who sit on the wall, that they may eat their own excrement, and drink their own urine with you? 28 Then stood Rabshakeh up and called out with a loud voice in the Jewish language, and spoke, and said. Hear ve the word of the great king. the king of Assyria: 29 Thus hath said the king. Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to

sills which Hezekiah the king of Judah had overlaid, deliver you out of his hand; 30 Neither let Hezekiah

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 the Lord, 2 And he sent Elvakim, who was superintendent over the house, and Shebnah the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the prophet the son of Amoz. 3 And they said unto him, Thus hath said Hezekiah. A day of trouble, and of rebuke, and derision is this day; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4 Perhaps the Lord thy God will hear all the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to blaspheme the living God: and who hath reproached with the words which the Lord thy God hath heard; wherefore lift up a prayer in behalf of the remnant that is still found here. 5 And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said unto them. Thus shall ye say to your master, Thus hath said the Lord, Be not afraid because of the words which thou hast heard, with which the boys of the king of Assyria have

him, that when he will hear a rumor, he shall return to multitude of my chariots am I indeed come up to the his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon, in his own land. 8 And Rabshakeh returned, and and I will cut down its tall cedars, the choice of found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for its fir-trees: and I will enter into the lodgings on its he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9 summit, the forest of its fruitful soil. 24 I have dug And he heard it said of Thirhakah the king of Ethiopia, and drunk strange waters, and I will dry up with the again sent messengers unto Hezekiah, saying, 10 25 Hadst thou not heard that in distant ages I had into the hand of the king of Assyria. 11 Behold, thou thus their inhabitants were short of power, they were thyself hast heard what the kings of Assyria have dismayed and confounded; they were as the herbs of done to all the lands, by destroying them utterly: and the field, and as the green grass; as the moss on thou alone shouldst be delivered? 12 Have the gods the housetops, and as corn blasted before the ear of the nations which my fathers destroyed delivered appeareth. 27 But thy abiding and thy going out and them; as Gozan, and Charan, and Rezeph, and the thy coming in do I know, and thy raging against me. children of 'Eden, who were in Thelassar? 13 Where 28 Because of thy raging against me and thy tumult king of the city of Sepharvayim, of Hena', and 'Ivvah? nose, and my bridle between thy lips; and I will cause 14 And Hezekiah took the letters out of the hand of thee to turn back on the way by which thou camest. the messengers, and read them: and Hezekiah went 29 And this shall be unto thee the sign, Ye shall eat up into the house of the Lord, and spread them out this year what groweth of itself, and in the second before the Lord. 15 And Hezekiah prayed before the year what springeth up after the same; and in the Lord, and said, O Lord God of Israel, who dwellest third year sow and reap, and plant vineyards, and eat between the cherubims, thou art the [true] God, thou their fruit. 30 And the remnant of the house of Judah alone, for all the kingdoms of the earth; for it is thou that is escaped shall vet again strike root downward. who hast made the heavens and the earth. 16 Bend and bear fruit upward. 31 For out of Jerusalem shall down, O Lord, thy ear, and hear! open, O Lord, thy go forth a remnant, and that which escapeth out of eyes, and see! and hear the words of Sennacherib, mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. that which he hath sent to blaspheme the living God. 32 Therefore thus hath said the Lord concerning the 17 Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have devastated king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, and the nations and their land, 18 And they have placed he shall not shoot an arrow thereon, nor come before their gods into the fire; for they are no gods, but the it with shield, nor cast up against it an embankment. work of man's hands, wood and stone: and these 33 On the way by which he came, by the same shall have they destroyed. 19 And now, O Lord our God, he return, and into this city shall he not come, saith save us. I beseech thee, out of his hand, that all the Lord. 34 And I will shield this city, to save it, for my the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art own sake, and for the sake of David my servant. 35 the Lord God, thou alone. 20 Then sent Isaiah the And it came to pass, on the same night, that an angel son of Amoz to Hezekiah, saying. Thus hath said of the Lord went out and smote in the camp of the the Lord the God of Israel, What thou hast prayed Assyrians one hundred eighty and five thousand men: to me concerning Sennacherib the king of Assyria and when people arose early in the morning, behold, have I heard. 21 This is the word that the Lord hath they were all dead corpses. 36 And Sennacherib the spoken over him: She despiseth thee, she laugheth king of Assyria then departed, and went and returned, thee to scorn, the virgin daughter of Zion; behind and dwelt at Nineveh. 37 And it came to pass, as he thee shaketh her head the daughter of Jerusalem. was prostrating himself in the house of Nisroch his 22 Whom hast thou blasphemed, and [whom] hast god, that Adrammelech and Sharezer his sons smote thou scorned? and against whom hast thou raised him with the sword: and they escaped into the land of thy voice, and lifted up thy eyes on high? against Ararat. And Essar-chaddon his son became king in the Holy One of Israel. 23 By thy messengers thou his stead.

blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will put an [other] spirit in hast blasphemed the Lord and hast said, With the Behold, he is come out to fight with thee; and he sole of my feet all the streams of besieged places. Thus shall ye say to Hezekiah the king of Judah, prepared this? in the times of antiquity when I formed as followeth, Let not thy God in whom thou trustest it? now have I brought it along, and it came to pass, deceive thee, saying, Jerusalem shall not be given up to desolate into ruinous heaps fortified cities. 26 And is the king of Chamath, and the king of Arpad, and the that is come up into my ears, will I put my hook in thy

prophet, and said unto him. Thus hath said the Lord, that which thy fathers have laid up in store until this Give thy charge to thy house; for thou shalt die, and day, shall be carried to Babylon; nothing shall be left. not live, 2 Then did he turn his face to the wall, and saith the Lord, 18 And of thy sons that will issue from prayed unto the Lord, saying, 3 I beseech thee, O thee, whom thou wilt beget, shall they take; and they Lord, remember now that I have walked before thee shall be court-servants in the palace of the king of in truth, and with an undivided heart, and have done Babylon, 19 Then said Hezekiah unto Isaiah, Good is what is good in thy eyes. And Hezekiah wept aloud. 4 the word of the Lord which thou hast spoken. And he And it came to pass, before Isaiah was gone out into said, Is it not so, if there be peace and stability in the middle court, that the word of the Lord came to my days? 20 And the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, him, saying, 5 Return, and say to Hezekiah the ruler and all his mighty deeds, and how he made the pool, of my people, Thus hath said the Lord, the God of and the aqueduct, and brought the water into the city, David thy father, I have heard thy prayer, I have seen behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles thy tears: behold. I will heal thee; on the third day of the kings of Judah. 21 And Hezekiah slept with his shalt thou go up unto the house of the Lord. 6 And I fathers: and Menasseh his son became king in his will add unto thy days fifteen years; and out of the stead. hand of the king of Assyria will I deliver thee and this city: and I will shield this city for my own sake, and for the sake of David my servant. 7 And Isaiah said, Fetch a lump of figs. And they fetched and laid it on the inflammation, and he recovered. 8 And Hezekiah said unto Isaiah, What sign shall there be that the Lord will heal me, and that I shall go up into the house of the Lord the third day? 9 And Isaiah said. This shall be unto thee the sign from the Lord, that the Lord will do the thing that he hath spoken: Shall the shadow go forward ten degrees, or go back ten degrees? 10 And Hezekiah said, It is a light thing for the shadow to go forward ten degrees: no; but let the shadow return backward ten degrees. 11 And Isaiah the prophet called unto the Lord; and he caused the shadow to return, by the degrees which the [sun] was gone down on the dial of Achaz, backward, ten degrees. 12 And at that time sent Berodach-baladan, the son of Baladan, the king of Babylon, letters and a present unto Hezekiah: for he had heard that Hezekiah had been sick. 13 And Hezekiah listened unto them, and showed them the whole of his treasure-house, the silver, and the gold, and the spices, and the precious oil. and the whole of his armor-house, and all that was found in his treasures: there was nothing that Hezekiah showed them not, in his house and in all his dominion. 14 Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, and said unto him, What did these men say? and whence did they come unto thee? And Hezekiah said, From a far off country are they come, from Babylon. 15 And he said, What did they see in thy house? And Hezekiah answered, All that is in my house have they seen: there was nothing that I did not show them in my treasures. 16 And Isaiah said

**2** In those days Hezekiah fell sick unto death; and unto Hezekiah, Hear the word of the Lord. 17 Behold. there came to him Isaiah the son of Amoz the days are coming, when all that is in thy house, and

> 21 Twelve years old was Menasseh when he became king, and fifty and five years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Chephzi-bah. 2 And he did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord, after the abominable acts of the nations whom the Lord had driven out before the children of Israel. 3 And he built up again the high-places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; and he reared up altars for Ba'al, and made a grove, as Achab the king of Israel had done: and he bowed down to all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of the Lord, of which the Lord had said, In Jerusalem will I put my name. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. 6 And he caused his son to pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much that is evil in the eyes of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he set a hewn image of the Asherah that he had made in the house, of which the Lord had said to David, and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all tribes of Israel, will I put my name for ever: 8 And I will not cause any more the foot of Israel to move out of the land which I gave their fathers; only if they will observe to act in accordance with all that I have commanded them, and in accordance with all the law that my servant Moses commanded them. 9 But they hearkened not: and Menasseh seduced them to do what is evil more than the nations whom the Lord had destroyed before the children of Israel. 10 And the Lord spoke by means of his servants the prophets, saving, 11 Forasmuch as Menasseh the

wherewith he induced Judah to sin, to do what is evil 8 And Chilkiyahu the high-priest said unto Shaphan which he did, behold, they are written in the book do in accordance with all that is prescribed concerning and Josiah his son became king in his stead.

22 Eight years old was Josiah when he became king, and thirty and one years did he reign in

king of Judah hath done these abominations, having daughter of 'Adayah of Bozkath. 2 And he did what done wickedly more than all that the Emorites had is right in the eyes of the Lord, and walked in all done, who were before him, and hath induced Judah the way of David his father, and turned not aside to also to sin with his idols: 12 Therefore thus hath said the right or to the left, 3 And it came to pass in the the Lord the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil eighteenth year of king Josiah, that the king sent upon Jerusalem and Judah, at which both the ears of Shaphan the son of Azalyahu, the son of Meshullam, every one that heareth it shall tingle. 13 And I will the scribe, to the house of the Lord, saying, 4 Go up stretch over Jerusalem the measure-line of Samaria, to Chilkiyahu the high-priest, that he may collect up and the plummet of the house of Achab: and I will all the money which is brought into the house of the wipe off Jerusalem as one wipeth off a dish, wiping it, Lord, which the door-keepers have gathered from and turning it on its face. 14 And I will forsake the the people: 5 And let them deliver it into the hand of remnant of my inheritance, and give them up into the those who overlook the workmen, that have been hand of their enemies; and they shall become a prey appointed as overseers of the house of the Lord; and and a spoil to all their enemies; 15 Forasmuch as let them give it to those who do the work who are they have done what is evil in my eyes, and have in the house of the Lord, to repair the breaches of been provoking me to anger, from the day that their the house: 6 Unto the carpenters, and the builders, fathers came forth out of Egypt, even until this day, and the masons, and to buy timber and hewn stones 16 And also innocent blood did Menasseh shed in to repair the house. 7 Nevertheless shall there be very great abundance, till he had filled [therewith] no reckoning made with them for the money that is Jerusalem from one end to another; beside his sin delivered into their hand, because they deal faithfully. in the eyes of the Lord. 17 Now the rest of the acts of the scribe, A book of the law have I found in the Menasseh, and all that he did, and his sin that he house of the Lord. And Chilkiyah gave the book to committed, behold, they are written in the book of the Shaphan, and he read it. 9 And Shaphan the scribe chronicles of the kings of Judah. 18 And Menasseh came to the king, and brought the king word again, slept with his fathers, and was buried in the garden of and said. Thy servants have taken out all the money his own house, in the garden of 'Uzza: and Amon his that was found in the house, and have delivered it son became king in his stead. 19 Twenty and two into the hand of those who overlook the workmen. years old was Amon when he became king, and two that have been appointed overseers of the house of years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's the Lord. 10 And Shaphan the scribe also told the name was Meshullemeth, the daughter of Charuz king, saying, A book hath Chilkiyahu the priest given of Yotbah. 20 And he did what is evil in the eyes of me. And Shaphan read it before the king. 11 And it the Lord, as his father Menasseh had done. 21 And came to pass, when the king had heard the words he walked in all the way that his father had walked of the book of the law, that he rent his clothes. 12 in, and served the idols that his father had served, And the king commanded Chilkiyah the priest, and and bowed himself down to them; 22 And he forsook Achikam the son of Shaphan, and 'Achbor the son of the Lord the God of his fathers, and walked not in Michayah, and Shaphan the scribe, and 'Assahyah a the way of the Lord. 23 And the servants of Amon servant of the king's, saying, 13 Go ye, inquire of the conspired against him, and put the king to death in Lord in my behalf, and in behalf of the people, and in his own house. 24 And the people of the land slew behalf of all Judah, concerning the words of this book all those that had conspired against king Amon; and that hath been found; for great is the wrath of the the people of the land made Josiah his son king Lord that hath been kindled against us, because our in his stead. 25 Now the rest of the acts of Amon fathers did not hearken unto the words of this book, to of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 26 And they us. 14 And Chilkiyahu the priest, and Achikam, and buried him in his sepulchre in the garden of 'Uzza: 'Achbor, and Shaphan, and 'Assahyah, went unto Chuldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Tikvah the son of Charchass, the keeper of the wardrobe; [now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the suburb; Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Yedidah, the ] and they spoke unto her. 15 And she said unto them, Thus hath said the Lord the God of Israel, Say

unto the man that hath sent you to me, 16 Thus hath without Jerusalem, unto the brook Kidron, and burnt it said the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, at the brook Kidron, and ground it small to powder, and upon its inhabitants, all the words of the book and cast its powder upon the graves of the children which the king of Judah hath read: 17 Because they of the people, 7 And he pulled down the houses of have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other the sodomites, that were by the house of the Lord. gods, in order to provoke me to anger with all the where the women wove hangings for the Asherah. works of their hands: therefore is my wrath kindled 8 And he brought all the priests out of the cities of against this place, and shall not be guenched. 18 But Judah, and defiled the high-places where the priests with respect to the king of Judah who sendeth you to had burnt incense, from Geba' to Beer-Sheba', and inquire of the Lord, thus shall ye say to him, Thus he pulled down the high-places of the gates that were hath said the Lord the God of Israel, Concerning the at the entrance of the gate of Joshua the governor of words which thou hast heard: 19 Because thy heart, the city, which were on a man's left at the gate of the was tender, and thou hast humbled thyself before city, 9 Nevertheless the priests of the high-places the Lord, when thou heardest what I had spoken came not up to the altar of the Lord in Jerusalem; against this place, and against its inhabitants, that but they are unleavened bread in the midst of their they should become an astonishment and a curse, brethren, 10 And he defiled the Thopheth, which was and hast rent thy clothes, and wept before me: I also in the valley Ben-hinnom, so that no man should have heard it, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore, behold, I cause his son or his daughter to pass through the fire will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be to Molech. 11 And he put down the horses that the gathered unto thy graves in peace; and thy eyes shall kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun, from the not look on all the evil which I am bringing over this entrance of the house of the Lord, by the chamber of place. And they brought the king word again.

23 And the king sent, and they gathered unto him all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And the king went up into the house of the Lord, and all the men of Judah and all the inhabitants of Jerusalem with him, and the priests, and the prophets, and all the people, from the small to the great: and he read before their ears all the words of the book of the covenant which had been found in the house of the Lord. 3 And the king stood upon the stand, and he made a covenant before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep his commandments, and his testimonies and his statutes with all [their] heart and all [their] soul, to maintain the words of this covenant that are written in this book. And all the people entered into the covenant. 4 And the king commanded Chilkivahu the high-priest, and the priests of the second order, and the door-keepers, to carry forth out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels that had been made for Ba'al. and for the Asherah, and for all the host of heaven: and they burnt them without Jerusalem in the fields of Kidron, and carried their ashes unto Beth-el. 5 And he put down the idolatrous priests, whom the kings of Judah had appointed that they might burn incense on the high-places in the cities of Judah, and in the places round about Jerusalem: those also that burnt incense unto Ba'al, to the sun, and to the moon, and to the planets, and to all the host of heaven. 6 And he brought out the Asherah from the house of the Lord.

Nethan-melech the chamberlain, who was over the suburbs; and the chariots of the sun he burnt with fire. 12 And the altars that were on the roof of the upper-chamber of Achaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the altars which Menasseh had made in the two courts of the house of the Lord, did the king pull down, and tore them away from there, and cast their dust into the brook Kidron. 13 And the highplaces that were before Jerusalem, which were to the right of the mount of destruction, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for 'Ashtoreth the abomination of the Zidonians, and for Kemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the children of 'Ammon, did the king defile. 14 And he broke in pieces the standing images, and cut down the Asherah-groves, and filled their places with the bones of men. 15 So also the altar that was at Bethel, the high-place which Jerobo'am the son of Nebat. who induced Israel to sin, had made, -also that altar and the high-place did he pull down; and he burnt the high-place, ground it small to powder, and burnt then the Asherah. 16 And Josiah turned about, and beheld the graves that were there in the mount, and he sent. and took the bones out of the sepulchres, and burnt them upon the altar, and polluted it, according to the word of the Lord which the man of God proclaimed, who had proclaimed these events. 17 Then said he. What kind of monument is that which I see? And the men of the city said to him. It is the grave of the man of God, who came from Judah, and proclaimed these

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el. 18 And he said, Let him rest: no man shall disturb of Jeremiah of Libnah. 32 And he did what is evil his bones. So they saved his bones, with the bones in the eyes of the Lord, all just as his fathers had of the prophet that came out of Samaria. 19 And also done, 33 And Pharaoh-nechoh put him in fetters at all the houses of the high-places that were in the Riblah in the land of Chamath, that he should not cities of Samaria, which the kings of Israel had made reign in Jerusalem, and imposed a fine on the land of as provocations to anger, did Josiah remove, and did a hundred talents of silver, and a talent of gold. 34 to them in accordance with all the acts that he had. And Pharaoh-nechoh made Elvakim the son of Josiah done in Beth-el. 20 And he slaughtered all the priests king in the room of Josiah his father, and changed his of the high-places that were there upon the altars, name to Jehoyakim, and took Jehoachaz away: and and burnt men's bones upon them, and returned he came to Egypt, and died there. 35 And Jehoyakim [then] to Jerusalem. 21 And the king commanded gave the silver and the gold to Pharaoh; but he taxed all the people, saying, Keep the passover unto the the land to give the money by the order of Pharaoh: Lord your God, as it is written in this book of the from every one according to his estimation did he covenant. 22 For there had not been holden such exact the silver and gold from the people of the land. a passover from the days of the judges that judged to give it unto Pharaoh-nechoh. 36 Twenty and five Israel; nor in all the days of the kings of Israel, and of years old was Jehoyakim when he became king; the kings of Judah: 23 But in the eighteenth year of and eleven years did be reign in Jerusalem. And king Josiah was this passover holden to the Lord in his mother's name was Zebudah, the daughter of Jerusalem. 24 And also the men of familiar spirits, Pedayah of Rumah. 37 And he did what is evil in the and the wizards, and the teraphim, and the idols, and eyes of the Lord, all just as his fathers had done. all the abominations that were to be seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah clear away: in order that he might accomplish the words of the law which were written in the book that Chilkivahu the priest had found in the house of the Lord. 25 And like unto him there was no king before him, that returned to the Lord with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might, according to all the law of Moses: and after him there arose none like him. 26 Notwithstanding this the Lord turned not from the fierceness of his great anger, since his anger was kindled against Judah, because of all the provokings wherewith Menasseh had provoked him to anger. 27 And the Lord said, Also Judah will I remove out of my sight, as I have removed Israel, and 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. behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 29 In his days went up Pharaohnechoh the king of Egypt against the king of Assyria to the river Euphrates: and king Josiah went against him; and he slew him at Megiddo, when he saw him. 30 And his servants carried him dying in a chariot from Megiddo, and brought him to Jerusalem, and buried him in his own sepulchre. And the people of the land took Jehoachaz the son of Josiah, and anointed him. and made him king in his father's stead. 31 Twenty and three years old was Jehoachaz when he became king; and three months did he reign in Jerusalem.

things which thou hast done against the altar of Beth- And his mother's name was Chamutal, the daughter

24 In his days came up Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and Jehoyakim became his servant for three years: and then he returned and rebelled against him. 2 And the Lord sent against him predatory bands of the Chaldeans, and predatory bands of the Syrians, and predatory bands of the Moabites. and predatory bands of the children of 'Ammon, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the Lord, which he had spoken by means of his servants the prophets. 3 But only at the order of the Lord came this upon Judah, to remove the same out of his sight, for the sins of Menasseh, in accordance with all that he had done: 4 And also for the innocent blood that he had shed; for he had filled Jerusalem with innocent blood; wherefore the Lord would not pardon. 5 Now the rest of the acts of Jehoyakim, and all that he did, behold, they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Judah. 6 And Jehoyakim slept with his fathers: and Jehovachin his son became king in his stead. 7 And the king of Egypt came no more again out of his land; for the king of Babylon had taken from the brook of Egypt unto the river Euphrates all that had pertained to the king of Egypt. 8 Eighteen years old was Jehoyachin when he became king, and three months did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Nechushta, the daughter of Elnathan of Jerusalem. 9 And he did what is evil in the eves of the Lord, all just as that his father had done. 10 At

that time the servants of Nebuchadnezzar the king of the people went the way toward the plain. 5 And Babylon came up against Jerusalem, and the city the army of the Chaldeans pursued after the king, was put in a state of siege. 11 And Nebuchadnezzar and overtook him in the plains of Jericho; and all his the king of Babylon came against the city, while his army were scattered from around him. 6 And they servants were besieging it. 12 And Jehovachin the seized the king, and brought him up to the king of king of Judah went out to the king of Babylon, he, Babylon to Riblah; and they called him to account. 7 and his mother, and his servants, and his princes. And they slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah before and his court-officers; and the king of Babylon took his eyes, and he blinded the eyes of Zedekiah, and him [captive] in the eighth year of his reign. 13 And bound him with fetters of brass, and carried him to he carried out thence all the treasures of the house of Babylon. 8 And in the fifth month, on the seventh the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house, and day of the month, which was the nineteenth year cut in pieces all the vessels of gold which Solomon of king Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, came the king of Israel had made in the temple of the Lord, Nebusaradan, the chief of the guard, a servant of the as the Lord had spoken. 14 And he led away as king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem: 9 And he burnt the exiles all Jerusalem, and all the princes, and all the house of the Lord, and the king's house; also, all the mighty men of valor, ten thousand exiles, and all houses of Jerusalem, and every great man's house the craftsmen and locksmiths: there was none left, burnt he with fire. 10 And the walls of Jerusalem save the poorest sort of the people of the land. 15 round about did all the army of the Chaldeans that And he led away Jehoyachin as exile to Babylon; were with the captain of the guard tear down. 11 And and the king's mother, and the king's wives, and his the rest of the people that were left in the city, and the court-officers, and the mighty men of the land, he led deserters that had run over to the king of Babylon, into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon. 16 And all the with the remnant of the multitude, did Nebusaradan men of might, seven thousand [in number], and the the captain of the guard lead away into exile: 12 But craftsmen and the locksmiths a thousand [in number], from the poorest of the land the captain of the guard all strong men, apt for war; and the king of Babylon left some to be vine-dressers and husbandmen. 13 brought them into exile to Babylon. 17 And the king of And the pillars of copper that were in the house of the Babylon made Mattanyah his uncle king in his stead, Lord, and the bases, and the copper sea that was in and changed his name to Zedekiah. 18 Twenty and the house of the Lord, did the Chaldeans break up, one years old was Zedekiah when he became king, and they carried the copper thereof to Babylon. 14 and eleven years did he reign in Jerusalem. And And the pots, and the shovels, and the knives, and his mother's name was Chamutal, the daughter of the spoons, and all the vessels of copper wherewith Jeremiah of Libnah. 19 And he did what is evil in the they ministered, took they away. 15 And the censers, eves of the Lord, all just as Jehovakim had done, and the bowls, the gold of the golden things, and 20 For through the anger of the Lord it occurred in the silver of the silver things, took the captain of the Jerusalem and Judah, until he had cast them out guard away. 16 The two pillars, the one sea, and the from his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the bases which Solomon had made for the house of the king of Babylon.

**25** And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in the tenth month, on the tenth of the month, that Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon came, he and all his host, against Jerusalem, and encamped against it; and they built a mound all around about it. 2 And the city was put in a state of siege until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 3 And on the ninth of the month, when the famine prevailed in the city. and there was no bread for the people of the land: 4 The city was broken into, and all the men of war [fled] in the night by the way of the gate between the two walls, which was by the king's garden; [while the Chaldeans were all round about the city: 1 and

Lord: the copper of all these vessels was too much to be weighed. 17 Eighteen cubits was the height of the one pillar, and the capital upon it was copper; and the height of the capital was three cubits; and the wreathed work, and the pomegranates upon the capitals round about, were all of copper: and the same had the second pillar together with the wreathed work. 18 And the captain of the guard took Serayah the chief-priest, and Zephanyahu the second priest, and the three door-keepers; 19 And out of the city he took one court-officer that was appointed over the men of war, and five men of those that could come into the king's presence, who were found in the city, and the scribe of the chief of the army, who ordered to the army the people of the land, and sixty men of

the people of the land that were found in the city: 20 And Nebusaradan the captain of the guard took these, and conducted 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 Chamath. So did Judah wander away into exile out of their land. 22 And as for the people that were left in the land of Judah, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had left, he appointed over them Gedalyahu the son of Achikam, the son of Shaphan. 23 And when all the captains of the armies, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedalyahu, they came to Gedalyahu to Mizpah; even Ishma'el the son of Nethanyah, and Jochanan the son of Kareach, and Serayah the son of Tanchumeth the Netophathite, and Jaazanyahu the son of a Ma'achathite, they and their men. 24 And Gedalyahu swore to them, and to their men, and said unto them. Be not afraid of the servants of the Chaldeans: remain in the land, and serve the king of Babylon; and it will be well with you. 25 But it happened in the seventh month, that there came Ishma'el the son of Nethanyah, the son of Elishama', of the seed royal, and ten men with him, and they smote Gedalyahu, so that he died, also the Jews and the Chaldeans that were with him at Mizpah. 26 And then arose all the people, from small to great, and the captains of the armies, and went to Egypt; for they were afraid of the Chaldeans. 27 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the captivity of Jehoyachin the king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the seven and twentieth [day] of the month, that Evil-merodach the king of Babylon in the year that he became king did lift up the head of Jehoyachin the king of Judah out of the prison; 28 And he spoke kindly to him, and set his chair above the chair of the kings that were with him in Babylon: 29 And changed his prison garments: and he ate bread continually before him all the days of his life. 30 And his allowance was a continual allowance given him by the king, the necessary ration for the day on its day, all the days of his life.

## 1 Chronicles

1 Adam, Sheth, Enosh, 2 Kenan, Mehalalel, Jered, 3 Enoch, Methushelah, Lemech, 4 Noah, Shem, Ham, and Japheth. 5 The sons of Japheth: Gomer. and Magog, and Madai, and Javan, and Thubal, and Meshech, and Thirass. 6 And the sons of Gomer: Ashkenas, and Diphath, and Thogarmah. 7 And the sons of Javan: Elishah, and Tharshishah, Kittim, and Rodanim. 8 The sons of Ham: Cush, and Misrayim, Put, and Canaan. 9 And the sons of Cush: Seba, and Chavilah, and Sabta, and Ra'mah, and Sabtecha. And the sons of Ra'mah: Sheba, and Dedan. 10 And Cush begat Nimrod: this one began to be a mighty man upon the earth. 11 And Mizravim begat the Ludim, and there the 'Anamim, and the Lehabim, and the Naphtuchim. 12 And the Pathrussim, and the Cassluchim, of whom came the Philistines, and the Caphthorim. 13 And Canaan begat Zidon, his firstborn, and Heth. 14 And the Jebusite, and the Emorite. and the Girgashite, 15 And the Hivite, and the Arkite, and the Sinite. 16 And the Arvadite, and the Zemarite. and the Chamathite. 17 The sons of Shem: 'Elam. and Asshur, and Arpachshad, and Lud, and Aram, and 'Uz, and Chul, and Gether, and Meshech, 18 And Arpachshad begat Shelach, and Shelach begat 'Eber. 19 And unto 'Eber were born two sons: the name of the one was Peleg; because in his days the earth was divided; and his brother's name was Joktan, 20 And Joktan begat Almodad, and Sheleph. and Chazarmaveth, and Jerach, 21 And Hadoram, and Uzal, and Diklah, 22 And 'Ebal and Abimael, and Sheba, 23 And Ophir, and Chavilah, and Jobab. All these were the sons of Joktan. 24 Shem, Arpachshad, Shelach, 25 'Eber, Peleg, Re'u, 26 Serug, Nachor, Terach. 27 Abram. the same is Abraham. 28 The sons of Abraham: Isaac, and Ishma'el. 29 These are their generations: The first-born of Ishma'el, Nebayoth. then Kedar, and Adbeel, and Mibsam, 30 Mishma', and Dumah, Massa, Chadad, and Thema, 31 Jetur. Naphish, and Kedemah. These are the sons of Ishma'el. 32 And the sons of Keturah, the concubine of Abraham: she bore Zimran, and Jokshan, and Medan, and Midian, and Yishbak, and Shuach. And the sons Jokshan: Sheba, and Dedan. 33 And the sons of Midian: 'Ephah, and 'Epher, and Chanoch, and Abida', and Elda'ah. All these are the sons of Keturah. 34 And Abraham begat Isaac. The sons of Isaac: Esau and Israel. 35 The sons of Esau: Eliphaz, Re'uel, and Ye'ush, and Ya'lam, and Korach.

36 The sons of Eliphaz: Theman, and Omar, Zephi, and Ga'tam, Kenas, and Thimna', and 'Amalek. 37 The sons of Re'uel: Nachath, Zerach, Shammah, and Mizzah. 38 And the sons of Se'ir: Lotan, and Shobal. and Zib'on, and 'Anah, and Dishon, and Ezer, and Dishan. 39 And the sons of Lotan: Chori, and Homam: and the sister of Lotan: Thimna'. 40 The sons of Shobal: 'Alyan, and Manachath, and 'Ebal, Shephi, and Onam. And the sons of Zib'on: 'Ayah, and 'Anah. 41 The sons of 'Anah: Dishon. And the sons of Dishon: Chamran, and Eshban, and Yithran, and Cheran. 42 The sons of Ezer: Bilhan, and Za'avan, and Ja'akan. The sons of Dishan: 'Uz, and Aran, 43 And these are the kings that reigned in the land of Edom before there reigned any king over the children of Israel: Bela' the son of Be'or; and the name of his city was Dinhabah. 44 And Bela' died, and there reigned in his stead Jobab the son of Zerach of Bozrah. 45 And Jobab died, and there reigned in his stead Chusham of the land of Theman. 46 And Chusham died and there reigned in his stead Hadad the son of Bedad, who smote Midian in the field of Moab; and the name of his city was 'Avith. 47 And Hadad died, and there reigned in his stead Samlah of Massrekah. 48 And Samlah died, and there reigned in his stead Saul of Rechoboth by the river. 49 And Saul died, and there reigned in his stead Ba'al-chanan the son of 'Achbor. 50 And Ba'al-chanan died, and there reigned in his stead Hadad; and the name of his city was Pa'i; and the name of his wife was Mehetabel, the daughter of Matred, the daughter of Me-zahab. 51 Hadad died also. And the dukes of Edom were: Thimna', duke 'Alvah, duke Jetheth, 52 Duke Aholibamah, duke Elah, duke Pinon, 53 Duke Kenas, duke Theman, duke Mibzar, 54 Duke Magdiel, duke 'Iram. These are the dukes of Edom.

**2** These are the sons of Israel: Reuben, Simeon, Levi, and Judah, Issachar, and Zebulun, 2 Dan, Joseph, and Benjamin, Naphtali, Gad, and Asher. 3 The sons of Judah: 'Er, and Onan, and Shelah, the three [who] were born unto him of the daughter of Shua' the Canaanitess. And 'Er, the first-born of Judah, was evil in the eyes of the Lord: and he slew him. 4 And Thamar his daughter-in-law bore unto him Perez and Zerach. All the sons of Judah were five. 5 The sons of Perez: Chezron and Chamul. 6 And the sons of Zerach: Zimri, and Ethan, and Heman, and Calcol, and Dara'; all of them five. 7 And the sons of Carmi: 'Achar the troubler of Israel, who trespassed against the devoted things. 8 And the sons of Ethan:

And Ram begat 'Amminadab, and 'Amminadab begat Jehu begat 'Azaryah, 39 And 'Azaryah begat Chelez, And Bo'az begat 'Obed, and 'Obed begat Jesse, 13 begat Jekamyah, and Jekamyah begat Elishama'. 42 the second, and Shim'a the third, 14 Nathanel the were, Mesha', his first-born, who was the father of fourth, Raddai the fifth, 15 Ozem the sixth, David Ziph, and of the sons of Mareshah the father of the seventh; 16 And their sisters were Zeruyah, and Hebron. 43 And the sons of Hebron: Korach, and and the father of 'Amassa was Jether the Ishme'elite. begat Shammai. 45 And the son of Shammai was 18 And Caleb the son of Chezron begat [children] Ma'on; and Ma'on was the father of Beth-zur. 46 And who bore unto him Chur, 20 And Chur begat Uri, and and Pelet, and 'Ephah, and Sha'aph, 48 Ma'achah, Uri begat Bezalel. 21 And afterward came Chezron to Caleb's concubine, bore Sheber, and Tirchanah. 49 the daughter of Machir the father of Gil'ad, and he She bore also! Sha'aph the father of Madmannah. took her [for wife] when he was sixty years old: and Sheva the father of Machbena, and the father of she bore unto him Segub. 22 And Segub begat Jair, Gib'a: ! and the daughter of Caleb was 'Achsah. 50 who had three and twenty cities in the land of Gil'ad. These were the sons of Caleb: Benchur, the first-born 23 But Geshur and Aram took the small towns of Jair of Ephratah, Shobal the father of Kiryath-ye'arim, 51 from them, with Kenath, and the villages thereof, Salma the father of Beth-lechem, Chareph the father dead in Calebephratah, then bore Chezron's wife 53 And the families of Kir'vath-ve'arim are the Yithrites. Abivah unto him Ashchur the father of Thekoa', 25 and the Puthites, and the Shumathites, and the And the sons of Jerachmeel the first-born of Chezron Mishra'ites: from these came the Zor'athites, and the were, Ram the first-born, and Bunah, and Oren, and Eshthaulites. 54 The sons of Salma: Beth-lechem, and Ozem, and Achiyah. 26 Yerachmeel had also another the Netophathites, 'Ataroth of the house of Joab, and wife, whose name was 'Atarah: she was the mother Chazi-hammanachthi, the Zor'ite, 55 And the families of Onam. 27 And the sons of Ram the first-born of of the scribes who dwelt at Jabez: the Thirathites, the And the sons of Onam were, Shammai, and Jada'. that came from Chammath, the father of the house of And the sons of Shammai: Nadab, and Abishur. 29 Rechab. And the name of the wife of Abishur was Abichavil. and she bore unto him Achban, and Molid. 30 And the sons of Nadab: Seled, and Appayim; and Seled died without children. 31 And the sons of Appayim: Yish'i. And the sons of Yish'i: Sheshan. And the sons of Sheshan: Achlai. 32 And the sons of Jada' the brother of Shammai: Jether, and Jonathan; and Jether died without children. 33 And the sons of Jonathan: Peleth, and Zaza. These were the sons of Jerachmeel. 34 Now Sheshan had no sons, but daughters. And Sheshan had a servant, an Egyptian, whose name was Jarcha'. 35 And Sheshan gave his daughter unto Jarcha' his servant for wife: and she bore unto him 'Attai. 36 And 'Attai begat Nathan, and

'Azaryah. 9 And the sons of Chezron, that were born Nathan begat Zabad. 37 And Zabad begat Ephlal, and unto him: Jerachmeel, and Ram, and Kelubai. 10 Ephlal begat 'Obed. 38 And 'Obed begat Jehu, and Nachshon, the prince of the children of Judah: 11 And and Chelez begat El'assah. 40 And El'assah begat Nachshon begat Salma, and Salma begat Bo'az, 12 Sissmai, and Sissmai begat Shallum. 41 And Shallum And Ishai begat his first-born Eliab, and Abinadab Now the sons of Caleb the brother of Jerachmeel Abigayil. And the sons of Zeruyah: Abshai, and Joab, Thappuach, and Rekem, and Shema'. 44 And Shema' and 'Assahel, three. 17 And Abigayil bore 'Amassa: begat Racham, the father of Jorke'am; and Rekem of 'Azubah his wife, and of Jeri'oth; and these are 'Ephah, Caleb's concubine, bore Charan, and Moza, her sons: Jesher, and Shobab, and Ardon. 19 And and Gazez; and Charan begat Gazez. 47 And the 'Azubah died, when Caleb took unto himself Ephrath, sons of Jahdai: Regem, and Jotham, and Gesham, even sixty cities. All these [belonged to] the sons of of Beth-gader. 52 And Shobal the father of Kir'yath-Machir the father of Gil'ad. 24 And after Chezron was ye'arim had sons: Haroeh, and Chazi-hammenuchoth. Jerachmeel were, Ma'az, and Jamin, and 'Eker. 28 Shim'athites, and Suchathites. These are the Kenites

> ${\bf 3}$  And these were the sons of David, who were born unto him in Hebron: The first-born, Amnon, of Achino'am the Jizre'elitess: the second, Daniel, of Abigayil the Carmelitess; 2 The third, Abshalom the son of Ma'achah the daughter of Thalmai the king of Geshur; the fourth, Adoniyah the son of Chaggith; 3 The fifth, Shephatyah of Abital; the sixth, Yithre'am of 'Eglah his wife. 4 Six were born unto him in Hebron: and he reigned there seven years and six months; and thirty and three years he reigned in Jerusalem. 5 And these were born unto him in Jerusalem: Shim'a! and Shobab, and Nathan, and Solomon, four, of Bathshua' the daughter of 'Ammiel: 6 And Yibchar.

and Elishama', and Eliphelet, 7 And Nogah, and called on the God of Israel, saying, Oh that thou Nepheg, and Japhia'. 8 And Elishama', and Elyada', wouldst bless me indeed, and enlarge my boundary, and Eliphelet, nine. 9 [These were] all the sons of and that thy hand might be with me, and that thou David, beside the sons of the concubines, and Thamar wouldst act for me against the evil, that it may not give their sister. 10 And Solomon's son was Rehobo'am. me pain! And God granted him what he had asked for. Abiyah his son, Assa his son, Jehoshaphat his 11 And Kelub the brother of Shuchah begat Mechir, son. 11 Joram his son, Achazyahu his son, Joash who was the father of Eshthon. 12 And Eshthon begat his son, 12 Amazyahu his son, 'Azaryah his son, Beth-rapha, and Passeach, and Techinnah the father Jotham his son, 13 Achaz his son, Hezekiah his of 'Irnachash. These are the men of Rechah. 13 And son, Menasseh his son, 14 Amon his son, Josiah his the sons of Kenas: 'Othniel and Serayah. And the son. 15 And the sons of Josiah were, the first-born sons of 'Othniel: Chathath. 14 And Me'onothai begat Jochanan, the second Jehoyakim, the third Zedekiah, 'Ophrah: and Serayah begat Joab, the father of the the fourth Shallum. 16 And the sons of Jehoyakim: valley of the carpenters; for they were carpenters. 15 Jechonyah his son, Zedekiah his son. 17 And the And the sons of Caleb the son of Jephunneh: 'Iru, sons of Jechonyah: Assir, Shealthiel his son, 18 And Elah, and Na'am. And the sons of Elah: Ukenas. 16 Hoshama', and Nedabyah. 19 And the sons of and Assarel. 17 And the sons of 'Ezrah: Jether, and Pedayah were, Zerubbabel, and Shim'i; and the sons Mered, and 'Epher, and Jalon, And she conceived of Zerubbabel were, Meshullam, and Chananyah, and [and bore] Miriam, and Shammai, and Yishbach the Shelomith their sister; 20 And Chashubah, and Ohel, father of Eshthemoa'. 18 And his wife the Jewess and Berechyah, and Chassadyah, Jushab-chessed, bore Jered the father of Gedor, and Cheber the father five. 21 And the sons of Chananyah: Pelatyah, and of Socho, and Jekuthiel the father of Zanoach. And Jesha'yah; the sons of Rephayah, the sons of Arnan, these are the sons of D the daughter of Pharaoh, the sons of 'Ohadiah, the sons of Shechanyah. 22 whom Mered had taken [for wife]. 19 And the sons And the sons of Shechanyah: Shema'yah: and the of the wife of Hodiyah the sister of Nacham: The sons of Shema'yah were Chattush, and Yigal, and father of Kei'lah the Garmite, and Eshthemoa' the the sons of Ne'arvah: Elvo'enai, and Hezekiah, and and Rinnah, Ben-chanan, and Thilon, And the sons of 'Azrikam, three. 24 And the sons of Elyo'enai were, Yish'i were, Zocheth, and Benzocheth. 21 The sons Hodavyahu, and Elyashib, and Pelayah, and 'Akkub, of Shelah the son of Judah: 'Er the father of Lechah, and Jochanan, and Delayah, and 'Anani, seven.

⚠ The sons of Judah: Perez, Chezron, and Carmi, and Chur, and Shobal. 2 And Reayah the son of Shobal begat Jachath, and Jachath begat Achumai, and Lahad. These are the families of the Zor'athites. 3 And these were [those of] the father of 'Etam, Jizre'el, and Yishma, and Yidbash: and the name of their sister was Hazzelelponi. 4 And Penuel the father of Gedor, and 'Ezer the father of Chushah. These are the sons of Chur, the first-born of Ephratah, the father of Beth-lechem. 5 And Ashchur the father of Thekoa' had two wives. Chelah and Na'arah. 6 And Na'arah bore him Achuzzam, and Chepher, and Themeni. and Haachashthari. These were the sons of Na'arah. 7 And the sons of Chelah were, Zereth, and Zochar, and Ethnan. 8 And Koz begat 'Anub and Hazzobebah, and the families of Acharchel the son of Harum. 9 And Ja'bez was more honorable than his brothers; and his mother called his name Ja'bez, saying, Because I bore him in pain. 10 And Ja'bez

Malkiram, and Pedayah, and Shenazzar, Jekamyah, And the sons of Jehalelel: Ziph, and Ziphah, Thireya, Bariach, and Ne'aryah, and Shaphat, six. 23 And Ma'achathite. 20 And the sons of Shimon: Amnon, and La'dah the father of Mareshah, and the families of the house of those that wrought fine linen, of the house of Ashbea'. 22 And Jokim, and the men of Cozeba, and Joash, and Saraph, who had dominion in Moab, and Jashubi-lechem. And these are ancient things. 23 There were the potters, and those that dwelt in plantations and sheepfolds: for the king's sake to do his work they dwelt there. 24 The sons of Simeon: Nemuel, and Jamin, Jarib, Zerach, and Saul. 25 Shallum his son, Mibsam his son, Mishma' his son. 26 And the sons of Mishma': Hamuel his son, Zaccur his son, Shim'i his son. 27 And Shim'i had sixteen sons and six daughters; but his brethren had not many children, nor did all their family multiply, egual to the children of Judah. 28 And they dwelt at Beer-sheba', and Moladah, and Chazar-shu'al. 29 And at Bilhah, and at 'Ezem, and at Tholad, 30 And at Bethuel, and at Chormah, and at Ziklag, 31 And at Beth-marcaboth, and Chazar-sussim, and at Bethbiri, and at Sha'aravim. These were their cities until the reign of David. 32 And their villages were 'Etam,

and 'Ayin, Rimmon, and Tochen, and 'Ashan, five from the river Euphrates; because their cattle were unto this day.

5 And the sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel—for he was the first-born; but, when the defiled his father's bed, was his birthright given unto the sons of Joseph the son of Israel: so that the genealogy is not to be reckoned after the first-birth. 2 For Judah became the mightiest of his brothers, and the prince descended from him: while the first-birthright belonged to Joseph. — 3 The sons of Reuben the first-born of Israel were, Chanoch, and Pallu, Chezron, and Carmi. 4 The sons of Joel: Shema'vah his son. Goo his son, Shim'i his son, 5 Michah his son, Reayah his son, Ba'al his son, 6 Beerah his son, whom Tilgath-pilneesser the king of Assyria carried into exile: he was the prince of the Reubenites. 7 And his brethren by their families, according to their genealogy after their generations, were, the chief, Je'iel, and Zecharyahu, 8 And Bela' the son of 'Azaz, the son of Shema', the son of Joel, who dwelt in 'Aro'er, and as far as Nebo and Ba'al-me'on; 9 And to the eastward he dwelt as far as the entrance of the wilderness

cities; 33 And all their villages that were round about numerous in the land of Gil'ad. 10 And in the days of these same cities as far as Ba'al. These were their Saul they made war with the Hagarenes, who fell dwelling-places, and after them are they recorded, by their hand; and they dwelt in their tents in the 34 And Meshobab, and Jamlech, and Joshah the whole front of the land to the east of Gil'ad. 11 And son of Amazyah, 35 And Joel, and Jehu the son of the children of Gad dwelt alongside of them, in the Joshibyah, the son of Serayah, the son of 'Assiel. 36 land of Bashan as far as Salchah. 12 Joel the chief, And Elyo'enai and Ja'akobah, and Jeshochayah, and and Shapham the next, and Ja'nai, and Shaphat 'Assayah, and Adiel, and Jessimiel, and Benayah. in Bashan. 13 And their brethren according to their 37 And Ziza the son of Shiph'i, the son of Allon, family divisions were, Michael, and Meshullam, and the son of Jedayah, the son of Shimri, the son of Sheba', and Jorai, and Ya'kan, and Zia', and 'Eber, Shema'yah: 38 These mentioned by their names were seven. 14 These are the children of Abichayil the princes in their families; and their family divisions son of Churi, the son of Jaroach, the son of Gil'ad, spread themselves out greatly. 39 And they went to the son of Michael, the son of Jeshishai, the son of the entrance of Gedur, as far as the east side of Jachdo, the son of Buz: 15 Achi the son of Abdiel the valley, to seek pasture for their flocks. 40 And the son of Guni, the chief of their family division. 16 they found a fat and good pasture, and the land was And they dwelt in Gil'ad, in Bashan, and in its minor roomy, and quiet, and peaceable; for descendants of towns, and in all the open districts of Sharon, as Ham dwelt there before that time. 41 And then came far as their terminations. 17 All these were recorded these written down by name in the days of Hezekiah by their genealogies in the days of Jotham the king the king of Judah, and smote their tents, and the of Judah, and in the days of Jerobo'am the king of habitations that were found there, and destroyed Israel. 18 The sons of Reuben, and the Gadites, them utterly unto this day, and dwelt in their stead: and the half tribe of Menasseh, of valiant men, men because there was pasture there for their flocks. 42 able to bear shield and sword, and to draw the bow, And some of them, even of the sons of Simeon, five and practised in war, were four and forty thousand hundred men, went to mount Se'ir having at their seven hundred and sixty, that went out to the army. head Pelatyah, and Ne'aryah, and Rephayah, and 19 And they made war with the Hagarenes, and Jetur, 'Uzziel, the sons of Yish'i, 43 And they smote the rest and Naphish, and Nodab, 20 And they obtained help of the 'Amalekites that were escaped, and dwelt there against them, and the Hagarenes were delivered into their hand, and all that were with them; for to God they cried in the battle, and he was entreated by them; because they put their trust in him. 21 And they led away captive their cattle: of their camels fifty thousand, and of sheep two hundred and fifty thousand, and of asses two thousand, and of human beings one hundred thousand. 22 For there fell down many slain; because the war was of God. And they dwelt in their stead until the exile. 23 And the children of the half tribe of Menasseh dwelt in the land: from Bashan unto Ba'al-chermon and Senir and mount Chermon were they numerous. 24 And these were the heads of their family divisions: namely, 'Epher, and Yish'i, and Eliel, and 'Azriel, and Jeremiah, and Hodavyah, and Jachdiel, mighty men of valor, famous men, [and] heads of their family divisions. 25 But they trespassed against the God of their fathers, and went astray after the gods of the people of the land, whom God had destroyed from before them. 26 And the God of Israel stirred up the spirit of Pul the king of Assyria, and the spirit of Tilgath-pilnesser the king of Assyria, and he carried them into exile, even the Reubenites,

and the Gadites, and the half tribe of Menasseh, and Lord in Jerusalem; and they acted according to their and to the river Gozan, even until this day.

6 The sons of Levi: Gershon, Kehath, and Merari. 2 And the sons of Kehath: 'Amram, Yizhar, and Chebron, and 'Uzziel, 3 And the children of 'Amram: Aaron, and Moses, and Miriam, And the sons of Aaron: Nadab, and Abihu, El'azar, and Ithamar, 4 El'azar begat Phinehas, Phinehas begat Abishua', 5 And Abishua' begat Bukki, and Bukki begat 'Uzzi, 6 And 'Uzzi begat Zerachyah, and Zerachyah begat Merayoth, 7 Merayoth begat Amaryah, and Amaryah begat Achitub, 8 And Achitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Achima'az, 9 And Achima'az begat 'Azaryah, and 'Azaryah begat Jochanan, 10 And Jochanan begat 'Azarvah, he it is that officiated as priest in the house that Solomon had built in Jerusalem: 11 And 'Azaryah begat Amaryah, and Amaryah begat Achitub, 12 And Achitub begat Zadok, and Zadok begat Shallum, 13 And Shallum begat Chilkiyah, and Chilkivah begat 'Azarvah, 14 And 'Azarvah begat Serayah, and Serayah begat Jehozadak, 15 And Jehozadak went away, when the Lord carried Judah and Jerusalem into exile through the hand of Nebuchadnezzar. 16 The sons of Levi: Gershom, Kehath, and Merari. 17 And these are the names of the sons of Gershom: Libni, and Shim'i. 18 And the sons of Kehath were, 'Amram, and Yizhar, and Chebron, and 'Uzziel. 19 The sons of Merari: Machli, and Mushi. And these are the families of the Levites according to their fathers. 20 Of Gershom: Libni his son, Jachath his son, Zimmah his son, 21 Yoach his son, 'Iddo his son, Zerach his son, Yeatherai his son. 22 The sons of Kehath: 'Amminadab his son, Korach his son, Assir his son, 23 Elkanah his son, and Ebyassaph his son, and Assir his son, 24 Tachath his son, Uriel his son, 'Uzziyah his son, and Saul his son. 25 And the sons of Elkanah: 'Amassai, and Achimoth, 26 [And] Elkanah. The sons of Elkanah: Zophai his son, and Nachath his son. 27 Eliab his son, Jerocham his son, Elkanah his son, 28 And the sons of Samuel: the first-born Vashni, and Abiyah. 29 The sons of Merari: Machli, Libni his son, Shim'i his son, 'Uzzah his son, 30 Shim'a his son, Chaggiyah his son, 'Assayah his son. 31 And these are those whom David appointed for the purpose of conducting the singing in the house of the Lord, after the ark had a resting-place. 32 And they ministered before the tabernacle of the tent of the congregation with singing, until Solomon built the house of the

brought them unto Chalach, and Chabor, and Hara, prescribed manner in their service. 33 And these are those that so acted with their sons. Of the sons of the Kehathites: Heman the singer, the son of Joel, the son of Samuel. 34 The son of Elkanah, the son of Jerocham, the son of Eliel, the son of Toach, 35 The son of Zuph, the son of Elkanah, the son of Machath, the son of 'Amassai, 36 The son of Elkanah, the son of Joel, the son of 'Azaryah, the son of Zephanyah, 37 The son of Tachath, the son of Assir, the son of Ebyassaph, the son of Korach, 38 The son of Yizhar, the son of Kehath, the son at Levi, the son of Israel. 39 And his relative Assaph was he, who stood on his right hand. [even] Assaph the son of Berachvah, the son of Shim'a. 40 The son of Michael, the son of Ba'asseyah, the son of Malkiyah, 41 The son of Ethni, the son of Zerach, the son of 'Adayah. 42 The son of Ethan, the son of Zimmah, the son of Shim'i, 43 The son of Jachath, the son of Gershom, the son of Levi. 44 And their brethren the sons of Merari [stood] on the left hand: Ethan the son of Kishi, the son of 'Abdi, the son of Malluch, 45 The son of Chashabyah, the son of Amazvah, the son of Chilkivah, 46 The son of Amzi, the son of Bani, the son of Shamer, 47 The son of Machli, the son of Mushi, the son of Merari, the son of Levi. 48 And their brethren the Levites were superadded for all manner of service of the tabernacle of the house of God. 49 But Aaron and his sons offered upon the altar of the burnt-offering, and upon the altar of incense, [and were] for all the work of the most holy place, and to make an atonement for Israel, in accordance with all that Moses the servant of God had commanded. 50 And these are the sons of Aaron: El'azar his son. Phinehas his son. Abishua' his son, 51 Bukki his son, 'Uzzi his son, Zerachyah his son, 52 Merayoth his son, Amaryah his son, Achitub his son. 53 Zadok his son. Achima'az his son. 54 And these are their dwelling-places with their castles in their boundaries: unto the sons of Aaron, of the families of the Kehathites; for theirs was the [first] lot, 55 And they gave unto them Hebron in the land of Judah, with its open spaces round about it. 56 But the fields of the city, and its villages, they gave to Caleb the son Jephunneh. 57 And to the sons of Aaron they gave [of] the cities of refuge Hebron, and Libnah with its open spaces, and Jattir, and Eshthemoa, with its open spaces. 58 And Chilen with its open spaces. Debir with its open spaces. 59 And 'Ashan with its open spaces, and Beth-shemesh with its open spaces. 60 And from the tribe of Benjamin. Geba' with its open spaces, and 'Alemeth with its open spaces,

were thirteen cities after their families. 61 And unto its open spaces. the sons of Kehath that were left of the family of that tribe. [were given] from the half tribe, the half tribe of Menasseh, by lot, ten cities. 62 And to the sons or Gershom after their families, from the tribe of Issachar, and from the tribe of Asher, and from the tribe of Naphtali, and from the tribe of Menasseh in Bashan, [were given] thirteen cities. 63 Unto the sons of Merari after their families, from the tribe of Reuben, and from the tribe of Gad, and from the tribe of Zebulun, [were given] by lot, twelve cities. 64 And the children of Israel gave to the Levites these cities with their open spaces. 65 And they gave by lot from the tribe of the children of Judah, and from the tribe of the children of Simeon, and from the tribe of the children of Benjamin these cities, which they called by names. 66 And some of the families of the sons of Kehath had the cities of their territory from the tribe of Ephraim. 67 And they gave unto them, [of] the cities of refuge Sechem with its open spaces in the mountain of Ephraim, and Gezer with its open spaces. 68 And Jokme'am with its open spaces, and Beth-choron with its open spaces, 69 And Ayalon with its open spaces, and Gath-rimmon with its open spaces. 70 And from the half tribe of Menasseh: 'Aner with its open spaces: and Bil'am with its open spaces, for the family of the remaining portion of the sons of Kehath. 71 Unto the sons of Gershom [were given] from the family of the half tribe of Menasseh, Golan in Bashan with its open spaces, and 'Ashtaroth with its open spaces. 72 And from the tribe of Issachar: Kedesh with its open spaces, Dobrath with its open spaces, 73 And Ramoth with its open spaces, and 'Anem with its open spaces. 74 And from the tribe of Asher: Mashal with its open spaces, and 'Abdon with its open spaces, 75 And Chukok with its open spaces, and Rechob with its open spaces. 76 And from the tribe of Naphtali: Kedesh in Galilee with its open spaces, and Chammon with its open spaces, and Kiryathayim with its open spaces. 77 Unto the remaining portion of the children of Merari [were given] from the tribe of Zebulun, Rimmono with its open spaces, Tabor with its open spaces. 78 And on the other side the Jordan by Jericho, on the east side of Jordan, from the tribe of Reuben, Bezer in the wilderness with its open spaces, and Jahzah with its open spaces, 79 And Kedemoth with its open spaces, and Mepha'ath with its open spaces. 80 And from the tribe of Gad: Ramoth in Gila'd with its open spaces, and Machanavim with its open spaces. 81

and 'Anathoth with its open spaces. And all their cities And Cheshbon with its open spaces, and Ja'azer with

 ${f 7}$  And the sons of Issachar were, Tola', and Puah, Yashub, and Shimron, four. 2 And the sons of Tola': 'Uzzi, and Rephayah, and Jeriel, and Jachmai, and Yibsam, and Shemuel, heads of their family divisions, of Tola', being valiant men of might, after their descent. Their number in the days of David was two and twenty thousand and six hundred. 3 And the sons of 'Uzzi: Yizrachyah. And the sons of Yizrachyah: Michael, and 'Obadiah, and Joel, Yishiyah, five, chief men all of them. 4 And with them according to their descent, after their family divisions, were bands of the army for war, six and thirty thousand men; for they had many wives and sons. 5 And their brethren of all the families of Issachar were valiant men of might, eighty and seven thousand reckoned by their genealogies in all. 6 Of Benjamin: Bela', and Becher, and Jedi'ael, three. 7 And the sons of Bela': Ezbon, and 'Uzzi, and 'Uzziel, and Jerimoth, and 'Iri, five. heads of family divisions, being mighty men of valor; and they were reckoned by their genealogies twenty and two thousand and thirty and four. 8 And the sons of Becher: Zemirah, and Jo'ash, and Eli'ezer, and Elyo'enai, and 'Omri, and Jeremoth, and Abiyah, and 'Anathoth, and 'Alemeth. All these are the sons of Becher. 9 And reckoned by their genealogy after their descent, heads of their family divisions, mighty men of valor, there were twenty thousand and two hundred. 10 And the sons of Jedi'ael: Bilhan, And the sons of Bilhan: Je'ush, and Benjamin, and Ehud. and Kena'anah, and Zethan, and Tharshish, and Achishachar. 11 All these the sons of Jedi'ael by the heads of their divisions, being mighty men of valor, were seventeen thousand and two hundred, fit to go out to the army for war. 12 And Shuppim, and Chuppim, the children of 'Ir, and Chushim, the sons of Acher. 13 The sons of Naphtali: Jachziel, and Guni, and Jezer, and Shallum, the sons of Bilhah. 14 The sons of Menasseh: Assriel, whom [his wife] bore: his concubine the Aramitess bore Machir the father of Gil'ad. 15 And Machir took for wife [the sister] of Chuppim and Shuppim, whose sister's name was Ma'achah. And the name of the second was Zelophehad: and Zelophehad had daughters. 16 And Ma'achah the wife of Machir bore a son, and she called his name Peresh; and the name of his brother was Sheresh; and his sons were Ulam and Rekem. 17 And the sons of Ulam: Bedan. These were the sons of Gil'ad, the son of Machir, the son Isshod, and Abi'ezer, and Machlah. 19 And the sons and Achoach, 5 And Gera, and Shephuphan, and of Shemida' were, Achyan, and Shechem, and Likchi, Churam. 6 And these are the sons of Echud: these and Ani'am, 20 And the sons of Ephraim: Shuthelach, are the heads of the family divisions of the inhabitants and Bered his son, and Tachath his son, and El'adah of Geba', who were exiled to Manachath: 7 Both his son, and Tachath his son, 21 And Zabad his son, Na'aman, and Achivah; and Gera, —he exiled them, and Shuthelach his son, and 'Ezer, and El'ad, whom and begat 'Uzza, and Achichud. 8 And Shacharayim the men of Gath that were born in that land slew, begat children in the fields of Moab, after he had when they came down to take away their cattle. 22 sent them away—Chushim and Ba'ara his wives. And Ephraim their father mourned many days, and 9 And he begat of Chodesh his wife, Jobab, and his brethren came to comfort him. 23 And he went Zibya and Mesha, and Malkam, 10 And Je'uz, and in to his wife, and she conceived, and bore a son, Shabyah, and Mirmah. These were his sons, heads of and he called his name Beri'ah, because misfortune family divisions. 11 And of Chushim he begat Abitub, had come into his house. 24 And his daughter was and Elpa'al. 12 And the sons of Elpa'al: 'Eber, and Sheerah, who built Beth-choron the lower, and the Mish'am, and Shemer, who built Ono, and Lod, with upper, and Uzzen-sheerah. 25 And Rephach was its villages; 13 And Beri'ah, and Shema', who were his son, also Resheph, and Telach his son, and the heads of the family divisions of the inhabitants Tachan his son, 26 La'dan his son, 'Ammihud his son, of Avalon: these were those who drove away the Elishama' his son, 27 Non his son, Jehoshua' his son. inhabitants of Gath; 14 And Achyo, Shashak, and 28 And their possessions and dwelling-places were, Jeremoth. 15 And Zebadyah, and 'Arad, and 'Eder, Beth-el and its villages, and at the east Na'aran, and 16 And Michael, and Yishpah, and Jocha, the sons at the west Gezer, with its villages, and Shechem of Beri'ah; 17 And Zebadyah, and Meshullam, and with its villages, as far as Gazzah and its villages. Chiski, and Cheber, 18 And Yishmerai, and Yizliah, 29 And by the borders of the children of Menasseh: and Jobab, the sons of Elpa'al: 19 And Jakim, and Beth-shean and its villages, Ta'nach and its villages, Zichri, and Zabdi, 20 And Eli'enai, and Zillethai, and Megiddo and its villages, Dor and its villages. In Eliel, 21 And 'Adayah, and Berayah, and Shimrath, these dwelt the children of Joseph the son of Israel. the sons of Shim'i: 22 And Yishpan, and 'Eber, and 30 The sons of Asher: Yimnah, and Yishvah, and Eliel, 23 And 'Abdon, and Zichri, and Chanan, 24 And Yishvi, and Beri'ah, and Serach their sister. 31 And Chananyah, and 'Elam, and 'Anthothiyah, 25 And the sons of Beri'ah: Cheber, and Malkiel, who is the Yiphdeyah, and Penuel, the sons of Shashak: 26 father of Birzavith. 32 And Cheber begat Yaphlet, and And Shamsherai, and Shecharyah, and Athalyah, 27 Shomer, and Chotham, and Shu'a their sister. 33 And Ja'areshyah, and Eliyah, and Zichri, the sons of And the sons of Yaphiet: Passach, and Bimhal, and Jerocham. 28 These were the heads of the family 'Ashvath. These are the children of Yaphlet. 34 And divisions, by their generations, chief men. These the sons of Shemer: Achi, and Rohgah, and Chubbah dwelt in Jerusalem. 29 And at Gib'on dwelt the father and Aram. 35 And the sons of his brother Helem: of Gib'on, whose wife's name was Ma'achah; 30 And Zophach, and Yimna', and Shelesh, and 'Amal 36 his first-born son 'Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and The sons of Zophach: Suach, and Charnepher, and Ba'al, and Nadab, 31 And Gedor, and Achyo, and Shu'al, and Berl, and Yimrah, 37 Bezer, and Hod, and Zecher. 32 And Mikloth begat Shimah. And these also Shamma, and Shilshah, and Yithran, and Beera. 38 dwelt alongside of their brethren in Jerusalem, with And the sons of Jether: Jephunneh, and Pisspah, and their brethren. 33 And Ner begat Kish, and Kish begat Ara. 39 And the sons of 'Ulla: Arach, and Chaniel, Saul, and Saul begat Jehonathan and Malkishua', and Rizya. 40 All these were the children of Asher, and Abinadab, and Eshba'al. 34 And the son of heads of their family divisions, selected mighty men Jehonathan was Merib-ba'al; and Merib-ba'al begat of valor, chiefs of the princes. And being recorded Michah. 35 And the sons of Michah were, Pithon, according to their genealogy for the army for the war, and Melech, and Tarea', and Achaz. 36 And Achaz their number was of men twenty and six thousand.

And Benjamin begat Bela' his first-born, Ashbel the second, and Achrach the third, 2 Nochah the fourth, and Rapha the fifth. 3 And Bela' had sons, Addar,

of Menasseh. 18 And his sister Hammolecheth bore and Gera, and Abihud, 4 And Abishua', and Na'aman, begat Jeho'addah; and Jeho'addah begat 'Alemeth, and 'Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza; 37 And Moza begat Bin'ah; Rapha was his son, El'assah his son, Azel his son. 38 And Azel had six sons, and these are their names, 'Azrikam, Bocheru, and

Ishmael, and She'aryah, and 'Obadiah, and Chanan. Talmon, and Achiman, and their brethren, Shallum and fifty. All these are of the sons of Benjamin.

• So all Israel were recorded by their genealogies, and, behold, they are written in the book of the Kings of Israel; but [the men of] Judah were carried away into exile to Babylon for their unfaithfulness. 2 And the first inhabitants that [dwelt again] in their possessions in their cities, were the Israelites, the priests, the Levites, and the temple-servants. 3 And in Jerusalem dwelt some of the children of Judah. and of the children of Benjamin, and of the children of Ephraim, and Menasseh. 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: 'Assayah the first-born, and his sons. 6 And of the sons of Zerach: Je'uel, and their brethren, six hundred and ninety. 7 And of the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Hodavyah, the son of Hassenuah, 8 And Yibneyah the son of Jerocham, and Elah the son of 'Uzzi, the son of Michri, and Meshullam the son of Shephatyah, the son of Re'uel, the son of Yibniyah; 9 And their brethren, according to their generations, nine hundred and fifty and six. All these men were chiefs of the divisions of their family divisions. 10 And of the priests: Jeda'yah, and Jehoyarib, and Jachin. 11 And 'Azaryah the son of Chilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Zadok, the son of Merayoth, the son of Actitub, the ruler of the house of God. 12 And 'Adayah the son of Jerocham, the son of Pashchur, the son of Malkiyah, and Ma'sai the son of 'Adiel, the son of Jachzerah, the son of Meshullam, the son of Meshillemith, the son of Immer: 13 And their brethren, chiefs of their family divisions, were one thousand and seven hundred and sixty, very able men for the work of the service of the house of God. 14 And of the Levites: Shema'yah the son of Chasshub, the son of 'Azrikam, the son of Chashabyah, of the sons of Merari; 15 And Bakbakkar, Cheresh, and Galal, and Matthanyah the son of Micha, the son of Zichri, the son of Assaph; 16 And 'Obadiah the son of Shema'yah, the son of Galal, the son of Jeduthun; and Berechyah the son of Assa, the son of Elkanah, that dwelt in the villages of the Netophathites. 17 And the gatekeepers were Shallum, and 'Akkub, and

All these were the sons of Azel. 39 And the sons of being the chief; 18 And up to this time they are in the 'Eshek his brother were, Ulam his first-born, Je'ush king's gate to the eastward: they are the gatekeepers the second, and Eliphelet the third. 40 And the sons for the camps of the children of Levi. 19 And Shallum of Ulam were mighty men of valor, who drew the bow, the son of Kore, the son of Ebyassaph, the son of and had many sons, and sons' sons, one hundred Korach, and his brethren, of the house of his father, the Korchites, being over the work of the service, were the watchmen at the threshold of the tabernacle: and their fathers, being over the camp of the Lord, were the watchmen at the entrance [thereof]. 20 And Phinehas the son of El'azar was the ruler over them in times past; [and] the Lord was with him. 21 [And] Zechariah the son of Meshelemyah was gatekeeper at the entrance of the tabernacle of the congregation. 22 All of these selected to be gatekeepers at the thresholds were two hundred and twelve. These were recorded according to their genealogy in their villages; fand they werel those [whom] David and Samuel the seer did ordain in their trust. 23 Both they and their children had the oversight over the gates of the house of the Lord, [namely, ] the house of the tabernacle, as watches. 24 On four quarters were the gatekeepers, toward the east, the west, the north, and the south. 25 And their brethren, who were in their villages, had to come after every seven days from time to time in common with these. 26 For in [their] trust were these four chief gatekeepers— these Levites, and they were [appointed] over the chambers and treasuries of the house of God. 27 And they lodged round about the house of God; because upon them rested the duty of watching, and they had the supervision of the opening thereof each and every morning. 28 And some of them had the charge of the vessels for the service; for by number did they bring them in, and by number did they carry them out. 29 Some of them also were appointed over the vessels, and over all the vessels of the sanctuary, 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 mixture of the spices. 31 And Matthithyah, one of the Levites, who was the firstborn of Shallum the Korchite, had the trust over the meat-offerings that were baked in the pans. 32 And others of their brethren, of the sons of the Kehathites, were over the orders of the shew-bread, to prepare it every sabbath. 33 But these the singers, the chiefs of the divisions of the Levites, remained in the chambers free of service; for day and night were they obliged to engage in that work. 34 These are the chiefs of the divisions of the Levites, being the chiefs for their generations: these dwelt at Jerusalem. 35 And in begat Saul; and Saul begat Jehonathan, and Malki-kingdom unto David the son of Jesse, shua', and Abinadab, and Eshba'al. 40 And the son of Jehonathan was Merib-ba'al: and Merib-ba'al begat Michah. 41 And the sons of Michah were, Pithon, and Melech, and Thachrea'. 42 And Achaz begat Ja'rah; and Ja'rah begat 'Alemeth, 'Azmaveth, and Zimri; and Zimri begat Moza: 43 And Moza begat Bin'a: ! and Rephavah his son, El'assah his son, Azel his son, 44 And Azel had six sons, and these are their names, 'Azrikam, Bocheru, and Ishmael, and She'aryah, and 'Obadiah, and Chanan: these were the sons of Azel,

1 Now the Philistines fought against Israel: and the men of Israel fled before the Philistines, and there fell down [manv] slain on mount Gilboa'. 2 And the Philistines pursuing them overtook Saul and his sons; and the Philistines smote Jonathan, and 'Abinadab, and Malkishua', the sons of Saul. 3 And the battle was heavy against Saul, and he was found by the archers, and he was greatly in dread of the archers. 4 And Saul said to his armor-bearer. Draw thy sword, and thrust me through therewith; lest these uncircumcised come and wantonly ill-use me. But his armor-bearer would not; for he was greatly afraid: wherefore Saul took the sword and fell upon it. 5 And when the armor-bearer saw that Saul was dead, then fell he likewise on the sword, and died. 6 Thus died Saul and his three sons; and all his household died together. 7 And when all the men of Israel that were in the valley saw that they had 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 on the morrow, that the Philistines came to strip the slain; and they found Saul and his sons fallen on mount Gilboa'. 9 And they stripped him, and they carried away his head, and his armor. and sent them into the land of the Philistines round about, to publish it to their idols, and to the people. 10 And they put his armor in the house of their gods, and his skull they fastened in the temple of Dagon. 11 had done to Saul: 12 Then arose all the valiant men, of his sons, and brought them to Yabesh; and they Lord helped [them] with a great victory. 15 And these

Gib'on dwelt the father of Gib'on, Je'iel; and the name buried their bones under the terebinth in Yabesh, and of his wife was Ma'achah; 36 And his first-born son they fasted seven days. 13 And [so] died Saul for his was 'Abdon, then Zur, and Kish, and Ba'al, and Ner, unfaithfulness which he had committed against the and Nadab. 37 And Gedor, and Achyo, and Zechariah. Lord, because of the word of the Lord which he had and Mikloth, 38 And Mikloth begat Shimam, And they not kept, and also for asking one of a familiar spirit also dwelt alongside of their brethren at Jerusalem, to inquire of the same; 14 And had not inquired of with their brethren. 39 And Ner begat Kish; and Kish the Lord: therefore he slew him, and turned over the

11 Then did all Israel gather themselves unto David unto Hebron, saying Behold, thy bone and thy flesh are we. 2 Already yesterday and even before, even when Saul was king, thou wast he that led out and brought in Israel; and the Lord, thy God, said unto thee, Thou shalt indeed feed my people Israel, and thou shalt be truly a chief over my people Israel. 3 Thus came all the elders of Israel to the king to Hebron: and David made a covenant with them in Hebron before the Lord; and they anointed David as king over Israel, according to the word of the Lord through means of Samuel. 4 And David and all Israel went to Jerusalem, which is Jebus: and there were the Jebusites, the inhabitants of the land. 5 And the inhabitants of Jebus said to David, Thou shalt not come in hither. Nevertheless David captured the strong-hold of Zion, the same is the City of David. 6 And David said. Whosoever doth smite the Jebusites at first shall be head and chief. Then did Joab the son of Zeruvah go up at first, and became head-man. 7 And David dwelt in the castle: therefore they called it, "The City of David." 8 And he built the city round about, even from the Millo as far as the surrounding district, and Joab repaired the rest of the city. 9 And David want on, and became greater and greater, and the lord of hosts was with him. 10 These also are the principals of the mighty men whom David had, who held firmly with him in his kingdom, with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the Lord concerning Israel. 11 And this is the number of the mighty men whom David had: Jashoh'am, the son of Chachmoni, the chief of the captains, who lifted up his spear against three hundred slain at one time. 12 And after him was El'asar the son of Dodo, the Achochite, who was one of the three mighty men. 13 He was with David at Pass-dammim, and the Philistines were gathered together there to battle, and there was a piece of ground full of barley; and the people had And when all Yabesh-gil'ad heard all the Philistines fled from before the Philistines. 14 And they placed themselves in the midst of that piece [of ground], and and carried away the body of Saul, and the bodies they delivered it, and smote the Philistines: and the to David, to the cave of 'Adullam; and the camp of the son of Ezbai, 38 Joel the brother of Nathan, the Philistines was pitched in the valley of Rephaim. Mibchar the son of Hagri, 39 Zelek the 'Ammonite, 16 And David was then in the strong-hold, and an Nachrai the Berothite, the armor bearer of Joab the outpost of the Philistines was then at Beth-lechem. 17 son of Zeruyah, 40 'Ira the Yithrite, Gareb the Yithrite, And David longed, and said, Oh that some one would 41 Uriyah the Hittite, Zabad the son of Achlai, 42 bring me water to drink out of the well of Beth-lechem, 'Adina the son of Shiza the Reubenite, a chief of which is by the gate! 18 And the three broke through the Reubenites, and with him were thirty [men]. 43 the camp of the Philistines, and drew water out of Chanan the son of Ma'achah, and Joshaphat the the well of Beth-lechem, which was by the gate, and Mithnite. 44 'Uzziya the 'Ashterathite, Shama' and carried it, and brought it to David; but David would Je'iel the sons of Chothan the 'Aro'erite, 45 Jedi'ael 19 And he said, Far be it from me, before my God, 46 Eliel the Machavite, and Jerihal, and Joshavyah, that I should do this: shall I drink the blood of these the son of Elna'am, and Yithmah the Moabite, 47 men that went at the risk of their lives? for at the Eliel, and 'Obed, and Ja'assiel the Mezobavite. risk of their lives did they bring it; and thus he would not drink it. These things did the three mighty men. 20 And Abshai the brother of Joab was the chief of these three; and he lifted up his spear against three hundred slain, and had a name among the three. 21 Of the three, he was more honored than the two, wherefore he became their captain; he nevertheless attained not unto the three [in prowess]. 22 Banayah the son of Jehoyada', the son of a valiant man, great in many acts, of Kah-zeel: he it was that smote the two lion-like heroes of Moab; he also went down and smote a lion in the midst of a pit on a day when it snowed. 23 And he smote an Egyptian, a man of great stature, five cubits high; and in the Egyptian's hand was a spear like a weaver's beam; and he went down to him with a staff, and he snatched the spear out of the Egyptian's hand, and slew him with his own spear. 24 These things did Benayah the son of Jehoyada'; and he had a name among the mighty men. 25 Behold, he was indeed more honored than the thirty; but he attained not to the first three. And David appointed him over his private council. 26 And the mighty men of the armies were, 'Assahel the brother of Joab. Elchanan the son of Dodo of Beth-lechem. 27 Shammoth the Harorite, Chelez the Pelonite, 28 'Ira the son of 'Ikkesh the Theko'ite, Abi'ezer the 'Antothite, 29 Sibbechai the Chushathite, 'Ilai the Achochite, 30 Maharai the Netophathite, Cheled the son of Ba'anah the Netophathite, 31 Ithai the son of Ribai of Gib'ah, of the children of 'Benjamin, Benayah the Pir'athonite. 32 Churai of the Nachale-Ga'ash, Abiel the 'Arbathite, 33 'Azmaveth the Bacharumite, Elyachba the Sha'albonite, 34 Bnaihashem the Gizonite, Jonathan the son of Shage the Hararite. 35 Achiam the son of Sachar the Hararite, Eliphal the son of Ur, 36 Chepher the Mecherathite,

three, the chiefs of the thirty, went down to the rock Achivah the Pelonite. 37 Chezro the Carmelite, Na'arai not drink thereof, and poured it out unto the Lord. the son of Shimri, and Jocha his brother, the Thizite,

> 2 And these are those that came to David to Ziklag, while he yet kept himself close because of Saul the son of Kish: and they were among the mighty men, confederates for the war, 2 Who were armed with bows, and could use both the right and the left hand in [hurling] stones and shooting arrows with the bow, even of the brethren of Saul out of Benjamin. 3 The chiefs were Achi'ezer, then Joash, the sons of Hashema'ab the Gib'athite; and Jeziel, and Pelet, the sons of 'Azmaveth; and Berachah, and Jehu the 'Anthothite, 4 And Yishma'yah the Gib'onite, a mighty man among the thirty, and over the thirty; and Jeremiah, and Jachaziel, and Jochanan, and Jozabad the Gederathite, 5 El'uzai, and Jerimath, and Be'alyah, and Shemaryahu, and Shephatyahu, the Chariphite, 6 Elkanah, and Yishiyahu, and 'Azarel, and Jo'ezer, and Jashob'am, the Korchites, 7 And Jo'elah, and Zebadyah, the sons of Jerocham of Gedor. 8 And of the Gadites there separated themselves unto David into the strong-hold in the wilderness mighty men of valor, and men of the army for the war, that could handle shield and lance, whose faces were like the faces of lions, and were as the roebucks upon the mountains in swiftness. 9 'Ezer was the chief, 'Ohadiah the second, Eliab the third, 10 Mishmannah the fourth, Jeremiah the fifth. 11 'Attai the sixth, Eliel the seventh, 12 Jochanan the eighth, Elzabad the ninth. 13 Jirmivahu the tenth. Machbanai the eleventh. 14 These were of the sons of Gad, the chiefs of the army, one of the least could fight with a hundred, and the greatest with a thousand. 15 These are those that passed over the Jordan in the first month, when it had overflowed all its banks; and they put to flight all the men of the valleys, both toward the east, and toward the west. 16 And there came some of the children

unto David. 17 And David went out to meet them, and Of Zebulun, such as went forth to the host, arrayed toward you to unite with you; but if it be to betray in battle array with an undivided heart. 34 And of me to my adversaries while there is no violence in Naphtali one thousand captains, and with them were the chief of the captains, [who said, ] Thine are we, thousand and six hundred. 36 And of Asher, such as David, and with thee, O son of Jesse: peace, peace went forth to the host to put themselves in battle array, be unto thee, and peace be to every one that helpeth forty thousand. 37 And from the other side of the thee; for thy God helpeth thee. Then David received Jordan, of the Reubenites, and the Gadites, and the them, and placed them at the head of the troop. 19 half tribe of Menasseh, with all manner of weapons of And some of Menasseh went over to David, when the host for war, one hundred and twenty thousand. he came with the Philistines against Saul to battle: 38 All these men of war, that placed themselves in 20 As he was going over to Ziklag, there went over And they were there with David three days eating and to Menasseh, 21 And they were those that helped on asses, and on camels, and on mules, and on in the army, 22 For all the time, day by day, people abundance; for there was joy in Israel. used to come to David to help him, until the camp became great, like the camp of God. 23 And these are the numbers of the heads of those ready armed for the host that came to David to Hebron, to turn over the kingdom of Saul to him, according to the order of the Lord. 24 The children of Judah that bore shield and spear were six thousand and eight hundred, ready armed for the host. 25 Of the children of Simeon, mighty men of valor for the host, seven thousand and one hundred. 26 Of the children of Levi four thousand and six hundred. 27 And Jehovada' was the leader of the family of Aaron, and with him were three thousand and seven hundred. 28 Also Zadok, a young man, mighty of valor, and his family division twenty and two chiefs. 29 And of the children of Benjamin, the brethren of Saul, three thousand; for till that time the greatest part of them had kept the charge of the house of Saul. 30 And of the children of Ephraim twenty thousand and eight hundred, mighty men of valor, men of fame in their family divisions. 31 And of the half tribe of Menasseh eighteen thousand, who had been expressed by name, to come to make David king. 32 And of the children of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do, —their heads were two hundred;

of Benjamin and of Judah as far as the strong-hold and all their brethren were ready at their order. 33 commenced and said unto them. If ye be come for for battle, with all manner of weapons of war, fifty peace unto me, to help me, my heart shall be inclined thousand; and these were ready to place themselves my hands, then may the God of our fathers look on with shield and spear thirty and seven thousand. 35 and decide it. 18 Then a spirit invested 'Amassai. And of the Danites arraved for battle twenty and eight but he helped them not; for upon consultation did battle array, came with an entire heart to Hebron, to the lords of the Philistines send him away, saying, make David King over all Israel; and also all the rest With our heads will he go over to his master Saul, of Israel were of one heart to make David king, 39 to him of Menasseh, 'Adnach, and Jozabad, and drinking; for their brethren had prepared for them. 40 Jedi'ael, and Michael, and Jozabad, and Elihu, and And also those that were nigh unto them, as far as Zillethai, captains of the thousands that belonged Issachar and Zebulun and Naphtali, brought in bread David against the band [of 'Amelekites]; for they were oxen, food made of meal, cakes of figs, and bunches all mighty men of valor, and they became officers of raisins, and wine, and oil, and oxen, and sheep in

> 13 And David consulted with the officers of the thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. 2 And David said unto all the congregation of Israel, if it seem good unto you, and if it be of the Lord our God. let us send widely about unto our brethren who are left in all the lands of Israel, and with them unto the priests and Levites who are in their cities and open districts, that they may gather themselves together unto us. 3 And let us bring round the ark of our God to us; for we have inquired not at it in the days of Saul. 4 And all the congregation said that this should be done; for the king was right in the eves of all the people. 5 So David assembled all Israel together, from Shichor of Egypt even unto the entrance of Chemath, to bring the ark of God from Kiryath-ye'arim. 6 And David went up, with all Israel, to Ba'alah, [that is] to Kiryath-ye'arim, which belonged to Judah, to bring up thence the ark of God the Lord. that dwelleth between the cherubim, whose name is called [on it]. 7 And they conveyed the ark of God in a new wagon out of the house of Abinadab: and 'Uzza and Achyo guided the wagon. 8 And David and all Israel played before God with all their might, and with singing, and on harps, and on psalteries, and on

And when they came as far as the threshing-floor of mulberry-trees, that then thou shalt go out to battle; Kidon. 'Uzza put forth his hand to take hold of the for God will be gone forth before thee to smite the ark: for the oxen shook it. 10 And the anger of the camp of the Philistines. 16 And David did as God had Lord was kindled against 'Uzza, and he smote him, commanded him; and they smote the camp of the because he had put forth his hand toward the ark: Philistines from Gib'on as far as Gezer. 17 And the and he died there before God. 11 And it was grievious fame of David went out into all the lands; and the to David, because the Lord had suddenly taken away. Lord laid the dread of him upon all the nations. 'Uzza; and he called that place Perez-'uzza [[Breach of 'Uzza]] until this day. 12 And David was afraid of God that day, saying, How shall I bring home to me the ark of God? 13 So David removed not the ark unto himself into the city of David, but had it carried round into the house of 'Obed-edom the Gittite. 14 And the ark of God remained in the house of 'Obed-edom, in his house, three months. And the Lord blessed the house of 'Obed-edom, and all that belonged to him.

**1 \( \)** And Churam the king of Tyre sent messengers to David, and trees of cedars, and masons and carpenters, to build him a house, 2 And David felt conscious that the Lord had established him as king over Israel; for his kingdom was exalted on high, because of his people Israel. 3 And David took yet more wives at Jerusalem; and David begat more sons and daughters. 4 And these are the names of the children that he had in Jerusalem: Shammua', and Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, 5 And Yibchar, and Elishua', and Elpalet, 6 And Nogah, and Nepheg, and Yaphia', 7 And Elishama', and Be'elyada', and Eliphalet. 8 But when the Philistines heard that David had been anointed as king over all Israel, all the Philistines came up to seek David: and David heard of it, and went out against them. 9 And the Philistines came and spread themselves out in the valley of Rephaim. 10 And David asked counsel of God, saying, Shall I go up against the Philistines? and wilt thou deliver them into my hand? And the Lord said unto him, Go up; and I will deliver them into thy hand. 11 And they came up to Ba'al-perazim; and David smote them there. Then David said, God hath broken down my enemies through my hand as a breach [is made] by water: therefore they called the name of that place Ba'al-perazim. 12 And they left behind there their gods, and David gave the order, and they were burnt with fire. 13 And the Philistines [came] once again, and spread themselves out in the valley. 14 And David asked again counsel of God; and God said unto him, Thou shalt not go up after them: turn about from them, and come upon them opposite the mulberry-trees, 15 And it shall be, when

tambourines, and with cymbals, and with trumpets. 9 thou hearest the sound of walking on the tops of the

15 And [David] made himself houses in the city of David, and he prepared a place for the ark of God, and pitched for it a tent. 2 Then said David, None shall carry the ark of God but the Levites; for of them hath the Lord made choice to carry the ark of God, and to minister unto him for ever. 3 And David assembled all Israel to Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the Lord unto its place, which he had prepared for it. 4 And David gathered together the children of Aaron, and the Levites. 5 Of the sons of Kehath: Uriel the chief, and his brethren one hundred and twenty. 6 Of the sons of Merari: 'Assayah the chief, and his brethren two hundred and twenty. 7 Of the sons of Gershom: Joel the chief, and his brethren one hundred and thirty. 8 Of the sons of Elizaphan: Shema'yah 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 one hundred and twelve. 11 And David called for Zadok and Ebvathar the priests, and for the Levites, for Uriel, 'Assayah, and Joel, Shema'yah, and Eliel, and 'Amminadab, 12 And he said unto them, Ye are the chiefs of the family divisions of the Levites: sanctify yourselves, ye and your brethren, and bring up the ark of the Lord the God of Israel unto [the place which] I have prepared for it. 13 For, because ye [did] it not at the first, the Lord our God made a breach among us: because we had not sought him after the prescribed manner. 14 So the priests and the Levites sanctified themselves to bring up the ark of the Lord the God of Israel. 15 And the children of the Levites bore the ark of God, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the Lord, on their shoulders, by means of barrows placed upon them. 16 And David said to the chiefs of the Levites to appoint their brethren the singers with instruments of music, psalteries and harps and cymbals, to sing aloud, by lifting up the voice for joy. 17 So the Levites appointed Heman the son of Joel, and of his brethren, Assaph the son of Berechvahu, and of the sons of Merari their brethren. Ethan the son of Kushayahu; 18 And with them their brethren of the second degree, Zecharyahu, Ben, ministers, and to chaunt hymns, and to give praise and Ja'aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jechiel, and and thanks unto the Lord the God of Israel: 5 Assaph 'Unni, Eliab, and Benavahu, and Ma'assevahu, and the chief, and next to him Zechariah: Je'iel, and Matthithyahu, and Eliphelehu, and Miknevahu, and Shemiramoth, and Jechiel, and Matthithyah, and 'Obed-edom, and Je'iel, the gatekeepers, 19 Namely, Eliab, and Benavahu, and 'Obed-edom; and Je'iel with the singers, Heman, Assaph, and Ethan, to play psalteries and with harps; but Assaph played aloud aloud with cymbals of copper; 20 And Zechariah, with the cymbals. 6 And Benayahu and Jachaziel the and 'Aziel, and Shemiramoth, and Jechiel, and 'Unni, priests were with the trumpets continually before the and Eliab, and Ma'asseyahu, and Benayahu, with ark of the covenant of God. 7 On that day-then did psalteries on 'Alamoth; 21 And Matthithyahu, and David appoint for the first time to give thanks to the Eliphelehu, and Mikneyahu, and 'Obed-edom, and Lord through means of Assaph and his brethren. 8 O Je-iel, and 'Azazyahu, with harps on the Sheminith to give thanks unto the Lord; call on his name; make play as leaders, 22 And Kenanyahu was the chief of known among the people his deeds, 9 Sing unto the Levites in conducting the singing; he instructed him, sing praises unto him; speak of all his wonderful in conducting the singing, because he was skilful, works, 10 Glorify yourselves in his holy name; let the 23 And Berechyah and Elkanah were gatekeepers heart of those rejoice that seek the Lord. 11 Inquire for the ark. 24 And Shebanyahu, and Joshaphat, after the Lord and his strength: seek his presence and Nethanel, and 'Amassai, and Zecharvahu, and evermore, 12 Remember his wonderful works which Benavahu, and Eli'ezer, the priests, did blow on the he hath done, his tokens, and the decrees of his trumpets before the ark of God; and 'Obed-edom mouth; 13 O ye seed of Israel his servant, ye children and Jechiyah were gatekeepers for the ark. 25 And it of Jacob, his elect. 14 He is the Lord our God: over all was David, with the elders of Israel, and the officers the earth are his decrees. 15 Remember ye for ever over the thousands, who went to bring up the ark of his covenant, the word which he hath commanded to the covenant of the Lord out of the house of 'Obed-the thousandth generation. 16 Which he covenanted edom with joy. 26 And it came to pass, when God with Abraham, and his oath unto Isaac; 17 And which helped the Levites who carried the ark of the covenant he established unto Jacob as a statute, unto Israel of the Lord, that they offered seven bullocks and as an everlasting covenant; 18 Saying, Unto thee seven rams, 27 And David was clothed with a robe of will I give the land of Canaan, as the portion of your fine linen, and [so were] all the Levites that carried inheritance; 19 When ye were but few men in number; the ark, and the singers, and Kenanyahu the chief yea, very few, and strangers in it. 20 And when they in conducting the singing of the singers; but David wandered from one nation to another, and from one had also upon him an ephod of linen. 28 Thus all kingdom to another people: 21 He suffered no man Israel brought up the ark of the covenant of the Lord to oppress them; yea, he reproved kings for their with shouting, and with the sound of the cornet, and sake. 22 Saying, "Touch not my anointed, and do with trumpets, and with cymbals, playing aloud on my prophets no harm."— 23 Sing unto the Lord all psalteries and harps. 29 And it happened, as the ark ye lands: announce from day to day his salvation. of the covenant of the Lord came as far as the city 24 Relate among the nations his glory: among all of David, that Michal the daughter of Saul looked the people his wonderful deeds, 25 For great is the through the window, and saw king David dancing and Lord, and greatly praised; and he is to be feared playing, and she despised him in her heart.

16 And they brought in the ark of God, and set it in the midst of the tent that David had pitched for it: and they offered burnt-offerings and peaceofferings before God. 2 And when David had made an end of offering the burnt-offerings and the peaceofferings, he blessed the people in the name of the Lord. 3 And he dealt out to every one of Israel, both man and woman, to every one a loaf of bread, and a piece of flesh, and a flagon of wine. 4 And he placed before the ark of the Lord several of the Levites as

above all gods. 26 For all the gods of the people are idols: but the Lord hath made the heavens. 27 Majesty and honor are in his presence, strength and gladness are in his place. 28 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye families of people, ascribe unto the Lord glory and strength. 29 Ascribe unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; take up an offering, and come into his presence; bow down before the Lord in the beauty of holiness. 30 Tremble before him, all ye lands! Also the world standeth firmly, that it be not moved. 31 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; and let men say among the nations, The Lord reigneth. 32

Let the sea roar, with all that filleth it: let the fields house of cedar? 7 Now therefore, thus shalt thou bless his house.

17 And it came to pass, when David dwelt in his house, that David said unto Nathan the prophet, Lo. I dwell in a house of cedar, while the ark of the covenant of the Lord is under curtains. 2 And Nathan said unto David, All that is in thy heart do; for God is with thee. 3 And it came to pass during that night, that the word of God came unto Nathan, saying, 4 Go and say unto David my servant, Thus hath said the Lord, Not thou shalt build for me the house to dwell in; 5 For I have not dwelt in a house since the day that I brought up Israel even until this day; but have been [moving] from tent to tent, and from [one] tabernacle [to another]. 6 In all the places where I moved about among all Israel, did I speak a word to any one of the judges of Israel, whom I had ordained to feed

rejoice, and all that is therein. 33 Then shall the say unto my servant, to David, Thus hath said the trees of the forest sing joyfully at the presence of the Lord of hosts. I took thee away from the sheepcote. Lord: because he cometh to judge the earth. 34 O from behind the flocks, to be a ruler over my people give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; because Israel: 8 And I have been with thee withersoever unto everlasting endureth his kindness. 35 And say thou didst go, and I have cut off all thy enemies from ye, Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather us thy presence, and I have made thee a name; like together, and deliver us from the nations, that we the name of the great men who are on the earth; 9 may give thanks to thy holy name, to glorify ourselves And I have procured a place for my people Israel, in thy praise. 36 Blessed be the Lord the God of and I have planted them, that they may dwell in a Israel from everlasting even unto everlasting. And place of their own, and be no more troubled; and all the people said, Amen, and praise unto the Lord. that the children of wickedness shall not waste them 37 And he left there in charge before the ark of the any more, as aforetimes, 10 And [as it was] since covenant of the Lord Assaph and his brethren, to the time that I ordained judges to be over my people minister before the ark continually, at the work of Israel; and I have humbled all thy enemies; and now I every day on its day, 38 And 'Obed-edom with their tell thee that the Lord will build for thee a house. 11 brethren, sixty and eight, and 'Obed-edom the son of And it shall come to pass, that, when thy days will Jeduthun and Chossah to be gatekeepers: 39 And be completed that thou must go [to sleep] with thy Zadok the priest, and his brethren the priests, before fathers, I will set up thy seed after thee, who shall the tabernacle of the Lord, in the high-place that be of thy sons, and I will establish his kingdom. 12 was at Gib'on, 40 To offer burnt-offerings unto the He it is that shall build for me a house, and I will Lord upon the altar of the burnt-offering continually establish his throne for ever. 13 I too will be to him as at morning and at evening, and this in accordance a father, and he shall indeed be unto me as a son: with all that is written in the law of the Lord which he and my kindness will I not cause to depart from him, had commanded concerning Israel; 41 And with them as I caused it to depart from him that was before Heman and Jeduthun, and the rest that were selected thee: 14 But I will place him firmly in my house and in who were expressed by name, to give thanks to the my kingdom for evermore; and his throne shall be Lord, because unto everlasting endureth his kindness: established for ever. 15 In accordance with all these 42 And with them, with Heman and Jeduthun, the words, and in accordance with all this vision, so did trumpets and cymbals to play aloud, and the musical Nathan speak unto David. 16 Then went king David instruments of God; and the sons of Jeduthun to be in and sat down before the Lord, and he said, Who for the service at the gate. 43 And all the people went am I, O Lord God, and what is my house, that thou every man to his house; and David turned about to hast brought me as far as hitherward? 17 And this was [yet] too small a thing in thy eyes, O God, and thou hast spoken concerning thy servant's house for a distant time, and hast regarded me as though I belonged to the rank of a man of high degree, O Lord God. 18 What can David add vet more [to speak] unto thee of the honor of thy servant? since thou knowest well thy servant. 19 O Lord, for the sake of thy servant, and in accordance with thy own heart, hast thou done all this great thing, to make known all these great things. 20 O Lord, there is none like thee, and there is no god beside thee, in accordance with all that we have heard with our ears. 21 And who is like thy people Israel, the only nation on the earth which God went to redeem for himself as a people, to acquire for thyself a name for great and terrible deeds, by driving out nations from before thy people, which thou hadst redeemed out of Egypt? 22 And my people, saying, Why have ye not built for me a thou hast instituted thy people Israel unto thyself as a people for ever; and thou, Lord, art indeed become he had carried away from all the nations, from Edom, their God. 23 And now, O Lord, let the thing that thou and from Moab, and from the children of 'Ammon, hast spoken concerning thy servant and concerning and from the Philistines, and from 'Amalek. 12 And his house be verified for ever, and do as thou hast. Abshai the son of Zeruvah smote of the Edomites in spoken. 24 Yea, let it be verified, and let thy name the valley of salt eighteen thousand [men]. 13 And he be magnified unto everlasting, that men may say, put garrisons in Edom, and all the Edomites became The Lord of hosts is the God of Israel, even a God servants unto David. And the Lord helped David for Israel; and may the house of David thy servant withersoever he went. 14 And David reigned over all be established before thee. 25 For thou, O my God, Israel, and he did what is just and right unto all his hast revealed to the ear of thy servant, that thou people. 15 And Joab the son of Zeruyah was over the wilt build for him a house; therefore hath thy servant army, and Jehoshaphat the son of Achilud, recorder. found himself able to pray before thee. 26 And now, 16 And Zadok the son of Achitub, and Abimelech the O Lord, thou art the [true] God, and thou hast spoken son of Ebyathar, were [the] priests; and Shavsha was concerning thy servant this goodness: 27 And now scribe: 17 And Benavahu the son of Jehovada' was hast thou been pleased to bless the house of thy over the Kerethites and the Pelethites; and the sons servant. that it may continue for ever before thee; of David were the first at the side of the king. for thou, O Lord, hast blessed, and [it will remain] blessed for ever.

1 Q And it came to pass after this, that Nachash the king of the children of 'Ammon died, and his 18 And it came to pass after this, that David smote son became king in his stead. 2 And David said. I the Philistines, and humbled them; and he took will show kindness unto Chanun the son of Nachash, Gath and its dependent towns out of the hand of the because his father showed kindness unto me. And Philistines. 2 And he smote Moab, and the Moabites David sent messengers to comfort him concerning became David's servants, bringing presents. 3 David his father. And the servants of David came unto the also smote Hadar'ezer the king of Zobah, at Chamath, land of the children of 'Ammon to Chanun, to comfort as he went to establish his dominion at the river him. 3 And the princes of the children of 'Ammon Euphrates. 4 And David captured from him a thousand said unto Chanun, Doth David honor thy father in thy chariots, and seven thousand horsemen, and twenty eyes, that he hath sent comforters unto thee? are thousand men on foot; and David hamstringed all not his servants come unto thee in order to search the chariot-teams, but reserved of them a hundred out, and to overthrow, and to spy out the land? 4 chariot-teams. 5 And the Syrians of Damascus came Chanun thereupon took David's servants, and shaved to aid Hadar'ezer the king of Zobah, when David slew them, and cut off their garments in the middle as of the Syrians two and twenty thousand men. 6 Then far as the hip-bone, and sent them away. 5 And did David put [garrisons] in Syria of Damascus, and some people went and told David concerning these the Syrians became unto David servants, bringing men. And he sent [persons] to meet them: because presents. And the Lord helped David withersoever the men were greatly ashamed; and the king said, he went. 7 And David took the quivers of gold that Tarry at Jericho until your beard be grown, and then were on the servants of Hadar'ezer, and brought them return. 6 And when the children of 'Ammon saw that to Jerusalem. 8 And from Tibchath, and from Kun, they were become in bad odor with David, Chanun cities of Hadar'ezer, did David take exceedingly much and the children of 'Ammon sent a thousand talents copper; thereof made Solomon the copper sea, and of silver to hire for themselves from Mesopotamia. the pillars, and the vessels of copper. 9 And when To'u and from Syria-ma'achah, and from Zobah, chariots the king of Chamath heard that David had smitten all and horsemen. 7 And they hired for themselves the host of Hadar'ezer the king of Zobah: 10 Then did thirty and two thousand [warriors in] chariots, and he send Hadoram his son unto king David, to ask the king of Ma'achah and his people; and they came him after his well-being, and to bless him, because and encamped before Medeba. And the children of he had fought against Hadar'ezer, and smitten him: 'Ammon gathered themselves together out of their for Hadar'ezer had been engaged in wars with To'u; cities, and came to the battle. 8 And when David and [he had with him] all manner of vessels of gold heard of it, he sent Joab, and all the army [and] the and silver and copper. 11 Also these did king David mighty men. 9 And the children of 'Ammon came out, sanctify unto the Lord, with the silver and the gold that and put themselves in battle array at the entrance

him. 15 And when the children of 'Ammon saw that hand of his servants. the Syrians were fled, then did they also fly before Abshai his brother, and entered into the city. And Joab went back to Jerusalem. 16 And when the Syrians saw that they were smitten before Israel, they sent messengers, and brought out the Syrians that were beyond the river: and Shophach the captain of the army of Hadar'ezer went before them. 17 And when it was told to David, he gathered all Israel together, and passed over the Jordan, and came up with them, and arrayed himself against them. So when David had arrayed himself against the Syrians [for] battle, they fought with him. 18 And the Syrians fled from before Israel: and David slew of the Syrians [the men of] seven thousand chariots, and forty thousand men on foot, and Shophach the captain of the army he put to death. 19 And when the vassals of Hadar'ezer saw that they were smitten before Israel, they made peace with David, and served him: and the Syrians would not help the children of 'Ammon any more.

**20** And it came to pass, at the time of the return of the same season of the year, at the time when kings go forth, that Joab led out the power of the army, and destroyed the country of the children of 'Ammon, and he came and besieged Rabbah. But David remained behind at Jerusalem. And Joab smote Rabbah, and pulled it down. 2 And David took the crown of Malkam from off his head, and found it to weigh a talent of gold, and thereon a precious stone; and it was set on the head of David: and the booty of the city he brought out in great abundance. 3 And the people that were therein he brought forward, and cut them with saws, and with iron threshing-wagons, and with axes: and thus did David unto all the cities of the

of the city: and the kings that were come were by children of 'Ammon; and David returned then with all themselves in the field. 10 When now Joab saw that the people unto Jerusalem. 4 And it came to pass the front of battle was against him before and behind, after this, that there arose a battle at Gezer with the he made a selection from all the chosen men of Philistines; then smote Sibbechai the Chushathite Israel, and arrayed himself against the Syrians, 11 Sippai, one of the children of the Rapha; and they And the rest of the people he delivered into the hand were humbled. 5 And there was again a battle with of Abshai his brother, and they arrayed themselves the Philistines, when Elchanan the son of Yair smote against the children of 'Ammon, 12 And he said, If the Lachmi the brother of Goliath the Gittite, the staff Syrians be too strong for me, then shalt thou bring of whose spear was like a weaver's beam. 6 And me help; but if the children of 'Ammon be too strong there was again a battle at Gath, where was a man of for thee, then will I help thee. 13 Be strong, and let us [great] stature, whose fingers and toes were six on strengthen ourselves in behalf of our people, and in each [hand and foot], four and twenty [in all]; and he behalf of the cities of our God, and may the Lord do also was born to the Rapha. 7 And he defied Israel; that which seemeth good in his eyes. 14 And Joab but Jonathan the son of Shim'a the brother of David drew nigh and the people that were with him in front of smote him. 8 These were born unto the Rapha in the Syrians unto the battle, and they fled from before Gath, and they fell by the hand of David, and by the

> 21 And the Accuser stood up against Israel, and incited David to count Israel. 2 And David said to Joab, and to the princes of the people, Go, number Israel from Beer-sheba' even to Dan, and bring their number to me, that I may know it. 3 Then said Joab, May the Lord add unto his people, how many soever they be, a hundred-fold more: are they not all, my lord the king, my lord's servants? why then will my lord require this thing? why shall it be a cause of quiltiness for Israel? 4 Nevertheless the king's word remained firm against Joab; and Joab went out, and moved about throughout all Israel, and came [back] to Jerusalem. 5 And Joab gave up the sum of the number of the people unto David: and there were [in] all Israel a thousand times thousand and one hundred thousand men that drew the sword: and [of] Judah were four hundred and seventy thousand men that drew the sword. 6 But Levi and Benjamin did he not count among them: for the king's word was abominable to Joab. 7 And this thing was displeasing in the eyes of God, and he smote Israel. 8 And David said unto God, I have sinned greatly, because I have done this thing; but now, I beseech thee. cause the iniquity of thy servant to pass away; for I have acted very foolishly. 9 And the Lord spoke unto Gad, David's seer, saying, 10 Go and speak unto David, saying, Thus hath said the Lord, Three things do I offer thee: choose for thyself one of them, and I will do it unto thee. 11 So Gad came to David, and said unto him, Thus hath said the Lord, Select for thyself, 12 Whether there shall be three years famine; or three months, to be destroyed before thy adversaries, so that the sword of thy enemies

the Lord, even the pestilence, shall be in the land, peace-offerings, and he called on the Lord: and he and an angel of the Lord destroying throughout all the answered him from heaven by fire upon the altar of boundaries of Israel? And now reflect what word I burnt-offering, 27 And the Lord spoke to the angel. shall bring back to him that hath sent me. 13 And and he put back his sword into its sheath. 28 At that David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let me time when David saw that the Lord had answered fall then into the hand of the Lord; for his mercies him on the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite, then are very great; but let me not fall into the hand of did he sacrifice there. 29 But the tabernacle of the man. 14 So the Lord sent a pestilence in Israel, and Lord, which Moses had made in the wilderness, and there fell of Israel seventy thousand men. 15 And the altar of the burnt-offering, were at that time in the God sent an angel unto Jerusalem to destroy it; but high-place at Gib'on. 30 But David was not able to go as he was destroying, the Lord looked on, and he before it to inquire of God; for he was afraid because bethought himself of the evil, and said to the angel of the sword of the angel of the Lord. that destroyed. It is enough: now stay thy hand. And the angel of the Lord was standing by the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. 16 And David lifted up his eyes, and saw the angel of the Lord standing between the earth and the heavens, with his sword drawn in his hand, stretched out over Jerusalem. Then fell David, with the elders wrapt in sackcloth, upon their faces. 17 And David said unto God, Was it not I that ordered to count the people? and I am the one that have sinned and have done evil indeed; but these sheep, what have they done? O Lord my God, let thy hand, I pray thee, be against me, and against my father's house, but not against thy people, that there should be a plague. 18 And the angel of the Lord spoke to Gad to say to David, that David should go up, to erect an altar unto the Lord on the threshingfloor of Ornan the Jebusite. 19 And David went up by the word of Gad, which he had spoken in the name of the Lord. 20 And when Ornan turned back, and saw the angel, then did he and his four sons with him hide themselves. Now Ornan was threshing wheat. 21 And as David came up to Ornan, Ornan looked up and saw David; and he went out of the threshingfloor, and bowed himself to David with his face to the ground. 22 Then said David to Ornan. "Grant me the site of this threshing-floor, that I may build thereon an altar unto the Lord: for the full price shalt thou give it unto me, so that the plague may be stayed from the people." 23 And Ornan said unto David, Take it for thyself, and let my lord the king do what is good in his eyes: lo. I give the oxen for burnt-offerings, and the threshing-rollers for wood, and the wheat for the meat-offering; the whole do I give [thee]. 24 And king David said to Ornan, No: but I will surely buy it at the full value: for I will not take what is thine for the Lord. so as to offer burnt-offerings without paving therefore. 25 So David gave to Ornan for the place six hundred shekels of gold by weight. 26 And David built there an

overtake thee; or that during three days the sword of altar unto the Lord, and offered burnt-offerings and

**22** And David said, This is the house of the Lord the [true] God, and this is the altar for the burntoffering for Israel. 2 And David ordered to gather together the strangers that were in the land of Israel: and he appointed [them] to be masons to hew cut stones to build the house of God. 3 And iron in abundance for the nails for the doors of the gates, and for the joinings, did David prepare; and copper in abundance. [which] could not be weighed: 4 Also cedar-trees [which] could not be counted; for the Zidonians and the Tyrians had 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 built [in honor] of the Lord must be exceedingly great, for fame and for glory throughout all the countries: I will therefore make preparation for it. So David made abundant preparation before his death. 6 And he called for Solomon his son, and charged him to build a house for the Lord the God of Israel. 7 And David said to Solomon. My son, as for me, it was in my mind to build a house unto the name of the Lord my God: 8 But there came concerning me the word of the Lord, saving, Blood in abundance hast thou shed. and great wars hast thou made: thou shalt not build a house unto my name, because much blood hast thou shed upon the earth before me. 9 Behold, a son will be born to thee, he it is who shall be a man of rest; and I will give him rest from all his enemies on every side: for Solomon [[The Peaceful]] shall be his name. and peace and guietness will I bestow on Israel in his days. 10 He it is who shall build a house unto my name; and he shall be unto me as a son, and I will be unto him as a father; and I will establish the throne of his kingdom over Israel for ever. 11 Now, my son, may the Lord be with thee, that thou mayest prosper, and build the house of the Lord thy God, as he hath spoken concerning thee. 12 Only may

the Lord give thee intelligence and understanding, Shim'i. 11 And Jachath was the chief, and Zizah unto the name of the Lord.

23 And when David was old and full of days, he made Solomon his son king over Israel. 2 And he gathered together all the princes of Israel, with the priests and the Levites. 3 And then were numbered the Levites from thirty years old and upward: and their number by their polls, of men, was thirty and eight thousand. 4 Of these were twenty and four thousand to superintend the work of the house of the Lord: and six thousand were officers and judges; 5 And four thousand were gatekeepers; and four thousand those who praised the Lord with the instruments which I have made, to praise therewith. 6 And David divided them into divisions after the sons of Levi, after Gershon, Kehath, and Merari, 7 Of the Gershunites: La'dan, and Shim'i. 8 The sons of La'dan: The chief was Jechiel, and Zetham, and Joel, three. 9 The sons of Shim'i: Shelomith, and Chaziel, and Haran, three. These were the chiefs of the families of La'dan. 10 And the sons of Shim'i were, Jachath, Zina, and Je'ush, and Beri'ah. These four were the sons of

and give thee charge over Israel, so that thou mayest the second; but Je'ush and Beri'ah had not many observe the law of the Lord thy God. 13 Then wilt thou sons: therefore were they accounted as one family prosper, if thou observe to practise the statutes and division in the numbering, 12 The sons of Kehath: the ordinances which the Lord commanded Moses 'Amram, Yizhar, Hebron, and 'Uzziel, four, 13 The concerning Israel: be strong, and of good courage; be sons of 'Amram, Aaron and Moses: and Aaron was not afraid, nor be thou dismayed. 14 And, behold, set apart, to sanctify him as most holy, he with his during my affliction have I prepared for the house of sons for ever, to burn incense before the Lord, to the Lord one hundred thousand talents of gold, and minister unto him, and to bless in his name for ever. a thousand times thousand talents of silver; and of 14 But as regardeth Moses the man of God, his sons copper and iron [as much as] cannot be weighed; for were named after the tribe of Levi. 15 The sons of in [such] abundance was it: and wood and stone have Moses were, Gershom, and Eli'ezer. 16 Of the sons of I prepared; and thou must add thereto. 15 Moreover Gershom, Shebuel was the chief. 17 And the sons of there are with thee in abundance workmen, hewers Eli'ezer were, Rechahyah the chief. And Eli'ezer had and workers of stone and timber, and all manner no other sons; but the sons of Rechahvah became of skilful men for every kind of work. 16 The gold, exceedingly numerous. 18 Of the sons of Yizhar, the silver, and the copper, and the iron cannot be was Shelomith the chief. 19 The sons of Hebron: numbered: arise, [therefore, ] and be doing, and may Jeriyahu the chief, Amaryah the second, Jachaziel the Lord be with thee. 17 And David gave a charge the third, and Jekam'am the fourth. 20 The sons of to all the princes of Israel to help Solomon his son, 'Uzziel: Michah the chief, and Yishiyah the second. [saying, ] 18 Behold the Lord your God is with you; 21 The sons of Merari: Machli, and Mushi. The sons and he hath given you rest on every side; for he hath of Machli: El'azar, and Kish. 22 And El'azar died, and given up into my hand the inhabitants of the land, had no sons, but daughters; and the sons of Kish. and the land is subdued before the Lord, and before their brethren, took them [for wives]. 23 The sons his people. 19 Now direct your heart and your soul of Mushi: Machli, and 'Eder, and Jeremoth, three. to seek the Lord your God; and arise, and build ve 24 These were the sons of Levi after their family the sanctuary of the Lord the [true] God, [in order] to divisions, even the chiefs of the families, as they bring the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and the were counted by numbering the names after their holy vessels of God, into the house that is to be built polls, that did the work for the service of the house of the Lord, from twenty years old and upward. 25 For David said, The Lord the God of Israel hath given rest unto his people, and he dwelleth in Jerusalem for evermore. 26 And also the Levites are no more bound to carry the tabernacle, and all its vessels for the service thereof. 27 Therefore by the last words of David were there numbered of the Levites those who were from twenty years old and above; 28 Because their station was to be at the side of the sons of Aaron for the service of the house of the Lord, in the courts. and in the chambers, and by the purification of all holy things, and the work of the service of the house of God; 29 And for the shew-bread, which was put in rows, and for the fine flour for meat-offering, and for the unleavened cakes, and for that which is baked in the pan, and for that which is sodden, and for all manner of dry and wet measure; 30 And to stand every morning to thank and praise the Lord, and so also at evening. 31 And at all the offering of burntofferings unto the Lord on the sabbaths, on the new moons, and on the appointed feasts, according to the number, and after the manner prescribed for them, continually before the Lord; 32 And that they should was Jachath. 23 And the sons [of Hebron]: Jeriyah, keep the charge of the tabernacle of the congregation, Amaryahu the second, Jachaziel the third, Jekam'am and the charge of the sanctuary, and the charge of the fourth. 24 [Of] the sons of 'Uzziel, Michah: of the the sons of Aaron their brethren, in the service of the sons of Michah, Shamir, 25 The brother of Michah house of the Lord.

**24** And the divisions of the sons of Aaron were: The sons of Aaron were Nadab, and Abihu, El'azar, and Ithamar, 2 But Nadab and Abihu died before their father, and they had no children: and El'azar and Ithamar became priests. 3 And David divided them off with Zadok of the sons of El'azar', and Achimelech of the sons of Ithamar, to their office in their service. 4 And the sons of El'azar were found more numerous in the chiefs of males than the sons of Ithamar; and they divided them accordingly. Of the sons of El'azar there were sixteen chiefs of the family divisions, and of the sons of Ithamar, eight for their family divisions. 5 And they divided them off by lot, both the first and the last; for the governors of the sanctuary, and governors [of the house] of God,

was Yishiyah; of the sons of Yishiyah, Zecharyahu, 26 The sons of Merari were Machli and Mushi: the sons of Ja'aziyahu, Beno. 27 The sons of Merari by Ja'aziyahu: Beno, and Shoham, and Zaccur, and 'Ibri. 28 Of Machli: El'azar, who had no sons. 29 Of Kish: The son of Kish was Jerachmeel. 30 And the sons of Mushi were Machli, and 'Eder, and Jerimoth. These were the sons of the Levites after their family divisions. 31 These likewise cast lots in the same manner as their brethren the sons of Aaron in the presence of king David, and Zadok, and Achimelech, and the chiefs of the families of the priests and Levites, even the principal of the families equally with his voungest brother.

**25** David also divided off with the chiefs of the host for the service of the sons of Assaph, and of were from the sons of El'azar, and from the sons of Heman, and of Jeduthun, those who uttered praise Ithamar. 6 And Shema'yah the son of Nethanel the [accompanied] with harps, with psalteries, and with scribe, one of the Levites, wrote them down before cymbals: and their number was of the men [that did] the the king, and the princes, and Zadok the priest, and work in their service. 2 Of the sons of Assaph: Zaccur, Achimelech the son of Ebyathar, and the chiefs of and Joseph, and Nethanyah, and Asharelah, the sons the families of the priests and Levites: one family of Assaph under the supervision of Assaph, who division being drawn of El'azar, and one being equally uttered praise under the supervision of the king. 3 Of drawn of Ithamar. 7 And there came out the first lot Jeduthun, the sons of Jeduthun: Gedalyahu, and Zeri, for Jehoyarib, for Jeda'yah the second, 8 For Charim and Jesha'yahu, Chashahyahu, and Matthithyahu, six, the third, for Se'orim the fourth, 9 For Malkiyah under the supervision of their father Jeduthun, who the fifth, for Miyamin the sixth. 10 For Hakkoz the uttered praise with a harp, in order to give thanks and seventh, for Abiyah the eighth, 11 For Jeshua' the to utter praise unto the Lord. 4 Of Heman, the sons of ninth, for Shechanyahu the tenth, 12 For Elyashib the Heman: Bukkiyahu, Matthanyahu, 'Uzziel, Shebuel, eleventh, for Jakim the twelfth, 13 For Chuppah the and Jerimoth, Chananyah, Chanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, thirteenth, for Jeshehah the fourteenth, 14 For Bilgah and Romamti-'ezer, Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir, the fifteenth, for Immer the sixteenth, 15 For Chezir and Machaz'oth; 5 All these sons of Heman the king's the seventeenth, for Happizzez the eighteenth, 16 For seer in the words of God, were to lift up the horn. Pethachyah the nineteenth, for Ezekiel the twentieth. And God gave to Heman fourteen sons and three 17 For Jachin the one and twentieth, for Gamul the daughters. 6 All these were under the supervision of two and twentieth, 18 For Delayahu the three and their father at the singing in the house of the Lord, twentieth, for Ma'azyahu the four and twentieth. 19 with cymbals, psalteries, and harps, for the service of This was their office in their service to come into the the house of God, under the supervision of the king. house of the Lord, according to the manner prescribed Assaph, Jeduthun, and Heman. 7 And their number, to them, under the supervision of Aaron their father, with their brethren that were practised in singing unto as the Lord the God of Israel had commanded him. the Lord, even all that were acquainted [therewith], 20 And of the rest of the sons of Levi there were, of was two hundred eighty and eight. 8 And they cast the sons of 'Amram: Shubael. Of the sons of Shubael: lots, division against [division], the small well as the Jechdevahu. 21 Concerning Rechabyahu, of the sons great, the one acquainted with his business together of Rechabyahu the chief was Yishiyah. 22 Of the with the scholar. 9 And there came forth the first lot Yisharites was Shelomoth: of the sons of Shelomoth for Assaph for Joseph; Gedalyahu was the second,

he with his brethren and sons, being twelve: 10 The and their sons and their brethren were valiant men 'eser, his sons and his brethren, being twelve.

**26** Concerning the divisions of the gatekeepers [who were] of the Korchites: Meshelemyahu the son of Kore, of the sons of Assaph. 2 And Meshelemyahu had sons: Zecharyahu the first-born, Jedi'ael the second, Zebaiyahu the third, Jathniel the fourth, 3 Elam the fifth, Jehochanan the sixth, Elyeho'enal the seventh, 4 And 'Obed-edom had sons: Shema'yah the first-born, Jehosabad the second, Joach the third, and Sachar the fourth, and Nethanel the fifth, 5 'Ammiel the sixth, Issachar the seventh, Pe'ulthai the eighth; for God had blessed him. 6 Also unto Shema'yah his son there were born sons, that were rulers for the house of their father; for they were mighty men of valor. 7 The sons of Shema'yah were 'Othni, and Rephael, and 'Obed, [and] Elsahad, his brothers [were] valiant men, Elihu, and Semachyahu. 8 All these were of the sons of 'Obed-edom: they

third was Zaccur, his sons, and his brethren, being in strength for the service, being sixty and two twelve: 11 The fourth was for Yizri, his sons, and his [descendants] of 'Obed-edom. 9 And Meshelemyahu brethren, being twelve: 12 The fifth was Nethanyahu, had sons and brethren, valiant men, eighteen, 10 Also his sons, and his brethren, being twelve: 13 The sixth Chossah, of the children of Merari, had sons: Shimri was Bukkiyahu, his sons, and his brethren, being the chief, for [though] he was not the first-born, yet his twelve: 14 The seventh was Jessarelah, his sons, father made him the chief; 11 Chilkiyahu the second, and his brethren, being twelve; 15 The eighth was Tehalyahu the third, Zecharyahu the fourth; all the Jesha'yahu, his sons, and his brethren, being twelve; sons and brethren of Chossah were thirteen. 12 These 16 The ninth was Matthanyahu, his sons, and his divisions of the gatekeepers, after the chief men, had brethren, being twelve: 17 The tenth was Shim'i, his the watch along with their brethren, to minister in the sons, and his brethren, being twelve; 18 The eleventh house of the Lord. 13 And they cast lots, the small as was 'Asarel, his sons, and his brethren, being twelve; well as the great, according to their family divisions, 19 The twelfth was for Chashahyah, his sons, and for each and every gate. 14 And the lot at the east his brethren, being twelve; 20 The thirteenth was fell for Shelemyahu. And for Zecharyahu his son, an Shuhael, his sons, and his brethren, being twelve; intelligent counsellor, they cast lots, and his lot came 21 The fourteenth was Matthithyahu, his sons, and out at the north. 15 For 'Obed-edom at the south; and his brethren, being twelve: 22 The fifteenth was for to his sons [was assigned] the house of Assuppim. Jeremoth, his sons, and his brethren, being twelve; 16 For Shuppim and for Chossah at the west, by 23 The sixteenth was for Chananyahu, his sons, and the gate Shallecheth, on the ascending causeway, his brethren, being twelve; 24 The seventeenth was watch alongside of watch. 17 At the east were six for Joshbekashah, his sons, and his brethren, being Levites, at the north four for every day, at the south twelve; 25 The eighteenth was for Chanani, his sons, four for every day, and for [the house of] Assuppim and his brethren, being twelve; 26 The nineteenth was always two. 18 At the Parbar on the west, four at for Mallothi, his sons, and his brethren, being twelve; the causeway, and two at the Parbar. 19 These are 27 The twentieth was for Eliyathah, his sons, and his the divisions of the gatekeepers of the sons of the brethren, being twelve; 28 The one and twentieth was Korchites, and of the sons of Merari. 20 And of the for Hothir, his sons, and his brethren, being twelve: 29 Levites, Achivah was over the treasuries of the house The two and twentieth was for Giddalthi, his sons, and of God, and over the treasuries of the holy things. 21 his brethren, being twelve; 30 The three and twentieth [As concerning] the sons of La'dan, the sons of the was for Machasioth, his sons, and his brethren, being Gershunites of La'dan, the chiefs of the families of twelve; 31 The four and twentieth was for Romamthi- La'dan the Gershunite, were the Jechielites. 22 The sons of Jechieli. Zetham, and Joel his brother, were over the treasuries of the house of the Lord. 23 Of the 'Amramites, of the Yizharites, of the Hebronites, and of the 'Uzzielites, 24 [Was] even Shebuel the son of Gershom, the son of Moses, superintendent of the treasuries. 25 And his brethren by Eli'ezer: Rechabyahu his son, and Jesha'yahu his son, and Joram his son, and Zichri his son, and Shelomoth his son. 26 This Shelomoth and his brethren were over all the treasuries of the holy things, which king David had sanctified, together with the chiefs of the family divisions, the captains over the thousands and the hundreds, and the captains of the army. 27 Out of the wars, and out of the booty did they sanctify to maintain the house of the Lord. 28 And all that Samuel the seer, and Saul the son of Kish, and Abner the son of Ner, and Joab the son of Zeruyah, had sanctified, whatsoever [any one] had sanctified, was under the supervision of Shelomoth and of his brethren. 29 Of the Yizharites were Kenanyahu and his sons for ninth for the ninth month was Abi'ezer the 'Anthothite. the outward business over Israel, for officers and of Benjamin; and in his division were twenty and and the affairs of the king.

27 And [these are] the children of Israel after their number; [to wit, ] the chiefs of the family divisions and the captains of the thousands and the hundreds, and their officers that served the king in every matter of the divisions, that came in and went out month by month, throughout all the months of the year, every division being twenty and four thousand, 2 Over the first division for the first month was Jashob'am the son of Zabdiel: and in his division were twenty and four thousand. 3 [He] of the children of Perez was the chief of all the captains of the armies for the first month. 4 And over the division of the second month was Dodai the Achochite, and of his division was Mikloth also the ruler; and in his division were twenty and four thousand. 5 The third captain of the army for the third month was Benayahu the son of Jehoyada', the priest, the chief; and in his division were twenty and four thousand. 6 This Benavahu was the mighty among the thirty, and [set] over the thirty': and of his division was 'Ammizabad his son. 7 The fourth for the fourth month was 'Assahel the brother of Joab, with Zebadyah his son after him; and in his division were twenty and four thousand. 8 The fifth for the fifth month was the captain Shamhuth the Yizrachite; and in his division were twenty and four thousand. 9 The sixth for the sixth month was 'Ira the son of 'Ikkesh the Theko'ite: and in his division were twenty and four thousand. 10 The seventh for the seventh month was Chelez the Pelonite, of the children of Ephraim; and in his division were twenty and four thousand. 11 The eighth for the eighth month was Sibbechai the Chushathite, of the Zarchites; and in his division were twenty and four thousand. 12 The

judges. 30 Of the Hebronites were Chashabyahu four thousand. 13 The tenth for the tenth month was and his brethren, valiant men, a thousand and seven Maharai the Netophathite, of the Zarchites; and in hundred [in number], appointed over the affairs of his division were twenty and four thousand, 14 The Israel on this side of the Jordan to the west, for all eleventh for the eleventh month was Benayah the the business of the Lord, and for the service of the Pir'athonite, of the children of Ephraim; and in his king. 31 Of the Hebronites was Jerivah the chief, division were twenty and four thousand, 15 The twelfth for the Hebronites, according to their generations by for the twelfth month was Cheldai the Netophathite. families. In the fortieth year of the reign of David were of 'Othniel; and in his division were twenty and four they inquired into, and there were found among them thousand. 16 Moreover over the tribes of Israel: Of mighty men of valor at Ja'zer of Gil'ad. 32 And his the Reubenites was ruler Eli'ezer the son of Zichri; of brethren, valiant men, were two thousand and seven the Simeonites. Shephatvahu the son of Ma'achah: hundred chiefs of families; and king David appointed 17 Of the Levites, Chashabyah the son of Kamuel; of them over the Reubenites, the Gadites, and the half [the sons of Aaron, Zadok; 18 Of Judah, Elihu, one tribe of Menasseh, for every matter pertaining to God, of the brothers of David; of Issachar, 'Omri the son of Michael; 19 Of Zebulun, Yishma'yahu the son of 'Obadvahu: of Naphtali, Jerimoth the son of 'Azriel: 20 Of the children of Ephraim, Hoshea, the son of 'Azazyahu; of the half tribe of Menasseh, Joel the son of Pedayahu; 21 Of the half tribe of Menasseh in Gil'ad, Yiddo the son of Zecharyahu; of Benjamin, 'Ja'assiel the son of Abner: 22 Of Dan, 'Azarel the son of Jerocham. These were the princes of the tribes of Israel. 23 But David took not their number from twenty years old and under: because the Lord had said he would multiply Israel like the stars of the heavens. 24 Joab the son of Zeruvah began to number [them]: but he finished not, and there came wrath because of it against Israel: and the number was not entered in the account of the chronicles of king David. 25 And over the king's treasures was 'Azmaveth the son of 'Adiel: and over the storehouses in the fields, in the cities, and in the villages, and in the castles, was Jehonathan the son of 'Uzzivahu, 26 And over those that did the work of the field. in the tillage of the ground, was 'Ezri the son of Kelub. 27 And over the vineyards was Shim'i the Ramathite: and over what was in the vinevards, as regardeth the supplies of wine, was Zabdi the Shiphmite. 28 And over the olive-trees and the sycamore-trees that were in the lowlands was Ba'al-chanan the Gederite: and over the supplies of oil was Jo'ash. 29 And over the herds that fed in Sharon was Shitrai the Sharonite: and over the herds that were in the vallevs was Shaphat the son of 'Adlai. 30 And over the camels was Obil the Ishma'elite: and over the she-asses was Yechdevahu the Meronothite. 31 And over the flocks was Jaziz the Hagerene. All these were the rulers of the property which belonged to king David. 32 Also Jonathan David's uncle was a counsellor, being a

army was Joab.

**28** And David assembled all the princes of Israel, the princes of the tribes, and the captains of the divisions that ministered to the king, and the captains of the thousands, and the captains of the hundreds, and the rulers of all the property and the cattle of the king and of his sons, with the court-servants, and the mighty men, and with all the valiant men of the army, unto Jerusalem. 2 Then arose king David upon his feet, and said. Hear me, my brethren, and my people! I had in my heart to build a house of rest for the ark of the covenant of the Lord, and for the footstool of our God, and I had made preparations to build; 3 But God said unto me, Thou shalt not build a house unto my name; because thou art a man of war, and blood hast thou shed. 4 Yet the Lord the God of Israel made choice of me out of all the house of my father to be king over Israel for ever; for of Judah had he made choice as ruler, and among the house of Judah, of the house of my father; and among the sons of my father had he pleasure in me to make [me] king over all Israel: 5 And of all my sons, —for the Lord hath given me many sons, — hath he made choice of Solomon my son, to sit upon the throne of the kingdom of the Lord over Israel. 6 And he hath said unto me, Solomon thy son it is that shall build my house and my courts; for I have made choice of him to be as a son unto me, and I will be indeed to him as a father. 7 Moreover, I will firmly establish his kingdom for everlasting, if he be strong to execute my commandments and my ordinances as it is this day. 8 And now before the eyes of all Israel, the congregation of the Lord, and in the hearing of our God. [I admonish youl observe and seek for all the commandments of the Lord your God: in order that ye may keep possession of this good land, and leave it for an inheritance unto your children after you forever. 9 And thou, Solomon my son, know thou the God of thy father, and serve him with an entire heart and with a willing soul; for all hearts doth the Lord search, and every imagination of the thoughts doth he understand; if thou seek him, he will let himself be found by thee;

man of understanding and acquainted with law; and build a house for the sanctuary; be strong and do it. Jeshiel the son of Chachmoni was with the king's 11 Then gave David to Solomon his son the pattern of sons; 33 And Achithophel was the king's counsellor; the porch, and of its apartments, and of its treasuries, and Chushai the Arkite was the king's friend: 34 and of upper chambers, and of its inner chambers. And after Achithophel [came] Jehoyada' the son of and of the place of the cover of the ark. 12 And the Benayahu and Ebyathar; and the captain of the king's pattern of all that he had in his spirit, concerning the courts of the house of the Lord, and concerning all the chambers round about, concerning the treasuries of the house of God, and concerning the treasuries of the holy things: 13 Also concerning the divisions of the priests and the Levites, and concerning all the work of the service of the house of the Lord, and concerning all the vessels of service of the house of the Lord; 14 Concerning the golden vessels, after the weight of the gold, for all the vessels of all manner of service: concerning all the vessels of silver after the weight, for all the vessels of every kind of service; 15 Also the weight for the candlesticks of gold, and for their lamps of gold, after the weight for every candlestick, and for its lamps; and concerning the candlesticks of silver after the weight, for the candlestick, and for its lamps, according to the use of every candlestick; 16 And the gold after the weight for the tables of the rows of shewbread, for every table; and the silver for the tables of silver; 17 Also [concerning] the forks, and the bowls, and the supporters of pure gold; and concerning the golden cups after the weight for every cup; and concerning the silver cups after the weight for every cup; 18 And concerning the altar of incense the refined gold after the weight; and concerning the pattern of the chariot of the golden cherubim, which spread out [their wings], and over the ark of the covenant of the Lord. 19 All [this, said David, ] was put in writing from the hand of the Lord, who gave me instruction [respecting] all the works of the pattern. 20 And David said to Solomon his son, Be strong, and of good courage, and do [the work]; fear not, and be not dismayed; for the Lord God, [yea, ] my God is with thee: he will not fail thee, nor forsake thee, until thou have finished all the work for the service of the house of the Lord. 21 And, behold, the divisions of the priests and the Levites are there for all the service of the house of God; and with thee are in all manner of workmanship all kinds of men distinguished in wisdom, for every manner of service; and the princes and all the people are ready [to obey] all thy words.

29 And king David said unto all the assembly, Solomon, the only son of mine whom God hath but if thou forsake him, he will cast thee off for ever. made choice of, is yet young and tender, and the work 10 See now that the Lord hath made choice of thee to is great; because not for man is the palace to be, but for the Lord God. 2 But with all my might have I made there is no hope [of abiding]. 16 O Lord our God! ready for the house of my God, the gold for the things all this abundant store which we have prepared to of gold, and the silver for the things of silver, and build for thee a house for thy holy name, is out of the copper for the things of copper, the iron for the thy own hand, and thine is all. 17 And I know, my things of iron, and the wood for the things of wood, God, that thou probest the heart, and uprightness onyx stones, and stones to be set, bright stones, and thou receivest in favor. As for me, in the uprightness stones of divers colors, and all manner of precious of my heart have I voluntarily offered all these things; stones, and marble stones in abundance. 3 Moreover, and now thy people, that are present here, do I see because I have set my affection on the house of my with joy offering voluntarily unto thee. 18 O Lord, God God, have I acquired as my own property gold and of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, our father, preserve silver; [and this] have I given to the house of my God, this for ever as the imagination of the thoughts of over and above all that I have prepared for the holy the heart of thy people, and direct their heart firmly house: 4 Three thousand talents of gold, of the gold unto thee. 19 And unto Solomon my son do thou give of Ophir, and seven thousand talents of refined silver, an undivided heart to keep thy commandments, thy to overlay the walls of the houses: 5 All that is needed testimonies, and thy statutes, and to do all, and to of gold and of silver, and for every manner of work [to build the palace, for which I have made preparation. be made] by the hands of artificers. And who [now] 20 And David said to all the assembly. Bless now the is willing to consecrate his hand this day unto the Lord your God. And all the assembly blessed the Lord? 6 Thereupon offered voluntarily the chiefs of Lord the God of their fathers, and bent down their the family divisions and the princes of the tribes of heads, and prostrated themselves to the Lord, and to Israel, and the captains of the thousands and of the the king. 21 And they sacrificed sacrifices unto the hundreds, with the supervisors of the king's work; 7 Lord, and they offered burnt-offerings unto the Lord, And they gave for the service of the house of God of on the morrow after that day, one thousand bullocks. gold five thousand talents and ten thousand drachms, a thousand rams, a thousand sheep, with their drinkand of silver ten thousand talents, and of copper offerings, and [other] sacrifices in abundance for all eighteen thousand talents, and of iron one hundred Israel: 22 And they ate and drank before the Lord on thousand talents. 8 And those with whom stones that day with great joy. And they declared the second were found gave them to the treasury of the house time Solomon the son of David to be king, and they of the Lord, under the supervision of Jechiel the anointed him unto the Lord as chief ruler, and Zadok Gershunite. 9 Then did the people rejoice, because as priest. 23 Then sat Solomon on the throne of the they had voluntarily offered: for with an undivided Lord as king instead of David his father, and he was heart did they offer to the Lord: and also king David prosperous; and all Israel obeyed him. 24 And all the rejoiced with great joy. 10 And David blessed the princes, and the mighty men, and also all the sons of Lord before the eyes of all the congregation; and king David, submitted themselves unto king Solomon. David said, Blessed be thou, O Lord the God of Israel 25 And the Lord made Solomon exceedingly great our father, from everlasting even unto everlasting, before the eyes of all Israel; and he bestowed upon 11 Thine, O Lord, are the greatness, and the might, him a royal majesty such as had not been on any and the glory, and the victory, and the majesty, yea, king over Israel before him. 26 Thus did David the all that is in the heavens and on the earth; thine, O son of Jesse reign over all Israel. 27 And the time Lord, is the kingdom, and thou art exalted as the that he reigned over Israel was forty years: in Hebron head above all. 12 And riches and honor come from he reigned seven years, and in Jerusalem he reigned thee, and thou rulest over all; and in thy hand are thirty and three [years]. 28 And he died in a good old power and might; and it is in thy hand to make great, age, full of days, riches, and honor: and Solomon and to give strength unto all. 13 And now, O our God, his son became king in his stead. 29 And the acts of we give thanks unto thee, and praise thy glorious king David, the first and the last, behold, they are name. 14 For who am I, and what is my people, that written in the history of Samuel the seer, and in the we should possess the power to offer voluntarily after history of Nathan the prophet, and in the history of this sort? for from thee is every thing, and out of Gad the seer, 30 Together with all his reign and his thy own have we given unto thee. 15 For strangers mighty deeds, and the times that passed over him, are we before thee, and sojourners, as were all our and over Israel, and over all the kingdoms of the fathers: like a shadow are our days on the earth, and [various] countries.

## 2 Chronicles

1 And Solomon the son of David strengthened himself in his kingdom, and the Lord his God was with him, and caused him to become exceedingly great. 2 Then said Solomon unto all Israel, to the captains of the thousands and of the hundreds, and to the judges, and to every prince in all Israel, the chiefs of the family divisions [that they should go with him]. 3 Thereupon went Solomon, and all the assembly with him, to the high-place that was at Gib'on; for there was the tabernacle of the congregation of God, which Moses the servant of the Lord had made in the

at Jerusalem. 15 And the king rendered the silver and gold at Jerusalem like stones, and cedar-trees he rendered as the sycamore-trees that are in the lowlands for abundance. 16 And Solomon had his horses brought out of Egypt; a company of the king's merchants bought a quantity at a price. 17 And they brought up, and fetched out of Egypt a chariot for six hundred shekels of silver, and a horse for a hundred and fifty; and so for all the kings of the Hittites, and for the kings of Syria, did they bring them out by their

2 And Solomon ordered to build a house for the name of the Lord, and a house for his royal residence. wilderness. 4 Nevertheless the ark of God had David 2 And Solomon numbered seventy thousand men brought up from Kiryath-ye'arim to [the place which] to bear burdens, and eighty thousand stonecutters David had prepared for it; for he had pitched a tent for in the mountain, and as superintendents over them it at Jerusalem. 5 But the copper altar, which Bezalel three thousand and six hundred. 3 And Solomon the son of Uri, the son of Chur, had made, he placed sent to Churam the king of Tyre, saying, As thou before the tabernacle of the Lord: and Solomon and hast dealt with David my father, and didst send him the assembly sought for it. 6 And Solomon sacrificed cedars to build him a house to dwell therein, [even there on the copper altar before the Lord, which was so deal with me]. 4 Behold, I am building a house at the tabernacle of the congregation, and offered to the name of the Lord my God, to sanctify it to upon it a thousand burnt-offerings. 7 In that night him, to burn before him incense of spices, and for did God appear unto Solomon, and said unto him, the continual rows of show-bread, and for the burnt-Ask what I shall give thee. 8 And Solomon said offerings at morning and evening, on the sabbaths, unto God, Thou hast shown unto David my father and on the new-moons, and on the stated festivals great kindness, and hast made me king in his stead. of the Lord our God: this being for ever obligatory 9 Now, O Lord God, let thy word unto David my on Israel. 5 And the house which I am building is father be verified; for thou hast made me king over great; for greater is our God than all the gods. 6 But a people as numerous as the dust of the earth. 10 who possesseth the power to build him a house? for Give me now wisdom and knowledge, that I may go the heavens and the heavens of heavens cannot out and come in before this people; for who could contain him: and who am I then, that I should build [otherwise] judge this thy great people? 11 And God him a house, save only to burn incense before him? said unto Solomon, Whereas this hath been in thy 7 And now send me a skilful man to work in gold. heart, and thou hast not asked riches, wealth, or and in silver and in copper, and in iron, and in purple, honor, nor the life of thy enemies, and hast not even and crimson, and blue, and that understandeth how asked long life; but hast asked for thyself wisdom to engrave with the skilful men that are with me in and knowledge, that thou mayest judge my people, Judah and in Jerusalem whom David my father hath over whom I have made thee king: 12 [Therefore] provided. 8 Send me also cedar-trees, fir-trees, and are the wisdom and the knowledge granted unto sandal-wood, from the Lebanon; for I know well that thee; and riches, and wealth, and honor, will I give thy servants have the skill to cut the trees of Lebanon: thee, such as no kings that have been before thee and, behold, my servants shall be with thy servants, have had, and the like of which after thee none shall 9 Even to prepare for me timber in abundance; for have. 13 Then came Solomon from the high-place the house which I am building is to be wonderfully that was at Gib'on to Jerusalem, from before the great. 10 And, behold, for the hewers that cut the tabernacle of the congregation, and reigned over timber will I give unto thy servants twenty thousand Israel. 14 And Solomon brought together chariots and cors of threshed wheat, and twenty thousand cors horsemen; and he had a thousand and four hundred of barley, and twenty thousand baths of wine, and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, and he twenty thousand baths of oil. 11 Then answered placed them in the chariot-cities, and with the king Churam the king of Tyre in writing, and he sent it to daughters of Dan, while his father was a man of Tyre, with gold. 11 And regarding the wings of the cherubim in stone, and in wood, in purple, in blue, and in fine amounting to five cubits, reaching to the wall of the linen, and in crimson; also to execute any manner of house; and the other wing of five cubits, reaching wine, of which my lord hath spoken, let him send unto The wings of these cherubim [as they were] spread his servants: 16 And we will truly cut down trees out out were twenty cubits: and they were standing on of the Lebanon, as much as thou mayest need; and their feet, and their faces were inward. 14 And he Solomon numbered all the strange men that were made before the house two pillars of thirty and five in the land of Israel, after the numbering wherewith cubits in length, and the capital that was on the top of thousand and six hundred. 18 And he made of them of the pillars; and he made a hundred pomegranates, thousand stonecutters in the mountain, and three pillars in front of the temple, one on the right hand. thousand and six hundred superintendents to set the and the other on the left; and he called the name of people to work.

3 And Solomon began to build the house of the Lord appeared unto David his father, on the place that David had prepared in the threshing-floor of Ornan the Jebusite. 2 And he began to build on the second day of the second month, in the fourth year of his reign. 3 Now in this manner was the foundation laid of the house of God [at its] building [bv] Solomon: The length by cubits after the first measure was sixty cubits, and the breadth twenty cubits. 4 And the porch that was in the front of the length was according to the breadth of the house, twenty cubits, and the height was a hundred and twenty: and he overlaid it within with pure gold. 5 And the great house he ceiled with fir-wood, which he overlaid with pure gold, and he wrought thereon palm-trees and chains. 6 And he overlaid the house with costly stones for ornament: and the gold was gold of Parvavim. 7 And he covered the house, the beams, the sills, and its walls, and its

Solomon, Out of the love of the Lord for his people doors, with gold: and he engraved cherubim on the hath he set thee as king over them. 12 And Churam walls. 8 And he made the most holy house, its length said. Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel, that hath being in front of the breadth of the house, twenty made the heavens and the earth, who hath given to cubits, and its breadth twenty cubits; and he covered king David a wise son, endowed with intelligence and it with fine gold, [amounting] to six hundred talents, 9 understanding, who is to build a house unto the Lord, And the weight of the nails [amounted] to fifty shekels and a house for royal residence. 13 And now have of gold. And the upper chambers he covered with I sent a skilful man, endowed with understanding, gold. 10 And he made in the most holy house two namely, Churam-Abi, 14 The son of a woman from the cherubim of sculpture work, and they overlaid them skilful to work in gold, and in silver, in copper, in iron, their length was twenty cubits; the wing of the one engraving, and to devise every kind of work of art to the wing of the other cherub. 12 And the wing of which may be given to him, together with thy skilful the other cherub was five cubits, reaching to the wall men, and skilful men of my lord David thy father. 15 of the house; and the other wing of five cubits was And now the wheat, and the barley, the oil, and the joined closely to the wing of the other cherub. 13 we will bring them to thee in boats by sea to Joppa; made the vail of blue, and purple, and crimson, and and thou shalt carry them up to Jerusalem. 17 And fine linen, and wrought thereon cherubim. 15 And he David his father had numbered them; and they were each of them was five cubits. 16 And he made chains found to be one hundred and fifty thousand and three in the debir; and lothers which he placed on the top seventy thousand bearers of burdens, and eighty and placed them on the chains. 17 And he set up the that on the right hand Jachin, and the name of that on the left Bo'az.

in Jerusalem on mount Moriah, where He had 1 He made also an altar of copper, twenty cubits being its length, and twenty cubits its breadth, and ten cubits its height. 2 He made also the molten sea, being ten cubits from the one brim to the other, rounded all about, and it was five cubits in height; and a line of thirty cubits did encompass it round about. 3 And likenesses of oxen were under it, encompassing it all round about, ten in a cubit, encircling the sea round about: the oxen were in two rows [and were] cast [with it], when it was cast. 4 It was standing 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 resting above upon them, and all their hinder parts were inward. 5 And its thickness was a hand's breadth, and its brim like the brim of a cup, with lily-buds; and it could hold and contain three thousand baths. 6 He made also ten lavers; and he were of gold.

5 And so was ended all the work which Solomon made for the house of the Lord; and Solomon brought in the things sanctified by David his father; f Then said Solomon, "The Lord said that he would and the silver, and the gold, and all the vessels he placed in the treasuries of the house of God. 2 Then built a dwelling-house for thee, and have settled a did Solomon assemble the elders of Israel, and all the place for thy abode for ever." 3 And the king turned his

placed five on the right hand, and five on the left, to heads of the tribes, the princes of the divisions of the wash in them: what belonged to the burnt-offering children of Israel, unto Jerusalem, to bring up the ark they rinsed off at them; but the sea was for the priests of the covenant of the Lord out of the city of David, to wash in. 7 And he made ten candlesticks of gold which is Zion. 3 And all the men of Israel assembled according to their prescribed manner: and he placed themselves unto the king at the feast which is [in] the [them] in the temple, five on the right side, and five seventh month. 4 All the elders of Israel came, and on the left. 8 He made also ten tables, and he set the Levites took up the ark. 5 And they brought up them in the temple, five on the right side, and five on the ark, and the tabernacle of the congregation, and the left. And he made a hundred bowls of gold. 9 And all the holy vessels that were in the tabernacle: these he made the court of the priests, and the great out- did the priests and the Levites bring up. 6 And king court, and doors for the out-court, and their doors he Solomon, and all the congregation of Israel that were overlaid with copper. 10 And the sea he placed on the assembled unto him were before the ark, sacrificing right side toward the east, opposite to the south. 11 sheep and oxen, which could not be numbered nor And Churam made the pots, and the shovels, and the told for multitude. 7 And the priests brought in the ark basins. And Churam made an end of doing the work of the covenant of the Lord unto its place, into the which he made for king Solomon in the house of God: debir of the house, into the most holy place, under the 12 The two pillars, and the bowls, and the capitals on wings of the cherubim. 8 And the cherubim spread the top of the two pillars, and the two networks to forth their wings over the place of the ark, and the cover the bowl-shaped capitals which were on the top cherubim covered the ark and its staves from above. of the pillars; 13 And the four hundred pomegranates 9 And they had made the staves so long that the for the two networks, two rows of pomegranates for ends of the staves were seen [standing out] from each network, to cover the two bowl-shaped capitals the ark in the front of the debir; but they were not which were upon the front of the pillars. 14 The bases seen without; and they have remained there until this also did he make, and the lavers made he upon the day. 10 There was nothing in the ark save the two bases. 15 The one sea, and the twelve oxen under it, tables which Moses had placed [therein] at Horeb, 16 And the pots also, and the shovels, and the forks, where the Lord made a covenant with the children and all their instruments, did Churam-Abiv make for of Israel, when they came out of Egypt. 11 And it king Solomon for the house of the Lord, of polished came to pass, when the priests were come out of copper. 17 In the plain of the Jordan did the king the holy place; for all the priests that were present cast them, in the clay-ground between Succoth and had sanctified themselves, the divisions not having Zeredathah. 18 And Solomon made all these vessels been observed; — 12 And the Levites the singers, all in very great abundance; for the weight of the copper together, of Assaph, of Heman, of Jeduthun, with their was not inquired into. 19 And Solomon made all sons and their brethren, arrayed in white linen, having the vessels that pertained to the house of God; and cymbals and psalteries and harps, stood at the east the altar of gold also, and the tables whereon the side of the altar, and with them were one hundred and show-bread [was set]; 20 And the candlesticks with twenty priests blowing on trumpets; — 13 And it came their lamps, to light them after the prescribed manner thus to pass, as the trumpeters and singers were before the debir, of pure gold. 21 And the flowers, and as one, to make one sound to be heard in praising the lamps, and the tongs, were of gold, the purest and thanking the Lord; and when they lifted up their of gold; 22 And the knives, and the basins, and the voice [accompanied] with trumpets and cymbals and spoons, and the censers were of pure gold; and the instruments of music, and in praising the Lord, For entrance of the house, its inner doors for the most he is good; because unto everlasting endureth his holy place, and the doors of the house of the temple, kindness: that the house, even the house of the Lord, was filled with a cloud; 14 And the priests were not able to stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the Lord had filled the house of God.

dwell in the thick darkness. 2 And I have indeed

face, and blessed the whole congregation of Israel, dwell with men on the earth? behold, the heavens and all the congregation of Israel was standing. 4 and the heavens of heavens cannot contain thee: And he said. Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, how much less then this house that I have built! 19 who spoke with his mouth unto David my father, and Yet wilt thou turn thy regard unto the prayer of thy hath with his hands fulfilled it, when he said, 5 Since servant, and to his supplication, O Lord my God. the day that I brought forth my people out of the land to listen unto the entreaty and the prayer which thy of Egypt, I did not make choice of any city out of all servant prayeth before thee: 20 That thy eyes may the tribes of Israel to build a house, that my name be open toward this house day and night, toward might be therein; nor did I make choice of any man the place of which thou hast said that thou wouldst to be a ruler over my people of Israel; 6 But I have put thy name there; that thou mayest listen unto the made choice of Jerusalem, that my name might be prayer which thy servant will pray at this place. 21 And there; and I have made choice of David to be over listen thou to the supplications of thy servant, and of my people Israel. 7 And it was in the heart of David thy people Israel, which they will pray at this place: my father to build a house for the name of the Lord and oh, do thou hear from thy dwelling-place, from the God of Israel, 8 But the Lord said unto David my heaven; and hear, and forgive, 22 If any man trespass father, Whereas it was in thy heart to build a house against his neighbor, and an oath be laid upon him unto my name, thou didst well in that it was in thy to cause him to swear, and the oath come before heart: 9 Nevertheless thou shalt not thyself build the thy altar in this house: 23 Then do thou hear from house; but thy son that shall come forth out of thy heaven, and act, and judge thy servants, by requiting loins, he shall build the house unto my name. 10 And the wicked, to bring his way upon his own head; and the Lord hath fulfilled his word that he hath spoken; by justifying the righteous, to give him according to and I am risen up in the stead of David my father, his righteousness. 24 And if thy people Israel be and I sit on the throne of Israel, as the Lord hath struck down before the enemy, because they have spoken, and I have built the house unto the name of sinned against thee, and they return and confess thy the Lord the God of Israel. 11 And I have placed there name, and pray, and make supplication before thee the ark, wherein is the covenant of the Lord which in this house: 25 Then do thou hear from heaven, and he hath made with the children of Israel. 12 And he forgive the sin of thy people Israel, and cause them now placed himself before the altar of the Lord in the to return unto the land which thou hast given to them presence of all the congregation of Israel, and spread and to their fathers. 26 When the heavens be shut forth his hands; 13 For Solomon had made a laver of up, and there he no rain, because they have sinned copper, and had placed it in the midst of the out-court, against thee, and they pray toward this place, and five cubits being its length, five cubits its breadth, and confess thy name, and turn from their sin, because three cubits its height; and he placed himself upon it, thou hast afflicted them: 27 Then do thou hear in and kneeled down upon his knees in the presence of heaven, and forgive the sin of thy servants, and of thy all the congregation of Israel, and spread forth his people Israel; for thou wilt direct them unto the good hands toward heaven; 14 And he said, O Lord God of way, wherein they should walk; and give then rain Israel, there is no god like thee in the heavens, or on upon thy land, which thou hast given unto thy people the earth, thou who keepest the covenant, and the for an inheritance, 28 If there be famine in the land, if kindness for thy servants that walk before thee with there be pestilence, blasting, or mildew, if there be all their heart; 15 Who has kept for thy servant David locusts, or caterpillars; if their enemies besiege them my father that which thou hadst promised him; and in their land, in their gates at whatsoever plague, thou spokest with thy mouth, and hast fulfilled it with and at whatsoever sickness; 29 What prayer and thy hand, as it is this day. 16 And now, O Lord, God of what supplication soever be made by any man, or by Israel, keep for thy servant David my father that which all thy people Israel, when they shall be conscious thou hast spoken concerning him, saying, There shall every man of his plague and his pain, and he then never fail thee a man in my sight who sitteth on the spread forth his hands toward this house: 30 Then do throne of Israel, if thy children but take heed to their thou hear from heaven the place of thy dwelling, and way to walk in my law, as thou hast walked before forgive, and give to every man in accordance with all me. 17 And now, O Lord, the God of Israel, let thy his ways, as thou mayest know his heart; for thou, word be verified, which thou hast spoken unto thy thyself alone, knowest the heart of the children of

servant, unto David. 18 For, in truth, will God then men; 31 In order that they may fear thee, to walk in

pious deeds of David thy servant.

**7** And when Solomon had made an end of praying, a fire came down from heaven, and consumed the burnt-offering and the sacrifices; and the glory of the Lord filled the house. 2 And the priests were not able to enter into the house of the Lord; because

thy ways, all the days that they live on the face of the the glory of the Lord had filled the Lord's house. land which thou hast given unto our fathers. 32 But 3 And all the children of Israel were looking on as also to the stranger, who is not of thy people Israel, the fire came down, and the glory of the Lord [was but cometh out of a far-off country for the sake of restingl upon the house; and they kneeled down thy great name, and of thy mighty hand, and of thy with their faces to the ground upon the pavement, outstretched arm, — if they come and pray in this and prostrated themselves, and gave thanks unto house, — 33 Mayest thou likewise listen from heaven, the Lord, for he is good; because unto everlasting from the place of thy dwelling, and do according to all endureth his kindness. 4 And the king and all the that the stranger will call on thee for: in order that all people offered sacrifices before the Lord. 5 And people of the earth may know thy name, both to fear king Solomon offered a sacrifice of twenty and two thee, as do thy people Israel, and to understand that thousand oxen, and a hundred and twenty thousand this house, which I have built, is called by thy name. sheep: and so they dedicated the house of God, 34 If thy people go out to battle against their enemies the king and all the people. 6 And the priests were on the way on which thou mayest send them, and standing on their stations, and the Levites with the they do pray unto thee in the direction of this city instruments of the music of the Lord, which king David which thou hast chosen, and of the house that I have had made to give thanks unto the Lord, because unto built unto thy name: 35 Then hear thou from heaven everlasting endureth his kindness, with the song of their prayer and their supplication, and procure them praise of David in their hand; and the priests blew justice. 36 If they sin against thee—for there is no the trumpets opposite to them, and all Israel were man that may not sin, —and thou be angry with them, standing. 7 And Solomon hallowed the interior of and give them up before the enemy, so that their the court that was before the house of the Lord; for captors carry them away captive unto a land far off he prepared there the burnt-offerings, and the fat of or near; 37 And if they then take it to their heart the peace-offerings; because the copper altar which in the land whither they have been carried captive, Solomon had made was not able to contain the burntand repent and make supplication unto thee in the offerings, and the meat-offerings, and the fat. 8 And land of their captivity, saying. We have sinned, we Solomon held the feast at that time seven days, and have committed iniquity, and have acted wickedly; all Israel with him, a very great assembly, from the 38 And they return unto thee with all their heart and entrance of Chamath unto the river of Egypt. 9 And with all their soul in the land of their captivity, whither they held on the eighth day a solemn assembly; for they have been carried captive, and they pray in the dedication of the altar they held seven days, direction of their land, which thou hast given unto and the feast seven days. 10 And on the three-andtheir fathers, and of the city which thou hast chosen, twentieth day of the seventh month he dismissed and toward the house which I have built unto thy the people unto their tents, joyful and glad of heart name: 39 Then hear thou from heaven, from the place because of the good that the Lord had done for David, of thy dwelling, their prayer and their supplications, and for Solomon, and for Israel his people. 11 Thus and procure them justice, and forgive thy people for did Solomon complete the house of the Lord, and the what they have sinned against thee. 40 Now, my God, king's house; and [in] all that came into Solomon's let I beseech thee, thy eyes be open, and thy ears heart to make in the house of the Lord, and in his be attentive unto the prayer on this place. 41 And own house, he prospered. 12 Then appeared the now arise, O Lord God, unto thy resting-place, thou, Lord to Solomon during the night, and said unto him, and the ark of thy strength: let thy priests, O Lord I have heard thy prayer, and I have made choice of God, clothe themselves with salvation, and let thy this place for myself as a house of sacrifice. 13 If pious servants rejoice in happiness. 42 O Lord God, I shut up the heavens that there be no rain, or if I turn not away the face of thy anointed: remember the give a charge to the locusts to devour off the land, or if I send a pestilence among my people: 14 And if my people, over whom my name is called, do then humble themselves, and pray, and seek my presence, and turn away from their evil ways: then will I also hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin, and will heal their land. 15 Now, my eyes shall be open, and my ears attentive unto the prayer on this place. 16 And now I have chosen and hallowed this house, that of his horsemen. 10 And these were the chiefs of the my name may be there for ever; and my eyes and my superintendents whom king Solomon had, [even] two heart shall be there at all times. 17 And as for thee, if hundred and fifty, who ruled over the people. 11 And thou wilt walk before me, as David thy father hath the daughter of Pharaoh did Solomon bring up out walked, so as to do in accordance with all that I have of the city of David unto the house that he had built commanded thee, and wilt keep my statutes and my for her; for he said, No wife of mine shall dwell in a ordinances: 18 Then will I establish the throne of thy house of David the king of Israel, because they are kingdom, just as I have covenanted with David thy holy, because there came [once] unto them the ark of father, saying, There shall never fail thee a man to be the Lord. 12 Then did Solomon offer burnt-offerings ruler in Israel. 19 But if ye will indeed turn away, and unto the Lord on the altar of the Lord, which he had forsake my statutes and my commandments, which built before the porch, 13 Even according to what was I have set before you, and will go and serve other the due of [every] day on its day, offering according gods, and bow down to them: 20 Then will I pluck to the commandment of Moses, on the sabbaths, them up out of my land which I have given unto them: and on the new-moons, and on the stated festivals. and this house, which I have hallowed for my name, three times in the year, on the feast of unleavened will I cast away from my sight, and I will render it to be bread, and on the feast of weeks, and on the feast for a proverb and for a by-word among all the people. of tabernacles. 14 And he stationed, according to 21 And this house, which hath been so exalted, shall the prescription of David his father, the divisions of become an astonishment to every one that passeth the priests at their service, and the Levites at their by it: so that he will say, Why hath the Lord done thus stations, to praise and minister next to the priests, in unto this land, and unto this house? 22 And men shall the requirement of every day on its day, and the gatethen say, For the cause that they forsook the Lord keepers in their divisions at every gate; for so was the God of their fathers, who had brought them forth the charge of David the man of God. 15 And they out of the land of Egypt, and they took hold of other departed not from the charge of the king concerning gods, and bowed down to them, and served them: the priests and Levites respecting every matter, and therefore hath he brought upon them all this evil.

And it came to pass at the end of twenty years, when Solomon had built the house of the Lord, and his own house. 2 That [as regardeth] the cities which Churam had restored to Solomon, Solomon built them, and caused the children of Israel to dwell there. 3 And Solomon went to Chamath-zobah, and prevailed against it. 4 And he built Thadmor in the wilderness, and all the treasure-cities, which he built in Chamath. 5 And he built the upper Beth-choron. and the lower Beth-choron, fortified cities, with walls, gates, and bars; 6 And Ba'alath, and all the treasurecities that Solomon had, and all the cities for chariots, and the cities for horsemen, and all the [other] desire of Solomon which he desired to build in Jerusalem, and in the Lebanon, and throughout all the land of his dominion. 7 All the people that were left of the Hittites, and the Emorites, and the Perizzites, and the Hivites, and the Jebusites, who were not of Israel, 8 Out of their children, who were left after them in the land. whom the children of Israel had not destroyed-these did Solomon levy as tributary [laborers] until this day. 9 Yet of the children of Israel did Solomon make no bondmen for his work; but they were men of war, and chiefs of his captains; and officers of his chariots and

respecting the treasuries. 16 And [so] was all the work of Solomon successful from the day of founding the house of the Lord, even until it was finished, [So] was perfected the house of the Lord. 17 Then went Solomon to 'Ezyon-geber, and to Eloth, at the seashore in the land of Edom. 18 And Churam sent him by means of his servants ships, and servants that had knowledge of the sea; and they went with the servants of Solomon to Ophir, and they fetched away thence four hundred and fifty talents of gold, and brought the same to king Solomon.

And when the gueen of Sheba heard of the fame of Solomon, she came to prove Solomon with riddles at Jerusalem, with a very great train, and with camels bearing spices, and gold in abundance, and precious stones: and when she was come to Solomon, she spoke with him of all that was on her heart. 2 And Solomon solved for her all her questions; and there was nothing hidden from Solomon which he did not tell her. 3 And when the gueen of Sheba saw the wisdom of Solomon, and the house that he had built, 4 And the food of his table, and the sitting of his servants, and the attendance of his ministers, and their apparel, and his cup-bearers, and their apparel: and his ascent by which he went up into the house of

said to the king. The truth [only] was the word that I to Tharshish with the servants of Churam; once in 6 And I believed not in their words, until I came, and home laden with gold, and silver, ivory, and apes, and are thy men, and happy are these thy servants, who Solomon, to hear his wisdom, which God had put in stand before thee continually, and hear thy wisdom. 8 his heart. 24 And they brought every man his present, Blessed be the Lord thy God, who hath had delight in vessels of silver, and vessels of gold, and garments, thee to place thee on his throne, as a king for the Lord armor, and spices, horses, and mules; [and] so year thy God; because thy God loved Israel, to sustain by year. 25 And Solomon had four thousand stalls for them for ever, therefore hath he placed thee over horses and chariots, and twelve thousand horsemen, them as king, to exercise justice and righteousness. whom he quartered in the cities for chariots, and near talents of gold, and spices in very great abundance, the kings from the river even unto the land of the and precious stones: and there never were any such Philistines, and as far as the boundary of Egypt. 27 spices as those which the gueen of Sheba gave to And the king rendered silver in Jerusalem like stones. king Solomon. 10 And also the servants of Churam, and the cedar-trees he rendered like the sycamore-Ophir, brought sandal-trees and precious stones. 11 And men were bringing out horses for Solomon from harps and psalteries for singers: and there were never are written in the history of Nathan the prophet, and And king Solomon gave unto the gueen of Sheba all visions of Ye'do the seer concerning Jerobo'am the her pleasure, whatsoever she asked, beside [a return son of Nebat. 30 And Solomon reigned in Jerusalem she turned about and went away to her own country, his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David she and her servants. 13 Now the weight of gold his father: and Rehobo'am his son became king in his that came to Solomon in one year was six hundred stead. and sixty and six talents of gold; 14 Besides what the travelling tradesmen and the merchants brought. And all the kings of Arabia and the governors of the country brought gold and silver to Solomon. 15 And king Solomon made two hundred targets of beaten gold: six hundred shekels of beaten gold he used for each one target. 16 And [he made] three hundred shields of beaten gold; three hundred shekels of gold he used for each one shield. And the king put them in the house of the forest of Lebanon. 17 The king also made a great throne of ivory, and overlaid it with pure gold. 18 And the throne had six steps, with a footstool of gold, fastened into the throne; and there were arms on either side, on the place of the seat; and two lions stood beside the arms; 19 And twelve lions stood there upon the six steps on both sides: there was not the like made in any 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: no silver was valued in the days of

the Lord: there was no more spirit in her. 5 And she Solomon at the least. 21 For the king's ships went heard in my own land of thy acts, and of thy wisdom. three years did the Tharshish-ships use to come my eyes saw [all]; and, behold, the one-half of the peacocks, 22 And king Solomon became greater than greatness of thy wisdom hath not been told me: thou all the kings of the earth for riches and wisdom. 23 excellest the report which I have heard. 7 Happy And all the kings of the earth sought the presence of 9 And she gave to the king one hundred and twenty the king at Jerusalem. 26 And he was ruling over all and the servants of Solomon, who brought gold from trees that are in the lowlands, for abundance. 28 And the king made of the sandal-trees steps for the Egypt and from all lands. 29 And the remainder of the house of the Lord, and for the king's palace, and acts of Solomon, the first and the last, behold, they seen the like of them before in the land of Judah. 12 in the prophecy of Achiyah the Shilonite, and in the for] that which she had brought unto the king. And over all Israel forty years. 31 And Solomon slept with

> 10 And Rehobo'am went to Shechem: for to Shechem were all Israel come to make him king. 2 And it came to pass, when Jerobo'am the son of Nebat heard of it, for he was in Egypt, whither he had fled from the presence of king Solomon, that Jerobo'am returned out of Egypt. 3 And they sent and called him: and so came Jerobo'am with all Israel and spoke to Rehobo'am, saying, 4 Thy father made our yoke hard; but now do thou make lighter the hard service of thy father, and his heavy yoke which he put upon us, and we will serve thee. 5 And he said unto them, After but three days, then return unto me. And the people went away, 6 Then consulted king Rehobo'am with the old men that had stood before Solomon his father while he yet lived, saying, How do you advise that I should return an answer to this people? 7 And they spoke unto him, saying, If thou wilt be kind to this people, and please them, and speak to them good words: then will they be servants

unto thee for all times. 8 But he forsook the counsel the Lord, Ye shall not go up, nor fight with your which the old men had given him, and consulted with brethren: return every man to his house; for from the young men that were grown up with him, and who me hath this thing been brought about. And they stood before him. 9 And he said unto them. How hearkened to the words of the Lord, and returned from do you counsel how we should give an answer to going against Jerobo'am, 5 And Rehobo'am dwelt in this people, who have spoken to me, saying, Make Jerusalem, and built cities as fortresses in Judah. lighter the yoke which thy father did put upon us? 10 6 He built, namely, Beth-lechem, and 'Etam, and Then spoke with him the young men that were grown Thekoa', 7 And Beth-zur, and Socho, and 'Adullam, 8 up with him, saying, Thus must thou say unto the And Gath, and Mareshah, and Ziph, 9 And Adorayim people that have spoken unto thee, saying, Thy father and Lachish, and 'Azekah, 10 And Zor'ah, and Ayalon, made our yoke heavy, but do thou make it lighter and Hebron, which are in Judah and in Benjamin, unto us: thus must thou say unto them, My little finger fortified cities. 11 And he strengthened the strongis thicker than my father's loins. 11 And now [if] my holds, and put commanders in them, and stores of father hath burdened you with a heavy voke. I will food, and oil and wine: 12 And in each and every add to your voke: [if] my father hath chastised you city [he placed] shields and spears, and made them with whips, then will I [do it] with scorpion-thorns. 12 exceedingly strong: and thus remained with him When now Jerobo'am and all the people came to Judah and Benjamin. 13 And the priests and the Rehobo'am on the third day, as the king had spoken. Levites that were in all Israel presented themselves saying, Return to me on the third day: 13 The king to him out of all their territory. 14 For the Levites left answered them harshly; and king Rehobo'am forsook their open districts and their possession, and went the counsel of the old men; 14 And he spoke to them to Judah and Jerusalem; because Jerobo'am and after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father his sons cast them off from executing the priest's made your voke heavy, and I will add thereto; my office unto the Lord, 15 And [because] he ordained father chastised you with whips, but I will [do it] with for himself priests for the high-places, and for the evil scorpion-thorns. 15 And the king hearkened not unto spirits, and for the calves which he had made. 16 the people; for it was so brought about from God. And after them [came] out of all the tribes of Israel in order that the Lord might fulfill his word, which such as directed their heart to seek the Lord the he had spoken by means of Achivahu the Shilonite God of Israel; these came to Jerusalem, to sacrifice unto Jerobo'am the son of Nebat. 16 So when all unto the Lord, the God of their fathers. 17 And they Israel saw that the king hearkened not unto them, the strengthened the kingdom of Judah, and brought people answered the king, saying, What portion have power to Rehobo'am, the son of Solomon, during we in David? nor have we an inheritance in the son three years; for they walked in the way of David and of Jesse: every man to your tents. O Israel: now, see Solomon during three years, 18 And Rehobo'am took to thy own house, David. So did all Israel go to their himself as wife Machalath the daughter of Jerimoth tents. 17 But as for the children of Israel who dwelt in the son of David, [and] Abichayil the daughter of the cities of Judah, over them did Rehobo'am reign. Eliab the son of Jesse; 19 And she bore to him sons: 18 Then sent king Rehobo'am Hadoram who was Je'ush, and Shamaryah, and Zaham. 20 And after over the tribute; but the children of Israel stoned him her did he take Ma'achah the daughter of Abshalom; with stones, that he died. Therefore king Rehobo'am and she bore to him Abiyah, and 'Attai, and Ziza, and made speed with his might to get upon his chariot, to Shelomith. 21 And Rehobo'am loved Ma'achah the flee to Jerusalem. 19 So did Israel rebel against the daughter of Abshalom more than all his wives and house of David unto this day.

11 And when Rehobo'am was come to Jerusalem, he assembled the house of Judah and Benjamin a hundred and eighty thousand chosen men, warriors. to fight against Israel, to bring back the kingdom again to Rehobo'am. 2 But the word of the Lord came unto Shema'yahu the man of God, saying, 3 Say unto Rehobo'am the son of Solomon, the king of Judah and Benjamin, saying, 4 Thus hath said

his concubines; for he had taken eighteen wives and sixty concubines; and he begat twenty and eight sons, and sixty daughters. 22 And Rehobo'am appointed Abivah the son of Ma'achah to be the chief, to be ruler among his brethren; because [he desired] to make him king. 23 And he dealt understandingly, and dispersed all his children throughout all the countries of Judah and Beniamin, unto all the fortified cities: and he gave them food in abundance and he required [for them] a multitude of wives.

1 2 And it came to pass, when Rehobo'am had directed not his heart to seek the Lord. 15 And the become strong, that he forsook the law of the Lord, are written in the history of Shem'avah the prophet. and all Israel with him. 2 And it came to pass in the and of 'Iddo, the seer concerning the genealogies. fifth year of king Rehobo'am, that Shishak the king. And the wars of Rehobo'am and Jerobo'am [lasted] of Egypt came up against Jerusalem, —because all the days. 16 And Rehobo'am slept with his fathers, they had acted faithlessly against the Lord, — 3 and was buried in the city of David: and Abiyah his With twelve hundred chariots and sixty thousand son became king in his stead. horsemen: and innumerable were the people that came with him out of Egypt—the Lubim, the Sukkiyim, and the Ethiopians. 4 And he captured the fortified cities which pertained to Judah, and he came as far as Jerusalem. 5 And Shem'avah the prophet came to Rehobo'am, and the princes of Judah, that were gathered together to Jerusalem because of Shishak, and said unto them, Thus hath said the Lord, Ye have indeed forsaken me, and therefore have I also relinquished you into the hand of Shishak. 6 Thereupon the princes of Israel and the king humbled themselves; and they said, The Lord is righteous. 7 And when the Lord saw that they had humbled themselves, then came the word of the Lord to Shem'avah, saving, "They have humbled themselves: I will not destroy them: but I will permit some little to escape from them; and my wrath shall not be poured out over Jerusalem by the hand of Shishak." 8 However they shall be servants unto him, and they shall know my service, and the service of the kingdoms of the [various] countries. 9 And so came up Shishak the king of Egypt against Jerusalem, and he took away the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king's house: every thing did he take away; and he took away the shields of gold which Solomon had made. 10 And king Rehobo'am made in their stead shields of copper, and committed them for keeping into the hand of the chiefs of the runners, who kept quard at the door of the king's house. 11 And it happened whenever the king went into the house of the Lord, that the runners came and bore them, and carried them back into the apartment of the runners. 12 And when he had humbled himself. the wrath of the Lord turned from him, so that he destroyed him not to make an end [of him]: and also in Judah were some good things [found]. 13 And king Rehobo'am strengthened himself in Jerusalem, and reigned; for Rehobo'am was one and forty years old when he became king, and seventeen years did he reign in Jerusalem, the city which the Lord had chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, to put his name there. And his mother's name was Na'amah the 'Ammonitess. 14 And he did the evil; because he

established the kingdom, and when he had acts of Rehobo'am, the first and the last, behold, they

1 In the eighteenth year of king Jerobo'am became Abiyah king over Judah. 2 Three years he reigned in Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Michayahu the daughter of Uriel of Gib'ah. And there was war between Abiyah and Jerobo'am. 3 And Abiyah joined the battle with an army of valiant men of war, even of four hundred thousand chosen men: Jerobo'am also set the battle in array against him with eight hundred thousand chosen men, being mighty men of valor. 4 And Abiyah stood up above mount Zemarayim, which is in the mountain of Ephraim, and said, Hear me, O Jerobo'am, and all Israel; 5 Ought ye not to know that the Lord the God of Israel hath given the kingdom over Israel to David for eternity. yea, to him and to his sons by a covenant of salts? 6 But there rose up Jerobo'am the son of Nebat. the servant of Solomon the son of David, and rebelled against his lord. 7 And there were gathered unto him idle men, worthless persons, and put themselves in violent resistance against Rehobo'am the son of Solomon: while Rehobo'am was young and tender hearted, and could not sustain himself before them. 8 And now ye think to sustain yourselves before the kingdom of the Lord in the hand of the sons of David; and ye are a great multitude; and with you are golden calves, which Jerobo'am hath made for you as gods. 9 Have ye not cast out the priests of the Lord, the sons of Aaron, and the Levites, and have made vourselves priests like the people of the [various] lands? so that whosoever cometh to consecrate himself with a young bullock and seven rams can become a priest to things that are no gods? 10 But as for us, the Lord is our God, and we have not forsaken him; and the priests. who minister unto the Lord, are the sons of Aaron; and the Levites are at their [appointed] work; 11 And they burn unto the Lord burnt-offerings every morning and every evening and incense of sweet spices; and the rows of the show-bread [do they place] upon the pure table; and there is the candlestick of gold with its lamps, to light the same every evening; for we keep the charge of the Lord our God, while ve have truly forsaken him. 12 And, behold, with us at our head,

children of Israel, do not fight against the Lord the Benjamin, that bore shields and drew the bow, two God of your fathers; for ve will not prosper. 13 But hundred and eighty thousand; all these were mighty Jerobo'am caused an ambush to come around behind men of valor, 9 And there came out against them them: so they themselves were before Judah, and Zerach the Ethiopian with an army of a thousand the ambush was behind them. 14 And when Judah times thousand, and three hundred chariots; and he turned round, behold, they had the battle before and came as far as Mareshah, 10 Then went Assa out behind: and they cried unto the Lord, and the priests against him, and they set themselves in battle-array blew with the trumpets. 15 And then gave the men in the valley of Zephathah near Mareshah. 11 And of Judah a shout: and it came to pass, as the men Assa called unto the Lord his God, and said, Lord, of Judah shouted, that God struck down Jerobo'am nothing can hinder thee to help, whether it be the and all Israel before Abiyah and Judah. 16 And the mighty, or those that have no power: help us, O Lord children of Israel fled from before Judah, and God our God; for on thee do we rely, and in thy name are gave them up into their hand. 17 And Abiyah and his we come against this multitude. O Lord, thou art our down slain of Israel five hundred thousand chosen Thereupon did the Lord strike down the Ethiopians men. 18 Thus were the children of Israel humbled at before Assa, and before Judah; and the Ethiopians that time: and the children of Judah became powerful, fled. 13 And Assa and the people that were with him because they relied upon the Lord the God of their pursued them as far as Gerar: and there fell of the fathers. 19 And Abiyah made pursuit after Jerobo'am, Ethiopians [so many], that they could not recover and captured cities from him, Bethel with its villages, themselves; for they were broken down before the and Jeshanah with its villages, and 'Ephravin with its Lord, and before his camp; and they carried away villages. 20 And Jerobo'am did not recover strength exceedingly much booty. 14 And they smote all the again in the days of Abiyahu: and the Lord struck cities round about Gerar; for the dread of the Lord him, and he died. 21 But Abiyahu became strong, and was upon them: and they plundered all the cities; for two sons, and sixteen daughters. 22 And the rest of Ithe owners of cattle did they smite, and they carried the acts of Abiyah, and his ways, and his speeches, away sheep in abundance, and camels, and returned are written in the writing of the prophet 'Iddo.

buried him in the city of David: and Assa his God, —we have sought him, and he hath given us be weak; for there is a reward for your doing. 8 And

is the [true] God, with his priests with trumpets for And Assa had an army that bore targets and spears, blowing the alarm, to sound an alarm against you. O out of Judah three hundred thousand; and out of people smote them with a great defeat, and there fell God! no mortal can place a restraint against thee. 12 he took himself fourteen wives, and begat twenty and abundant spoil was in them. 15 And also the tents of to Jerusalem.

14 And Abiyah slept with his fathers, and they 15 And as for 'Azaryahu the son of 'Oded—on him came the spirit of God; 2 And he went out to son became king in his stead. In his days the land meet Assa, and said unto him, Hear me, O Assa, and had repose ten years. 2 And Assa did what is good all Judah and Benjamin, The Lord is with you, while and right in the eyes of the Lord his God. 3 And he ye remain with him; and if ye seek him, he will let removed the altars of the strange [gods], and the himself be found by you; but if ye forsake him, he high-places, and broke up the statues, and cut down will forsake you. 3 And many days [had elapsed] for the groves; 4 And he ordered Judah to seek the Lord Israel, [they being] without the true God, and without the God of their fathers, and to execute the law and a teaching priest, and without law. 4 But they returned the commandment. 5 Also he removed out of all the when they were in distress unto the Lord, the God of cities of Judah the high-places and the sun-images: Israel, and they sought him, and he let himself be and the kingdom had repose before him. 6 And he found by them. 5 And in those times there was no built fortified cities in Judah; for the land had repose, peace to him that went out, and to him that came and no one had war with him in those years; because in; but there were great confusions among all the the Lord had given him rest. 7 Therefore he said unto inhabitants of the countries. 6 And nation was dashed Judah, Let us build these cities, and surround them to pieces against nation, and city against city; for with walls, and towers, gates, and bars: the land is God did confound them with all kind of distress. 7 yet before us; because we have sought the Lord our But as for you, be ye strong, and let not your hands rest on every side. So they built and prospered. 8 when Assa heard these words, and the prophecy vear of the reign of Assa.

came up Ba'sha the king of Israel against Judah,

of 'Oded the prophet, he was strengthened, and he hearkened unto king Assa, and sent the captains of put away the abominable idols out of all the land of the armies that he had against the cities of Israel, and Judah and Benjamin, and out of the cities which he they smote 'lyon, and Dan, and Abel-mayim, and all had captured from the mountain of Ephraim; and he the treasure-cities of Naphtali. 5 And it came to pass. renewed the altar of the Lord, that was before the when Ba'sha heard this, that he left off the building of porch of the Lord. 9 And he assembled all Judah and Ramah, and stopped his work. 6 And king Assa took Benjamin, and those that sojourned with them out then all Judah; and they carried away the stones of of Ephraim and Menasseh, and out of Simeon; for Ramah, and its timber, wherewith Ba'sha had built; they had joined him out of Israel in abundance, when and he built therewith Geba' and Mizpah. 7 And at they saw that the Lord his God was with him. 10 that time came Chanani the seer to Assa the king of And so they assembled themselves at Jerusalem in Judah, and said unto him, Because thou hast relied the third month, in the fifteenth year of the reign of on the king of Syria, and hast not relied on the Lord Assa. 11 And they sacrificed unto the Lord on the thy God: therefore is the army of the king of Syria same day, of the booty which they had brought, seven escaped out of thy hands. 8 Were not the Ethiopians hundred oxen and seven thousand sheep. 12 And and the Lubim a numerous army, with chariots and they entered into the covenant to seek the Lord the horsemen in great abundance? yet, because thou God of their fathers with all their heart and with all didst rely on the Lord, he gave them up into thy hand. their soul: 13 So that whosoever would not seek the 9 For as regardeth the Lord, his eyes roam throughout Lord the God of Israel should be put to death, from the whole earth, to hold strongly with those whose the small even up to the great, whether it be man or heart is entire toward him: thou hast done foolishly for woman. 14 And they swore unto the Lord with a loud this reason; because from this time forth there will voice, and with [joyful] shouting, and with trumpets, be wars with thee. 10 Then became Assa incensed and with cornets. 15 And all Judah rejoiced because toward the seer, and put him in a prison-house; for he of the oath; for with all their heart had they sworn, was in a rage with him because of this. And Assa and with their whole desire did they seek him, and he oppressed some of the people at the same time. 11 let himself be found by them: and the Lord gave them And, behold, the acts of Assa, the first and the last, rest on every side. 16 And also concerning Ma'achah lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Judah the mother of king Assa, he removed her from being and Israel, 12 And Assa became sick in the thirtyqueen, because she had made a scandalous image and-ninth year of his reign in his feet, his disease for the grove; and Assa cut down her scandalous being exceedingly severe: yet even in his disease he image, and had it ground up, and burnt it by the brook sought not to the Lord, but [applied] to the physicians. Kidron. 17 But the high-places were not removed out 13 And Assa slept with his fathers, and died in the of Israel; nevertheless the heart of Assa was entire one-and-fortieth year of his reign. 14 And they buried all his days. 18 And be brought the things which his him in his own sepulchres, which he had dug for father had sanctified, and his own sanctified things, himself in the city of David, and they laid him in the into the house of God, —silver, and gold, and vessels. couch which was filled with sweet odors and divers 19 And there was no war until the five-and-thirtieth kinds of spices mixed by the apothecary's art; and they made for him a burning uncommonly great.

16 In the six-and-thirtieth year of the reign of Assa, 17 And Jehoshaphat his son became king in his stead, and strengthened himself against Israel. and built Kamah, in order not to suffer any one to go 2 And he placed forces in all the fortified cities of out or come in to Assa the king of Judah. 2 Then did Judah, and placed garrisons in the land of Judah, Assa bring out silver and gold out of the treasuries and in the cities of Ephraim, which Assa his father of the house of the Lord and of the king's house, had captured. 3 And the Lord was with Jehoshaphat; and sent [them] to Ben-hadad the king of Syria, who because he walked in the first ways of David his dwelt at Damascus, saying, 3 A covenant is between father, and sought not after the Be'alim; 4 On the me and thee, as between my father and thy father: contrary, after the God of his father did he seek, and behold, I have sent unto thee silver and gold; go, in his commandments did he walk, but not after the break thy covenant with Ba'sha the king of Israel, doings of Israel. 5 Therefore did the Lord establish that he may withdraw from me. 4 And Ben-hadad the kingdom in his hand; and all Judah gave presents to Jehoshaphat; and he had riches and honor in against Ramoth-gil'ad! And he said to him, I [will be] abundance. 6 And his heart raised itself up in the like thee, and my people [shall be] as thy people; and ways of the Lord, and he removed moreover the we will be with thee in the battle. 4 And Jehoshaphat high-places and groves out of Judah. 7 And in the said unto the king of Israel, Inquire, I pray thee, today third year of his reign he sent his princes, even Ben- [first] of the word of the Lord. 5 Then did the king chavil, and 'Obadiah, and Zechariah, and Nethanel, of Israel assemble the prophets, four hundred men, and Michayahu, to teach in the cities of Judah. 8 and said unto them, Shall we go to Ramoth-gil'ad to And with them were the Levites, Shema'vahu, and battle, or shall I forbear? And they said, Go up, and Nethanyahu, and Zebadyahu, and 'Assahel, and God will deliver [it] into the hand of the king. 6 And Shemiramoth, and Jehonathan, and Adoniyahu, and Jehoshaphat said, Is there not here a prophet of the Tobiyahu, and Tobadoniyah, the Levites; and with Eternal besides, that we might inquire of him? 7 And them Elishama' and Jehoram, the priests. 9 And they the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, There is taught in Judah, and with them was the book of the yet one man, by whom we may inquire of the Lord; law of the Lord, and they moved about through all the but I hate him; for he never prophesieth any good cities of Judah, and taught the people. 10 And the concerning me, but at all times evil; it is Michayhu the dread of the Lord was upon all the kingdoms of the son of Yimla. And Jehoshaphat said, Let not the kingdoms lands that were round about Judah, so that they made say so. 8 Then called the king of Israel a certain courtno war with Jehoshaphat. 11 Also from the Philistines officer, and said. "Hasten hither Michayhu the son did people bring unto Jehoshaphat presents and of Yimla." 9 And the king of Israel and Jehoshaphat silver, as tribute: also the Arabians brought him small the king of Judah were sitting each on his throne, cattle, rams seven thousand and seven hundred, and dressed in their royal garments, and they were sitting he-goats seven thousand and seven hundred. 12 And in a threshing-floor at the entrance of the gate of Jehoshaphat went on becoming exceedingly great. Samaria: and all the prophets prophesied before and he built in Judah castles and treasure-cities. 13 them. 10 And Zedekiah the son of Kena'anah had And he had great works in the cities of Judah, and made himself horns of iron; and he said, Thus hath men of war, mighty in valor, in Jerusalem. 14 And said the Lord. With these shalt thou push the Syrians these are their numbers according to their family until thou have made an end of them. 11 And all divisions: Of Judah, of the captains of the thousands the prophets prophesied so, saving. Go up against was 'Adnah the chief, and with him were mighty men Ramoth-qil'ad, and prosper, and the Lord will deliver of valor, three hundred thousand. 15 And next to him it into the king's hand. 12 And the messenger that was Jehochanan the chief, and with him were two went to call Michayhu spoke to him, saying, Behold, hundred and eighty thousand. 16 And next to him was the words of the prophets are with one voice good 'Amassyah the son of Zichri, who voluntarily offered for the king; so do let thy word. I pray thee, be like himself unto the Lord; and with him were two hundred [that of] any one of them, and speak something good. thousand mighty men of valor. 17 And of Benjamin, 13 And Michayhu said, As the Lord liveth, truly what the mighty valiant Elyada', and with him were those my God may say, that will I speak. 14 And when armed with bow and shield two hundred thousand. 18 he was come to the king, the king said unto him, And next him was Jehozabad, and with him were Michah, shall we go to Ramoth-gil'ad to battle, or one hundred and eighty thousand ready armed for shall I forbear? And he said. Go ve up, and prosper. the host. 19 These were those that ministered to the and may they be delivered into your hand. 15 And king, besides those whom the king had placed in the the king said to him, How many times yet must I fortified cities throughout all Judah.

18 And Jehoshaphat had riches and honor in abundance, and he intermarried with Achab. 2 And he went down after [some] vears to Achab to Samaria. And Achab killed for him sheep and oxen in abundance, and for the people that were with him, and persuaded him to go up to Ramothgil'ad. 3 Then said Achab the king of Israel unto Jehoshaphat the king of Judah, Wilt thou go with me

adjure thee that thou shalt not speak to me any thing but the truth in the name of the Lord? 16 Then said he, I saw all Israel scattered over the mountains, as flocks that have not a shepherd: and the Lord 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 say unto thee that he would not prophesy concerning me any good, but [only] for evil? 18 And he said. Therefore hear ve the word of the Lord: I saw the Lord sitting on his throne,

his left. 19 And the Lord said, Who will persuade the sun's going down. Achab the king of Israel, that he may go up and fall at Ramoth-gil'ad? And one said—one saving after this manner, and another saying after that manner. 20 Then came there forth a spirit, and placed himself before the Lord, and said, I will persuade him. And the Lord said unto him, Wherewith? 21 And he said, I will go forth, and I will become a lying spirit in the mouth of all his prophets. And he said, Thou wilt persuade him, and also prevail: go forth, and do so. 22 And now, behold, the Lord hath put a lying spirit in the mouth of these thy prophets: but the Lord hath spoken evil concerning thee. 23 And Zedekiah the son of Kena'anah went near, and struck Michayhu on the cheek, and said, Which is the way the Spirit of the Lord passed away from me to speak with thee? 24 And Michavhu said. Behold, thou shalt see it on that day when thou shalt go into the innermost chamber to hide thyself. 25 And the king of Israel said, Take ye Michayhu, and carry him back unto Amon the governor of the city, and to Joash the king's son; 26 And say ye, Thus hath said the king, Put this man in the prison, and feed him with sparing bread and with sparing water, until I return in peace. 27 And Michayhu said, If thou return at all in peace, then hath the Lord not spoken through me. And he said, Hear it. O all ve nations! 28 And the king of Israel went up with Jehoshaphat the king of Judah to Ramoth-gil'ad. 29 And the king of Israel said unto Jehoshaphat, I will disguise myself, and enter into the battle; but do thou put on thy royal garments. And the king of Israel disguised himself, and they went into the battle. 30 And the king of Syria had commanded the captains of the chariots that he had, saying, Fight ye not with the small or with the great, save only with the king of Israel alone. 31 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots saw Jehoshaphat, that they said. This is the king of Israel. And they encompassed him to fight; and Jehoshaphat cried out, and the Lord helped him; and God induced them to go away from him. 32 And it came to pass, when the captains of the chariots perceived that it was not the king of Israel, that they turned back from following him. 33 But a certain man drew his bow at a venture, and struck the king of Israel between the joints and the armor: with them some of the 'Ammonim, came against wherefore he said to the chariot-driver, Turn about, and carry me out of the camp; for I am wounded. 34 and told unto Jehoshaphat, saying, There is coming And the battle increased on that day: and the king of against thee a great multitude from beyond the sea,

and all the host of heaven standing on his right and Syrians until the evening, and he died at the time of

9 And Jehoshaphat the king of Judah returned to his house in peace, to Jerusalem. 2 And there came out to meet him Jehu the son of Chanani the seer, and said to king Jehoshaphat, Shouldst thou help the wicked, and love those that hate the Lord? and because of this there is wrath over thee from before the Lord. 3 Nevertheless there are good things found on thee; because thou hast removed the Asheroth out of the land, and hast directed thy heart firmly to seek God. 4 And Jehoshaphat remained at Jerusalem; but he went out again through the people from Beer-sheba' as far as the mountain of Ephraim, and caused them to return unto the Lord the God of their fathers. 5 And he appointed judges in the land in all the fortified cities of Judah, in city by city. 6 And he said to the judges, Look [well] at what ye are doing; because not for man are ye to judge, but for the Lord, who is with you in pronouncing judgment. 7 And now let the dread of the Lord be upon you: take heed and act; for with the Lord our God there is no injustice, nor respect for persons, nor taking of bribes. 8 But also in Jerusalem did Jehoshaphat appoint some of the Levites, and the priests, and of the chiefs of the family divisions of Israel, for the [giving of] the judgment of the Lord, and for controversies, when they returned to Jerusalem. 9 And he charged on them, saying. Thus shall ye do in the fear of the Lord, in faithfulness, and with an undivided heart. 10 And whatsoever controversy may come to you from your brethren that dwell in their cities, between blood and blood, between law and commandment, statutes and ordinances, ye shall truly warn them that they incur not guilt against the Lord, and so there come wrath over you, and over your brethren: so must ye do, and ye will not incur guilt. 11 And, behold, Amaryahu the chief priest is over you for every matter of the Lord; and Zebadyahu the son of Yishma'el, the ruler for the house of Judah, for every matter of the king; and the Levites are officers before you. Be strong and act. and may the Lord be with the good.

20 And it came to pass after this, that the children of Moab, and the children of 'Ammon, and Jehoshaphat to battle. 2 And there came some Israel stayed [himself] up in the chariot against the from Syria; and, behold, they are in Chazazon-thamar, which is 'En-gedi. 3 Then became Jehoshaphat afraid. and he directed his face to seek the Lord; and he to the ground: and all Judah and the inhabitants of proclaimed a fast over all Judah. 4 And [the people Jerusalem fell down before the Lord, to prostrate of] Judah gathered themselves together, to ask [help] themselves unto the Lord. 19 And then arose the of the Lord; also out of all the cities of Judah did they Levites, of the children of the Kehathites, and of come to seek the Lord. 5 And Jehoshaphat stood the children of the Korehites, to praise the Lord the forward in the assembly of Judah and Jerusalem, in God of Israel with a very loud voice. 20 And they the house of the Lord, before the new court. 6 And rose up early in the morning, and went forth into he said. O Lord, the God of our fathers, thou art God the wilderness of Thekoa': and as they went forth. in the heavens, and thou rulest over all the kingdoms. Jehoshaphat stood forward and said, Hear me, O of the nations; and in thy hand are the power and Judah, and ye inhabitants of Jerusalem; believe in might, and there is none that can withstand thee. 7 the Lord your God, and ye will have permanence; Behold, it is thou, O our God, who hast driven out the believe his prophets, and ye will prosper. 21 And he inhabitants of this land from before thy people Israel; consulted with his people, and he appointed singers and thou gayest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend unto the Lord, and those that should praise in the to eternity. 8 And they have dwelt therein, and have holy ornaments, as they went out before the armed built for thee therein a sanctuary for thy name, saying, array, and said, Give thanks unto the Lord; for unto 9 If there should come over us any evil, the sword, everlasting endureth his kindness. 22 And at the time punishment, or pestilence, or famine. [then] will we when they began with the song and the praise, the stand before this house, and in thy presence, for thy Lord set an ambush against the children of 'Ammon, name is in this house, and we will cry unto thee out of Moab, and mount Se'ir, who were come against our distress, and thou wilt hear and help. 10 And now, Judah, and they were smitten. 23 And the children of behold, the children of 'Ammon and Moab and mount 'Ammon and Moab stood up against the inhabitants of Se'ir, against whom thou wouldst not suffer Israel to mount Se'ir, utterly to annihilate and to destroy them: come, when they came out of the land of Egypt, but and when they had made an end of the inhabitants of they turned aside from them, and destroyed them not: Se'ir, they helped to destroy one another. 24 And when 11 And behold, they recompense us, by coming Judah came toward the watchtower in the wilderness. to drive us out of thy inheritance, which thou hast they looked toward the multitude, and, behold, they given us to possess. 12 O our God, wilt thou not were dead bodies fallen to the earth, and none had execute justice on them? for there is no power in us escaped. 25 And then came Jehoshaphat and his against this great multitude that is coming against people to plunder their booty, and they found among us; and we indeed know not what we are to do: but them in abundance both riches and dead bodies, and upon thee are our eyes [directed]. 13 And all Judah costly vessels, which they stript off for themselves, were standing before the Lord, also their little ones, more than they could carry away: and they were three their wives, and their sons. 14 And upon Jachaziel days in plundering the booty, for it was so much. 26 the son of Zecharyahu, the son of Benayah, the And on the fourth day they assembled themselves in son of Je'iel, the son of Matthanyah, the Levite, of the valley of Berachah; for there they blessed the the sons of Assaph, came the spirit of the Lord in Lord: therefore did they call the name of this place, the midst of the assembly: 15 And he said. Listen The valley of Berachah [[Blessing]], until this day, 27 ve. all Judah, and ve inhabitants of Jerusalem, and Then returned all the men of Judah and Jerusalem. thou king Jehoshaphat, Thus hath said the Lord unto and Jehoshaphat at their head, to return to Jerusalem you, Be ye not afraid and be not dismayed because with joy; for the Lord had caused them to rejoice over of this great multitude; for not unto you belongeth their enemies. 28 And they came to Jerusalem with the battle, but unto God. 16 Tomorrow go ye down psalteries and with harps and with trumpets unto the against them behold, they come up by the ascent of house of the Lord. 29 And a dread from God was Ziz; and ye will find them at the end of the valley, on all the kingdoms of [those] countries, when they in front of the wilderness of Jeruel. 17 Ye shall not heard that the Lord had fought with the enemies of need to fight in this place: stand firmly, stand still, and Israel. 30 So the kingdom of Jehoshaphat had repose, see the salvation of the Lord with you. O Judah and and his God gave him rest all round about. 31 And Jerusalem: fear not, and be not dismayed; tomorrow [so] did Jehoshaphat reign over Judah; thirty and five go out to meet them, and the Lord will be with you. years old was he when he became king, and twenty

18 And Jehoshaphat bowed his head with his face and five years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his

able to go to Tharshish.

21 And Jehoshaphat slept with his fathers, and was buried with his fathers in the city of David. And Jehoram his son became king in his stead. 2 And he had brothers the sons of Jehoshaphat: 'Azaryah, and Jechiel, and Zecharyahu, and 'Azaryahu, and Michael, and Shephatyahu, all these being sons of Jehoshaphat the king of Israel. 3 And their father gave them many gifts [consisting] 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 first-born. 4 Now when Jehoram was risen up over the kingdom of his father, and had strengthened himself, he slew all his brothers with the sword, and also some of the princes of Israel. 5 Thirty and two years was Jehoram old when he became king, and eight years did he reign in Jerusalem. 6 And he walked in the way of the kings of Israel, as had done the house of Achab; for the daughter of Achab had he for wife: and he did what is evil in the the house of David, on account of the covenant which revolted from under the power of Judah even until his counsellor to act wickedly. 4 And he did what is

mother's name was 'Azubah the daughter of Shilchi. this day: then did Libnah revolt at the same time 32 And he walked in the way of his father Assa, and from under his power; because he had forsaken the turned not aside from it, doing what is right in the Lord the God of his fathers. 11 He also made higheves of the Lord. 33 Nevertheless the high-places places in the mountains of Judah, and caused the were not removed; for the people had not yet directed inhabitants of Jerusalem to go astray, and misled their heart firmly unto the God of their fathers. 34 Judah. 12 And there came unto him a writing from And the rest of the acts of Jehoshaphat, the first Elijah the prophet, saying, Thus hath said the Lord and the last, behold, they are written in the history the God of David thy father, Inasmuch as thou hast of Jehu the son of Chanani, which was entered into not walked in the ways of Jehoshaphat thy father, the book of the kings of Israel. 35 And after this did and in the ways of Assa the king of Judah, 13 But Jehoshaphat the king of Judah connect himself with hast walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and Achazyah the king of Israel, the same who acted very hast caused Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem wickedly; 36 And he connected himself with him to to go astray, as the house of Achab hath caused make ships to go to Tharshish: and they made ships [others] to go astray, and hast also slain thy brothers in 'Ezyon-geber. 37 Then prophesied Eli'ezer the of thy father's house, who were better than thyself: son of Dodavahu of Mareshah against Jehoshaphat, 14 Behold, the Lord will inflict a great plague on thy saying, Because thou hast connected thyself with people, and on thy children, and on thy wives, and on Achazyahu, the Lord hath broken down thy works, all thy possessions: 15 And thou shalt be [afflicted] And the ships were wrecked, so that they were not with great diseases by a disease of thy bowels, until thy bowels pass out [from thee] by reason of the disease days upon days. 16 And the Lord stirred up against Jehoram the spirit of the Philistines, and of the Arabians, that are alongside of the Cushim: 17 And they went up against Judah, and made an incursion into it, and carried away all the substance that was found in the king's house, and also his sons, and his wives; and there was not left unto him any son, save Jehoachaz, the youngest of his sons. 18 And after all this did the Lord afflict him in his bowels with a disease which was incurable. 19 And it came to pass, from days to days, and when the [fixed] time was expired, after two years, that his bowels passed out [from him] by reason of his disease: so he died of evil diseases. And his people made no burning for him, like the burning for his fathers. 20 Thirty and two years old was he when he became king, and eight years did he reign in Jerusalem, and departed without joy: and they buried him in the city of David, but not in the sepulchres of the kings.

eyes of the Lord. 7 Yet would the Lord not destroy 22 And the inhabitants of Jerusalem made Achazyahu his youngest son king in his stead; he had made with David, and as he had said to give for the predatory band that was come with the to him a government and to his sons at all times. 8 Arabians to the camp had slain all the eldest. So In his days Edom revolted from under the power of became Achazyahu, the son of Jehoram the king of Judah, and they appointed a king over themselves. Judah, king. 2 Forty and two years old was Achazyahu 9 Then did Jehoram go over with his princes, and when he became king, and one year did he reign in all the chariots were with him; and he rose up by Jerusalem: and his mother's name was Athalyahu night, and smote the Edomites who compassed him the [grand-]daughter of 'Omri. 3 Also he walked in about, and the captains of the chariots. 10 Yet Edom the ways of the house of Achab; for his mother was for these were his counsellors after the death of his hath spoken concerning the sons of David. 4 This father to his destruction. 5 He walked also after their is the thing that ye shall do, A third part of you that counsel, and went with Jehoram the son of Achab enter in on the sabbath, of the priests and of the the king of Israel to war against Chazael the king Levites, shall be gatekeepers at the thresholds; 5 of Syria at Ramoth-gil'ad: and the Syrians smote And a third part shall be at the king's house; and a Joram. 6 And he returned to be healed in Yizre'el third part at the foundation-gate; and all the people because of the wounds which had been given him shall be in the courts of the house of the Lord. 6 But at Ramah, when he fought with Chazael the king of let none come into the house of the Lord, save the Syria. And 'Azaryahu the son of Jehoram the king of priests, and they that minister of the Levites: they Judah went down to see Jehoram the son of Achab shall enter, for they are holy; but all the people shall at Yizre'el, because he was sick. 7 But from God was keep the charge of the Lord. 7 And the Levites shall the confusion of Achazvahu that he should come to encompass the king round about, every man with his Joram: and when he was come, he went out with weapons in his hand; and he who cometh into the Jehoram against Jehu the son of Nimshi, whom the house shall be put to death; and be ve with the king Lord had anointed to cut off the house of Achab. 8 And when he cometh in, and when he goeth out. 8 And it came to pass, when Jehu was executing judgment the Levites and all Judah did in accordance with all on the house of Achab, that he found the princes of that Yehovada' the priest had commanded, and they Judah, and the sons of the brothers of Achazyahu, took every man his men that came in on the sabbath, that ministered to Achazyahu, and he slew them. 9 with those that were to be relieved on the sabbath; for And he sought Achazyahu, and they caught him while Yehoyada' the priest had not dismissed the divisions. he was hiding himself in Samaria, and they brought 9 And Yehoyada' the priest gave to the captains of him to Jehu, and they slew him, and buried him; the hundreds the spears, and the shields, and the because they said, He is son of Jehoshaphat, who guivers, that belonged to king David, which were in sought the Lord with all his heart. And there was none the house of God. 10 And he placed all the people, of the house of Achazyahu who had sufficient power every man having his weapon in his hand, from the [to obtain] the kingdom. 10 And when 'Athalyahu the right side of the house to the left side of the house, mother of Achazvahu saw that her son was dead, along by the altar and the temple, all round about the she arose and exterminated all the royal seed of the king, 11 Then did they bring forth the king's son, and house of Judah. 11 But Yehoshab'ath, the daughter put upon him the crown, and [gave him] the testimony, of the king, took Joash the son of Achazyahu, and and they made him king. And Yehoyada' and his stole him away from the midst of the king's sons sons anointed him, and said, Long live the king. 12 that were slain, and put him and his nurse into the And when 'Athalyah heard the noise of the people bed-chamber. So did Yehoshab'ath, the daughter of running and praising the king, she came to the people king Jehoram, the wife of Yehoyada' the priest, --for into the house of the Lord. 13 And she looked, and she was the sister of Achazyahu, —hide him from behold, the king stood upon his stand at the entrance, 'Athalvahu. so that she slew him not. 12 And he was and the princes and the trumpets were around the with them in the house of God hidden six years, while king; and all the people of the land rejoiced, and blew 'Athalvah was reigning over the land.

23 And in the seventh year Yehoyada' strengthened himself, and took the captains of the hundreds, 'Azarvah the son of Jerocham and Yishma'el the son of Jehochanan, and 'Azaryahu the son of 'Obed, and Ma'asseyahu the son of 'Adayahu, and Elishaphat the son of Zichri, with him into a covenant. 2 And they moved about in Judah, and gathered the Levites together out of all the cities of Judah, and the heads of the families of Israel: and they came to Jerusalem. 3 And all the congregation made a covenant in the house of God with the king. And he said unto them,

evil in the eyes of the Lord like the house of Achab; Behold, the king's son shall be king, as the Lord on trumpets: also the singers [were there] leading with instruments of music in the songs of praise; and 'Athalyah rent her clothes, and said, "Treason, treason." 14 But Yehoyada' the priest ordered the captains of the hundreds, the commanders of the army, to go out, and said unto them, Lead her forth to within the ranges; and he that followeth her shall be put to death with the sword. For the priest had said. Ye shall not put her to death in the house of the Lord. 15 And they made way for her; and she went to the entrance of the horse-gate by the king's house. and they put her to death there. 16 And Yehovada' made a covenant between him, and between all the

people, and between the king, that they should be rejoiced, and they brought it in, and cast it into the but 'Athalyahu they had slain with the sword.

**24** Seven years old was Joash when he became king, and forty years did he reign in Jerusalem: and the name of his mother was Zibyah of Beersheba'. 2 And Joash did what is right in the eyes of the Lord, all the days of Yehovada' the priest, 3 And Yehoyada' took for himself two wives, and he begat sons and daughters. 4 And it came to pass after this, that Yoash had it in his mind to renew the house of the Lord. 5 And he gathered together the priests and the Levites, and said to them, Go out unto the cities of Judah, and gather from all Israel money to repair the house of your God from year to year, and ye shall make haste in this matter. But the Levites made no haste. 6 Then called the king for Yehoyada' the chief, and said unto him, Why hast thou not required from the Levites to bring in out of Judah and out of Jerusalem the contribution [fixed by] Moses the servant of the Lord, and of the congregation of Israel. for the tabernacle of the testimony? 7 For the sons of the wicked 'Athalyahu have made breaches [in] the house of God; and also the holy things of the house of the Lord have they applied to the Be'alim. 8 And at the king's order they made a chest, and placed it at the gate of the house of the Lord on the outside. 9 And they made a proclamation through Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in to the Lord the contribution [fixed by] Moses the servant of God upon Israel in the wilderness. 10 And all the princes and all the people

a people unto the Lord. 17 And then came all the chest, until it was full. 11 Now it came to pass, that people into the house of Ba'al, and pulled it down, and at what time the chest was brought unto the king's his altars and his images did they break in pieces. office by the hand of the Levites, and when they saw and Mathhan the priest of Ba'al they slew before the that there was much money, then came the king's altars. 18 And Yehoyada' placed the supervision over scribe and the high-priest's officer and emptied the the house of the Lord into the hand of the priests, chest, and took it up, and brought it back to its place. the Levites, whom David had divided off over the Thus did they day by day, and gathered money in house of the Lord, to offer the burnt-offerings of the abundance. 12 And the king and Yehoyada' gave it to Lord, as it is written in the law of Moses, with rejoicing those who overlooked the service of the house of and with singing, after the manner of David. 19 And the Lord, and these hired masons and carpenters to he appointed the gatekeepers over the gates of the renew the house of the Lord, and also to the workers house of the Lord, that none unclean in any thing in iron and copper to repair the house of the Lord. 13 should enter therein. 20 And he took the captains So the workmen wrought, and the work was restored of the hundreds, and the nobles, and the governors through their means, and they replaced the house over the people, and all the people of the land, and of God in its [former] state, and strengthened it. 14 he brought down the king from the house of the Lord, And when they had completed it, they brought before and they came through the midst of the upper gate the king and Yehovada' the rest of the money, and into the king's house; and they caused the king to they made of it vessels for the house of the Lord, sit upon the throne of the kingdom. 21 And all the the vessels of the service and for the sacrificing, and people of the land rejoiced, and the city was quiet; the spoons, and [other] vessels of gold and silver. And they offered burnt-offerings in the house of the Lord continually all the days of Yehoyada'. 15 And Yehoyada' became old, and was full of days, and died: he was old one hundred and thirty years when he died. 16 And they buried him in the city of David among the kings; because he had done a good thing in Israel, and toward God, and his house. 17 But after the death of Yehoyada' came the princes of Judah, and bowed themselves down to the king. Then did the king hearken unto them. 18 And they forsook the house of the Lord the God of their fathers, and served the Asherim and the idols: and there came wrath over Judah and Jerusalem for this their guiltiness. 19 And he sent prophets among them, to bring them back again unto the Lord; and they gave them warning; but they did not give ear. 20 And the spirit of God endued Zechariah the son of Yehoyada' the priest, and he stood up above the people, and he said unto them. Thus hath said the [true] God, Why transgress ye the commandments of the Lord? ye cannot prosper so; because [as] ye have forsaken the Lord, he hath also forsaken you. 21 And they conspired against him, and stoned him with stones at the command of the king in the court of the house of the Lord. 22 And king Joash did not remember the kindness which Yehoyada' his father had shown to him, but slew his son. And when he died, he said, The Lord will see [this], and require [my blood]. 23 And it came to pass at the expiration of the year, that the army of Syria came up against him: and they came to Judah

and Jerusalem, and destroyed all the princes of the But what is it to be done for the hundred talents which Amazyahu his son became king in his stead.

**25** When twenty and five years old did Amazyahu become king, and twenty and nine years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Yeho'addan of Jerusalem. 2 And he did what is right in the eyes of the Lord, yet not with an entire heart. 3 And it came to pass, when the kingdom was firmly established to him, that he slew his servants that had killed the king his father. 4 But their children he put not to death: but [did] as it is written in the law in the book of Moses, that the Lord had commanded, saying. The fathers shall not die for the children, nor shall the children die for the fathers, but every man shall die for his own sin. 5 And Amazyahu gathered Judah together, and stationed them after the family divisions, after the captains over the thousands, and after the captains over the hundreds, of all Judah and Benjamin; and he numbered them from twenty years old and upward, and found them [to be] three hundred thousand chosen men, able to go forth to the army, that could handle spear and shield. 6 He hired also out of Israel one hundred thousand mighty men of valor for one hundred talents of silver. 7 But a man of God came unto him, saying, O king, let not the army of Israel go with thee; for the Lord is not with Israel, [with] all the children of Ephraim. 8 But if thou wilt go, [and be ever so] active [and] strong for the battle: God will cause thee to stumble before the enemy; for there is power with God to help, and to cause to stumble. 9 Then said Amazyahu to the man of God,

people from among the people, and all their spoil I have given to the band of Israel? And the man of they sent off unto the king of Damascus. 24 Indeed God said. The Lord hath [enough in his power] to give with a small company of men did the army of Syria thee much more than this. 10 Then did Amazyahu come; but the Lord delivered into their hand an army separate them. Ito wit, I the band that was come to exceedingly numerous; because they had forsaken him out of Ephraim, that they might go to their place: the Lord the God of their fathers. And on Joash they wherefore their anger was greatly kindled against executed punishment. 25 And when these were gone Judah, and they returned to their home in burning away from him-for they left him [suffering] with great anger. 11 And Amazyahu strengthened himself, and diseases—his own servants conspired against him led forth his people, and went to the Valley of Salt, because of the blood of the sons of Yehoyada' the and smote of the children of Se'ir ten thousand [men]. priest, and slew him on his bed, and he died: and 12 And ten thousand did the children of Judah take they buried him in the city of David, but they buried captive alive, and brought them to the top of the rock, him not in the sepulchres of the kings, 26 And these and cast them down from the top of the rock, so that are those that conspired against him: Zabad the son they all were crushed. 13 But the men of the band of Shim'ath the 'Ammonitess, and Yehozabad the whom Amazyahu had sent back, that they should not son of Shimrith the Moabitess. 27 Now concerning go with him to battle, spread themselves about in his sons, and the great prophecy concerning him, the cities of Judah, from Samaria even unto Bethand the founding of the house of God, behold, they choron, and smote of them three thousand [persons]. are written in the story of the book of the kings. And and plundered much spoil. 14 And it came to pass, after Amazyahu was come home from smiting the Edomites, that he brought the gods of the children of Se'ir, and set them up unto himself as gods, and before them he used to prostrate himself and unto them he used to burn incense. 15 Wherefore the anger of the Lord was kindled against Amazyahu, and he sent unto him a prophet, who said unto him, Why hast thou sought after the gods of the people, that have not delivered their own people out of thy hand? 16 And it came to pass, as he was speaking unto him. that he said unto him, Have we ever appointed thee as a counsellor to the king? forbear this: why shouldst thou be smitten? Then did the prophet forbear; and he said, I know that God hath resolved to destroy thee, because thou hast done this, and hast not hearkened unto my counsel. 17 Then held Amazyahu the king of Judah a council, and sent to Joash, the son of Jehoachaz, the son of Jehu, the king of Israel, saving, Come, let us look one another in the face. 18 And Joash the king of Israel sent to Amazyahu the king of Judah, saying, The thorn-bush that was in the Lebanon sent to the cedar that was in the Lebanon, saying, Give thy daughter to my son for wife. And there passed along the wild beasts that were in the Lebanon, and trod down the thorn-bush. 19 Thou hast thought, Lo, thou hast smitten Edom; and thy heart hath lifted thee up to acquire much glory: now stay in thy house: why wilt thou meddle with misfortune, that thou mayest fall, thou, and Judah with thee? 20 But Amazvahu would not hear: for it was [ordained] by God, in order to deliver them into

the hand [of Joash]; because they had sought after above the corner-gate, and above the valley-gate, his fathers in the city of Judah.

26 And all the people of Judah took 'Uzziyahu, who was then sixteen years old, and made him king instead of his father Amazyahu. 2 He it was that built Eloth, and brought it back to Judah, after the king slept with his fathers. 3 Sixteen years old was 'Uzziyahu when he became king, and fifty and two years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Yecholvah of Jerusalem. 4 And he did what is right in the eves of the Lord, in accordance with all that his father Amazyahu had done. 5 And he was [inclined] to seek God in the days of Zecharyahu, who had understanding in the visions of God; and during the time that he sought the Lord, God caused him to prosper. 6 And he went forth and made war against the Philistines, and he broke 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 Gurba'al, and the Me'unim. 8 And the 'Ammonites gave presents to 'Uzziyahu: and his name extended even to the entrance of Egypt; for he became exceedingly strong. 9 And 'Uzziyahu built towers in Jerusalem,

the gods of Edom. 21 Thereupon did Joash the king and at the angle, and made them strong. 10 He built of Israel go up: and they looked one another in the also towers in the desert, and hewed out many wells; face, he and Amazyahu the king of Judah, at Beth- for he had much cattle, both in the lowlands and in shemesh, which belongeth to Judah. 22 And Judah the plain; [also] husbandmen, and vintners in the was defeated before Israel, and they fled every man mountains, and in Carmel; for he loved husbandry. to his tents. 23 And Joash the king of Israel caught 11 Moreover 'Uzziyah had an army of fighting men, Amazyahu the king of Judah, the son of Joash, the that went out to the host by bands, according to the son of Jehoachaz, at Beth-shemesh; and he brought number of those mustered of them through the hand him to Jerusalem, and made a breach in the wall of of Je'iel the scribe and Ma'asseyahu the overseer, Jerusalem, from the gate of Ephraim unto the corner- under the supervision of Chananyahu, one of the gate, four hundred cubits. 24 And [taking] all the gold king's captains. 12 The whole number of the chiefs of and the silver, and all the vessels that were found in the family divisions of the mighty men of valor was the house of God with 'Obed-edom, and the treasures two thousand and six hundred. 13 And under their of the king's house, and the children of the chiefs as supervision was an efficient army, [of] three hundred hostages, he returned to Samaria. 25 And Amazyahu thousand and seven thousand and five hundred, that the son of Joash the king of Judah lived after the made war with mighty power, to help the king against death of Joash the son of Jehoachaz the king of the enemy, 14 And 'Uzziyahu prepared for them, for all Israel fifteen years. 26 And the rest of the acts of the host, shields, and spears, and helmets, and coats Amazyahu the first and the last, behold, they are fully of mail, and bows, and stones for slinging. 15 And he written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel. made in Jerusalem artificial contrivances, contrived by 27 Now from the time that Amazyahu departed from a skilful man, to be [stationed] on the towers and upon following the Lord, they raised a conspiracy against the ramparts, to shoot off arrows and great stones. him in Jerusalem: wherefore he fled to Lachish; but And his name extended ever so far abroad; for he they sent after him to Lachish, and slew him there. 28 was marvelously assisted, till he became strong. 16 And they carried him on horses, and buried him with But when he was strong, his heart was lifted up to his destruction; and he became unfaithful against the Lord his God, and went into the temple of the Lord to burn incense upon the altar of incense. 17 And there went in after him 'Azaryahu the priest, and with him were priests of the Lord, valiant men, [to the number of eighty; 18 And they stood forward against king 'Uzzivahu, and they said unto him, It is not for thee, O 'Uzzivahu, to burn incense unto the Lord, but for the priests the sons of Aaron, who are consecrated to burn incense: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; and it will not be for thy honor from the Lord God. 19 But 'Uzzivahu became wroth, and in his hand was a censer to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even broke out on his forehead before the priests in the house of the Lord, above the altar of the incense. 20 And when 'Azarvahu the chief priest, with all the priests, turned about toward him, behold, he was leprous on his forehead, and they hurried him away from there: yea, he also made haste to go out, because the Lord had afflicted him. 21 And king 'Uzziyahu was a leper until the day of his death, and dwelt in the leper-house. as a leper: for he was excluded from the house of the Lord: and Jotham his son was over the king's house, [and] judged the people of the land. 22 And the rest of the acts of 'Uzziyahu, the first and the last, hundred and twenty thousand in one day, all being did Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amos write. 23 And valiant men; because they had forsaken the Lord, 'Uzziyahu slept with his fathers, and they buried him with his fathers in the burial-field which belonged to the kings; for they said, He is a leper: and Jotham his 'Azrikam the governor of the house, and Elkanah son became king in his stead.

**27** Twenty and five years old was Jotham when he became king, and sixteen years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Yerushah. the daughter of Zadok. 2 And he did what is right in the eyes of the Lord, in accordance with all that his father 'Uzziyahu had done: only he entered not into the temple of the Lord. But the people acted still corruptly. 3 He it was that built the upper gate of the house of the Lord, and on the wall of the hillfort he built much. 4 Moreover he built cities in the mountain of Judah, and in the forests he built castles and towers. 5 And he likewise fought with the king of the sons of 'Ammon, and prevailed against them, And the children of 'Ammon gave him in that same year one hundred talents of silver, and ten thousand kors of wheat, and ten thousand of barley. So much did the children of 'Ammon pay unto him again, both in the second year, and in the third. 6 So Jotham became strong; because he directed his ways before the Lord his God. 7 And the rest of the acts of Jotham, and all his wars, and his ways, lo, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. 8 Five and twenty vears old was he when he became king, and sixteen vears did he reign in Jerusalem. 9 And Jotham slept with his fathers, and they buried him in the city of David: and Achaz his son became king in his stead.

**28** Twenty years old was Achaz when he became king, and sixteen years did he reign in Jerusalem; and he did not what is right in the eyes of the Lord. like David his father: 2 But he walked in the ways of the kings of Israel, and made also molten images for the Be'alim. 3 And he also burnt incense in the valley of the son of Hinnom, and burnt his sons in the fire, after the abominable acts of the nations that the Lord had driven out from before the children of Israel, 4 And he sacrificed and burnt incense on the high-places, and on the hills, and under every green tree. 5 Wherefore the Lord his God gave him up into the hand of the king of Syria; and they defeated his people, and carried away a great multitude of them captives, and brought them to Damascus, And also into the hand of the king of Israel was he given up. and he defeated his people with a great slaughter. 6 And Pekach the son of Remalyahu slew in Judah one Gimzo with its villages; and they dwelt there. 19

the second in rank to the king. 8 And the children of Israel led away captive from their brethren two hundred thousand, women, sons, and daughters, and also much booty did they plunder from them, and they brought the booty to Samaria. 9 But there was a prophet of the Lord, 'Oded was his name; and he went out to meet the host that was coming to Samaria, and said unto them, Behold, because of the fury of the Lord the God of your fathers against Judah, hath he given them up into your hand, and ve have slain among them in a rage that reacheth as far as the heavens. 10 And now ye think to force the children of Judah and Jerusalem to become bond-men and bond-women unto you: but surely are there not with you, even with you, trespasses against the Lord your God? 11 And now hear me, and restore the captives, whom ye have taken captive from your brethren; for the fierce wrath of the Lord is over you. 12 Then arose certain men of the heads of the children of Ephraim. 'Azaryahu the son of Jehochanan, Berechyahu the son of Meshillemoth, and Jechizkivahu the son of Shallum, and 'Amassa the son of Chadlai, against those that were come from the army. 13 And they said unto them, Ye shall not bring in the captives hither; for in addition to the guiltiness against the Lord [resting] on us, ye think to add unto our sins and unto our guiltiness; for great is the guiltiness [resting] on us, and there is fierce wrath over Israel. 14 So the armed men abandoned the captives and the spoil before the princes and all the assembly. 15 And then arose the men who have been expressed by name, and took hold of the captives, and all that were naked among them they clothed from the booty: and they gave them garments and shoes, 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, near their brethren; and then did they return to Samaria. 16 At that time sent king Achaz unto the kings of Assyria to help him. 17 Moreover the Edomites came again and defeated [the men of] Judah, and carried away captives. 18 And the Philistines invaded the cities of the lowlands, and of the south of Judah, and captured Beth-shemesh, and Avalon, and Gederoth, and Socho with its villages, and Thimnah with its villages, and

For the Lord humbled Judah on account of Achaz they not burnt, and the burnt-offerings have they not Hezekiah his son became king in his stead.

29 Hezekiah became king when five and twenty years old, and twenty and nine years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Abiyah, the daughter of Zecharyahu. 2 And he did what is right in the eyes of the Lord, in accordance with all that David his father had done. 3 He it was that in the first year of his reign, in the first month, opened the doors of the house of the Lord, and repaired them. 4 And he brought in the priests and the Levites, and gathered them together into the open place at the east: 5 And he said unto them. Hear me, ye Levites, sanctify yourselves now, and sanctity the house of the Lord the God of your fathers, and carry forth the unclean thing out of the sanctuary. 6 For our fathers have dealt faithlessly, and have done what is evil in the eyes of the Lord our God, and have forsaken him; and they have turned away their faces from the habitation of the Lord, and turned their backs. 7 They had also locked up the doors of the porch, and put out the lamps, and incense have

the king of Israel; for he made Judah unruly, and offered in the sanctuary, unto the God of Israel. 8 acted very faithlessly against the Lord. 20 Then came Wherefore the wrath of the Lord is upon Judah and against him Tilgath-pilneesser the king of Assyria. Jerusalem, and he hath rendered them to be a horror. and distressed him, but strengthened him not, 21 an astonishment, and a hissing, as ve see with your Although Achaz took away a portion [out] of the house eyes. 9 And, lo, our fathers have fallen by the sword, of the Lord, and [out] of the house of the king, and our sons, and our daughters, and our wives are of the princes, and gave it unto the king of Assyria: in captivity because of this. 10 Now it is in my heart he yet gave him no assistance. 22 And in the time to make a covenant for the Lord the God of Israel, that he distressed him, became he yet more faithless that his fierce wrath may turn away from us. 11 My against the Lord, —yea, he, king Achaz; 23 And he sons, be not negligent now; for of you hath the Lord sacrificed unto the gods of [the people of] Damascus, made choice to stand before him, to minister unto who had smitten him; and he said, Because the gods him, and that ye might be unto him ministers and of the kings of Syria do help them, [therefore] will I those that burn incense. 12 Then arose the Levites, sacrifice unto them, that they may help me. But they Machath the son of 'Amassai, and Joel the son of only became to him a stumbling-block for him and for 'Azaryahu, of the sons of the Kehathites; and of the all Israel. 24 And Achaz gathered up the vessels of sons of Merari, Kish the son of 'Abdi, and 'Azaryahu the house of God, and cut in pieces the vessels of the son of Jehallelel; and of the Gershunites, Joach the house of God, and locked up the doors of the the son of Zimmah, and 'Eden the son of Joach: 13 house of the Lord, and he made for himself altars in And of the sons of Elizaphan, Shimri, and Je'iel; and every corner of Jerusalem. 25 And in each and every of the sons of Assaph, Zecharyahu and Matthanyahu; city of Judah made he high-places to burn incense 14 And of the sons of Heman, Jechiel and Shim'i; and unto other gods; and he provoked to anger the Lord of the sons of Jeduthun, Shema'yah and 'Uzziel; 15 the God of his fathers. 26 And the rest of his acts and And they gathered together their brethren, and they of all his ways, the first and the last, behold, they are sanctified themselves, and came, according to the written in the book of the kings of Judah and Israel, command of the king, by the words of the Lord, to 27 And Achaz slept with his fathers, and they buried cleanse the house of the Lord. 16 And the priests went him in the city, in Jerusalem; for they brought him into the inner part of the house of the Lord, to cleanse not into the sepulchres of the kings of Israel: and it; and they brought out every thing unclean which they found in the temple of the Lord into the court of the house of the Lord; and the Levites received it, to carry it out abroad unto the brook Kidron. 17 And they commenced on the first day of the first month to sanctify; and on the eighth day of the month they came to the porch of the Lord, and they sanctified the house of the Lord in eight days; and on the sixteenth day of the first month they made an end. 18 Then went they in the inner part [of the palace] to king Hezekiah. and said. We have cleansed all the house of the Lord. and the altar of burnt-offering, and all its vessels, and the table of shewbread, and all its vessels. 19 Moreover all the vessels, which king Achaz had cast aside during his reign in his faithlessness, have we put in order and sanctified: and, behold, they are before the altar of the Lord. 20 Then arose king Hezekiah early, and gathered together the princes of the city, and went up to the house of the Lord. 21 And they brought seven bullocks, and seven rams, and seven sheep, and seven he-goats, as a sin-offering for the kingdom, and for the sanctuary, and for Judah. And he ordered the sons of Aaron the priests to offer the bullocks, and the priests received the blood, and for the burnt-offerings. So was [again] established the sprinkled it on the altar; and they slaughtered the service of the house of the Lord. 36 And Hezekiah rams, and they sprinkled the blood upon the altar; rejoiced, with all the people, over that which God had they also slaughtered the sheep, and they sprinkled prepared for the people; because the thing occurred the blood upon the altar. 23 And they brought near suddenly. the he-goats of the sin-offering before the king and the congregation; and they laid their hands upon them: 24 And the priests slaughtered them, and they made an expiation with their blood upon the altar, to make an atonement for all Israel: because for all the people, said the king, should be the burnt-offering and the sin-offering. 25 And he stationed the Levites in the house of the Lord with cymbals, with psalteries. and with harps, according to the command of David. and of Gad the king's seer, and Nathan the prophet: because from the Lord was this commandment by means of his prophets. 26 And the Levites stood with the instruments of David, and the priests with the trumpets. 27 And Hezekiah ordered to offer the burntoffering on the altar. And when the burnt-offering began, the song of the Lord began [also] with the trumpets, and with the instruments of David the king of Israel. 28 And all the assembly prostrated themselves. and the song sounded, and the trumpeters blew: all this [continued] until the burnt-offering was completed. 29 And when they had made an end of offering, the king and all that were present with him kneeled down and prostrated themselves. 30 And king Hezekiah and the princes then said to the Levites to sing praises unto the Lord with the words of David, and of Assaph the seer. And they sang praises with great joy, and they bowed their heads and prostrated themselves. 31 Then commenced Hezekiah, and said, Now have ve consecrated vourselves unto the Lord; come near and bring sacrifices and thanksgiving-offerings unto the house of the Lord. And the assembly brought in sacrifices and thanksgiving-offerings, and every one who was liberal of heart, burnt-offerings. And the number of the burnt-offerings, which the assembly brought, was seventy bullocks, one hundred rams, [and] two hundred sheep: as a burnt-offering unto the Lord were all these. 33 And the hallowed sacrifices were six hundred oxen and three thousand sheep. 34 Only the priests were too few, so that they could not flay all the burnt-offerings: wherefore their brethren the Levites assisted them, till the work was ended, and until the other priests could sanctify themselves, for the Levites were of upright heart to sanctify themselves more than the priests. 35 But there were also burnt-offerings in abundance, with

[them] on the altar of the Lord. 22 So they slaughtered the fat of the peace-offerings, and the drink-offerings

30 Then sent Hezekiah to all Israel and Judah, and he also wrote letters to Ephraim and Manasseh, that they should come to the house of the Lord at Jerusalem, to prepare the passover-sacrifice unto the Lord the God of Israel. 2 And the king held a consultation, as also his princes, and all the assembly in Jerusalem, to prepare the passover-sacrifice in the second month. 3 For they were not able to prepare it at that time; because the priests had not sanctified themselves sufficiently, nor had the people gathered themselves together to Jerusalem. 4 And the thing seemed right in the eyes of the king and in the eyes of all the assembly. 5 So they established a decree to cause a proclamation to be made throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba' even as far as Dan, that they should come to prepare the passover-sacrifice unto thy Lord the God of Israel at Jerusalem; because for a long time past they had not prepared it as it was written. 6 So the runners went with the letters from the hand of the king and his princes throughout all Israel and Judah, and according to the command of the king, saying, O children of Israel, return unto the Lord the God of Abraham, of Isaac, and of Israel, and he will return to the remnant of you, that are escaped out of the power of the kings of Assyria. 7 And be net like your fathers, and like your brethren, who acted faithlessly against the Lord the God of their fathers, wherefore he gave them up to become an [object of] astonishment, as ye see. 8 Now do ye not harden your necks, like your fathers: hold out your hand unto the Lord, and come unto his sanctuary, which he hath sanctified for ever, and serve the Lord your God, and so will he turn away from you the fierceness of his wrath. 9 For If ve return unto the Lord, your brethren and your children will find mercy in the presence of their captors, so that they may return to this land; for the Lord your God is gracious and merciful, and will not turn away his countenance from you, if ve return unto him. 10 And as the runners were passing from city to city through the country of Ephraim and Menasseh and as far as Zebulun, they were laughing them to scorn, and mocking at them. 11 Nevertheless some men of Asher and Menasseh and of Zebulun humbled themselves, and came to

to give unto them one heart to do the command of there was great joy in Jerusalem: for since the time of the king and of the princes, by the word of the Lord. Solomon the son of David the king of Israel had the 13 And there was gathered together at Jerusalem a like not been in Jerusalem. 27 Then arose the priests numerous people to keep the feast of unleavened the Levites and blessed the people; and their voice bread in the second month, a very great assembly. was listened to, and their prayer came to His holy 14 And they arose and removed the altars which were dwelling-place, even unto heaven. in Jerusalem, and all the vessels for burning incense did they take away, and they threw them into the brook Kidron. 15 And they slaughtered the passoversacrifice on the fourteenth day of the second month: and the priests and the Levites were ashamed, and sanctified themselves, and brought burnt-offerings unto the house of the Lord. 16 And they stood on their station after their prescribed manner, according to the law of Moses the man of God, the priest sprinkling the blood, [which they received] out 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 the slaughtering of the passover sacrifices for every one that was not clean, to sanctify [the same] unto the Lord. 18 For a large portion of the people, even many out of Ephraim, and Menasseh, Issachar, and Zebulun, had not cleansed themselves, but ate the passover not as it is written. However Hezekiah prayed for them, saying, The Lord who is good will grant pardon for this. 19 To every one that hath directed his heart to seek God, the Lord the God of his fathers; though he be not [cleansed] according to the purification of the sanctuary. 20 And the Lord hearkened to Hezekiah, and he healed the people. 21 And the children of Israel that were present at Jerusalem celebrated the feast of unleavened bread seven days with great joy; and the Levites and the priests praised the Lord day by day, with loud instruments before the Lord. 22 And Hezekiah spoke comfortingly unto all the Levites that had good intelligence of the Lord: and they ate the festiveofferings during seven days, offering peace-offerings, and making confession to the Lord the God of their fathers. 23 And the whole assembly took counsel to celebrate other seven days: and they celebrated [these] seven days with joy. 24 For Hezekiah king of Judah had provided for the assembly one thousand bullocks and seven thousand sheep; and the princes had provided for the assembly one thousand bullocks and ten thousand sheep: and the priests sanctified themselves in great numbers. 25 And thus rejoiced all the assembly of Judah, and the priests and the Levites, and all the assembly that was come out of Israel, and the strangers that were come out of the

Jerusalem. 12 Also over Judah came the hand of God land of Israel, and those that dwelt in Judah. 26 And

31 And when all this was finished, all Israel that were present went out to the cities of Judah, and broke in pieces the statues, and cut down the groves, and pulled down the high-places and the altars out of all Judah and Benjamin, and in Ephraim and Menasseh, until they had made an end of them all. Then returned all the children of Israel every man to his possession, to their own cities. 2 And Hezekiah stationed the divisions of the priests and the Levites after their divisions, every man according to his service, of the priests and the Levites, for burntofferings and for peace-offerings, to minister, and to give thanks, and to praise in the gates of the camps of the Lord. 3 The king also gave a portion from his own property for the burnt-offerings, [namely, ] for the morning and evening burnt-offerings, and the burntofferings for the sabbaths, and for the new-moons, and for the appointed feasts, as it is written in the law of the Lord. 4 Moreover he said to the people, to those who dwelt in Jerusalem, to give the portion of the priests and the Levites, in order that they might hold firmly to the law of the Lord. 5 And when the matter was spread abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, of the new wine, and of oil, and of honey, and of all the products of the field: and the tithe of all things did they bring [likewise] in abundance. 6 And as for 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 which were hallowed unto the Lord their God, and gave [them] by heaps. 7 In the third month did they begin to lay the foundation of the heaps, and in the seventh month did they finish them. 8 And when Hezekiah and the princes came and saw the heaps, they blessed the Lord, and his people Israel. 9 Then made Hezekiah inquiry of the priests and the Levites concerning the heaps. 10 Then spoke to him 'Azarvahu the chief priest of the house of Zadok, and said, Since it was begun to bring the heave-offerings into the house of the Lord, there hath been enough to eat, and to leave in great abundance; for the Lord hath blessed his people: and that which is left is this great mass. 11 Then ordered Hezekiah to prepare chambers in the house of the Lord: and they prepared without the city: and they helped him. 4 And there them. 12 And they brought in the heave-offerings, and were gathered together a very numerous body of the tithes, and the sanctified things, in faithfulness; people, and they stopped up all the springs, and and over them were appointed the ruler Conanyahu the brook that flowed through the midst of the land. the Levite, and Shim'i his brother the second in saving. Why should the kings of Assyria come, and rank, 13 And Jechiel, and 'Azazyahu, and Nachath, find much water? 5 Also he strengthened himself, and 'Assahel, and Jerimoth, and Jozabad, and Eliel, and built up all the wall where it was broken down, and Yissmachvahu, and Machath, and Benavahu, and heightened the towers, and [built] without another were overseers under the supervision of Conanyahu wall, and fortified the Millo of the city of David, and and Shim'i his brother, by the appointment of king made weapons in abundance and shields. 6 And he Hezekiah, and 'Azazyahu the ruler of the house of appointed war-officers over the people, and gathered God. 14 And Kore the son of Yimnah the Levite, the them together unto him in the open place at the gate gatekeeper at the east side. was over the freewill- of the city, and spoke comfortingly to them, saying, offerings of God, to give [to him] the heave-offerings of 7 Be strong and of good courage, do not fear and the Lord, and the most holy things. 15 And under his be not dismayed because of the king of Assyria. supervision were 'Eden, and Minyamin, and Jeshua', and because of all the multitude that is with him; for and Shema-yahu, Amaryahu, and Shechanyahu, in with us there is One greater than with him: 8 With the cities of the priests, in faithfulness, to give to their him there is an arm of flesh; but with us is the Lord brethren after the divisions, equally to the great as to our God to help us, and to fight our battles. And the the small; 16 Besides [these] to those recorded by people relied upon the words of Hezekiah the king their genealogies of males, from three years old and of Judah. 9 After this did Sennacherib the king of upward, of all that entered into the house of the Lord, Assyria send his servants to Jerusalem, while he was the daily portion on its day, for their service in their himself lying before Lachish, and all [the chief troops charges according to their divisions. 17 And likewise off his dominion with him, against Hezekiah the king of to the priests recorded by their genealogies after their Judah, and against all Judah that were at Jerusalem, family divisions, and the Levites from twenty years, saving, 10 Thus hath said Sennacherib the king of old and upward, in their charges by their divisions; Assyria, On what do ye trust, that ye remain besieged 18 And to those recorded by their genealogies of all in Jerusalem? 11 Doth not Hezekiah mislead you to their little ones, their wives, and their sons, and their give you up to die by famine and by thirst, when he daughters, of all the assembly; for in their faithfulness saith, The Lord our God will deliver us out of the grasp they devoted themselves in the sanctuary. 19 Also of of the king of Assyria? 12 Is it not this Hezekiah that the sons of Aaron the priests, who were in the fields hath removed his high-places and his altars, when of the open districts of their cities, in each and every he said to Judah and to Jerusalem, saying, Before city, there were men, expressed by name, who had to one altar shall ye prostrate yourselves, and upon it give portions to all the males among the priests, and shall ye burn incense? 13 Know ye not what I have to all that were recorded by their genealogies among done, I and my fathers, unto all the people of [other] the Levites. 20 And the like did Hezekiah in all Judah, lands? were the gods of the nations of those lands at and he did what is good and right and true before the all able to deliver their land out of my hand? 14 Who Lord his God. 21 And in every work that he began in among all the gods of those nations that my fathers the service of the house of God, and in the law, and utterly destroyed, was it, that was able to deliver his in the commandments, to seek his God, he acted people out of my hand, that your God should be able with all his heart, and prospered.

**32** After these things and veritable events came Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and invaded Judah, and encamped against the fortified cities, and thought to break them open for himself. 2 And when Hezekiah saw that Sennacherib was coming, and that his face [was directed] for war against Jerusalem, 3 He consulted with his princes and his mighty men to stop up the waters of the springs which were

to deliver you out of my hand? 15 And now let not Hezekiah deceive you, and let him not mislead you in this manner, nor believe him; for no god of any nation or kingdom whatever was able to deliver his people out of my hand, and out of the hand of my fathers: how much less will you Gods, deliver you out of my hand! 16 And vet more did his servants speak against the Lord God, and against his servant Hezekiah. 17 He wrote also letters to blaspheme against the Lord the God of Israel, and to speak against him, saying,

not delivered their people out of my hand, so will the rest of the acts of Hezekiah, and his pious deeds, God of Hezekiah not deliver his people out of my behold, they are written in the vision of Isaiah the son hand. 18 Then did they call out with a loud voice in of Amoz, the prophet, [and] in the book of the kings the Jewish language unto the people of Jerusalem of Judah and Israel. 33 And Hezekiah slept with his that were on the wall, to frighten them, and to terrify fathers, and they buried him in the highest place of them: in order that they might capture the city. 19 And the sepulchres of the sons of David: and all Judah they spoke of the God of Jerusalem, as concerning and the inhabitants of Jerusalem showed him honor the gods of the nations of the earth, the work of the at his death. And Manasseh his son became king in hands of man. 20 And king Hezekiah and Isaiah the his stead. son of Amos the prophet prayed for this cause, and they cried to heaven. 21 And the Lord sent an angel, who cut off every mighty man of valor and leader and captain in the camp of the king of Assyria; and when he was returned with shame of face to his own land. he went into the house of his god, and [those] that were come forth from his own bowels felled him there with the sword. 22 Thus did the Lord save Hezekiah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem out of the hand of Sennacherib the king of Assyria, and out of the hand of all, and guided them [safely] on every side. 23 And many brought presents unto the Lord to Jerusalem, and precious things to Hezekiah the king of Judah: so that he was exalted before the eves of all the nations after that time. 24 In those days fell Hezekiah sick to the death; and he prayed unto the Lord; and he spoke unto him, and he gave him a wonderful token. 25 But not according to the mercy shown unto him did Hezekiah act in return; for his heart was lifted up: wherefore there came wrath over him, and over Judah and Jerusalem. 26 Then became Hezekiah humbled because of the lifting up of his heart, both he and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and the wrath of the Lord came not upon them in the days of Hezekiah. 27 And Hezekiah had riches and honor in exceeding abundance; and he made himself treasuries for silver, and for gold, and for precious stones, and for spices, and for shields, and for all manner of costly vessels: 28 And storehouses for the produce of corn, and new wine, and oil; and stalls for all kinds of cattle, and sheepfolds for flocks. 29 Moreover he erected for himself cities, and [acquired] possessions of flocks and herds in multitude; for God had given him wealth in great abundance. 30 This same Hezekiah also stopped up the upper mouth of the waters of Gichon. and brought them straight down to the west side of the city of David. And Hezekiah prospered in all his works. 31 And in the same manner in the business of the ambassadors of the princes of Babylon, who sent unto him to inquire concerning the wonder that had happened in the land, God left him, to prove

As the gods of the nations of [other] lands, who have him, to know all that was in his heart. 32 And the

33 Twelve years old was Manasseh when he became king, and fifty and five years did he reign in Jerusalem. 2 And he did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord, after the abominable acts of the nations whom the Lord had driven out from before the children of Israel. 3 And he built again the high-places which Hezekiah his father had broken down, and he erected altars for the Be'alim, and made Asheroth, and bowed himself down to all the host of heaven, and served them. 4 And he built altars in the house of the Lord, whereof the Lord had said, In Jerusalem shall my name be for ever. 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord. 6 And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of Ben-hinnom; he also observed times, and employed enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with [those of] a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he did much that is evil in the eyes of the Lord, to provoke him to anger. 7 And he placed a carved image of the idol which he had made in the house of God, of which God had said to David and to Solomon his son, In this house, and in Jerusalem, which I have made choice of out of all the tribes of Israel, will I place my name for ever. 8 Nor will I any more remove the foot of Israel from off the land which I have appointed for your fathers; but only if they will take heed to do all that I have commanded them, according to the whole law and the statutes and the ordinances by the hand of Moses. 9 But Menasseh led Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem astray, to do worse than the nations whom the Lord had destroyed from before the children of Israel. 10 And the Lord spoke to Menasseh, and to his people: but they listened not. 11 Wherefore the Lord brought over them the captains of the army belonging to the king of Assyria: and they took Menasseh prisoner with chains, and bound him with fetters, and led him off to Babylon. 12 And when he was in distress, he besought the Lord his God, and humbled himself greatly before the God of his fathers. 13 And he his stead.

**3** Eight years old was Josiah when he became king, and thirty and one years did he reign in Jerusalem. 2 And he did what is right in the eves of the Lord, and walked in the ways of David his father, and turned not aside to the right or to the left. 3 And in the eighth year of his reign, while he was yet a lad,

prayed unto him, and he permitted himself to be he began to seek after the God of David his father; entreated by him, and heard his supplication, and and in the twelfth year he began to purify Judah and brought him back to Jerusalem, unto his kingdom. Jerusalem from the high-places, and the Asherim, Then did Menasseh feel conscious that the Lord is and the carved images, and the molten images. indeed the [true] God. 14 And after this he built a And they broke down in his presence the altars of the wall without the city of David, on the west side of Be'alim, and the sun-images, that were set above Gichon, in the valley, even to the entrance of the fish- them, he cut down; and the Asherim, and the carved gate, and about the hill-fort, and raised it up to a very images, and the molten images, he broke in pieces, great height; and he placed captains of the army in and ground down, and strewed [the same] upon the all the fortified cities of Judah. 15 And he removed graves of those that had sacrificed unto them. 5 And the strange gods and the idol out of the house of the bones of priests did he burn upon their altars; and the Lord, and all the altars that he had built on the he purified Judah and Jerusalem. 6 And [so did he] in mount of the house of the Lord, and in Jerusalem, the cities of Menasseh and Ephraim and Simeon, and he cast them forth to without the city. 16 And he even as far as Naphtali, with their mattocks, round rebuilt the altar of the Lord, and sacrificed thereupon about, 7 And when he had broken down the altars and peace-offerings and thanksgiving-offerings, and he had beaten the Asherim and the graven images into ordered Judah to serve the Lord the God of Israel. powder, and cut down all the sun-images throughout 17 Nevertheless the people sacrificed on the high- all the land of Israel, he returned to Jerusalem. 8 places, but only unto the Lord their God. 18 And the And in the eighteenth year of his reign, when he had rest of the acts of Menasseh, and his prayer unto his purified the land and the house, he sent Shaphan the God, and the words of the seers that spoke to him son of Azalyahu, and Ma'asseyahu the governor of in the name of the Lord the God of Israel, behold, the city and Joach the son of Joachaz the recorder, they are in the history of the kings of Israel, 19 His to repair the house of the Lord his God, 9 And they prayer also, and [how God] was entreated of him, came to Chilkiyahu the high-priest, and gave up the and all his sins and his faithlessness, and the places money that had been brought into the house of God, whereon he built high-places, and set up the Asherim, which the Levites that watched at the threshold had and the graven images, before he was humbled: gathered from the hand of Menasseh and Ephraim, behold, they are written in the history of Chozai. 20 and from all the remnant of Israel, and from all Judah And Menasseh slept with his fathers, and they buried and Benjamin, and were returned to Jerusalem. him in his own house. And Amon his son became 10 And they delivered it into the hand of those who king in his stead. 21 Two and twenty years old was overlooked the workmen that had been appointed as Amon when he became king, and two years did he overseers of the house of the Lord: and those who reign in Jerusalem. 22 And he did what is evil in the overlooked the workmen, who did the work in the eyes of the Lord, as Menasseh his father had done; house of the Lord, gave it out, to repair and to restore and unto all the carved images which Menasseh his the house, 11 And they gave it to the carpenters father had made did Amon sacrifice, and them he and to the builders to buy hewn stone and timber for served; 23 But he did not humble himself before the joists, and to lay the beams in the houses which the Lord, as Menasseh his father had humbled himself: kings of Judah had destroyed. 12 And the men acted for he. Amon, made his quiltiness great. 24 And his faithfully in the work; and over them were appointed servants conspired against him, and put him to death Jachath and 'Obadyahu, the Levites, of the sons of in his own house. 25 But the people of the land slew Merari; and Zechariah and Meshullam, of the sons all those that had conspired against king Amon; and of the Kehathites, to supervise; and every one of the people of the land made Josiah his son king in these Levites was skilful on instruments of music. 13 They were also over the bearers of burdens and supervisors over all that did the work in every manner of service: and from the Levites there were also scribes, and officers, and gatekeepers. 14 And when they took out the money that had been brought into the house of the Lord. Chilkivahu the priest found the book of the law of the Lord through the hand of Moses. 15 Then commenced Chilkiyahu and said

accordance with all that is written in this book. 22 depart from following the Lord God of their fathers. Then went Chilkiyahu with those whom the king [had appointed), to Chuldah the prophetess, the wife of Shallum the son of Thoknath, the son of Chassrah, the keeper of the wardrobe: -now she dwelt in Jerusalem in the suburb: —and they spoke to her in that wise. 23 And she said unto them, Thus hath said the Lord the God of Israel, Say unto the man that hath sent you to me, 24 Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will bring evil upon this place, and upon its inhabitants, all the curses that are written in the book which they have read before the king of Judah; 25 Because they have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, in order to provoke me to anger with all the works of their hands: therefore is my fury poured out upon this place, and it shall not be guenched. 26 And with respect to the king of Judah, who sendeth you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall ye say to him, Thus hath said the Lord the God of Israel, Concerning the words which thou hast heard; 27 Because thy heart was tender, and thou didst humble thyself before God, when thou heardst his words against this place, and against its inhabitants, and didst humble thyself before me, and rend thy clothes, and weep before me: I have also truly heard it, saith the Lord. 28 Behold, I will gather thee unto thy fathers, and thou shalt be gathered to thy graves in peace, and thy eyes shall not look on

to Shaphan the scribe. The book of the law have I all the evil which I am bringing over this place, and found in the house of the Lord. And Chilkiyahu gave over its inhabitants. And they brought the king word the book to Shaphan. 16 And Shaphan carried the again. 29 And the king sent and gathered together book to the king, and brought the king also word all the elders of Judah and Jerusalem, 30 And the back again, saying, All that was put in the hand of king went up into the house of the Lord. with all the thy servants, have they truly done. 17 And they have men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and taken out the money that was found in the house of the priests, and the Levites, and all the people, from the Lord, and have delivered it into the hand of the the great to the small; and he read before their ears appointed overseers, and into the hand of those who all the words of the book of the covenant which had overlook the workmen. 18 Then told Shaphan the been found in the house of the Lord. 31 And the scribe the king, saying, A book hath Chilkiyahu the king stood up on his stand, and he made a covenant priest given me. And Shaphan read in it before the before the Lord, to walk after the Lord, and to keep king. 19 And it came to pass, when the king heard his commandments, and his testimonies, and his the words of the law, that he rent his clothes. 20 statutes, with all his heart and with all his soul, to And the king commanded Chilkiyahu, and Achikam perform the words of the covenant that are written in the son of Shaphan, and 'Abdon the son of Michah, this book. 32 And he caused to accede to it every one and Shaphan the scribe, and 'Assayah a servant that was present in Jerusalem and Benjamin. And the of the king's, saving, 21 Go ve, inquire of the Lord inhabitants of Jerusalem acted in accordance with in my behalf, and in behalf of those that are left in the covenant of God, the God of their fathers. 33 And Israel and in Judah, concerning the words of the Josiah removed all the abominations out of all the book that hath been found; for great is the fury of countries that belonged to the children of Israel, and the Lord that is poured out against us, because our caused all that were present in Israel to serve, even fathers did not keep the word of the Lord, to do in to serve the Lord their God. All his days did they not

> **35** And Josiah kept in Jerusalem the passover unto the Lord: and they slaughtered the passoversacrifice on the fourteenth day of the first month. 2 And he placed the priests in their charges, and strengthened them for the service of the house of the Lord. 3 And he said unto the Levites that instructed all Israel, who were holy unto the Lord, Set the holy ark in the house which Solomon the son of David the king of Israel did build; you have not to carry it any more upon your shoulders; now serve the Lord your God, and his people Israel. 4 And prepare yourselves by your family divisions, according to your courses, after the written order of David the king of Israel, and after the written order of Solomon his son; 5 And stand in the holy place according to the divisions of the family divisions of your brethren the sons of the people, and after the division of the families of the Levites; 6 And slaughter the passoversacrifice, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare it for your brethren, to do according to the word of the Lord by the hand of Moses. 7 And Josiah set apart for the sons of the people, of the flock, lambs and kids, all for the passover-sacrifices, for all that were present, to the number of thirty thousand, and of steers three thousand: these were of the king's property. 8 And his princes set apart [much] as a

Levites: Chilkiyah, and Zecharyahu, and Jechiel, the thee, thou king of Judah? I come not against thee this rulers of the house of God, gave unto the priests day, but against the house wherewith I have war, and for the passover-sacrifices two thousand and six God hath commanded me to make haste; forbear hundred [lambs and kids], and three hundred steers, thee from meddling with God who is with me, that he 9 And Conanyahu, and Shema'yahu and Nethanel, his may not destroy thee. 22 Nevertheless did Josiah not brothers, and Chashabyahu and Je'iel and Jozabad, turn his face away from him, but disguised himself, the chiefs of the Levites, set apart unto the Levites to fight with him, and hearkened not unto the words for passover-sacrifices five thousand [lambs and of Necho from the mouth of God; and he came to kids], and five hundred steers. 10 So the service was fight in the valley of Megiddo. 23 And the archers established, and the priests stood on their station, and shot at king Josiah: and the king said to his servants, the Levites in their divisions, according to the king's Carry me away: for I am sorely wounded. 24 And his command. 11 And they slaughtered the passover- servants carried him away out of that chariot, and sacrifice, and the priests sprinkled [the blood received] conveved him in the second chariot that he had; and from their hands, and the Levites did the flaving. 12 they brought him to Jerusalem, and he died, and And they removed the burnt-offerings to give them was buried in the sepulchres of his fathers. And all to the divisions of the family divisions of the sons Judah and Jerusalem mourned for Josiah. 25 And of the people, to offer [them] unto the Lord, as it is Jeremiah lamented for Josiah; and all the singing written in the book of Moses. And so did they with the men and the singing women spoke of Josiah in their steers. 13 And they roasted the passover by the fire in lamentations to this day, and they instituted them accordance with the prescribed manner; but the holy as a custom in Israel: and, behold, they are written offerings they seethed in pots, and in caldrons, and in in the lamentations. 26 And the rest of the acts of pans, and divided them speedily among all the sons Josiah, and his pious deeds, in accordance with what of the people. 14 And afterward they prepared for is written in the law of the Lord, 27 And his acts, the themselves, and for the priests; because the priests first and the last, behold, they are written in the book the sons of Aaron [were busied] in offering the burnt- of the kings of Israel and Judah. 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 Assaph were on their station, according to the command of David, and Assaph, and Heman, and Jeduthun the king's seer; and the gatekeepers were at every gate: they had no need to depart from their service: because their brethren the Levites prepared for them. 16 So was established all the service of the Lord on the same day, to prepare the passover-sacrifice, and to offer burnt-offerings upon the altar of the Lord, according to the command of king Josiah. 17 And the children of Israel that were present prepared the passover-sacrifice at that time, and [kept] the feast of unleavened bread seven days. 18 And there was not holden any passover like this in Israel from the days of Samuel the prophet; and all the kings of Israel did not keep such a passover as Josiah kept, with 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 holden. 20 After all this, when Josiah had restored the temple, came up Necho the king of Egypt to fight against Karkemish by the Euphrates, and Josiah went out against him. 21 But he sent

freewill gift for the people for the priests, and for the ambassadors to him, saying, What have I to do with

**36** And the people of the land took Jehoachaz the son of Josiah, and made him king in his father's stead in Jerusalem. 2 Twenty and three years old was Joachaz when he became king, and three months did he reign in Jerusalem. 3 And the king of Egypt deposed him at Jerusalem, and imposed a fine on the land of a hundred talents of silver and a talent of gold. 4 And the king of Egypt made Elvakim his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, and changed his name to Jehoyakim. And Joachaz his brother did Necho take away, and bring him to Egypt. 5 Twenty and five years old was Jehoyakim when he became king, and eleven years did he reign in Jerusalem: and he did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord his God. 6 Against him came up Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, and he bound him with fetters, to carry him away to Babylon. 7 And some of the vessels of the house of the Lord did Nebuchadnezzar carry to Babylon, and he placed them in his temple at Babylon. 8 And the rest of the acts of Jehovakim, and his abominable deeds which he did, and that which was found concerning him, behold, they are written in the book of the kings of Israel and Judah. And Jehoyachin his son became king in his stead. 9 Eight years old was Jehovachin

when he became king, and three months and ten Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord days did he reign in Jerusalem: and he did what is the God of heaven given me, and he hath charged evil in the eyes of the Lord. 10 And with the expiration me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in of the year did king Nebuchadnezzar send and had Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, him brought to Babylon, with the costly vessels of the may the Lord his God be with him, and let him go up. house of the Lord: and he made Zedekiah his brother king over Judah and Jerusalem, 11 Twenty and one

years old was Zedekiah when he became king, and eleven years did he reign in Jerusalem. 12 And he did what is evil in the eyes of the Lord his God: he humbled himself not before Jeremiah the prophet, according to the order of the Lord. 13 And also against king Nebuchadnezzar did he rebel, who had made him swear by God; but he stiffened his neck, and hardened his heart so as not to return unto the Lord the God of Israel. 14 Also all the chiefs of the priests and the people committed manifold trespasses, like all the abominable acts of the [foreign] nations; and they defiled the house of the Lord which he had hallowed in Jerusalem. 15 And the Lord the God of their fathers. sent to them by means of his messengers, making [them] rise early, and sending [them]: because he had compassion on his people, and on his dwelling-place; 16 But they mocked at the messengers of God, and despised his words, and scorned his prophets, until the fury of the Lord arose against his people, till there was no remedy. 17 And he brought over 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, the old man, and the aged: all did he give up into his hand. 18 And all the vessels of the house of God, the great and the small, and the treasures of the house of the Lord, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, —all these did he carry to Babylon. 19 And they burnt the house of God, and broke down the wall of Jerusalem, and all her palaces they burnt with fire, and all her costly vessels they gave up to destruction. 20 And those that had escaped from the sword did he carry into exile to Babylon: and they were servants to him and to his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to the government: 21 To fulfill the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, until the land had satisfied its sabbaths: all the days of its desolation it rested, till seventy years were completed. 22 And in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, at the completion of the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah, did the Lord stir up the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia, so that he caused a proclamation to be made throughout all his kingdom, and also by means of writing, saying, 23 Thus hath said Cyrus the king of

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1 And in the first year of Cyrus the king of Persia, at the time the word of the Lord by the mouth of Jeremiah was accomplished, the Lord awakened the spirit of Cyrus the king of Persia; and he caused a proclamation to be made throughout all his kingdom. and also by means of writing, saying, 2 Thus hath said Cyrus the king of Persia, All the kingdoms of the earth hath the Lord the God of heaven given unto me: and he hath directed me to build for him a house at Jerusalem, which is in Judah, 3 Whoever among you that is of all his people, may his God be with him, and let him go up to Jerusalem, which is in Judah, and build the house of the Lord the God of Israel, he is the God who is in Jerusalem. 4 And whosoever remaineth out of any place where he hath soiourned, him shall the men of his place assist with silver, and with gold, and with goods, and with beasts, beside the freewill offering for the house of God which is in Jerusalem. 5 Then rose up the chiefs of the divisions of Judah and Benjamin, and the priests, and the Levites, with all those whose spirit God had awakened, to go up to build the house of the Lord which is in Jerusalem. 6 And all those that were round about them supplied them with vessels of silver, with gold, with goods. and with beasts, and with precious things, beside all that was willingly offered. 7 Also king Cyrus brought forth the vessels of the house of the Lord, which Nebuchadnezzar had brought away out of Jerusalem. and had placed in the house of his god: 8 Even these did Cyrus the king of Persia bring forth through the hand of Mithredath the treasurer, and counted them out unto Sheshbazzar the prince for Judah. 9 And this is their number: Thirty chargers of gold, a thousand chargers of silver, nine and twenty knives. 10 Thirty cups of gold, silver cups of a second degree four hundred and ten, other vessels a thousand. 11 All the vessels of gold and of silver were five thousand and four hundred. All these did Sheshbazzar bring up with the exiles that were brought up from Babylon unto Jerusalem.

two thousand one hundred seventy and two. 4 The children of Shephatvah, three hundred seventy and two. 5 The children of Arach, seven hundred seventy and five. 6 The children of Pachath-moab, of the children of Jeshua' and Joab, two thousand eight hundred and twelve. 7 The children of 'Elath, one thousand two hundred fifty and four. 8 The children of Zatthu, nine hundred and forty and five. 9 The children of Zaccai, seven hundred and sixty. 10 The children of Bani, six hundred forty and two. 11 The children of Bebai, six hundred twenty and three. 12 The children of 'Azgad, one thousand two hundred twenty and two. 13 The children of Adonilam, six hundred sixty and six. 14 The children of Bigvai, two thousand fifty and six. 15 The children of 'Adin, four hundred fifty and four. 16 The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight, 17 The children of Bezai. three hundred twenty and three. 18 The children of Jorah, one hundred and twelve, 19 The children of Chashum, two hundred twenty and three. 20 The children of Gibbar, ninety and five. 21 The people of Beth-lechem, one hundred twenty and three, 22 The men of Netophah, fifty and six, 23 The men of 'Anathoth, one hundred twenty and eight, 24 The people of 'Azmayeth, forty and two. 25 The people of Kiryath-'arim, Kephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred and forty and three. 26 The people of Ramah and Geba', six hundred twenty and one. 27 The men of Michmass, one hundred twenty and two. 28 The men of Beth-el and 'Ai, two hundred twenty and three. 29 The people of Nebo, fifty and two. 30 The children of Magbish, one hundred fifty and six, 31 The children of the other 'Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty and four. 32 The children of Charim, three hundred and twenty. 33 The people of Lod, Chadid. and Ono. seven hundred twenty and five. 34 The people of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. 35 The people of Senaah, three thousand and six hundred and thirty. 36 The priests were: The children of Jeda'yah, of the house of Jeshua', nine hundred seventy and three. 37 The children of Immer, one thousand fifty and two. 38 The children of Pashchur, one thousand two 2 Now these are the children of the province who hundred forty and seven. 39 The children of Charim, went up out of the captivity of the exiles, whom one thousand and seventeen. 40 The Levites were: Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried The children of Jeshua, and Kadmiel, of the children away into exile unto Babylon, and who returned unto of Hodavyah, seventy and four. 41 The singers were: Jerusalem and Judah, every one unto his city: 2 The children of Assaph, one hundred twenty and Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua', Nehemiah, eight. 42 The children of the gate-keepers were: The Serayah, Re'elayah, Mordecai, Bilshan, Misspar, children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children Bigyai, Rechum, Ba'anah, The number of the men of of Talmon, the children of 'Akkub, the children of

the people of Israel was: 3 The children of Par'osh.

363 F<sub>7</sub>ra thirty and nine. 43 The temple-servants were: The came to the house of the Lord which is at Jerusalem, children of Zicha, the children of Chassupha, the offered freewill gifts for the house of God to set it up children of Tabba'oth. 44 The children of Keross, the in its place: 69 After their ability they gave unto the children of Si'aha, the children of Padon. 45 The treasure for the work sixty and one thousand drachms children of Lebanah, the children of Chaqabah, the of gold, and five thousand manehs of sliver, and one children of 'Akkub. 46 The children of Chagab, the hundred coats for the priests. 70 And the priests, and children of Shalmai, the children of Chanan, 47 The the Levites, and some of the people, and the singers, children of Giddel, the children of Gachar, the children and the gate-keepers, and the temple-servants, dwelt of Reayah. 48 The children of Rezin, the children of in their cities, and all Israel in their cities. Nekoda, the children of Gazzam. 49 The children of 'Uzza, the children of Paseach, the children of Bessai. 50 The children of Assnah, the children of Me'unim, the children of Nephussim. 51 The children of Bakbuk, the children of Chakupha, the children of Charchur, 52 The children of Bazluth, the children of Mechida, the children of Charsha, 53 The children of Barkoss, the children of Sissera, the children of Thamach. 54 The children of Neziach, the children of Chatipha. 55 The children of Solomon's servants were: The children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Peruda. 56 The children of Ja'alah, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 57 The children of Shephatvah, the children of Chattil, the children of Pochereth-hazzebavim, the children of Ami. 58 All the temple-servants, and the children of Solomon's servants, were three hundred and ninety and two. 59 And these are those who went up from Thel-melach, Thelcharsha, Kerub, Addan, and Immer: but they could not tell their family division, and their descent, whether they were of Israel: 60 The children of Delayah the children of Tobiyah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred fifty and two. 61 And of the children of the priests: The children of Chabavah. the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai, who had taken a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gil'adite, and was called after their name. 62 These sought for their family-registers, but they were not found: wherefore they were excluded, as unfit, from the priesthood. 63 And the Thirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there should stand up a priest with the Urim and Thummim. 64 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and sixty. 65 Besides their men-servants and their maid-servants. of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: they had also two hundred singing men and singing women. 66 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six: their mules, two hundred forty and five: 67 Their camels, four hundred thirty and five: their asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty.

Chatita, the children of Shobai, in all one hundred 68 And some of the chiefs of the divisions, when they

3 And when the seventh month drew near, and the children of Israel were in the cities, the people gathered themselves together as one man to Jerusalem. 2 Then arose Jeshua' the son of Jozadak. and his brethren the priests, and Zerubbabel the son of Shealthiel, and his brethren, and they built the altar of the God of Israel, to offer thereon burntofferings, as it is written in the law of Moses the man of God. 3 And they erected the altar upon its foundations; for there was fear upon them because of the people of these countries; and they offered thereon burnt-offerings unto the Lord, burnt-offerings at morning and at evening, 4 And they celebrated the feast of tabernacles, as it is written, and [offered] the daily burnt-offerings by number, according to the prescribed manner, the offering of every day on its day; 5 And afterward the continual burnt-offering, and that for the new moons, and for all the feasts of the Lord that are hallowed, and that of every one who willingly offered a free-will offering unto the Lord. 6 From the first day of the seventh month began they to offer burnt-offerings unto the Lord: although the foundation of the temple of the Lord had not vet been laid. 7 Then did they give money unto the masons, and to the carpenters; and food, and drink, and oil. unto the Zidonians and Tyrians, to bring cedar-trees from the Lebanon by sea to Joppa, according to the permission of Cyrus the king of Persia for them. 8 And in the second year of their coming unto the house of God at Jerusalem, in the second month, did Zerubbabel the son of Shealthiel and Jeshua' the son of Jozadak, and the remainder of their brethren the priests and the Levites, and all they that were come out of the captivity unto Jerusalem make a beginning; and they appointed the Levites, from twenty years old and upward, to superintend the work of the house of the Lord. 9 Then stood forward Jeshua' with his sons and his brethren. Kadmiel and his sons, the sons of Judah, as one man, to superintend the workmen in the house of God; [also] the sons of Chenadad, their

sons and their brethren the Levites. 10 And when the and Apharsathach, Tarpel, Apharass, Erech, Babylon, ever so far off.

✓ Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the children of the exile were building the temple unto the Lord the God of Israel: 2 Then came they near to Zerubbabel, and to the chiefs of the divisions, and said unto them. Let us build with you; for like you will we seek your God; and unto him do we sacrifice since the days of Essar-chaddon the king of Asshur, who hath brought us up hither, 3 But Zerubbabel, and Jeshua', and the rest of the of the divisions of Israel, said unto them, It is not obligatory on you and on us to build a house unto our God; but we ourselves together must build unto the Lord the God of Israel, as king Cyrus the king of Persia hath commanded us. 4 Then did the people of the land weaken the hands of the people of Judah, and frightened them off from building; 5 And they hired against them counsellors, to frustrate their purpose, all the days of Cyrus the king of Persia, and even until the reign of Darius the king of Persia. 6 And in the reign of Achashverosh, in the beginning of his reign they wrote an accusation against the inhabitants of Judah and Jerusalem. 7 And in the days of Artaxerxes wrote Bishlam, Mithredath, Tabeel, and the rest of their companions, unto Artaxerxes the king of Persia: and the writing of the letter was written in Aramic. and interpreted in Aramic. 8 Rechum the counsellor and Shimshai the scribe wrote a certain letter against Jerusalem to Artaxerxes the king, as followeth: 9 Then [wrote] Rechum the counsellor, and Shimshai the scribe, and the rest of their companions, from Din.

builders laid the foundation of the temple of the Lord, Shushan, Dehay, and 'Elam, 10 And the rest of the they placed the priests in their apparel with trumpets. nations whom the great and honored Assnapper had and the Levites the sons of Assaph with cymbals, to brought into exile, and settled in the cities of Samaria, praise the Lord, after the manner of David the king and the rest that are on this side the river, and so of Israel. 11 And they sang responsively in praise forth. 11 This is the copy of the letter which they sent and thanksgiving unto the Lord; because he is good, unto him, even unto king Artaxerxes: Thy servants the for unto everlasting endureth his kindness toward men on this side the river, and so forth, 12 Be it made Israel. And all the people shouted with a great shout, known unto the king, that the Jews who removed while praising the Lord; because the foundation of away from thee are come up to us unto Jerusalem: the house of the Lord had been laid. 12 But many of they are building the rebellious and the bad city, and the priests and Levites and chiefs of the divisions, are completing the walls, and are joining together the aged, who had seen the first house, when the the foundations, 13 Be it now known unto the king. foundation of this house was laid before their eyes. that, if this city be rebuilt, and the walls be completed. wept with a loud voice, while many, shouting for joy, they will not give tax, tribute, and toll, and the royal raised aloud their voice: 13 So that the people could revenues will suffer damage. 14 Now because we eat not distinguish the noise of the shout of joy from the the salt of the palace, and it is not proper for us to see noise of the weeping of the people; for the people the king's dishonor, therefore have we sent and let the shouted with a loud shout, and the noise was heard king know this: 15 That search may be made in the book of the memorable events of thy fathers, and thou wilt find in the book of the memorable events, and know that this city is a rebellious city, and hurtful unto kings and provinces, and that they have practised sedition within the same from the most ancient time: for which cause this city was destroyed. 16 We let the king know that, if this city be rebuilt, and its walls be completed, by this means thou wilt have no more any portion on this side of the river. 17 Then sent the king a reply unto Rechum the counsellor, and to Shimshai the scribe, and to the rest of their companions that dwell in Samaria, and unto the rest of those beyond the river, Peace, and so forth. 18 The letter which ye have sent unto us hath been plainly read before me. 19 And an order was given by me, and search was made, and it was found that this city from the most ancient time hath lifted itself up against kings, and that rebellion and sedition have been practised therein. 20 And that mighty kings have been over Jerusalem, who ruled over all the countries beyond the river; and that tax, tribute, and toll was given unto them. 21 Now give ye the order to stop these men, and this city shall not be built, until the order be given from me. 22 Take heed now that ve commit no error in this: that not any injury may grow fout of this to the damage of the kings. 23 Thereupon so soon as the copy of king Artaxerxes' letter was read before Rechum, and Shimshai the scribe, and their companions, they did go up in haste to Jerusalem unto the Jews, and stopped them by force and power. 24 Then was stopped the work of the house of God which is at Jerusalem, and it remained interrupted

until the second year of the reign of Darius the king of Babylon, these did king Cyrus take out of the temple Persia.

5 Then prophesied Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of 'Iddo, the prophets, unto the Jews that were in Judah and Jerusalem, in the name of the God of Israel, concerning them. 2 Then rose up Zerubbabel the son of Shealthiel, and Jeshua' the son of Jozadak, and began to build the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and with them were the prophets of God helping them. 3 At this same time came to them Thathnai, the governor on this side of the river, and Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, and thus they said unto them, "Who hath given you an order to build this house, and to complete these walls?" 4 Then said we unto them after this manner, what are the names of the men that erect this building. 5 But the eye of their God

of Babylon, and gave them unto one, Sheshbazzar by name, whom he had appointed as governor; 15 And he said unto him. Take these vessels, go, carry them into the temple which is in Jerusalem, and let the house of God be built on its site. 16 Then came this same Sheshbazzar, [and] laid the foundation of the house of God which is in Jerusalem; and from that time even until now they have been building it, but it is not yet finished. 17 And now, if it seem good to the king, let search be made in the king's treasurehouse, which is there at Babylon, whether it be so, that an order was given by king Cyrus to build this house of God at Jerusalem, and let the king send to us his pleasure concerning this matter.

**6** Then gave king Darius an order, that they should make search in the house of the books, where was upon the elders of the Jews, so that they did not the treasures were laid up there in Babylon, 2 And stop them, till the matter came to Darius; and they there was found at Achmetha, in the castle that is then returned an answer by letter concerning this. 6 in the province of Media, a roll, and therein was A copy of the letter which Thathnai, the governor on thus written: A record. 3 In the first year of king this side of the river, and Shethar-bozenai, and his Cyrus, king Cyrus gave an order concerning the companions, the Apharsachites, who were on this house of God at Jerusalem, Let the house be built, side of the river, sent unto king Darius. 7 They sent the place where they used to offer sacrifices, and a report unto him, and thus was it written therein: let its foundations be strongly laid: its height shall Unto king Darius be all peace. 8 Be it known unto be sixty cubits, its breadth sixty cubits, 4 With three the king, that we went into the province of Judah, to rows of heavy stones, and a row of new timber; and the house of the great God, which they are building let the expenses be given out of the king's house. with heavy stones, and timber is laid in the walls, and 5 And also let the golden and silver vessels of the this work is urged with speed, and it prospereth in house of God, which Nebuchadnezzar took away out their hands. 9 Then asked we these elders, and after of the temple which is in Jerusalem, and brought this manner said we unto them, Who hath given you unto Babylon, be restored, and brought back unto the order to build this house, and to complete these the temple which is in Jerusalem, every one to its walls? 10 Also their names did we ask of them, to place, and let them be put in the house of God. 6 let thee know them, that we might write down the Now Thathnai, governor beyond the river, Shetharnames of the men that are at their head. 11 And in bozenai, and your companions the Apharsachites, this manner did they return us answer, saying, We who are beyond the river, be ye far from there: 7 are the servants of the God of heaven and earth, and Let the work of this house of God alone; let the we build the house that was built before this many governor of the Jews and the elders of the Jews build years, and a great king of Israel built and completed this house of God on its site. 8 And by me is the it. 12 But since our fathers had provoked the God of order given what ye shall do to the elders of these heaven unto wrath, he gave them up into the hand of Jews for the building of this house of God, that out Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, the Chaldean, of the king's property, arising out of the tax beyond and he destroyed this house, and carried the people the river, the expenses shall forthwith be given unto as exiles into Babylon. 13 However, in the first year these men, that they be not hindered. 9 And what of Cyrus the king of Babylon, king Cyrus gave an they have need of, both young bullocks, and rams, order to build this house of God. 14 And also the and lambs, for the burnt-offerings unto the God of vessels of gold and silver of the house of God, which heaven, wheat, salt, wine, and oil, according to the Nebuchadnezzar had taken out of the temple that requirement of the priests who are a Jerusalem, shall was in Jerusalem, and brought into the temple of be given unto them day by day, without fail. 10 That

they may offer sacrifices of sweet savors unto the **7** And after these things, in the reign of Artaxerxes God of heaven, and pray for the life of the king and house of God, the God of Israel.

the king of Persia, Ezra the son of Serayah, the of his sons. 11 Also is by me the order given, that son of 'Azaryah, the son of Chilkiyah, 2 The son of if any man should alter this command, timber shall Shallum, the son of Zadok, the son of Achitub, 3 be pulled down from his house, and being set up, The son of Amaryah, the son of 'Azaryah, the son of he shall be hanged thereon; and his house shall be Merayoth, 4 The son of Zerachyah, the son of 'Uzzi, made a dunghill for this. 12 And may the God that the son of Bukki, 5 The son of Abishua', the son of causeth his name to dwell there cast down every king Phinehas, the son of Elazar, the son of Aaron the chief and people that will stretch forth their hand to alter, to priest: 6 This 'Ezra went up from Babylon; and he was destroy this house of God which is in Jerusalem. I a practised expounder in the law of Moses, which Darius have given the order: let it be done speedily. the Lord the God of Israel hath given; and the king 13 Then did Thathnai the, governor on this aide of gave him, according to the hand of the Lord his God the river, Shethar-bozenai, and their companions, in upon him, all his request. 7 And there went up some accordance with what king Darius had sent, act in of the children of Israel, and of the priests, and the this manner speedily. 14 And the elders of the Jews Levites, and the singers, and the gate-keepers, and built, and they prospered, through the prophesying the temple-servants, unto Jerusalem, in the seventh of Haggai the prophet, and Zechariah the son of year of king Artaxerxes. 8 And he came to Jerusalem 'Iddo, And they built, and completed it, according to in the fifth month, which was in the seventh year of the order of the God of Israel, and according to the the king. 9 For on the first day of the first month was order of Cyrus, and Darius, and Artaxerxes the king the commencement of the expedition from Babylon, of Persia. 15 And this house was finished on the third and on the first day of the fifth month came he to day of the month Adar, which was in the sixth year Jerusalem, according to the good hand of his God of the reign of king Darius. 16 Then celebrated the upon him. 10 For 'Ezra had directed his heart to children of Israel, the priests, and the Levites, and inquire in the law of the Lord, and to do it, and to the rest of the children of the exile, the dedication teach in Israel statutes and ordinances. 11 Now this of this house of God with joy: 17 And they offered is the copy of the letter which king Artaxerxes gave for the dedication of this house of God one hundred unto 'Ezra the priest, the expounder of the law, the bullocks, two hundred rams, four hundred lambs: expounder of the words of the commandments of the and for a sin-offering for all Israel, twelve he-goats, Lord, and of his statutes for Israel. 12 Artaxerxes, the according to the number of the tribes of Israel. 18 king of kings, unto 'Ezra the priest, the expounder of And they stationed the priests in their orders, and the law of the God of heaven, the perfect, and so the Levites in their divisions, for the service of God, forth. 13 By me is the order given, that every one which is in Jerusalem, as it is written in the book of who is freely willing in my kingdom out of the people Moses. 19 And the children of the exile prepared of Israel, and their priests and Levites, to go up to the passover-[sacrifice] on the fourteenth day of the Jerusalem, may go up with thee: 14 Forasmuch as first month. 20 For the priests and the Levites had thou art sent on the part of the king, and of his seven purified themselves, as one man were all of them counsellors, to make inquiry concerning Judah and clean; and they slaughtered the passover-sacrifice Jerusalem, according to the law of thy God which is for all the children of the exile, and for their brethren in thy hand: 15 And to carry the silver and gold, which the priests, and for themselves. 21 And then did the the king and his counsellors have freely offered unto children of Israel, who were returned out of the exile, the God of Israel, whose habitation is in Jerusalem. and all such as had separated themselves unto them 16 And all [freewill offerings of] silver and gold that from the uncleanness of the nations of the earth, to thou canst find in all the province of Babylon, with the seek the Lord the God of Israel, eat thereof. 22 And freewill offerings which the people and the priests they celebrated the feast of unleavened bread seven offer willingly for the house of their God which is in days with joy; for the Lord had made them joyful, and Jerusalem. 17 Therefore mayest thou buy speedily had turned the heart of the king of Asshur toward with this money bullocks, rams, lambs, with their them, to strengthen their hands in the work of the meat-offerings and their drink-offerings, and 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

out of Israel principal men to go up with me.

Now these are the chiefs of their divisions, and this is the genealogy of those that went up with me, in the reign of king Artaxerxes, from Babylon. 2 Of these sons of Phinehas, Gershom; of the sons of Ithamar, Daniel; of the sons of David, Chattush; 3 Of the sons of Shechanyah, [who was] of the sons of Par'osh, Zechariah; and with him were recorded by genealogy of males one hundred and fifty. 4 Of the sons of Pachath-moab, Elyeho'enai the son of Zerachyah, and with him were two hundred males. 5 Of the sons

the silver and the gold, that do according to the will of Shechanyah, the son of Yachaziel, and with him of your God. 19 And the vessels which have been were three hundred males. 6 And of the sons of 'Adin, given unto thee for the service of the house of thy 'Ebed the son of Jonathan, and with him were fifty God, deliver thou before the God of Jerusalem. 20 males. 7 And of the sons of 'Elam, Jesha'vah the son And the remainder that will yet be needful for the of 'Athalyah, and with him were seventy males. 8 house of thy God, which thou shalt have occasion to And of the sons of Shephatyath, Zebadyah the son of procure, procure out of the King's treasure-house. 21 Michael, and with him were eighty males. 9 Of the And by me, me King Artaxerxes, is the order given sons of Joab, 'Obadiah the son of Jechiel, and with unto all the treasurers who are beyond the river, that him were two hundred and eighteen males. 10 And of whatsoever 'Ezra the priest, the expounder of the law the sons of Shelomith, the son of Jossiphyah, and of the God of heaven, may demand of you, shall be with him were one hundred and sixty males. 11 And done speedily. 22 Up to one hundred talents of silver, of the sons of Bebai, Zechariah the son of Bebai, and and up to one hundred cors of wheat, and up to one with him were twenty and eight males. 12 And the hundred baths of wine, and up to one hundred baths sons of 'Azgad, Jochanan the son of Hakkatan, and of oil, and salt without prescribing it, 23 Whatsoever is with him were one hundred and ten males, 13 And of ordered by the God of heaven shall be carefully done the sons of Adonikam the last; and those are their for the house of the God of heaven; for why should names, Eliphelet, Je'iel, and Shema'yah, and with there be wrath against the kingdom of the king and them were sixty males. 14 And of the sons of Bigyai. his sons? 24 And to you make we it known, that on 'Uthai, and Zabbur, and with them were seventy any of the priests and Levites, singers, gate-keepers, males. 15 And I gathered them together to the river and temple-servants, or ministers of this house of that runneth into the Ahava, and we encamped there God, no one shall be empowered to impose any tax, three days: and I looked about among the people, and tribute, or toll. 25 And thou, 'Ezra, according to the priests, but of the sons of Levi I found none there. wisdom of thy God which is in thy hand, appoint 16 Then sent I for Eli'ezer, for Ariel, for Shema'yah, judges and magistrates, who are to judge all the and for Elnathan, and for Jarib, and for Elnathan, and people that are beyond the river, all such as know the for Nathan, and for Zechariah, and for Meshullam, the laws of thy God; and make ye them known to those head men; also for Joyarib, and for Elnathan, men of that know them not. 26 And if there be any one who understanding, 17 And I sent them with a charge unto will not execute the law of thy God, and the law of Iddo the chief at the place Cassiphia, and I laid the the king, let justice be speedily executed upon him, words in their mouth to speak unto Iddo, and to his whether it be unto death or to banishment, or to a brother, who were appointed at the place Cassiphia, fine on goods, or to imprisonment. 27 Blessed be the that they should bring unto us ministers for the house Lord the God of our fathers, who hath put the like of our God. 18 And they brought unto us according of this in the heart of the king, to glorify the house to the good hand of our God upon us a man of of the Lord which is in Jerusalem; 28 And who hath intelligence, of the sons of Machli, the son of Levi, the extended kindness unto me before the king and his son of Israel, namely, Sherebyah, with his sons and counsellors, and before all the mighty princes of the his brothers, eighteen; 19 And Chashabyah, and with king: and I strengthened myself according to the hand him Jesha'yah of the sons of Merari, his brothers and of the Lord my God upon me, and I gathered together their sons, twenty, 20 Also of the temple-servants, whom David and the princes had assigned for the service of the Levites two hundred and twenty templeservants, all of whom were expressed by names. 21 Then did I proclaim a fast there, at the river Ahava, that we might afflict ourselves before our God, to request from him a prosperous journey for us, and for our little ones, and for all our substance. 22 For I was ashamed to ask of the king an army and horsemen to assist us against an enemy on the way; because we had spoken unto the king, saying, The hand of our God is upon all those that seek him for good; but his power and his wrath are against all those that

for this, and he suffered himself to be entreated by Canaanites, the Hittites, the Perizzites, the Jebusites, there present, had offered. 26 And I weighed out into thing, I rent my garment and my mantle, and I plucked their hand of silver six hundred and fifty talents, and out some of the hair of my head and of my beard, of silver vessels one hundred talents, of gold one and sat down astounded. 4 And then assembled copper, valuable as gold. 28 And I said unto them, of the exiles; and I sat astounded until the evening Ye are holy unto the Lord; and the vessels are holy; sacrifice. 5 And at the evening sacrifice I rose up from to Jerusalem to the house of our God. 31 And we through our iniquities have we been delivered, we, the first month, to go unto Jerusalem; and the hand of the lands, to the sword, to captivity, and to a spoil, of our God was over us, and he delivered us from the and to the shame of face, as it is this day. 8 And king's lieutenants, and to the governors on this side abominations, with which they have filled it from one house of God.

O Now when these things were accomplished, the princes approached me, saying, The people of Israel, and the priests, and the Levites, have not separated themselves from the nations of the

forsake him. 23 So we fasted and besought our God lands, notwithstanding their abominations, from the us. 24 Then set I apart of the chiefs of the priests the 'Ammonites, the Moabites, the Egyptians, and the twelve persons, Sherebyah, Chashabyah, and with Emorites: 2 For they have taken of their daughters them ten of their brethren. 25 And I weighed out unto for themselves and for their sons; and the holy seed them the silver, and the gold, and the vessels, the have mingled themselves with the nations of these offering for the house of our God, which the king, lands; and the hand of the princes and rulers hath and his counsellors, and his princes, and all Israel been the first in this trespass. 3 And when I heard this hundred talents; 27 Also twenty cups of gold, of a themselves unto me every one that trembled at the thousand drachms; and two vessels of fine polished words of the God of Israel, because of the trespass and the silver and the gold are a freewill offering unto my fasting, and while rending my garment and my the Lord the God of your fathers. 29 Watch ye, and mantle, I knelt down upon my knees, and spread out quard them, until ve weigh them out before the chiefs my hands unto the Lord my God, 6 And I said, O my of the priests and the Levites, and the chiefs of the God, I am ashamed and confounded to lift up my face divisions of Israel, at Jerusalem, into the chambers of unto thee, my God! for our iniquities are increased the house of the Lord. 30 And the priests and the above our head, and our quiltiness is grown up as far Levites accepted what was weighed out of the silver, as the heavens. 7 From the days of our fathers have and the gold, and the vessels, to bring the same we been in a great guiltiness even until this day; and departed from the river Ahava on the twelfth day of our kings, and our priests, into the hand of the kings hand of any enemy, and of such as lie in wait on the now for a little moment hath grace been extended way. 32 And we came to Jerusalem, and remained from the Lord our God, to preserve us a remnant to there three days. 33 And on the fourth day were the escape, and to give us a stake in his holy place, that silver and the gold and the vessels weighed out in our God might enlighten our eyes, and give us a little the house of our God into the hand of Meremoth the reviving in our bondage. 9 For we are bondmen: yet son of Urivah the priest; and with him was El'azar the in our bondage hath our God not forsaken us, but son of Phinehas; and with them was Jozabad the hath extended unto us kindness before the kings of son of Jeshua', and No'adyah the son of Binnui, the Persia, to give us a reviving, to exalt the house of Levites; 34 By number and by weight of everything; our God, and to erect again its ruins, and to give and all the weight was written down at the same time. us a fence in Judah and in Jerusalem. 10 And now 35 Those that came out of the captivity, the children what shall we say, O our God, after this? for we of the exile, offered burnt-offerings unto the God of have forsaken thy commandments. 11 Which thou Israel, twelve bullocks for all Israel, ninety and six hast commanded through means of thy servants the rams, seventy and seven sheep, twelve he-goats for prophets, saying. The land, unto which ye go to take a sin-offering: all as burnt-offerings unto the Lord. 36 possession thereof, is a land defiled through the And they delivered the king's commands unto the defilement of the nations of the lands, through their of the river; and these endowed the people, and the end to another through their uncleanness. 12 And now your daughters shall ye not give unto their sons, and their daughters shall ye not take for your sons, and ve shall not seek their peace and their welfare unto eternity: in order that ye may be strong, and eat the best of the land, and leave it for an inheritance to your children unto eternity. 13 And after all that is

come over us for our evil deeds, and for our great acted unfaithfully, and have brought home strange have been left a remnant that hath escaped, as it is this day; behold, we are before thee in our guiltiness; for there is no standing before thee because of this.

1 Now when 'Ezra prayed, and when he made his confession, weeping and casting himself down before the house of God, there gathered themselves unto him out of Israel a very large assembly of men and women and children; for the people wept exceedingly much. 2 Thereupon commenced Shechanyah the son of Jechiel, of the sons of 'Elam, and said unto 'Ezra, we have indeed trespassed against our God, and have brought home strange wives of the nations of the land: yet now there is hope in Israel concerning this thing. 3 And now let us make a covenant with our God to put away all the wives, and such as are born of them, according to the direction of the Lord. and of those that tremble at the commandment of our God: and let it be done according to the law. 4 Arise; for this matter is obligatory upon thee; and we will be with thee: be strong, and do it. 5 Then arose 'Ezra, and caused the princes of the priests, the Levites, and of all Israel, to swear to do according to this word. And they swore. 6 Then arose 'Ezra from before the house of God, and went into the chamber of Jochanan the son of Elyashib; and he went thither without having eaten bread, or having drunk water; for he was mourning because of the trespass of the exiles. 7 And they made proclamation throughout Judah and Jerusalem unto all the children of the exile, to gather themselves together at Jerusalem; 8 And that whosoever should not come within three days, according to the resolve of the princes and the elders, all his substance should be devoted, and himself separated from the congregation of the exiles. 9 Then were all the men of Judah and Benjamin gathered together unto Jerusalem within three days: it was in the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month; and all the people sat in the open place before the house of God, trembling because of this matter, and by reason of the showers of rain. 10 And 'Ezra the priest rose up, and said unto them, Ye have

guiltiness, seeing that thou our God hast spared us wives, to increase yet more the guiltiness of Israel. 11 [punishing us] less than our iniquities [deserved], and Now therefore make confession unto the Lord the hast given us such deliverance as this: 14 Should God of your fathers, and do his will: and separate we again make void thy commandments, and make yourselves from the nations of the earth, and from the marriage with these people of abominations? wouldst strange wives. 12 Then answered all the assembly thou not be angry with us even to make an end of us, and said with a loud voice, So be it: according to so that there would not be any remnant or escape? thy word it is our duty to do. 13 But the people are 15 O Lord, God of Israel, thou art righteous; for we many, and it is the rainy season, and we have not the strength to remain in the street, nor is this a work for one day or for two days; for we are many that have transgressed in this matter. 14 Let however our princes stand forward for all the congregation, and let all those in our cities who have brought home strange wives come at appointed times, and with them the elders of each and every city, and its judges, until the fierce wrath of our God be turned away from us for this whole matter. 15 Only Jonathan the son of 'Assahel and Jachzeyah the son of Thikvah withstood this [proposal]: and Meshullam and Shabbethai the Levite assisted them. 16 And the children of the exile did so. And then were set apart 'Ezra the priest, [and] certain chiefs of the divisions, for their family divisions, and all of them [designated] by their names; and they sat down on the first day of the tenth month to examine the matter. 17 And they made an end with all, with the men that had brought home strange wives, not before the first day of the first month, 18 And there were found among the sons of the priests that had brought home strange wives, namely, of the sons of Jeshua' the son of Jozadak, and his brethren: Ma'asseyah, and Eli'ezer, and Jarib, and Gedalvah. 19 And they gave their hand to put away their wives, and being guilty, [they offered] a ram of the flock for their trespass. 20 And of the sons of Immer: Chanani, and Zebadyah. 21 And of the sons of Charim: Ma'asseyah, and Elijah, and Shema'yah, and Jechiel, and 'Uzzivah, 22 And of the sons of Pashchur: Elvo'enai, Ma'assevah, Ishmael, Nethanel, Jozabad, and El'assah. 23 Also of the Levites: Jozabad, and Shim'i, and Kelayan, the same is Kelita, Pethachyah, Judah, and Eli'ezer. 24 And of the singers, Elyashib; and of the gate-keepers, Shallum, and Telem, and Uri. 25 And of Israel: Of the sons of Par'osh, Ramyah, and Yizziyah, and Malkiyah, and Miyamin, and El'azar, and Malkiyah, and Benayah. 26 And of the sons of 'Elam; Matthanyah, Zecharyah, and Jechiel, and 'Abdi, and Jeremoth, and Elivah. 27 And of the sons of Zatthu: Elyo'enai, Elyashib, Matthanyah, and Jeremoth, and Zabad, and 'Aziza, 28 And of the sons of Bebai: Jehochanan, Chananyah, Zabbai, and 'Athlai. 29

And of the sons of Bani: Meshullam, Malluch, and 'Adayah, Jashub, and Sheal, and Ramoth. 30 And of the sons of Pachath-moab: 'Adna, and Kelal, Benayah, Ma'asseyah, Matthanyah, Bezalel, and Binnui, and Menasseh. 31 And of the sons of Charim: Eli'ezer, Yishiyah, Malkiyah, Shema'yah, Shim'on, 32 Benjamin, Malluch, and Shemaryah. 33 Of the sons of Chashum: Matthenai, Matthathah, Zabad, Eliphelet, Jeremai, Menasseh, and Shim'i. 34 Of the sons of Bani: Ma'adai, 'Amram, and Uel, 35 Benayah, Bedeyah, Keluhu, 36 Vanyah, Meremoth, Elyashib, 37 Matthanyah, Matthenai, and Ja'assai, 38 And Bani, and Binnui, and Shim'i, 39 And Shelemyah, and Nathan, and 'Adayah, 40 Machnadbai, Shashai, Sharai, 41 'Asar'el, and Shelemyahu, Shemaryah, 42 Shallum, Amaryah, and Joseph. 43 Of the sons of Nebo: Je'iel, Matthithyah, Zabad, Zebina, Jaddai, and Joel, Benavah. 44 All these had taken strange wives; and some of them had wives by whom they had children.

## Nehemiah

1 The words of Nehemiah the son of Chachalyah. And it came to pass in the month Kisley, in the twentieth year, as I was in Shushan, the capital, 2 That there came Chanani, one of my brethren. himself with certain men of Judah: and I asked them concerning the Jews that had escaped, who 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 misery and in disgrace; and the wall of Jerusalem is broken down, and her gates are burnt with fire. 4 And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned some days, and I was fasting, and praying before the God of heaven, 5 And I said, I beseech thee, O Lord the God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth the covenant and kindness for those that love him and for those that keep his commandments: 6 Let thy ear now be attentive, and thy eyes be open, I entreat thee, to hearken unto the prayer of thy servant, which I am praying this day before thee, by day and by night, in behalf of the children of Israel thy servants, and [as] I confess for the sins of the children of Israel. [with] which we have sinned against thee: yea, I also and my father's house have sinned. 7 We have dealt very corruptly toward thee: and we have not kept the commandments, and the statutes, and the ordinances, which thou didst command Moses thy servant. 8 Remember, I beseech thee, the word with which thou didst charge Moses thy servant, saying, If ye become truly unfaithful, I will indeed scatter you among the nations. 9 But if ye return unto me, and keep my commandments, and do them: [then] though your outcasts should be at the utmost parts of heaven, from there will I gather them, and I will bring them unto the place which I have chosen to let my name dwell there. 10 And they are thy servants and thy people, whom thou hast redeemed by thy great power, and by thy strong hand, 11 I beseech thee. O Lord, do let thy ear be attentive to the prayer of thy servant, and to the prayer of thy servants, who are desirous to fear thy name; and grant success, I pray thee, to thy servant this day, and let him find mercy in the sight of this man —But I was butler by the king.

Then said the king unto me. Why is thy countenance sad, seeing thou art not sick? this is nothing but an illness of heart. Then was I very greatly afraid. 3 And I said unto the king. May the king live for ever: why should not my countenance be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' sepulchres, lieth ruined, and her gates are consumed by fire? 4 Then said the king unto me, For what then dost thou make request? Then did I pray to the God of heaven. 5 And I said unto the king, If it seem good to the king, and if thy servant might be pleasing in thy presence, [I desire] that thou wouldst send me unto Judah, unto the city of my fathers' sepulchres, that I may build it. 6 And the king said unto me, while the gueen was sitting beside him. When is thy journey to be undertaken? and when wilt thou return? So it pleased the king to let me go; and I indicated to him a time. 7 And I said unto the king. If it seem good to the king, let letters be given unto me for the governors beyond the river, that they may convey me over till the time that I come into Judah; 8 Also a letter unto Assaph the keeper of the king's forests, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress which appertaineth to the house, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall move into. And the king gave [them] to me, according to the good hand of my God upon me. 9 And [so] came I to the governors beyond the river, and I gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me captains of the army and horsemen. 10 When Sanballat the Choronite, and Tobiyah the servant, the 'Ammonite, heard of it, it displeased them exceedingly, that there was come a man to seek the welfare of the children of Israel. 11 So came I to Jerusalem, and remained there three days. 12 Then arose I in the night, I and some few men with me; but I had not told any man what my God had put in my heart to do for Jerusalem: nor was there any beast with me, save the beast on which I rode. 13 And I went out through the gate of the valley by night, even toward the direction of the dragonwell, and to the dung-gate; and I was viewing the walls of Jerusalem, which were broken down, and the gates whereof were consumed by fire. 14 Then passed I on to the gate of the fountain, and to the king's pool; but there was no space for the beast that was under me to pass through. 15 Then went I up through the valley in the night, and I was viewing the **2** And it came to pass in the month Nissan, in the wall, and I returned and entered through the gate of twentieth year of king Artaxerxes, that wine [stood] the valley, and so returned home. 16 And the rulers before him; and I took up the wine, and gave it unto knew not whither I was gone, or what I was doing: the king. But I had never been sad in his presence. 2 nor had I as yet told it to the Jews, and to the priests,

and to the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest him repaired Chattush the son of Chashabneyah. 11 right, nor memorial, in Jerusalem.

3 Then rose up Elyashib the high priest with his brethren the priests, and they built the sheepgate: they sanctified it, and set up its doors: even as far as the tower of Meah did they sanctify it, as far as the tower of Chananel. 2 And by his side built the men of Jericho. And by his [other] side built Zaccur the son of Imri. 3 But the fish-gate did the sons of Hassenaah build: they also laid its beams, and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars. 4 And alongside of them repaired Meremoth the son of Urivah, the son of Kakkoz, And alongside of them repaired Meshullam the son of Berechyah, the son of Meshezabel, And alongside of them repaired Zadok the son of Ba'ana. 5 And alongside of them repaired the Teko'ites; but their principal men put not their necks to the work of their Lord. 6 Moreover the old gate repaired Yoyada' the son of Passeach, and Meshullam the son of Bessodeyah: they laid its beams, and set up its doors, and its locks, and its bars. 7 And alongside of them repaired Melatyah the Gib'onite, and Jadon the Meronothite, men of Gib'on and of Mizpah, unto the seat of the governor on this side of the river. 8 Alongside of him repaired 'Uzziel the son of Charhayah, of the goldsmiths. And alongside of him repaired Chananyah the son of one of the anothecaries, and they fortified Jerusalem as far as the broad wall. 9 And alongside of them repaired Rephayah the son of Chur, the chief of the half of the district of Jerusalem. 10 And alongside of them repaired Jedayah the son of Charumaph, and this opposite to his house. And alongside of

of the superintendents of the work. 17 Then said I Another division did Malkiyah the son of Charim, and unto them, Ye see the misery in which we are, how Chashub the son of Pachathmoab, repair, as also the Jerusalem lieth in ruins, and its gates are burnt with tower of the ovens. 12 And alongside of him repaired fire: come, and let us build up the wall of Jerusalem. Shallum the son of Hallochesh, the chief of the other that we may no more be for a reproach. 18 And I told half of the district of Jerusalem, he and his daughters. them of the hand of my God, which was good upon 13 The gate of the valley repaired Chanun, and the me, as also the king's words which he had spoken inhabitants of Zanoach; they built it, and set up its unto me. And they said, We will rise up and build. So doors, its locks, and its bars, and a thousand cubits they strengthened their hands for the good work. 19 of the wall as far as the dung-gate. 14 And the dung-But when Sanballat the Choronite, and Tobiyah the gate repaired Malkiyah the son of Rechah, the chief servant, the 'Ammonite, and Geshem the Arabian, of the district of Beth-hakkerem: he built it, and set up heard it, they laughed us to scorn, and despised us, its doors, its locks, and its bars. 15 And the gate of the and said, What is this thing that ye are doing? are ye fountain repaired Shallum the son of Col-chozeh, the rebelling against the king? 20 And I returned them an chief of the district of Mizpah; he built it and covered answer, and said unto them, The God of heaven will it, and set up its doors, its locks, and its bars, and the indeed give us prosperity, and we his servants will wall of the pool of Shelach by the king's garden, and truly rise up and build; but ve have no portion, nor as far as the stairs that lead down from the city of David. 16 Next to him repaired Nehemiah the son of 'Azbuk, the chief of the half district of Beth-zur, as far as the place opposite to the sepulchres of David, and as far as the pool that was [newly] made, and as far as the house of the mighty men. 17 Next to him repaired the Levites: Rechum the son of Bani. Alongside of him repaired Chashabyah, the chief of the half district of Ke'ilah, for his district. 18 Next to him repaired their brethren: Bavai the son of Chenadad, the chief of the lother half district of Ke'ilah. 19 And there repaired alongside of him 'Ezer the son of Joshua. the chief of Mizpah, another division, opposite to the ascent to the armory at the angle. 20 Next to him did Baruch the son of Zaccai' earnestly repair another division, from the angle as far as the door of the house of Elyashib the high priest. 21 Next to him repaired Meremoth the son of Uriyah the son of Hakkoz another division, from the door of the house of Elyashib even as far as the end of the house of Elyashib. 22 And next to him repaired the priests, the men of the plain [of Jordan]. 23 Next to him repaired Benjamin and Chashub opposite to their house. Next to him repaired 'Azarvah the son of Ma'asevah the son of 'Ananyah alongside of his house. 24 Next to him repaired Binnui the son of Chenadad another division, from the house of 'Azaryah as far as the angle, and as far as the corner. 25 Palal the son of Uzai [repaired] from opposite to the angle, and the tower which standeth out from the king's upper house, that was by the court of the prison. Next to him Pedayah the son of Par'osh. 26 And the templeservants dwelt on the hill fort. [and they built] as far as opposite to the water-gate toward the east, and

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the tower that standeth out. 27 Next to them repaired see until we come in the midst of them, and slay the Teko'ites another division from opposite the great them, and so stop the work." 12 And it came to pass, tower that standeth out, and as far as the wall of the when the Jews who dwelt near them came, that they hill fort. 28 From above the horse-gate repaired the said unto us ten times. "From all places whence ve priests, every one opposite to his house. 29 Next to may return home [they intend to come] over us." 13 this repaired Zadok the son of Immer opposite to his I placed therefore on the lower parts of the place house. And next to him repaired Shema'yah the son on the naked rocks behind the wall—there I placed of Schechanyah, the keeper of the east gate. 30 Next the people after their families with their swords, their to him repaired Chananyah the son of Shelemyah, spears, and their bows. 14 And I looked [about], and and Chanun the sixth son of Zalaph another division. rose up, and said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, Next to him repaired Meshullam the son of Berechyah and to the rest of the people. Be not afraid of them: opposite to his chamber. 31 Next to him repaired think on the Lord, the great and terrible, and fight for the temple-servants, and of the merchants, opposite wives, and your houses. 15 And it came to pass. that. to the mustering-gate, and to the upper chamber of when our enemies heard that it was known unto us, the corner. 32 And between the upper chamber of the God frustrated their counsel: and we returned, all of corner and the sheep-gate repaired the goldsmiths us, to the wall, every one unto his work. 16 And it and the merchants.

▲ And it came to pass, when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, that it displeased him, and he became very angry, and he mocked at the Jews. 2 And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, What are these feeble Jews doing? will people suffer them [to build]? will they sacrifice? will they complete it in one day? will they revive the stones out of the heaps of the rubbish. seeing that they have been burnt? 3 And Tobiyah the 'Ammonite was near him, and he said, Even what they are building, if a fox were to run up, he would readily break through their stone wall. 4 Hear, O our God! how we are become a scorn; and bring their reproach back upon their own head, and give them up for prey in the land of captivity. 5 And cover not up their iniquity, and let not their sin be blotted out from before thee; for they have taunted [us] in the presence of the builders. 6 But we built the wall; and all the wall was joined together up to the half thereof; for the people had a heart to work. 7 And it came to pass, when Sanballat and Tobiyah, and the Arabians, and the 'Ammonites, and the Ashdodites, heard that the walls of Jerusalem were restored. and that the breaches began to be closed up, that it displeased them greatly. 8 And they conspired all of them together to come to fight against Jerusalem, and to do it an injury. 9 But we prayed unto our God, and set a watch over them day and night, because of bearers of the burden is failing, and there is much

Malkiyah the goldsmith's son as far as the house of your brethren, your sons, and your daughters, your came to pass from that day forth, that the half of my young men wrought at the work, while the other half of them were holding the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the coats of mail; and the princes stood behind all the house of Judah. 17 Those that built on the wall, and those that bore burdens, with those that loaded, —every one with one of his hands wrought on the work, and with the other hand held a weapon. 18 And the builders had every one his sword fastened around his loins while they were building; and he that blew the cornet stood alongside of me. 19 And I said unto the nobles, and to the rulers, and to the rest of the people, The work is great and extensive, and we are separated upon the wall, distant one from another. 20 In what place [then] ye hear the sound of the cornet, thither must ve assemble unto us: our God will fight for us. 21 So we labored at the work, while the half of them were holding the spears from the rising of the morning-dawn till the stars appeared. 22 Likewise at the same time said I unto the people. Let every one with his young man lodge within Jerusalem, so that they may be in the night a guard to us, and during the day for the labor. 23 And neither I, nor my brothers, nor my young men, nor the men of the guard who followed me-none of us took off our clothes, no one leaving them off even for washing himself.

And there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their brethren the Jews. 2 the others. 10 And Judah said, The strength of the And there were some that said, Our sons, and our daughters, [and] ourselves are many; and we must rubbish; and we are not able to build on the wall. 11 buy corn, that we may eat, and live. 3 And others And our adversaries said, "They shall not know, nor there were that said, We must pledge our fields, our the famine. 4 And others there were that said, We Moreover of the Jews and rulers, one hundred and have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields fifty men, besides those that came unto us from the and vinevards. 5 Yet now our flesh is like the flesh nations that are about us. [ate] at my table. 18 And of our brethren, our children are like their children: that which was prepared for one day was one ox and and, lo, we must force our sons and our daughters to six choice sheep; also birds were prepared for me, become servants, and some of our daughters are and once in ten days all sorts of wine in abundance: forced (to become so), and our hand is powerless: vet with all this I required not the food of the governor; and our fields and our vineyards belong to others. because the service lay heavily upon this people. 19 6 And it displeased me greatly when I heard their Remember for me, my God, for good, all that I have complaint and these words. 7 Then did I consult done for this people. with my heart, and I upbraided the nobles, and the rulers, and said unto them, "Ye exact usury, every one of his brother!" And I brought together a great assembly against them. 8 And I said unto them. We have indeed ransomed our brethren the Jews, who had been sold unto the various nations, as far as our means went: and will ve vourselves even sell vour brethren, so that they will be sold again unto us? And they remained silent, and found no answer. 9 Then said I, The thing is not good which ye are doing: ought ye not to walk in the fear of our God, because of the taunting of the nations, our enemies? 10 And also I, my brothers, and my young men, have lent them money and corn: I pray you, let us relinguish this loan. 11 Give back to them. I pray you, even this day, their fields, their vineyards, their oliveyards, and their houses, also the hundredth part of the money, and of the corn, the wine, and the oil, that ve have lent them. 12 Then said they. We will give [all] back, and of them will we require nothing: so will we do as thou sayest. Then I called the priests, and made them swear, that they would do in accordance with this promise. 13 Also my lap did I shake out. and said, So may God shake out every man that performeth not this promise, from his house and of his toil-gotten wealth, and so let him remain shaken out, and empty. And all the assembly said, Amen, and they praised the Lord. And the people did according to this promise. 14 Moreover from the day that [the king] had enjoined on me to be governor in the land of Judah, from the twentieth year up to the two and thirtieth year of king Artaxerxes, [full] twelve years, neither I nor my brothers ate the food of the governor. 15 But the former governors that had been before me had made it heavy for the people, and had taken of them bread and wine, beside forty shekels of silver: vea, even their young men ruled over the people: but I myself did not act so, because of the fear of God. 16 And in the work of this wall also did I labor actively; and we bought not any fields; and all my

vineyards, and our houses, that we may buy corn, in young men were assembled there by the work. 17

6 Now it came to pass, when it came to the hearing of Sanballat, and Tobiyah, and Geshem the Arabian, and the rest of our enemies, that I had built the wall, and that there was no breach left therein, although up to that time I had not yet set up the doors in the gates. 2 That Sanballat and Geshem sent unto me, saying, Come, let us meet together in Kephirim, in the plain of Ono. But they were thinking of doing me mischief. 3 And I sent messengers unto them, saving. I am doing a great work, and I cannot come down: why should the work cease, while I leave it lying, and come down to you? 4 And they sent unto me after this manner four times; and I answered them after the same manner. 5 Then sent Sanballat unto me in like manner the fifth time his young man with an open letter in his hand: 6 Therein was written, It hath been heard among the nations, and Gashmu saith it, that thou and the Jews think of rebelling; wherefore thou art building up the wall; and that thou art to be king unto them, according to these reports, 7 And that thou hast also set up prophets to proclaim concerning thee at Jerusalem, saying, He is king in Judah: and now there may be reported to the king something like these words. Now therefore come, and let us take counsel together. 8 Then I sent unto him, saying, "There hath been done nothing like these reports of which thou speakest; but out of thy own heart thou inventest them." 9 For they all wished to make us afraid, thinking. Their hands will be withdrawn from the work, so that it will not be done. Now therefore. [O God, ] strengthen my hands. 10 And I came also into the house of Shema'yah the son of Delayah the son of Mehetabel, who had shut himself up; and he said. Let us meet together in the house of God, within the temple, and let us lock the doors of the temple: for they are coming to slay thee: yea, in the night are they coming to slay thee. 11 And I said, Should a man like me flee? and who is there that is like me. that would go into the temple and live? I will not go in.

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**7** And it came to pass, when the wall was built, that I set up the doors; and then were appointed the gatekeepers and the singers and the [other] Levites [to their office]. 2 And I gave my brother Chanani, and Chananyah the commander of the fortress, charge over Jerusalem; for he was esteemed a faithful man, and one that feared God these many days. 3 And I said unto them, The gates of Jerusalem must not be opened until the sun be hot; and while ye stand by, let them shut the doors, and do ye bar them; and station watches of the inhabitants of Jerusalem, every one in his watch, and every one opposite to his house. 4 But the city was roomy in space and large: while the people therein were few, and the houses were not yet built. 5 Then did my God put it into my heart, and I assembled together the nobles, and the rulers, and the people, that they might give in their genealogy; and I found a register of the genealogy of those who were come up at the first, and I found written therein: 6 These arc the children of the province, that came up out of the captivity of the exiles, whom Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into exile, and who returned to Jerusalem and to Judah, every one unto his own city; 7 Who came with Zerubbabel, Jeshua', Nehemiah, 'Azaryah, Ra'amyah,

that he pronounced this prophecy over me, because Nechum, Ba'anah. The number of the men of the Tobiyah and Sanballat had hired him. 13 Therefore people of Israel was: 8 The children of Par'osh, two was he hired, in order that I should become afraid, thousand one hundred and seventy and two. 9 The and do so, and sin, and that it might serve them for children of Shephatyah, three hundred seventy and an evil report, so that they might cast reproach upon two. 10 The children of Arach, six hundred fifty and me. 14 Think, O my God, of Tobiyah and Sanballat two. 11 The children of Pachath-moab, of the children according to these their works, and also of No'adyah of Jeshua' and Joab, two thousand and eight hundred the prophetess, and the rest of the prophets, who and eighteen. 12 The children of 'Elam, one thousand wished to make me afraid. 15 And so was the wall two hundred fifty and four. 13 The children of Zatthu, finished on the twenty and fifth day of the month Elul, eight hundred forty and five. 14 The children of Zaccai, in fifty and two days. 16 And it came to pass, when seven hundred and sixty. 15 The children of Binnui, six our enemies heard this, and all the nations that were hundred forty and eight. 16 The children of Bebai, six about us saw it, that they sank greatly in their own hundred twenty and eight. 17 The children of 'Azgad, eyes; and they perceived that by the aid of our God two thousand three hundred twenty and two. 18 The had this work been wrought. 17 Moreover in those children of Adonikam, six hundred sixty and seven. 19 days the nobles of Judah despatched frequently their The children of Bigyai, two thousand sixty and seven. letters unto Tobivah, and those of Tobivah came unto 20 The children of 'Adin, six hundred fifty and five, 21 them. 18 For many in Judah were sworn friends unto The children of Ater of Hezekiah, ninety and eight. 22 him; because he was the son-in-law of Shechanyah The children of Chashum, three hundred twenty and the son of Arach, and Jehochanan his son had taken eight. 23 The children of Bezai, three hundred twenty the daughter of Meshullam the son of Bercehyah. and four. 24 The children of Chariph, one hundred 19 Also his good deeds were they reporting before and twelve. 25 The children of Gib'on, ninety and me, and my words they used to carry out to him: also five. 26 The men of Beth-lechem and Netophah, one hundred eighty and eight. 27 The men of 'Anathoth, one hundred twenty and eight. 28 The men of Beth-'azmaveth, forty and two. 29 The men of Kiryathve'arim. Kephirah, and Beeroth, seven hundred forty and three. 30 The men of Ramah and Gaba', six hundred twenty and one, 31 The men of Michmass, one hundred twenty and two. 32 The men of Bethel and 'Ai, one hundred twenty and three. 33 The men of the other Nebo, fifty and two. 34 The children of the other 'Elam, one thousand two hundred fifty and four. 35 The children of Charim, three hundred and twenty. 36 The people of Jericho, three hundred forty and five. 37 The people of Lod, Chadid, and Ono. seven hundred and twenty and one. 38 The people of Senaah, three thousand nine hundred and thirty. 39 The priests: the children of Jeda'yah, of the house of Jeshua', nine hundred seventy and three. 40 The children of Immer, one thousand fifty and two. 41 The children of Pashchur, one thousand two hundred forty and seven. 42 The children of Charim, one thousand and seventeen. 43 The Levites: The children of Jeshua', of Kadmiel, of the children of Hodevah, seventy and four. 44 The singers: The children of Assaph, one hundred forty and eight. 45 The gatekeepers: The children of Shallum, the children of Ater, the children of Talmon, the children of 'Akkub, the children of Chatita, the children of Shobai,

The children of Zicha, the children of Chassupha, thirty coats for the priests. 71 And some of the chiefs the children of Tabba'oth, 47 The children of Keross, of the divisions gave to the treasury of the work, the children of Si'a, the children of Padon. 48 The of gold twenty thousand drachms, and of silver two children of Lebana, the children of Chagaba, the thousand and two hundred manehs, 72 And what the children of Salmai, 49 The children of Chanan, the rest of the people gave was, of gold twenty thousand children of Giddel, the children of Gachar, 50 The drachms, and of silver two thousand manehs, and children of Reavah, the children of Rezin, the children priests coats sixty and seven. 73 So the priests, and of Nekoda. 51 The children of Gazzam, the children the Levites, and the gatekeepers, and the singers, of 'Uzza, the children of Passeach. 52 The children and some of the people, and the temple-servants, of Bessai, the children of Me'unim, the children and all Israel, dwelt in their cities: and so came round of Nephishessim, 53 The children of Bakbuk, the the seventh month, while the children of Israel were children of Chakupha, the children of Charchur, 54 in their cities. The children of Bazlith, the children of Mechida, the children of Charsha. 55 The children of Barkoss, the children of Sissera, the children of Thamach, 56 The children of Neziach, the children of Chatipha. 57 The children of Solomon's servants: The children of Sotai, the children of Sophereth, the children of Perida. 58 The children of Ya'ala, the children of Darkon, the children of Giddel, 59 The children of Shephatyah, the children of Chattil, the children of Pocherethhazzebavim, the children of Amon. 60 All the templeservants, and the children of Solomon' servants, were three hundred ninety and two. 61 And these were they who came up from Thel-melach, Thelcharsha, Kerub, Addon, and Immer, but they could not tell their family division and their descent, whether they were of Israel. 62 The children of Delayah, the children of Tobiyah, the children of Nekoda, six hundred forty and two. 63 And of the priests: The children of Chobayah, the children of Hakkoz, the children of Barzillai who had taken a wife from the daughters of Barzillai the Gil'adite, and was called after their name. 64 These sought for their family register, but it was not found: wherefore they were excluded, as unfit, from the priesthood. 65 And the Thirshatha said unto them, that they should not eat of the most holy things, till there should stand up a priest with the Urim and Thummim. 66 The whole congregation together was forty and two thousand three hundred and sixty: 67 Besides these were their man-servants and their maid-servants, of whom there were seven thousand three hundred thirty and seven: and they had two hundred and forty and five singing men and singing women. 68 Their horses were seven hundred thirty and six; their mules, two hundred forty and five; 69 [Their] camels, four hundred thirty and five: [their] asses, six thousand seven hundred and twenty. 70 And a portion of the chiefs of the divisions gave unto the work. The Thirshatha gave to the treasure, of gold

one hundred thirty and eight. 46 The temple-servants: one thousand drachms, fifty bowls, five hundred and

 $oldsymbol{8}$  And all the people gathered themselves together as one man into the open place which is before the water-gate; and they said unto 'Ezra the expounder that he should bring forward the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord commanded to Israel. 2 Then did 'Ezra the priest bring forward the law before the congregation both of men and women, and every one that had understanding to listen [attentively], on the first day of the seventh month; 3 And he read therein in the open place which is before the water-gate from the first daylight until midday, before the men and the women, and those that could understand: and the ears of all the people were directed unto the book of the law. 4 And 'Ezra the expounder stood upon an elevated stand of wood, which they had made for the purpose: and beside him stood Matthithyah, and Shema', and 'Anayah, and Uriyah, and Chilkivah, and Ma'assevah, on his right hand: and on his left, Pedavah, and Mishael, and Malkivah. and Chashum, and Chashbadanah, Zechariah, [and] Meshullam. 5 And 'Ezra opened the book before the eyes of all the people; for he was [standing] higher than all the people; and as he opened it, all the people became silent. 6 And 'Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God: and all the people answered, Amen, Amen, with lifting up their hands; and they bowed their heads, and prostrated themselves before the Lord with their faces to the ground. 7 Also Jeshua', and Bani, and Sherebvah, Jamin, 'Akkub, Shabbethai, Hodivah, Ma'assevah, Kelita, 'Azarvah, Jozabad, Chanan, Pelayah, and the Levites, explained to the people the law: while the people remained where they stood. 8 So they read in the book, in the law of God distinctly, and exhibiting the sense; so that [the people] understood what was read. 9 Then said Nehemiah, that is the Thirshatha, and 'Ezra the priest the expounder, and the Levites that explained to the

377 Nehemiah assembly, after the prescribed manner.

And on the twenty and fourth day of this month were the children of Israel assembled with fasting, and in sackclothes, and with earth upon them. 2 And the seed of Israel separated themselves from all children of the strangers; and they stood forward and made confession for their sins, and the iniquities of their fathers. 3 And they stood up in their standingplace, and read in the book of the law of the Lord their God the fourth part of the day; and another

people, unto all the people. This day is holy unto the fourth part they made confession, and prostrated Lord your God: mourn not, and weep not. For all the themselves before the Lord their God. 4 Then stood people were weeping, when they heard the words of up upon the stairs of the Levites, Jeshua' and Bani, the law, 10 Then said he unto them, Go your way, eat Kadmiel, Shebanyah, Bunni, Sherebyah, Bani, and fat things, and drink sweet drinks, and send portions Kenani, and they cried with a loud voice unto the unto him for whom nothing is prepared; for this day is Lord their God. 5 Then said the Levites, Jeshua', and holy unto our Lord: and do not grieve yourselves; but Kadmiel, Bani, Chashabneyah, Sherebyah, Hodiyah, let the joy of the Lord be your stronghold. 11 So the Shebanyah, and Pethachyah, Arise! bless ye the Levites quieted all the people, saying, Be still! for the Lord your God from eternity to eternity. And let men day is holy: and do not grieve yourselves. 12 And all bless thy glorious name, which is exalted above all the people went their way to eat, and to drink, and blessing and praise. 6 Thou indeed art the Eternal to send out portions, and to prepare for themselves. One alone: It is thou that hast made the heavens great joy: because they had understood the words with all their host, the earth, and all that is upon her, which [the others] had made known unto them. 13 the seas, and all that is in them, and thou givest life And on the second day there gathered themselves to them all; and the host of the heavens bow down together the chiefs of the divisions of all the people, before thee. 7 Thou art indeed the Lord the [true] the priests, and the Levites, unto 'Ezra the expounder, God, who didst choose Abram, and bring him forth to obtain again intelligence of the words of the law, out of Ur of the Chaldeans, and change his name 14 And they found written in the law that the Lord to Abraham; 8 And thou didst find his heart faithful had commanded through means of Moses, that the before thee: and thou madest with him the covenant children of Israel should dwell in booths during the to give the land of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the feast in the seventh month. 15 And [they ordered] Emorites, and the Perizittes, and the Jebusites, and that they should publish and have proclamation made the Girgashite—to give it to his seed: and thou hast throughout all their cities, and through Jerusalem, performed thy words; for thou art righteous. 9 And saying, Go forth unto the mountain and fetch olive- thou didst see the affliction of our fathers in Egypt, leaves, and oleaster-leaves, and myrtle-leaves, and and their cry didst thou hear by the Red Sea: 10 And palm-leaves, and leaves of the three-leaved myrtle, to thou didst display signs and wonders on Pharaoh, and make booths, as it is written. 16 And the people went on all his servants, and on all the people of his land: forth, and brought them; and they made themselves for thou knewest that they had dealt presumptuously booths, every one upon his roof, and in their courts, against them; and thou didst [thus] make thyself a and in the courts of the house of God, and in the name, as it is this day. 11 And the sea didst thou open place by the water-gate, and in the open place divide before them, so that they passed through the by the gate of Ephraim. 17 And all the congregation midst of the sea on dry land; and their pursuers didst that were returned out of the captivity made booths, thou throw into the deeps, like a stone in mighty and dwelt in the booths; for since the days of Jeshua' waters. 12 And by a pillar of cloud didst thou lead the son of Nun until that day the children of Israel had them in the day, and by a pillar of fire in the night, to not done so. And there was very great joy. 18 And he give light unto them on the way whereon they should read in the book of the law of God, day by day, from go. 13 Also on mount Sinai camest thou down, and the first day until the last day. And they celebrated the spokest with them from heaven; and thou gayest them feast seven days, and on the eighth day the solemn upright ordinances, and truthful laws, good statutes and commandments; 14 And thy holy sabbath madest thou known unto them, and commandments, statutes, and a law didst thou enjoin on them, by the hand of Moses thy servant. 15 And bread from heaven didst thou give them for their hunger, and water out of the rock broughtest thou forth for them for their thirst; and thou didst order them to go in to take possession of the land concerning which thou hadst lifted up thy hand to give it unto them. 16 And they and our fathers acted presumptuously, and hardened their neck, and hearkened not to thy commandments. 17 And they deeds which thou hadst done with them; but they had dominion over them; and when they returned, hardened their neck, and [spoke of] appointing a and cried unto thee, thou wast wont to hear them from chief to return to their bondage, in their rebellion; heaven, and thou didst ever deliver them according but thou art a God ready to pardon, gracious and to thy mercies many times. 29 And thou gayest them merciful, long-suffering, and abundant in kindness, warning to bring them back unto thy law: yet they and forsookest them not. 18 Yea, although they had acted presumptuously, and hearkened not unto thy made for themselves a molten calf, and said, 'This commandments, and sinned against thy ordinances, is thy god that hath brought thee up out of Egypt,' which a man is to do that he may live through them: and had practised great provocations: 19 Yet in thy and they rendered their shoulder rebellious, and abundant mercies didst thou not forsake them in the hardened their neck, and would not hear. 30 Yet thou wilderness: the pillar of cloud departed not from them gavest them indulgence many years, and didst warn by day, to lead them on the way; nor the pillar of fire them through thy spirit by means of thy prophets; but by night, to give them light on the way whereon they they gave no ear: therefore didst thou give them up should go. 20 And thy good spirit thou gayest to make into the hand of the nations of the lands. 31 Yet in them intelligent, and thy manna thou withheldest not thy abundant mercies hast thou not made an entire from their mouth, and water thou gavest them for end of them, and thou hast not forsaken them; for their thirst. 21 And forty years didst thou provide for a gracious and merciful God art thou, 32 And now. them in the wilderness; they lacked nothing; their our God, the great, the mighty, and the terrible God, clothes did not wear out; and their feet swelled not. 22 who keepest the covenant and kindness, let not be Thou gavest them also kingdoms and nations, which esteemed as little before thee all the hardship that thou didst divide into various corners: and they took hath befallen us, on our kings, on our princes, and on possession of the land of Sichon, even the land of our priests, and on our prophets, and on our fathers, the king of Cheshbon, and the land of 'Og the king of and on all thy people, from the days of the kings Bashan. 23 And their children didst thou multiply like of Assyria until this day. 33 Nevertheless thou art the stars of heaven, and then broughtest them into righteous in all that is come over us; for thou hast the land, concerning which thou hadst ordered their acted [according to] truth, but we have done wickedly. fathers to enter in to take possession of it. 24 And the 34 Also our kings, our priests, and our fathers have children entered in and took possession of the land; not executed thy law, and have not listened unto thy and thou didst humble before them the inhabitants commandments and thy testimonies, wherewith thou of the land, the Cana'anites, and gavest them up didst warn them. 35 But they in their kingdom, and in into their hands, with their kings, and the nations of thy abundant goodness which thou hadst given unto the land, that they might do with them according to them, and in the ample and fat land which thou hadst their pleasure. 25 And they captured fortified cities, given up before them, did indeed not serve thee, and and a fat soil; and they took possession of houses they turned not away from their wicked deeds. 36 full of all good things, hewn-out wells, vineyards, Behold, we are this day servants; and as regardeth and olive-yards, and fruit trees in abundance; and the land that thou gavest unto our fathers to eat its they ate, and were satisfied, and became fat, and fruit and its good things, behold, we are servants in delighted themselves in thy great goodness, 26 Then it: 37 And it yieldeth its products in abundance for became they disobedient, and rebelled against thee, the kings whom thou hast set over us because of and cast thy law behind their back, and they slew thy our sins; also over our bodies have they dominion, prophets who had warned them to bring them back and over our cattle [also] at their pleasure, and we unto thee, and they practised great provocations. 27 are in great distress. 38 And because of all this, we Thereupon thou gavest them up into the hand of their make a faithful covenant, and write it down; and on adversaries, who oppressed them: and in the time of the sealed document are our princes, our Levites, their distress they used to cry unto thee, and thou and our priests. ever heardest them from heaven; and according to thy abundant mercies thou wast wont to give them helpers, who helped them out of the hand of their adversaries. 28 But when [once more] they had rest. they did again evil before thee: wherefore thou didst

refused to obey, and remembered not thy marvelous leave them in the hand of their enemies, so that they

10 And with those whose seal was affixed were, Nehemiah the Tirshatha the son of Chachalyah, and Zidkiyah. 2[Then] Serayah, 'Azaryah, Jeremiah, 3 Pashchui, Amaryah, Malkiyah, 4 Chattush,

379 Nehemiah daughters, every one having knowledge, and having that we will not forsake the house of our God. understanding, 29 Held firmly with their brethren, their nobles, and entered into a curse, and into an oath. to walk in the law of God, which was given through means of Moses the servant of God, and to observe and to do all the commandments of the Eternal One. our Lord, and his ordinances and his statutes: 30 And that we would not give our daughters unto the people of the land, nor take their daughters for our sons; 31 And that if the people of the land should bring wares or any provisions on the sabbath day to sell, we would not buy of them on the sabbath, or on [another] holy day; and that we would leave [the fields without reaping in] the seventh year, and [give up] every loan of hand. 32 And we established for us as one of the commandments to impose on ourselves Ito give the third part of a shekel in every year for the service of the house of our God; 33 For the shewbread, and for the continual meat-offering, and for the continual burnt-offering, [for those of] the sabbaths, of the new-moons, for the appointed feasts, and for the holy things, and for the sin-offerings to make an atonement for Israel, and [for] all the work of the house of our God. 34 And we, the priests, the Levites, and the people, cast lots concerning the procuring of the wood, to bring it into the house of our God, unto the house of our fathers, at fixed times, year by year, to burn upon the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the law; 35 And to bring the first-fruits of our

Shebanyah, Malluch, 5 Charim, Meremoth, 'Obadiah, ground, and the first-fruits of all fruit of all trees, year 6 Daniel, Ginnethon, Baruch, 7 Meshullam, Abiyah, by year, unto the house of the Lord; 36 And also the Miyamin, 8 Ma'azyah, Bilgai, Shema'yah; these were first-born of our sons, and for our funclean cattle, as the priests, 9 And the Levites: Jeshua' the son of it is written in the law, and to bring the first-born of our Azanvah, Binnui [[ofl] the sons of Chenadad, Kadmiel: herds and of our flocks to the house of our God, unto 10 And their brethren, Shebanyah, Hodiyah, Kelita, the priests that minister in the house of our God; 37 Palayah, Chanan, 11 Micha, Rechob, Chashabyah, And that we would bring the first portion of our dough, 12 Zaccur. Sherebyah. Shebanyah. 13 Hodiyah. and our heave-offerings, and this of the fruit of all Bani, Beninu. 14 The chiefs of the people: Par'osh, manner of trees, of wine and of oil, to the priests, Pachath-moab, 'Elam, Zatthu, Bani, 15 Bunni, 'Azqad, unto the chambers of the house of our God, and the Bebai, 16 Adoniyah, Bigvai, 'Adin, 17 Ater, Chizkiyah, tithes of our ground unto the Levites; and that these 'Azzur, 18 Hodiyah, Chashum, Bezai, 19 Chariph, same Levites should be the receivers of the tithes in 'Anathoth, Nebai, 20 Magpi'ash, Meshullam, Chezir, all the cities of our land-tillage; 38 And that the priest 21 Meshezabel, Zadok, Jaddua', 22 Pelatvah, Chanan, the son of Aaron should be with the Levites, when 'Anavah. 23 Hoshea', Chanavah, Chasshub. 24 the Levites receive the tithes; and that the Levites Hallochesh, Pilcha, Shobek, 25 Rechum, Chashabnah, should bring up the tithe of the tithes unto the house Ma'asseyah, 26 And Achiyah, Chanan, 'Anan, 27 of our God, to the chambers, into the treasure-house. Malluch, Charim, Ba'anah, 28 And the rest of the 39 For into the chambers shall the children of Israel people, the priests, the Levites, the gate-keepers, the and the children of Levi bring the heave-offering of singers, the temple-servants, and all those that had the corn, of the new wine, and the oil, and there shall separated themselves from the nations of the lands be the vessels of the sanctuary, and the priests that unto the law of God, their wives, their sons, and their minister, and the gatekeepers, and the singers: and

> 1 And the rulers of the people dwelt at Jerusalem: and the rest of the people cast lots, to bring one of every ten to dwell in Jerusalem the holy city. and the nine parts to [remain] in the [other] cities. 2 And the people blessed all the men, that offered themselves voluntarily to dwell at 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 temple-servants. and the children of Solomon's servants. 4 And at Jerusalem dwelt certain of the children of Judah, and of the children of Benjamin. Of the children of Judah: 'Athayah the son of 'Uzziyah, the son of Zechariah, the son of Amaryah, the son of Shephatvah, the son of Mahalalel, of the children of Perez: 5 And Ma'assevah the son of Baruch, the son of Kol-chozeh, the son of Chazavah, the son of 'Adavah, the son of Joyarib, the son of Zechariah, the son of Hashiloni; 6 All the sons of Perez that dwelt at Jerusalem were four hundred sixty and eight valiant men. 7 And these are the sons of Benjamin: Sallu the son of Meshullam, the son of Jo'ed, the son of Pedayah, the son of Kolayah, the son of Ma'asseyah, the son of Ithiel, the son of Jessha'yah; 8 And next to him Gabbai, Sallai; nine hundred twenty and eight. 9 And Joel the son of Zichri was overseer over them; and Judah the

the priests: Jedayah the son of Joyarib, Jachin: 11 sheba' as far as the valley of Hinnom. 31 And the Serayah the son of Chilkiyah, the son of Meshullam, children of Benjamin [dwelt], beginning from Geba'. the son of Zadok, the son of Merayoth, the son of at Michmash, and 'Av-va, and Beth-el, and in their Achitub, the superintendent of the house of God: 12 villages, 32 'Anathoth, Nob, 'Ananvah, 33 Chazor, And their brethren who did the work of the house, Ramah, Gittayim. 34 Chadid, Zebo'im, Neballat, 35 eight hundred twenty and two; and 'Adayah the son Lod, and Ono, the valley of the carpenters. 36 And of of Jerocham, the son of Pelalvah, the son of Amzi, the Levites dwelt certain divisions in Judah, and in the son of Zechariah, the son of Pashchur, the son of Benjamin. Malkiyah; 13 And his brethren, chiefs of the divisions, two hundred forty and two; and 'Amashsai the son of 'Azarel, the son of Achsai, the son of Meshillemoth, the son of Immer: 14 And their brethren, mighty men of valor, one hundred twenty and eight; and the overseer over them was Zabdiel, the son of Haggedolim, 15 Also of the Levites: Shema'yah the son of Chasshub, the son of 'Azrikam, the son of Chashabyah, the son of Bunni: 16 And Shabbethai and Jozabad, of the chiefs of the Levites, had the oversight of the outward business of the house of God; 17 And Matthaniah the son of Micha, the son of Zabdi, the son of Assaph, the principal to begin the thanksgiving at prayer; and Bakbukvah 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 and four. 19 And the gatekeepers. Akkub, Talmon and their brethren that watched at the gates, were one hundred seventy and two. 20 And the residue of Israel, of the priests, and the Levites, were in all the cities of Judah, every one in his inheritance. 21 But the temple-servants dwelt in the hill-fort; and Zicha and Gishpa were over the temple-servants. 22 And the overseer of the Levites at Jerusalem was 'Uzzi the son of Bani, the son of Chashabyah, the son of Matthanyah, the son of Micha, one of the sons of Assaph, the singers, over the business of the house of God. 23 For the king's command was obligatory on them; and there was a fixed rate for the singers. the requirement of every day on its day. 24 And Pethachyah the son of Meshezabel, of the children of Zerach the son of Judah, was at the king's hand in every thing concerning the people. 25 And respecting the villages with their fields, some of the children of Judah dwelt at Kiryath-arba' and in its villages, and at Dibon and in its villages, and at Jekabzeel and in its villages. 26 And at Jeshua', and at Moladah, and at Beth-phelet, 27 And at Chazar-shu'al, and at Beersheba' and in its villages, 28 And at Ziklag, and at Mechonah and in its villages, 29 And at 'En-rimmon, and at Zor'ah, and at Yarmuth, 30 Zanoach, 'Adullam, and in their villages, at Lachish and its fields, at

son of Hassenuah was second over the city. 10 Of 'Azekah and in its villages. And they dwelt from Beer-

12 And these are the priests and the Levites that came up with Zerubbabel the son of Shealthiel, and Jeshua': Serayah, Jeremiah, 'Ezra, 2 Amarvah. Malluch. Chattush. 3 Shechanvah. Rechum, Meremoth, 4 'Iddo, Ginnethoy, Abiyah, 5 Miyamin, Ma'adyah, Bilgah, 6 Shema'yah, and Joyarib, Jed'ayah, 7 Sallu, 'Amok, Chilkiyah, Jed'ayah. These were the chiefs of the priests and of their brethren in the days of Jeshua'. 8 And the Levites: Jeshua', Binnui, Kadmiel, Sherebyah, Judah, and Matthaniah, who was over the songs of thanksgiving, he and his brethren; 9 And Bakbukyah and 'Unni, their brethren, were opposite to them in the watches. 10 And Jeshua' begat Jovakim, and Jovakim begat Elvashib, and Elvashib begat Joyada', 11 And Joyada' begat Jonathan, and Jonathan begat Jaddua'. 12 And in the days of Joyakim were priests, as chiefs of the divisions: Of Seravah. Meravah: of Jeremiah. Chananvah: 13 Of 'Ezra, Meshullam: of Amarvah. Jehochanan: 14 Of Mellchu, Jonathan; of Shebanyah, Joseph: 15 Of Charim, 'Adna; of Merayoth, Chelkai; 16 Of 'Iddo, Zechariah; of Ginnethon, Meshullam; 17 Of Abivah, Zichri; of Minvamin, of Mo'advah, Piltai: 18 Of Bilgah, Shammua'; of Shem'ayah, Jehonathan; 19 And of Jovarib, Matthenai: of Jeda'vah, 'Uzzi: 20 Of Sallai, Kallai; of 'Amok, 'Eber: 21 Of Chilkivah, Chashabyah; of Jeda'yah, Nethanel. 22 Of the Levites in the days of Elvashib, Yoyada', and Yochanan, and Jaddua', are written down the chiefs of the divisions: also those of the priests to the reign of Darius the Persian. 23 The sons of Levi, the chiefs of the divisions were written down in the book of the chronicles, even until the days of Jochanan the son of Elyashib. 24 And the chiefs of the Levites were: Chashabyah, Sherebyah, and Jeshua' the son of Kadmiel, with their brethren opposite to them, to praise and to give thanks, according to the command of David the man of God, section by section. 25 Matthanvah, and Bakbukvah, 'Obadiah, Meshullam, Talmon, 'Akkub, were watching gatekeepers on the watch at the thresholds of the gates. 26 These were

381 Nehemiah Jozadak, and in the days of Nehemiah the governor, and the children rejoiced: so that the [shout of] joy of and of 'Ezra the priest, the expounder, 27 And at Jerusalem was heard even at a great distance off, 44 the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought. And there were appointed at that day certain men as the Levites out of all their places, to bring them to superintendents over the chambers for the treasuries. Jerusalem, to celebrate the dedication with joy, with for the heave-offerings, for the first-fruits, and for the thanksgivings, and with singing, cymbals, psalteries, tithes, to gather into them out of the fields of the cities and with harps, 28 And there gathered themselves the portions according to the law for the priests and together the sons of the singers, both out of the Levites; for Judah had joy on the priests and on district round about Jerusalem, and from the villages the Levites that stood there, 45 And kept the charge of Netophah; 29 Also from Beth-haqilgal, and out of of their God, and the charge of the purification, and as the fields of Geba' and Azmaveth; for the singers had singers and gatekeepers, according to the command built themselves villages round about Jerusalem. 30 of David, [and] of Solomon his son. 46 For in the days And the priests and the Levites purified themselves, of David and Assaph of old there were chiefs of the and then they purified the people, and the gates, and singers, and songs of praise and thanksgiving unto the wall. 31 Then brought I up the princes of Judah God. 47 And all Israel in the days of Zerubbabel, and upon the wall, and stationed two great companies for in the days of Nehemiah, gave the portions of the thanksgiving, and trains to walk on the right hand singers and the gatekeeper, what was required for upon the wall by the dung-gate; 32 And after them every day on its day; and they sanctified things for walked Hosha'yah, and half of the princes of Judah, the Levites: and the Levites sanctified [the portion 33 And 'Azaryah, 'Ezra, and Meshullam, 34 Judah, duel for the children of Aaron. and Benjamin, and Shema'yah, and Jeremiah; 35 And of the sons of priests' with trumpets. Zechariah the son of Jonathan, the son of Shema'yah, the son of Matthanyah, the son of Michayah, the son of Zaccur, the son of Assaph: 36 And his brethren. Shema'vah. and 'Azarel, Milalai, Gilalai, Ma'ai, Nethanel, and Judah. Chanani, with the musical instruments of David the man of God: and 'Ezra the expounder walked before them. 37 And over 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 as far as the water-gate. eastward. 38 And the other company for thanksgiving that walked in the opposite direction to them, —this one did I follow, and the half of the people upon the wall, from beyond the tower of the ovens even as far as the broad wall: 39 And above the gate of Ephraim. and above the old gate, and above the fish-gate. and the tower of Chananel, and the tower of Meah, even as far as the sheep-gate; and they halted at the prison-gate. 40 So did the two companies for thanksgiving place themselves in the house of God, and I. and the half of the rulers with me. 41 And the priests, Elyakim, Ma'asseyah, Minyamin, Michayah, Elyo'enai, Zechariah, and Chananiah, with trumpets: 42 And Ma'asseyah, and Shema'yah, and El'azar, and 'Uzzi, and Jehochanan, and Malkiyah, and 'Elam, and 'Ezer, And the singers sang aloud, with Yisrachvah as their overseer. 43 And they sacrificed on that day great sacrifices, and rejoiced; for God had caused

in the days of Joyakim, the son of Jeshua', the son of them to rejoice with great joy; and also the women

13 On that day there was read in the book of Moses before the ears of the people; and there was found written therein, that no 'Ammonite or Moabite should come into the congregation of God for ever; 2 Because they had not met the children of Israel with bread and with water, but had hired Bil'am against them, that he should curse them; although our God had changed the curse into a blessing. 3 And it tame to pass, when they had heard the law, that they separated all the alien mixture from Israel. 4 And before this, Elyashib the priest, appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, and a near [of kin] unto Tobiyah, 5 Had prepared for him a large chamber, where they had laid in former times the meat-offerings, the frankincense, and the vessels, and the tithes of the corn, the new wine, and the oil, which was ordained for the Levites, and the singers, and the gatekeepers, and the heave-offering of the priests. 6 But during all this I was not at Jerusalem; for in the two and thirtieth year of Artaxerxes the king of Babylon I went back unto the king, and after the lapse of some time I obtained by request [leave] of the king; 7 And I came to Jerusalem, and perceived the evil that Elyashib had done for Tobiyah, in preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. 8 And it displeased me greatly: wherefore I cast forth all the household vessels of Tobiyah away out of the chamber. 9 And I gave the order, whereupon thev cleansed the chambers; and I had brought thither

offering and the frankincense. 10 And I perceived that and of Moab: 24 And their children spoke partly the portions of the Levites had not been given [them]: in the speech of Ashdod, and did not understand so that the Levites and the singers, that used to do to speak in the Jewish language, but according to the work, were fled every one to his field. 11 Then the language of one or the other people. 25 And I contended I with the rulers, and said, Why hath the contended with them, and cursed them, and smote house of God become forsaken? And I gathered them certain of them, and plucked out their hair, and made together, and placed them on their posts. 12 And all them swear by God, saying, Ye shall not give your Judah brought the tithe of the corn and the new wine daughters unto their sons, nor take their daughters and the oil unto the treasuries. 13 And I appointed for your sons, nor for yourselves. 26 Did not Solomon receivers over the treasuries, Shelemyah the priest the king of Israel sin by these things? and although and Zadok the scribe, and Pedayah of the Levites; among the many nations there was never a king like and with them acted Chanan the son of Zaccur, him, and beloved as he was by his God, and God the son of Matthanyah; for they were accounted as had placed him as king over all Israel: nevertheless faithful, and it was their duty to make a distribution even him did the alien women mislead to sin. 27 among their brethren. 14 Remember me, O my God, Shall we then hear it said of you, that ye do all this concerning this, and wipe not out my pious deeds great evil, to trespass against our God in bringing which I have done for the house of my God, and for home alien wives? 28 And one of the sons of Jovada'. those that had charge of it. 15 In those days I saw in the son of Elyashib the high priest, was son-in-law Judah some treading wine-presses on the sabbath, to Sanballat the Choronite; wherefore I chased him and bringing in sheaves, and lading burdens on away from me. 29 Remember [this] unto them, O my asses, as also wine, grapes and figs, and all manner God, because of the defilements of the priesthood, of burdens, which they brought into Jerusalem on the and of the covenant of the priesthood, and of the sabbath day; and I warned them on the day whereon Levites. 30 Thus cleansed I them from all aliens, and I they sold provisions. 16 Also the men of Tyre [that] appointed the watches of the priests and the Levites, dwelt therein brought fish and all kinds of wares, and every one in his work; 31 And for the procuring of the sold [them] on the sabbath unto the children of Judah wood, at fixed time, and for the first-fruits. Remember and in Jerusalem. 17 Then I contended with the this unto me. O my God, for good. nobles of Judah, and said unto them, What evil thing is this which ye are doing, and profaning [thereby] the sabbath day? 18 Did not your fathers act thus, wherefore our God brought over us all this evil, and over this city? and ye bring yet more wrath over Israel by profaning the sabbath. 19 And it came to pass, that, when the shadows were lengthened in the gates of Jerusalem before the sabbath, I gave the order, whereupon the gates were locked, and I ordered that they should not be opened till after the sabbath; and some of my young men did I place at the gates, that there should be brought in no burden on the sabbathday. 20 But the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside of Jerusalem once or twice. 21 Thereupon did I warn them, and said unto them, Why do ye lodge along the wall? if ye do so again, I will lay hands on you. From that time forth they came no more on the sabbath. 22 And I ordered the Levites that they should cleanse themselves, and that they should come and keep watch at the gates, to sanctify the sabbath-day. Also this remember unto me, O my God, and shield me according to the abundance of thy kindness. 23 In those days also I saw certain Jews

again the vessels of the house of God, with the meat- that had brought home wives of Ashdod, of 'Ammon,

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1 And it came to pass in the days of Achashverosh, of the same Achashverosh who reigned, from India even unto Ethiopia, over a hundred and seven and twenty provinces, 2 In those days, when this king Achashverosh was sitting on the throne of his kingdom, which was in Shushan the capital, 3 That, in the third year of his reign, he made a feast unto all his princes and his servants, the army of Persia and Media, the nobles and the princes of the provinces who were near him: 4 When he showed the riches and the glory of his kingdom, and the brilliance [and] the splendor of his greatness, during many days, a hundred and eighty days. 5 And when these days were completed, the king made unto all the people that were found in Shushan the capital, unto every one, from the great even to the small, a feast of seven days, in the court of the garden of the king's palace; 6 [Where were] white, green, and blue [hangings]. fastened with cords of fine linen and purple, on rollers of silver and pillars of marble; couches of gold and silver, upon a pavement of green, and white, and yellow, and black marble. 7 And they gave them to drink in vessels of gold, —the vessels being diverse one from the other. —and the royal wine was in abundance, according to the ability of the king. 8 And the drinking was, according to the [king's] order, without compulsion; for so had the king enjoined on all the officers of his house, to do according to the pleasure of every man. 9 Also Vashti the gueen made a feast for the women, in the royal house which belonged to king Achashverosh. 10 On the seventh day, when the heart of the king was merry with wine, he commanded Mehuman, Biztha, Charbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcass, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of king Achashverosh, 11 To bring Vashti the gueen before the king [ornamented] with the royal crown, to show the people and the princes her beauty: for she was handsome in appearance. 12 But gueen Vashti refused to come at the word of the king brought by the hand of the chamberlains; and the king was very wroth, and his fury burnt in him. 13 Then said the king to the wise men, who knew [the occurrences of] the times; for so [came] every affair of the king before all acquainted with law and state institutions; 14 And those next unto him were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tharshish,

of Persia and Media, who could see [at all times] the king's face, who sat in the first rank in the kingdom: 15 What should according to law be done with gueen Vashti: because she had not fulfilled the order of king Achashverosh by the hand of the chamberlains? 16 Then said Memuchan before the king and the princes, Not against the king alone hath Vashti the gueen done wrong, but also against all the princes, and against all the people that are in all the provinces of king Achashverosh. 17 For the conduct of the gueen will go abroad unto all the women, so that they will despise their husbands in their eyes, when it shall be reported. King Achashverosh ordered Vashti the queen to be brought into his presence, but she came not. 18 And even this day will the ladies of Persia and Media, who have heard of the conduct of the gueen, say this unto all the princes of the king; and there will arise too much contempt and quarrel. 19 If it please the king, let there go forth a royal order from him, and let it be written among the laws of the Persians and the Medes, that no one transgress it, That Vashti come no more before king Achashverosh: and let the king give her royal dignity unto another that is better than she. 20 And when the king's decree which he will make shall be published throughout all his kingdom, however great it is: all the wives will show respect to their husbands, unto every one, from the great even to the small. 21 And the speech was pleasing in the eyes of the king and of the princes; and the king did according to the speech of Memuchan. 22 And he sent letters unto all the provinces of the king, unto every province according to its writing, and to every people according to its language, that every man should bear rule in his own house, however he may speak according to the language of his people.

Biztha, Charbona, Bigtha, and Abagtha, Zethar, and Carcass, the seven chamberlains that served in the presence of king Achashverosh, 11 To bring Vashti the queen before the king [ornamented] with the royal crown, to show the people and the princes her beauty; for she was handsome in appearance. 12 But queen Vashti refused to come at the word of the king brought by the hand of the chamberlains; and the king was very wroth, and his fury burnt in him. 13 Then said the king to the wise men, who knew [the occurrences of] the times; for so [came] the custody of Hege the king's chamberlain, the every affair of the king before all acquainted with law and state institutions; 14 And those next unto hm were Carshena, Shethar, Admatha, Tharshish, Meress, Marsena, and Memuchan, the seven princes

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certain Jew in Shushan the capital, whose name was month, which is the month Tebeth, in the seventh year Mordecai, the son of Yair, the son of Shim'i, the son of his reign. 17 And the king loved Esther above all of Kish, a Benjamite: 6 Who had been carried away the women, and she obtained grace and favor before into exile from Jerusalem with the exiles who had him more than all the virgins; and he placed the royal been exiled with Jeconyah, the king of Judah, whom crown upon her head, and made her gueen instead Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon had carried into of Vashti. 18 And the king made a great feast unto all exile. 7 And he had brought up Hadassah, that is his princes and his servants, the feast of Esther; and Esther, the daughter of his uncle; for she had neither he made a release of taxes to the provinces, and father nor mother, and the maiden was beautiful in gave presents, according to the ability of the king. 19 form and handsome in appearance; and when her And when virgins were gathered together the second father and mother were dead. Mordecai had taken her time, then was Mordecai sitting in the king's gate. 20 to himself as a daughter. 8 And it came to pass, when [But] Esther had not vet told of her descent nor her the king's order and his decree were heard, and when people; as Mordecai had charged her; and Esther many maidens were brought together unto Shushan did [fulfill] the order of Mordecai, equally as when the capital, under the custody of Hegai, that Esther she was under his guardianship. 21 In those days, also was brought unto the king's house, under the while Mordecai was sitting in the king's gate, Bigthan custody of Hegai, the keeper of the women. 9 And the and Theresh, two chamberlains of the king, of those maiden was pleasing in his eyes, and she obtained who kept the door, became wroth, and sought to lay favor before him; and he made haste to give her her [their] hand on king Achashverosh. 22 And the thing anointings, with her presents, and the seven maidens, became known to Mordecai, and he told it unto Esther who were selected to be given her, out of the king's the queen; and Esther said it to the king in the name house; and he preferred her and her maidens with the of Mordecai, 23 And the thing was inquired into and best things in the house of the women. 10 Esther told found true; and they were both of them hanged on a nothing of her people or of her descent; for Mordecai gallows; and it was written in the book of chronicles had charged her that she should not tell. 11 And before the king. day by day did Mordecai walk before the court of the house of women, to ascertain the well-being of Esther, and what would be done with her. 12 And when the turn of every maiden was come to go in unto king Achashverosh, at the expiration [of the time] that she had been treated according to the custom of the women, twelve months; for so were the days of their anointings accomplished, six months with the oil of myrrh, and six months with sweet odors, and with other ointments of the women; 13 And thus came the maiden unto the king; [and] whatsoever she asked for was given her to go with her out of the house of the women as far as the house of the king. 14 In the evening she went, and in the morning she returned unto the second house of the women, to the custody of Sha'ashgas, the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the concubines: she used not to come again unto the king, except the king desired for her, and she was called by name. 15 And when the turn of Esther, the daughter of Abichavil, the uncle of Mordecai, who had taken her to himself as a daughter, was come to go in unto the king, she required nothing but what Hegai the king's chamberlain, the keeper of the women. said: and Esther obtained grace in the eves of all those that beheld her. 16 And Esther was taken unto

the eyes of the king, and he did so. 5 There was a king Achashverosh, unto his royal house, in the tenth

**3** After these events did king Achashverosh make great Haman the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and he advanced him: and he placed his seat above that of all the princes that were with him. 2 And all the king's servants, that were in the king's gate, bent the knee and prostrated themselves to Haman; for so had the king commanded concerning him; but Mordecai bent not the knee nor prostrated himself. 3 Then said the king's, servants, who were in the king's gate, unto Mordecai, Why transgressest thou the king's command? 4 Now it came to pass, when they spoke unto him day by day, and he hearkened not unto them, that they told it to Haman, to see whether the words of Mordecai would be able to stand: for he had told them that be was a Jew. 5 And when Haman saw that Mordecai bent not the knee, nor prostrated himself to him. Haman became full of furv. 6 But it appeared too contemptible in his eyes to lay his hand on Mordecai alone: for they had told him of the people of Mordecai: therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews that were throughout all the kingdom of Achashverosh, the people of Mordecai. 7 In the first month, that is the month Nissan, in the twelfth year of king Achashverosh, some one cast

was perplexed.

▲ When Mordecai ascertained all that had been done, Mordecai rent his clothes, and put on sackcloth [strewed] with ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, and cried with a loud and bitter cry; 2 And thus he came up to the front of the king's gate; for none dared to enter into the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. 3 And in each and every province, in every place whither the king's decree and his law had reached, there was great mourning for the Jews, with fasting and weeping and wailing; and a sackcloth [strewed] with ashes became the the inner court of the king's house, opposite the

the Pur, that is, the lot, before Haman from day to bed of the great. 4 Then came the maidens of Esther day, and from month [to month], to the twelfth month, with her chamberlains and told it her; and the queen which is the month Adar. 8 Then said Haman unto was exceedingly terrified; and she sent garments to king Achashverosh. There is one people scattered clothe Mordecai, and to remove his sackcloth from yet separate among the nations in all the provinces of him, but he accepted them not. 5 Then called Esther thy kingdom; and their laws are different from those for Hatach, one of the king's chamberlains, whom he of every people; while they do not execute the laws had appointed to attend upon her, and gave him a of the king; and it is no profit for the king to tolerate charge for Mordecai to know what this was, and why them. 9 If it be pleasing to the king, let [a decree] be this was. 6 So Hatach went forth to Mordecai unto the written to destroy them; and ten thousand talents of street of the city, which was before the king's gate. 7 silver will I weigh out into the hands of those that have And Mordecai told him all that had happened unto the charge of the business, to bring [the same] into him, and of the fixed sum of money which Haman the king's treasuries. 10 And the king drew his signet- had promised to weigh out into the treasuries of the ring from off his hand, and gave it unto Haman the king for the Jews, to destroy them. 8 Also the copy son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the adversary of the of the writing of the law that had been given out in Jews. 11 And the king said unto Haman, The silver is Shushan to destroy them he gave to him, to show it given to thee, that people also, to do therewith as it unto Esther, and to tell her [all], and to charge her seemeth good in thy eyes. 12 Then were called the that she should go in unto the king, and to make king's scribes in the first month on the thirteenth day supplication unto him, and to present a request before thereof, and there was written all just as Haman had him for her people. 9 And Hatach came and told commanded unto the king's lieutenants, and to the Esther the words of Mordecai. 10 And Esther said governors that were over every province, and to the unto Hatach, and gave him a charge unto Mordecai, princes of every people, to every province according 11 All the king's servants, and the people of the king's to its writing, and to every people according to its provinces, do know, that every one, whether man or language: in the name of king Achashverosh was woman, who should come unto the king into the inner it written, and it was sealed with the king's signet- court, who is not called, there is but one law for him, ring. 13 And the letters were sent by the runners to put him to death, except the one to whom the king unto all the king's provinces, to destroy, to kill, and should hold out the golden sceptre, for he will be to exterminate all the Jews, from young to old, little suffered to live; but I have not been called to come ones and women, on one day, on the thirteenth day in unto the king these thirty days. 12 And they told of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar, and Mordecai the words of Esther. 13 Then said Mordecai to plunder their property as spoil. 14 A copy of the to bring this answer back to Esther, Imagine not in thy writing, to be given out as a law in every province, soul to be able to escape in the king's house out of was published unto all the nations, that they might all the Jews. 14 For if thou do indeed maintain silence be ready against that day. 15 The runners went out at this time, enlargement and deliverance will arise with all speed with the king's decree, and the law was to the Jews from another place; but thou and thy given out in Shushan the capital: and the king and father's house will perish: and who knoweth whether Haman sat down to drink; but the city of Shushan thou hast not for a time like this attained to the royal dignity? 15 Then said Esther to bring this answer back to Mordecai, 16 Go, assemble together all the Jews who are now present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, so that ye neither eat nor drink three days, either night or day; also I myself with my maidens will fast in like manner; and then will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law; and if I then perish, I perish. 17 And Mordecai went about, and did in accordance with all that Esther had charged him.

> **5** And it came to pass on the third day, that Esther put on her royal apparel, and placed herself in

royal throne in the royal apartment, opposite to the the king. 2 And it was found written, that Mordecai entrance of the house, 2 And it happened, when the had told of Bigthana and Theresh, two chamberlains king saw Esther the gueen standing in the court, that of the king, of those who kept the door, who had she obtained grace in his eyes; and the king held out sought to lay [their] hand on king Achashverosh. 3 to Esther the golden sceptre that was in his hand; and And the king said, What honor and distinction have Esther drew near, and touched the top of the sceptre. been done to Mordecai for this? Then said the king's 3 Then said the king unto her, What wilt thou, gueen young men, his servants, There hath nothing been Esther? and what is thy request? if it be equal to done with him. 4 And the king said, Who is in the half of the kingdom it shall still be given thee. 4 And court? Now Haman was come into the outer court Esther said, If it seem good unto the king, let the king of the king's house, to say unto the king to hang and Haman come this day unto the banquet which I Mordecai on the gallows which he had prepared for have prepared for him. 5 Then said the king, Bring him. 5 And the king's young men said unto him, Haman quickly hither to fulfill the word of Esther: Behold, Haman is standing in the court. And the king so came the king with Haman to the banquet which said. Let him come in. 6 So Haman came in: and the Esther had prepared. 6 And the king said unto Esther king said unto him, What shall be done with the man at the banguet of wine, What is thy petition? and it whom the king desireth to honor? And Haman said shall be granted thee; and what is thy request? even in his heart. To whom would the king desire to do if it be equal to half of the kingdom, it shall still be honor more than to myself? 7 Haman therefore said done. 7 Then answered Esther, and said, My petition to the king, [For] the man whom the king desireth to and my request are, 8 lf I have found grace in the honor, 8 Let them bring a royal apparel which the eyes of the king, and if it please the king to grant king hath worn, and a horse on which the king hath my petition, and to fulfill my request, that the king ridden, and let there be placed a royal crown on his may come with Haman to the banquet which I will head. 9 And let the apparel and the horse be given prepare for them, and tomorrow will I do according to into the hand of one of the king's princes, of the most the word of the king. 9 And Haman went forth on that noble, that they may array the man whom the king day joyful and with a glad heart; but when Haman desireth to honor, and let them cause him to ride on saw Mordecai in the king's gate, who did not rise up, the horse through the streets of the city, and proclaim nor move out of the way for him, then was Haman before him, Thus shall be done to the man whom filled against Mordecai with fury. 10 Nevertheless the king desireth to honor. 10 Then said the king to Haman refrained himself, and went to his house: he Haman, Make haste, take the apparel and the horse, then sent and had his friends brought in with Zeresh as thou hast spoken, and do thus to Mordecai the his wife. 11 And Haman recounted to them the glory Jew, that sitteth at the king's gate: leave out nothing of his riches, and the multitude of his children, and all of all that thou hast spoken. 11 And Haman then took the things wherein the king had made him great, and the apparel and the horse, and arrayed Mordecai, how he had advanced him above the princes and the and caused him to ride through the streets of the city, servants of the king. 12 And Haman said [farther], and proclaimed before him, Thus shall be done unto Yea, Esther the gueen did not let any one come in the man whom the king desireth to honor, 12 And with the king unto the banquet that she had prepared Mordecai thereupon returned to the king's gate; but but myself: and also for tomorrow am I invited unto Haman hastened to his house, mourning, and having her with the king. 13 Yet all this profiteth me nothing, his head covered. 13 And Haman related to Zeresh every time that I see Mordecai the Jew sitting in the his wife and to all his friends all that had befallen him: king's gate. 14 Then said unto him Zeresh his wife then said unto him his wise men and Zeresh his wife, with all his friends, Let them make a gallows of fifty If Mordecai, before whom thou hast begun to fall, be cubits high, and in the mourning speak unto the king of the seed of the Jews, thou wilt not prevail against that they may hang Mordecai thereon; and then go him, but thou wilt surely fall before him. 14 They were thou in with the king unto the banquet joyfully. And the yet speaking with him, when the king's chamberlains thing pleased Haman; and he had the gallows made. arrived, and they hastened to bring Haman unto the

6 In that night sleep fled from the king, and he ordered to bring in the book of the memorable

king's apartment; and the king was sitting upon his events of the chronicles; and they were read before banquet which Esther had prepared.

the king was appeased.

**Q** On that day did king Achashverosh give the house of Haman the adversary of the Jews unto Esther the gueen; and Mordecai came before the king; for Esther had told what he was unto her. 2 And the king took off his signet-ring which he had taken away from Haman, and gave it unto Mordecai: and Esther appointed Mordecai over the house of Haman. 3 And Esther spoke again before the king, and fell down at his feet, and wept, and besought him to do away the evil of Haman the Agagite, and his device which he had devised against the Jews. 4 And the king held out toward Esther the golden sceptre; and Esther

**7** And the king came with Haman to drink with Esther arose, and stood up before the king: 5 And she said, the queen. 2 And the king said unto Esther also If it be pleasing to the king, and if I have found grace on the second day at the banquet of wine, What is before him, and the thing seem proper before the thy petition, gueen Esther? and it shall be granted king, and I be pleasing in his eyes, let it be written thee: and what is thy request? even if it be equal to recall the letters, the device of Haman the son of to half the kingdom, it shall still be done. 3 Then Hammedatha the Agagite, which he hath written to answered Esther the gueen and said, If I have found exterminate the Jews who are in all the provinces of grace in thy eyes. O king! and if it be pleasing unto the king. 6 For how could I endure to look on the evil the king, let my life be given me at my petition, and that is to befall my people? and how could I endure my people at my request; 4 For we have been sold, I to look on the extermination of my kindred? 7 Then and my people, to be destroyed, to be slain and to said king Achashverosh unto Esther the gueen and be exterminated; and if we had been only sold for to Mordecai the Jew, Behold, the house of Haman bondmen and bondwomen, I would have remained have I given to Esther, and him have they hanged silent; for the adversary regardeth not the damage on the gallows, because he had stretched out his of the king. 5 Then spoke king Achashverosh and hand against the Jews. 8 But ye write yourselves said unto Esther the gueen, Who is this, and where is concerning the Jews, as it may be good in your eyes, he, whose heart hath emboldened him to do so? 6 in the king's name, and seal it with the king's signet-And Esther said. An adversary, and inimical man, ring; for a writing which is written in the king's name. this wicked Haman. Then became Haman terrified and sealed with the king's signet-ring, cannot be before the king and the queen. 7 And the king arose recalled. 9 Then were called the king's scribes at in his fury from the banquet of wine, and went into that time in the third month, that is, the month Sivan, the palace-garden: and Haman remained behind to on the three and twentieth day thereof; and it was make request for his life of Esther the gueen; for he written all just as Mordecai commanded to the Jews. saw that there was evil fully determined. 8 And when and to the lieutenants, and the governors and the the king returned out of the palace-garden into the princes of the provinces who were from India unto apartment of the banquet of wine. Haman was fallen Ethiopia, one hundred and twenty-seven provinces. upon the couch whereon Esther was: then said the unto every province according to its writing, and unto king. Will he even do violence to the gueen before every people according to its language, and to the me in the house? The word had just come out of Jews according to their writing, and according to the king's mouth, when they covered Haman's face. their language. 10 And he wrote in the name of king 9 Then said Charbonah, one of the chamberlains, Achashverosh, and sealed it with the king's signetbefore the king, Behold, there is also the gallows, ring, and he sent letters through means of the swift which Haman hath had made for Mordecai, who hath messengers on horseback, and riders on mules, spoken well for the king, standing in the house of camels, and young dromedaries: 11 That the king Haman, fifty cubits high. And the king said, Hang him had granted to the Jews who were in every city to thereon. 10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows gather themselves together, and to stand forward for which he had prepared for Mordecai, and the fury of their life, to destroy, to slay, and to exterminate all the military strength of the people and province that would assault them, both little ones and women, and to plunder their property as spoil, 12 On one day in all the provinces of king Achashverosh, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month Adar. 13 A copy of the writing to be given out as a law in every province, was published unto all nations, and that the Jews should be ready against that day to avenge themselves on their enemies. 14 The swift messengers that rode upon mules and camels went out, being hastened and hurried forward with the command of the king; and the law was given out at Shushan the capital. 15 And Mordecai went out from the presence of the king in a royal apparel of blue

and white, and with a great crown of gold, and with a hanged on the gallows. 14 And the king ordered that gladness for the Jews, entertainments and a feastday: and many of the people of the land became Jews: for the dread of the Jews had fallen upon them.

• And in the twelfth month, that is, the month Adar, on the thirteenth day thereof, when the king's command with his law drew near to he put into execution, on the day that the enemies of the Jews had hoped to have power over them, which had been changed nevertheless, so that the Jews had power over those that hated them, 2 The Jews assembled together in their cities, throughout all the provinces of king Achashverosh, to stretch out their hand against those that had sought their injury: and no man could keep standing before them; for the dread of them had fallen upon all the nations. 3 And all the rulers of the provinces, and the lieutenants, and the governors, and the superintendents of the affairs of the king, elevated the Jews; because the dread of Mordecai had fallen upon them. 4 For Mordecai was great in the king's house, and his fame went throughout all the provinces: for the man Mordecai became greater and greater. 5 And the Jews smote all their enemies with the stroke of the sword, and slaughter, and extermination; and they acted with those that hated them according to their pleasure. 6 And in Shushan the capital the Jews slew and exterminated five hundred men. 7 And Parshandatha. and Dalphon, and Aspatha. 8 And Poratha, and Adalva, and Aridatha. 9 And Parmashtha, and Arissai. and Aridai, and Vayzatha, 10 The ten sons of Haman the son of Hammedatha, the adversary of the Jews did they slay; but to the spoil did they not stretch forth their hand. 11 On that same day came the number of those that were slain in Shushan the capital before the king. 12 Then said the king unto Esther the gueen. In Shushan the capital have the Jews slain and exterminated five hundred men, and the ten sons of Haman: what have they done in the rest of the king's provinces? Now what is thy petition? and it shall be granted thee; and what is thy request farther? and it shall be done. 13 Then said Esther. If it please the king, let it tomorrow also be granted to the Jews who are in Shushan to do according to the law of this day, and let the ten sons of Haman be

cloak of fine linen and purple; and the city of Shushan it should be done so; and the law was given out at was glad and joyful. 16 For the Jews there was light. Shushan; and the ten sons of Haman were hanged. with joy and gladness, and honor, 17 And in every 15 And the Jews that were in Shushan assembled province, and in every city, whithersoever the king's together also on the fourteenth day of the month command reached with his law, there were joy and Adar, and slew at Shushan three hundred men; but to the spoil they did not stretch forth their hand. 16 And the remaining Jews that were in the king's provinces assembled together, and stood forward for their life. and procured rest from their enemies, and slew of those that hated them seventy and five thousand; but to the spoil did they not stretch forth their hand. 17 On the thirteenth day of the month Adar, and they rested on the fourteenth day thereof, and made it a day of entertainment and joy. 18 But the Jews that were at Shushan assembled together on the thirteenth day thereof, and on the fourteenth thereof, and rested on the fifteenth thereof, and made it a day of entertainment and joy. 19 Therefore do the Jews of the villages, that dwell in the unwalled towns, make the fourteenth day of the month Adar as one of joy and entertainment, and a feast-day, and of sending portions one to another. 20 And Mordecai wrote down these events: and he sent letters unto all the Jews that were in all the provinces of king Achashverosh, those nigh and those far away. 21 To take it on themselves as a duty, that they should celebrate the fourteenth day of the month Adar, and the fifteenth day of the same in each and every year, 22 Like those days whereon the Jews had rest from their enemies, and the month which was changed unto them from sorrow to joy, and from mourning into a feast-day: to make them days of entertainment and joy, and of sending portions one to the other, and gifts to the needy. 23 And the Jews took upon themselves that which they had begun already to do, and that which Mordecai had written unto them. 24 Because Haman the son of Hammedatha, the Agagite, the adversary of all the Jews, had devised against the Jews to exterminate them, and had cast the Pur, that is, the lot, to destroy them, and to exterminate them. 25 But when [Esther] came before the king, he ordered by that letter that his wicked device, which he had devised against the Jews, should return upon his own head; and they hanged him and his sons on the gallows. 26 Therefore did they call these days Purim, after the name of Pur: therefore, because of all the words of this letter, both for that which they had experienced thereby, and for that which had occurred unto them. 27 The Jews confirmed it as a duty, and took upon themselves, and upon their seed, and upon all such

as join themselves unto them, so that no one should fail therein, that they would celebrate these two days according to their prescription, and at their appointed time, in each and every year, 28 And these days are remembered and celebrated throughout each and every generation, every family, every province, and every city; and these days of Purim will not pass away from the midst of the Jews, nor will their memorial cease from their seed. 29 Then wrote Esther the queen, the daughter of Abichayil, with Mordecai the Jew, with all due strength, to confirm this letter of Purim the second time. 30 And he sent letters unto all the Jews, to the hundred and twenty-seven provinces of the kingdom of Achashverosh, word's of peace and truth, 31 To confirm these days of Purim in their times, just as Mordecai the Jew and Esther the gueen had enjoined on them, and as they had confirmed for themselves and for their seed, the matters of the fastings and their prayers. 32 And the order of Esther confirmed these matters of Purim; and it was written in the book.

10 And king Achashverosh imposed a tribute upon the land, and the isles of the sea. 2 And all the acts of his strength and of his might, and the exposition of the greatness of Mordecai, wherewith the king made him great, behold they are written in the book of the chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia. 3 For Mordecai the Jew was the second in rank after king Achashverosh, and great among the Jews, and acceptable to the multitude of his brethren, a promoter of good to his people, and speaking peace to all its seed.

## Job

1 There was a man in the land of 'Uz. Job was his name: And this man was perfect and upright, and fearing God, and eschewing evil. 2 And there were born unto him seven sons and three daughters. 3 And his cattle consisted of seven thousand sheep. and three thousand camels, and five hundred yoke of oxen, and five hundred she-asses, and he had a very great store of servants: so that this man was greater than all the sons of the east. 4 And his sons used to go and prepare a feast in the house of every one on his day; and they sent and invited their three sisters to eat and to drink with them. 5 And it happened, when the days of the feast were gone round, that Job sent and sanctified them, and he then rose up early in the morning, and offered burnt-offerings according to the number of all of them; for Job said, It may be that my sons have sinned, and have renounced God in their heart. In this manner used Job to do all the time. 6 Now it happened on a certain day, when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, that the Accuser also came in the midst of them. 7 Then said the Lord unto the Accuser. Whence comest thou? And the Accuser answered the Lord, and said. From roaming over the earth, and from wandering through it. 8 Then said the Lord unto the Accuser. Hast thou directed thy attention toward my servant Job; for there is none like him on the earth, a man perfect and upright, who feareth God. and escheweth evil? 9 Then answered the Accuser the Lord, and said, Is it for nought that Job feareth God? 10 Behold, thou hast indeed placed a fence about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath, on every side: the work of his hands hast thou blessed, and his cattle are far spread out in the land. 11 But stretch only forth thy hand and touch all that he hath, and [see] whether he will not renounce thee to thy face. 12 Then said the Lord unto the Accuser, Behold, all that is his be in thy power; only against himself shalt thou not stretch forth thy hand. The Accuser went thereupon away from the presence of the Lord. 13 And it happened on a certain day, when his sons and his daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their first-born brother, 14 That a messenger came unto Job, and said, The oxen were ploughing, and the she-asses were feeding beside them: 15 When the Sabeans made an incursion, and took them away, and the young men they slew with the edge of the sword; and I am escaped, none but

myself alone, to tell it unto thee, 16 This one was vet speaking, when another came, and said, A fire of God fell from heaven, and burnt among the sheep and the young men, and consumed them; and I am escaped, none but myself alone, to tell it unto thee, 17 This one was yet speaking, when another came, and said. The Chaldeans posted themselves in three divisions, and made an inroad against the camels. and took them away, and the young men they slew with the edge of the sword; and I am escaped, none but myself alone, to tell it unto thee. 18 While this one was yet speaking, there came also another, and said. Thy sons and thy daughters were eating and drinking wine in the house of their first-born brother: 19 When. behold, a violent wind came from the direction of the wilderness, and struck against the four corners of the house, so that it fell upon the young men, and they died; and I am escaped, none but myself alone, to tell it unto thee. 20 Then arose Job, and rent his robe. and shaved his head, and fell down upon the ground, and prostrated himself. 21 And he said, Naked came I out of my mother's womb, and naked shall I return thither: the Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away: may the name of the Lord be blessed. 22 With all this did Job not sin, and attributed no injustice to God.

2 And it happened [again] on a certain day, when the sons of God came to present themselves before the Lord, that the Accuser also came in the midst of them to present himself before the Lord. 2 Then said the Lord unto the Accuser, Whence comest thou now? And the Accuser answered the Lord, and said, From roaming over the earth, and from wandering through it. 3 Then said the Lord unto the Accuser, Hast thou directed thy attention toward my servant Job: for there is none like him on the earth, a man perfect and upright, who feareth God, and escheweth evil? and he is still holding fast to his integrity, and thou hast incited me against him, to destroy him without cause. 4 Then answered the Accuser the Lord, and said, Skin for skin: yea, all that a man hath will he give in behalf of his life. 5 But stretch only forth thy hand, and touch his bone and his flesh, and [see] whether he will not renounce thee to thy face. 6 Then said the Lord unto the Accuser. Behold, he is in thy hand: only take care of his life. 7 Thereupon went the Accuser forth from the presence of the Lord. and he smote Job with a sore inflammation, from the sole of his foot unto the crown of his head. 8 And [Job] took himself a potsherd to scrape himself there with, while he was sitting down among the ashes. 9

ground seven days and seven nights; but no one harrowing trouble is come. spoke a word unto him; for they saw that his pain was very great.

3 After this time Job opened his mouth, and cursed his day. 2 And Job commenced, and said, 3 Oh that the day whereon I was born might perish, and the night when it was said, There hath been a male child conceived. 4 May that day be [covered with] darkness; may not God from above inquire for it, and may no light beam upon it. 5 Oh that darkness and the shadow of death might defile it: may a cloud rest upon it; may the blackness of the day terrify it. 6 Yon night - let darkness seize upon it: let it not be united to the days of the year: let it not come into the number of the [periods lighted by the] moon. 7 Lo, may that night be solitary, let no song of joy occur thereon, 8 Let those denounce it that curse the day, who are ready to raise up their mourning cry. 9 Let the stars of its twilight be darkened; let it hope for light, and there be none; and let it not behold the eyelids of the morningdawn: 10 Because God closed not against me the doors of the womb, and thus concealed trouble from my eyes. 11 Why did I not die [the moment I issued] from the womb, and [why] was I not born merely to perish at once? 12 Wherefore were knees ready to receive me? and for what purpose were breasts there that I might suck? 13 For now should I be Iving still and be quiet; I should sleep: then would I be at rest, 14 With kings and counsellors of the earth, who build up ruined places for themselves; 15 Or with princes possessing gold, who fill their houses with silver; 16 Or as an untimely birth, hidden [from view] I should not exist; as infants that never have seen the light; 17 There [where] the wicked cease from troubling; and

Then said his wife unto him, Art thou still holding fast where the exhausted weary are at rest; 18 [Where] to thy integrity? renounce God, and die. 10 But he the prisoners repose together, [and] they hear no said unto her. Thou speakest as one of the worthless more the taskmaster's voice. 19 The small with the women would speak. What? should we accept the great is there, and the servant free from his master. good alone, from God, and the evil we should not 20 Wherefore giveth He now light to the labor-laden. accept? With all this did Job not sin with his lips. and life unto the bitter in soul? 21 Who wait for death, 11 When now the three friends of Job had heard which [cometh] not; and who dig for it sooner than of all this evil that was come over him, they came for hidden treasures: 22 Who would rejoice even to every one from his own place, Eliphaz the Themanite, exulting, who would be glad could they but find a and Bildad the Shuchite, and Zophar the Na'amthite; grave? 23 [Why is light given] to a man whose way is and they met together to come to condole with him hidden, and around whom God hath placed a fence? and to comfort him. 12 And when they lifted up their 24 For before my food cometh my groaning, and like eyes afar off, and they recognised him not, they lifted the water are poured forth my loud complaints. 25 up their voice, and wept; and they rent every one Because what I greatly dreaded is come upon me. his robe, and strewed dust upon their heads toward and what I apprehended is come unto me. 26 I have heaven. 13 They likewise sat down with him on the had no safety, and no quiet, and no rest; and [now]

> ⚠ Then answered Eliphaz the Themanite, and said, 2 If we essay to address a word to thee, wilt thou be wearied? vet who is able to refrain from speaking? 3 Behold, thou hast [ere this] corrected many, and weak hands thou wast wont to strengthen. 4 Him that stumbled thy words used to uphold, and to sinking knees thou gavest vigor. 5 Yet now, when it cometh to thee, thou art wearied: it toucheth even thee, and thou art terrified. 6 Is not then thy fear of God still thy confidence, thy hope equal to the integrity of thy ways? 7 Remember, I pray thee, who ever perished, being innocent? or where were the righteous destroyed? 8 Even as I have seen, that those who plough wrong-doing, and sow trouble, have to reap the same. 9 Before the breathing of God they perish, and before the breath of his nostrils they come to their end. 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 have to scatter themselves abroad. 12 But to me a word came by stealth, and my ear took in a scarcely perceptible whisper thereof. 13 In intense thoughts out of visions of the night, when deep sleep falleth on men: 14 Dread came over me, with trembling, and it caused all my bones to shudder. 15 Then flitted a spirit past before my face; the hair of my body stood up: 16 It stood still, but I could not recognize its form; a figure was before my eyes, a slight whisper, then a [louder] voice I heard, saying, 17 Can a mortal be more righteous than God? or can a man be more pure than his Maker? 18 Behold, in his servants he putteth no trust, and his angels he chargeth with folly: 19 How much less in those

that dwell in houses of clay, whose foundation is there is peace in thy tent; and thou wilt look over thy in the dust, who are crushed till they come to be habitation, and shalt miss nothing. 25 And thou shalt eaten by the moth? 20 From morning to evening are know that thy seed is numerous, and thy offspring as they broken to pieces; without laving it [to heart] they the herbage of the earth. 26 Thon wilt go in a ripe age perish for ever. 21 Behold, their excellency which is in unto the grave, as a shock of corn is carried home in them is torn away: they die, and this without wisdom.

5 Do but call: is there one that will answer thee? and to whom of the saints wilt thou turn thyself? 2 6 Then answered Job, and said, 2 Oh that my For vexation will prove death to a foolish man, and jealousy will slay the simple. 3 I have myself seen the foolish taking root; but I suddenly held his habitation as accursed. 4 His children are far from help, and men crush them in the gate, with no one to deliver them. 5 [He it is] whose harvest the hungry eateth up, and taketh it even out of the thorns, and the robber snatcheth eagerly after their substance. 6 For wrong doth not come forth out of the dust, neither doth trouble grow up out of the ground; 7 But man is born unto trouble, as young birds take up their flight, 8 I, however, would have besought God, and unto God would I have committed my cause: 9 Who doth great things which are unsearchable, marvelous things till they are without number; 10 Who giveth rain upon the surface of the earth, and sendeth out waters over the face of the fields: 11 To set up the lowly on high, that those who mourn may rise high to happiness: 12 [But] who frustrateth the plans of the crafty, so that their hands cannot execute their well-devised counsel: 13 Who catcheth the wise in their own craftiness; and the advise of the perverse is hastened on headlong; 14 By day they meet with darkness, and as though it were night they grope about in the noon of day; 15 But who saveth from the sword, from their mouth, and from the hand of the mighty, the needy one: 16 And so cometh to the indigent hope, and iniquity stoppeth her mouth. 17 Behold, happy is the man whom God admonisheth: despise then not the correction of the Almighty. 18 For he it is that woundeth, and bindeth up: he smiteth. and his hands do heal. 19 In six distresses will he deliver thee: and in seven there shall no evil touch thee. 20 In famine he redeemeth thee from death; and in war from the power of the sword. 21 Against the scourge of the tongue shall thou he hidden; and thou needest not be afraid of destruction when it cometh. 22 At destruction and famine canst thou laugh; and thou needest not have any fear of the beasts of the earth. 23 For with the stones of the field shalt thou have thy covenant: and the beasts of the field shall be at peace with thee. 24 And thou shalt know that

its season. 27 Behold this, we have searched it out, so it is: hear it, and do thou note it well for thyself.

vexation could be truly weighed, and my calamity; oh that men might lift it up in the balances at once! 3 For now it is already heavier than the sand of the sea: therefore are my words confused. 4 For the arrows of the Almighty are within me, the poison whereof my spirit drinketh it: the terrors of God set themselves in array against me. 5 Doth the wild ass bray over the grass? or loweth the ox over his fodder? 6 Is ever tasteless food eaten without salt? or is there any flavor in the white of an egg? 7 My soul refuseth to touch them: they are unto me like disgusting food. 8 Oh that some one would grant the accomplishment of my request; and that God would grant me the fulfillment of my hope! 9 Yea, that it would please God that he might crush me: that he would let loose his hand, and make an end of me! 10 Then would this be still my comfort; yea, I would rejoice in my pain while be would not spare: that I have not gainsaid the commands of the Holy One.— 11 What is my strength. that I should wait? and what my end, that I should yet longer retain my patience? 12 Is the strength of stones my strength? or is my flesh brazen? 13 Truly. am I not without my help in me? and is not wise counsel driven far away from me? 14 As though I were one who refuseth kindness to his friend, and forsaketh the fear of the Almighty: 15 My brothers are treacherous as a brook, like flowing brooks they pass along: 16 Which are made turbid by reason of the ice, wherein the snow hideth itself: 17 At the time when they feel the warmth, they vanish; when it is hot, they are guenched out of their place. 18 The paths of their course wind themselves along; they go in the wilderness and are lost. 19 The caravans of Thema look hither, the travelling companies Sheba hope for them; 20 But they stand ashamed because they had trusted; they come thither and are made to blush. 21 For truly now ve are like such a one: ve see my terrible state and are afraid. 22 Have I then ever said, Give me something, and out of your property offer a bribe in my behalf? 23 And deliver me from the hand of the adversary? and redeem from the hand of tyrants? 24 Teach me, and I will indeed remain

How pleasant are straightforward words! but what thou set me as an object for thee to strike at, so that I doth arguing prove? 26 Do ve think to reprove words, am become a burden to myself? 21 And why wilt thou and Ito regardl as wind the speeches of one that is not forgive my transgression, and let my iniquity pass despairing? 27 Yea, ye would cast any thing upon the away? for soon must I lie down in the dust; and thou fatherless, and ye would dig a pit against your friend. wilt seek for me, but I shall be no more. 28 But now, if it please you, turn yourselves toward me, and [sav] whether I would lie before your face. 29 Reflect again, I pray you, there will be no wrong: yea, reflect once more, my righteousness [will be found] therein. 30 Is there any wrong on my tongue? or should my palate not understand [if I spoke] what is iniquitous?

**7** Is there not a limited time of service to a mortal upon the earth? Are not his days also like the days of a hired laborer? 2 As a servant eagerly longeth for the shadow, and as a hired laborer hopeth for his reward: 3 So was I compelled to possess months of vanity, and nights of trouble were counted out unto me. 4 When I He down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am wearied with tossings about till the dawn of day. 5 My flesh is covered with worms and clods of dust: my skin is burst open, and become loathsome. 6 My days hasten away more swiftly than a weaver's shuttle, and they come to an end in the absence of hope. 7 Oh remember that nothing but a breath is my life; that my eye will not again see happiness; 8 The eye of him that seeth me now will not behold me again: [thou fixest] thy eyes upon me, and I am no more. 9 As the cloud vanisheth and passeth away: so will he that goeth down to the nether world not come up again. (Sheol h7585) 10 He will return no more to his house, and his place will not recognize him any more. 11 Therefore will I also not restrain my mouth: I will speak in the anguish of my spirit: I will complain in the bitterness of my soul. 12 Am I a sea, or a monster, that thou settest a watch over me? 13 For should I say, My bed shall comfort me, my couch shall help me bear my complaint: 14 Then wouldst thou frighten me with dreams, and with visions wouldst thou terrify me; 15 So that my soul would choose strangling, death rather than these limbs of mine. 16 I loathe it; I cannot live for ever: let me alone; for my days are but nought. 17 What is the mortal, that thou shouldst make him great? and that thou shouldst direct thy heart toward him? 18 And that thou shouldst visit him every morning, probe him every moment? 19 How long wilt thou not turn thy regard from me, nor let; me loose till I swallow down my spittle? 20 If I have sinned, what [injury] can I

silent; and wherein I erred give me to understand. 25 cause unto thee, O thou Guardian of men? why hast

R Then answered Bildad the Shuchite, and said, 2 How long wilt thou speak these things? and [let] like a mighty wind be the words of thy mouth? 3 Should God pervert justice? or should the Almighty pervert righteousness? 4 If thy children have sinned against him, then did he send them off through the means of their transgression. 5 If thou wilt earnestly seek for God, and make thy supplication to the Almighty; 6 If thou become pure and upright: surely then will he watch over thee, and restore thy righteous habitation. 7 And thy beginning will have been small; because thy latter end will grow up greatly. 8 For ask, I pray thee, of an earlier generation, and prepare thyself to [stand by] the research of their fathers; — 9 For we are but of yesterday, and know nothing, because a [mere] shadow are our days upon earth; 10 Behold, these will truly teach thee, they will speak unto thee, and out of their very heart will they bring forth words: 11 Can the bulrush shoot upward without mire? can the meadow-grass grow up without water? 12 It is yet in its greenness, not yet cut down, when it withereth before any other grass. 13 So are the paths of all that forget God; and the hope of the hypocrite will perish: 14 [It is he] whose trust will be cut off, and but a spider's web is that in which he confideth. 15 He leaneth against his house, but it shall not stand: he layeth fast hold on it, but it shall not remain erect. 16 He is in full vigor before the sun, and over his garden his shoots go forth. 17 His roots are twisted about a stoneheap, he selecteth [for himself] a place of stones. 18 But when men destroy him from his place, then will it deny him, saying, I have never seen thee. 19 Behold, this is the joy of his way, and out of the [same] dust others will grow up. 20 Behold, God will not reject a perfect man, and will not hold fast by their hand the evil-doers: 21 Till he fill thy mouth with laughing, and thy lips with joyful shouting. 22 They that hate thee shall be clothed with shame: and the tent of the wicked shall be no more.

9 Then answered Job, and said, 2 Truly I know that it is so: and how could a mortal be righteous before God? 3 If he were desirous to enter into a contest with him, he could not give him one answer out of a thousand. 4 He is wise of heart, and mighty

and escaped unscathed? 5 [He it is] who removeth enter together into a contest, 33 There is no one who mountains, and they know it not, yea, when he can decide between us, who could lay his hand upon overturneth them in his anger: 6 Who shaketh the us both. 34 Let him but remove from me his rod, and earth loose out of her place, that her pillars tremble: let not his dread terrify me: 35 Then would I speak. 7 Who speaketh to the sun, and he shineth not, and and not fear him; for the like I feel not within me. around the stars he placeth a seal; 8 Who spread out the heavens by himself alone, and treadeth upon the hillocks of the sea: 9 Who made the Bear. Orion. and the Pleiades, and the chambers the south: 10 Who doth great things which are guite unsearchable. and wonders which are quite without number. 11 Lo. were he to go past by me. I should not see him: and were he to pass along. I should not perceive him. 12 Behold, were he to snatch aught away, who could hold him back? who would say unto him. What dost thou? 13 God will not withdraw his anger: beneath him sink down the helpers of the proud. 14 How much less then could I answer him, and select my words [to contend with him? 15 Whom, were I even righteous. I could not answer? to him that condemneth me I could [only] make supplication. 16 Or were I to call, and he would answer me. I could vet not believe that he would give ear unto my voice— 17 He that bruiseth me with [his] tempest, and multiplieth my wounds without a cause. 18 He suffereth me not to recover my breath; but feedeth me overmuch with bitter things. 19 If it regard strength, lo. he is the powerful; and if justice, who will cite him for me to appear? 20 If I were righteous even, my own mouth would condemn me: were I innocent, it would still prove me perverse. 21 l am innocent; I will not have regard for myself: I will despise my life. 22 One thing is [certain], therefore have I said it. The innocent and the wicked he bringeth to their end. 23 If a scourge should slav suddenly, he will mock at the trial of the quiltless. 24 Is a land given up into the hand of the wicked? he covereth the faces of its judges: if this be not the truth, who is it then? 25 And my days pass swifter than a runner: they flee away, they see no happiness. 26 They hasten along like pirate ships: like the eagle that stoopeth down upon his food. 27 If I say, I will forget my complaint, I will leave off my sorrowful countenance, and recover my cheerfulness: 28 O then would I be in dread of all my pains: I know that thou wilt not declare me innocent. 29 I must ever be quilty: why then should I fatique myself for nought? 30 If I were to wash myself in snow-water, to cleanse myself in the purity of my hands: 31 Even then wouldst thou plunge me in the ditch, that my own clothes would render me abhorred. 32 For he is not a

in strength; who hath hardened himself against him, man, like me, that I could answer him, that we should

10 My soul is disgusted with my life; I will give free vent to my complaint over myself; I will speak in the bitterness of my soul. 2 I will say unto God. Do not condemn me: let me know for what cause thou contendest against me. 3 Is it well for thee that thou shouldst oppress, that thou shouldst reject the labor of thy hands, and shed light upon the counsel of the wicked? 4 Hast thou eves of flesh? or wilt thou see as a mortal seeth? 5 Are thy days as the days of a mortal, or are thy years as the days of a man. 6 That thou inquirest after my iniquity, and searchest after my sin? 7 Still it is within thy knowledge that I am not wicked, and there is none that can deliver me out of thy hand. 8 Thy hands have carefully fashioned me and made me; every thing is in harmony all round about; and yet thou dost destroy me! 9 Remember, I beseech thee, that as though I were clay hast thou made me; and wilt thou cause me to return again unto the dust? 10 Behold, like milk didst thou pour me out, and like cheese didst thou curdle me. 11 With skin and flesh didst thou clothe me, and with bones and sinews didst thou cover me. 12 Life and kindness didst thou grant me, and thy providence watched over my spirit. 13 And vet these things hadst thou treasured up in thy heart: I know that this was [resolved] within thee. 14 If I have sinned, then dost thou watch me, and from my iniquity thou wilt not declare me quiltless. 15 If I be wicked, woe unto me: and if I be righteous, I can still not lift up my head; I am sated with disgrace, and ever seeing my affliction: 16 And it constantly increaseth; like a fierce lion dost thou hunt for me; and again thou showest thyself continually wonderful on me: 17 Thou ever renewest thy witnesses against me, and causest thy indignation to grow strong against me: changes and multitudes [of sufferings] are around me. 18 Wherefore then didst thou bring me forth out of the womb? Oh that I had perished, and that no eve had seen me! 19 That I were as though I had not been. —had been borne from the womb to the grave. 20 Lo! my days are but few: cease, then, withdraw from me [thy hand], that I may recover my cheerfulness a little. 21 Before I go, and return not, to the land of darkness and the shadow of death, 22 A land of utter gloom, as of the

darkness of the shadow of death, without any order, and the light of which is like utter gloom.

11 Then answered Zophar the Na'amathite, and said. 2 Shall a multitude of words not be answered? and is it so that a man full of talk shall be deemed in the right? 3 Thy inventions are to bring men to silence; and when thou utterest thy mocking no one is to cause thee to feel abashed! 4 For thou hast said [to God], My doctrine is pure, and I am become clean in thy eyes. 5 But oh that God would but speak, and open his lips against thee; 6 And that he would declare unto thee the secrets of wisdom: for it is double to that which is really in our possession: and thou wouldst experience that God overlooketh unto thee much of thy iniquity. 7 Canst thou find out the experience of God? or canst thou find [the way] unto the utmost limit of the Almighty? 8 It is as high as heaven; what canst thou effect? it is deeper than the nether world; what canst thou know? (Sheol h7585) 9 Longer than the earth is its measure, and broader than the sea. 10 If he pass by, and surrender [one to suffering], and call together an assembly, who can hinder him? 11 For he knoweth the men of vanity: he seeth the wrong-doer and him who considereth not: 12 And the heartless who acquireth intelligence. and him who is [like] the colt of the wild ass who is transformed into a man. 13 If thou truly direct [aright] thy heart, and spread out thy hands toward him: -14 If wrong be in thy hand, put it far away, and let not wickedness dwell in thy tents. 15 For then canst thou lift up thy face free from blemish: yea, thou wilt stand steadfast, and needest not to fear; 16 Because thou wilt truly forget thy trouble, and as a waterflood that is passed away wilt thou remember it; 17 And brighter than the noon of day will thy earthly existence arise; and thy obscurity will be like thy morning. 18 And thou wilt feel trust, because there is hope; yea, thou wilt search about carefully, and thou wilt lie down in safety. 19 Also thou wilt stretch thyself out [to rest], with none to make thee afraid; and many will entreat thy favor. 20 But the eves of the wicked shall fail, and the means of escape will vanish from them, and their [sole] hope shall be the breathing out of their soul.

12 Then answered Job, and said, 2 Truly ye are indeed the [right kind of] people, and with you wisdom must die out. 3 I also have sense like you; I do not fall short compared with you: and who possesseth not such things as these? 4 I am as one laughed at by his friend, who calleth upon God, while he answered him: [yea, ] a laughing-stock though

righteous and innocent. 5 To the unfortunate there is given contempt— according to the thoughts of him that is at ease—prepared [also] for those whose foot slippeth. 6 Prosperous are the tents of robbers, and security is given to those that provoke God, to him who carrieth his god in his hand. 7 Yet, do only ask of the beasts, and they will instruct thee; and the fowls of the heavens, and they will tell it thee: 8 Or speak to the earth, and she will instruct thee; and the fishes of the sea will inform thee 9 Who knoweth not through all these that the hand of the Lord hath wrought this? 10 [He] in whose hand is the soul of every living thing, and the spirit of all the bodies of men? 11 Doth not the ear try words, as the palate tasteth food for itself? 12 So It with the ancients wisdom, and with [those of] length of days understanding, 13 That with him are wisdom and strength, his are counsel and understanding. 14 Behold, he pulleth down, and there can be no rebuilding: he locketh [the prison] upon a man, and there can be no opening, 15 Behold, he restraineth the waters, and they dry up; or he suffereth them to flow, and they overturn the earth. 16 With him are strength and counsel: his are the deceived and the deceiver. 17 He leadeth counsellors away bereft of sense, and maketh the judges fools. 18 He looseth the bond of kings, and bindeth a girdle around their loins. 19 He leadeth priests away bereft of sense, and the powerful he causeth to walk on crooked paths. 20 He removeth the speech from trusty speakers, and taketh away the intelligence of the aged. 21 He poureth contempt upon princes, and the belt of the mighty be looseneth. 22 He layeth open deep things from the midst of darkness, and bringeth out unto light the shadow of death. 23 He permitteth the nations to become great, and destroyeth them: he spreadeth out the nations, and leadeth them away. 24 He taketh away the sense of the chiefs of the people of the land, and causeth them to wander astray in a wilderness when there is no way. 25 They grope in the dark without light, and he causeth them to wander astray like a drunken man.

13 Lo, all [this] hath my eye seen, my ear hath heard and noted it for itself; 2 As much as ye know, do I also know: I do not fall short compared with you. 3 However, I would gladly speak to the Almighty; and to argue with God do I desire. 4 But ye are inventors of falsehood, physicians of no value are all of you. 5 Oh, who would grant that ye might keep a profound silences! and it would he accounted unto you as wisdom. 6 Do hearken but to my reasoning,

not his excellency terrify you? and his dread fall upon heavens be no more, they will not awake, and will of ashes, your high-places are high-places of clay. 13 grant that thou mightest hide me in the nether world, and let pass over me what will. 14 Whatever it may appeased, that thou mightest set for me a fixed time, cost, I will take my flesh in my teeth, and my life will I and remember me then! (Sheol h7585) 14 Or, when cannot come before him. 17 Listen well to my word, answer thee: have a desire for the work of thy hands. me? for now, if I keep silence, I must perish. 20 Only iniquity. 18 But truly a falling mountain will crumble, thou writest bitter decrees against me, and assignest soul will mourn for him. unto me the iniquities of my youth; 27 And [that] thou puttest my feet in the stocks, and watchest narrowly all my paths: [and] settest for thyself a mark upon the soles of my feet? 28 And yet the body decayeth like a rotten thing, as a garment that the moth hath eaten.

sated with harrowing trouble. 2 Like a flower he cometh forth, and is cut down; and he fleeth like a shadow, and remaineth not. 3 And vet on such a one judgment with thee? 4 Who can make a clean thing young shoot will not cease. 8 If even its root become word that was so mild with thee? 12 Whither doth thy

and listen to the pleadings of my lips. 7 Will ve speak old in the earth, and its stock die in the dust: 9 Yet wrong things for God? and will ye speak for him through the scent of water will it flourish [again], and deceitfully? 8 Will ve show him undue favor, when ve produce boughs as though It were newly planted. 10 contend for God? 9 Will it be well if he should search But man dieth, and lieth powerless; vea, the son of you out? or as one overreacheth another mortal, do earth departeth—and where is he? 11 The waters ye expect to overreach him? 10 He will surely reprove run off from the sea, and the river faileth and drieth you, if in secret you show him undue favor. 11 Doth up: 12 So doth man lie down, and riseth not: till the you? 12 The things you remember are mere proverbs not be roused out of their sleep. 13 Oh who would Keep silence toward me, that I may indeed speak, that thou mightest conceal me, until thy wrath be put in my hand. 15 Lo, though he slav me, yet will I a man dieth, will he live again? all the days of my trust in him: only I will argue my own ways before him, time of service would I then wait, till [the hour of] my 16 Even he will come to my assistance; for a hypocrite release were come. 15 Do thou call, and I will truly and to my demonstration with your ears. 18 Behold 16 Yet now thou numberest my steps; and thou waitest now, I have arrayed my cause: I know that I shall be not with [the punishment of] my sin. 17 Sealed up in a indeed justified. 19 Who is he that will contend with bag is my transgression, and thou yet addest to my two things do not unto me: then will I not hide myself and [even] a rock is moved out of its place. 19 The from thy presence, 21 Remove thy hand far from me: water weareth out stones; thou sweepest away their and let not thy dread terrify me. 22 Then call thou, fragments [like] the dust of the earth: and so thou and I will answer; or let me speak, and do thou reply destroyest the hope of man. 20 Thou assailest him to me. 23 How many are my iniquities and sins? my with might without ceasing, till he passeth away: thou transgression and my sin let me know. 24 Wherefore changest his countenance, and sendest him off. 21 wilt thou hide thy face, and regard me as an enemy. His children acquire honor, but he knoweth it not; and unto thee? 25 Wilt thou terrify a leaf driven about [by they are esteemed little, but he perceiveth nothing of the wind]? and wilt thou pursue dry stubble? 26 That them. 22 But his body. on him, feeleth pain, and his

15 Then answered Eliphaz the Themanite, and said, 2 Should a wise man utter windy knowledge, and fill his inward parts with the east wind? 3 Should he reason with a speech which availeth nothing? and with words in which there is no profit? 4 Yea, thou 11 Man born of a woman is short of days, and truly makest void the fear [of God], and diminishest devotion before God. 5 For thy iniquity teacheth thy mouth, so that thou choosest the language of the crafty. 6 Thy own mouth must condemn thee, but not dost thou open thy eyes, and me thou bringest into 1: yea, thy own lips will testify against thee. 7 Wast thou born as the first man? or wast thou brought forth out of an unclean? not one [thing]. 5 Seeing that his before the hills? 8 Hast thou listened to the secret days are determined, the number of his months are counsel of God? and is wisdom therefore of little [fixed] with thee, that thou hast set his bounds which esteem with thee? 9 What knowest thou, that we do he cannot pass: 6 Turn thyself from him that he may not know? what understandest thou, which is not with recover from his pain, and be able to enjoy like a us? 10 Both the grayheaded and the very aged are hired laborer his day. 7 For there is hope for the tree: among us, — richer than thy father in days. 11 Are if it be cut down, it may still sprout again, while its the divine consolations too little for thee? and the

God's mouth. 31 Let him that goeth astray not trust in I travel a path whence I cannot return. vanity; for vanity will be what he obtaineth thereby. 32 Even before his time will it be overfull, and his branches will not be green. 33 He will shake off like the vine his unripe grapes, and cast off like the olive his blossoms. 34 For the assembly of hypocrites will remain desolate, and fire will consume the tents of bribery. 35 They conceive trouble, and bring forth wrong-doing, and their body prepareth deceit.

heart carry thee away? and what do thy eyes gaze overwhelm you with words, and could shake my head at? 13 That thou shouldst turn against God thy spirit, at you. 5 But I would strengthen you with my mouth, and utter [such] words out of thy mouth? 14 What is and the condolence of my lips should restrain [your man, that he should be pure? and that he who is born griefl. 6 Though I were to speak, my pain would not be of woman should be declared righteous? 15 Behold, restrained; and though I should forbear, what will go in his holy ones he putteth no trust; and the heavens away from me? 7 But now he hath made me weary: are not pure in his eyes: 16 How much more then thou hast made desolate all my company. 8 And thou the abominable and corrupt, the man who drinketh hast filled me with wrinkles, they are my witnesses; like water wrong-doing? 17 I will instruct thee, hear and my leanness riseth up for me, giveth its testimony me; and what I have seen will I relate; 18 Which wise to my face. 9 In his wrath he teareth me to pieces, men have ever told, and have not concealed, as they and assaileth me: he gnasheth over me with his obtained it from their fathers; 19 Unto whom alone the teeth; my adversary sendeth threatening looks at earth was given, and into whose midst no stranger me. 10 They now open wide against me their mouth; ever entered. 20 All his days is the wicked plaqued reproachfully they smite my cheek: altogether do they with pain, and the number of years which are laid by assemble against me. 11 God hath surrendered me for the tyrant. 21 A sound of terrors is in his ears: to the unjust, and cast me down into the hands of the during peace will the waster come over him. 22 He wicked. 12 I was at ease, but he hath crushed me; he believeth not that he shall return out of darkness, hath also grasped me by the neck, and shaken me to and he is looked for by the sword. 23 He wandereth pieces, and set me up unto himself as a mark; 13 abroad for bread, [saying, ] Where is it? he knoweth His archers encompass me round about; he cleaveth that there is ready at his hand the day of darkness. my reins sunder, and doth not pity; he poureth out 24 Distress and anguish terrify him: they assail him upon the ground my gall; 14 He breaketh me down with might, as a king prepared for the battle. 25 with breach upon breach; he runneth against me Because he had stretched out against God his hand, like a mighty man. 15 Sackcloth have I sewed upon and strengthened himself against the Almighty; 26 my skin, and my horn I roll in the dust. 16 My face [And] he had run against him, with an [extended] gloweth from weeping, and on my eyelids resteth the neck, with the thick roundings of his bucklers; 27 shadow of death: 17 Not because any violence is in Because he had covered his face with his fat, and my hands, and while my prayer is pure. 18 Earth! do had made thick folds of fat on his flanks: 28 And thou not cover up my blood, and let no place restrain he dwelt in abandoned cities, in houses which none my cry. 19 Even now, behold, my witness is in the inhabited, which were destined to be ruinous heaps. heavens, and one that testifieth for me is on high. 29 [Yet] will he not remain rich, neither will his wealth 20 Are my friends my defenders? unto God my eye endure, nor will he attain their perfection on earth. 30 poureth out [its tears]. 21 And oh that a man might He will never depart out of darkness: the flame shall plead with God, as one son of earth with the other! 22 dry up his shoots, and he will depart by the breath of For when the numbered years are passed, then must

17 My spirit is broken, my days are cut short, the grave is ready for me. 2 Yet truly those that mock are with me, and on their offendings must my eye rest. 3 And thou, [Creator!] attend, I pray thee, be my surety with thyself: who else is there that would strike hands with me? 4 For thou hast concealed their heart against intelligence: therefore art thou not exalted [through them]. 5 Every one of them speaketh 16 Then answered Job, and said, 2 I have deceptively to his friends: may also the eyes of his heard many things such as these: troublesome children fail. 6 And he hath placed me here as a comforters are ye all. 3 Shall there be any end to by-word unto nations; and I become openly as a words of wind? or what compelleth thee that thou place of abomination. 7 Therefore is my eye dim from shouldst answer? 4 I also could well speak as ye vexation, and my limbs are all of them like a shadow. do: if your soul were but in my soul's stead, I could 8 Upright men must be astonished at this, and the

10 But all of you, do only return, and come but Ito mel: God. and vet I shall not find among you one wise man. 11 My days are past, my resolves are broken off, [even the thoughts]—the possessions of my heart. 12 These would change the night into day, the light as near in the presence of darkness.— 13 When I hope for the nether world as my house; in the darkness have I spread my couch; (Sheol h7585) 14 When I call to corruption. Thou art my father: Thou art my mother, and my sister, to the worms, 15 Av, where is then my hope? as for my hope, who will see it [fulfilled]? 16 Let then my limbs sink down to the nether world: truly in the dust alone there is rest for all. (Sheol h7585)

2 When will ye at length put an end to words? Come to an understanding, and afterward let us speak. 3 For what cause are we counted as beasts. reputed stupid vour eves? 4 Thou, the one that teareth himself to pieces in his anger- shall for thy sake the earth be forsaken, and the rock be moved away out of its place? 5 Ah, truly the light of the wicked will be guenched, and the spark of his fire shall not give light. 6 The light becometh dark in his tent. and his lamp will be guenched above him. 7 His powerful steps will be narrowed, and his own counsel will cast him down. 8 For he is driven into the net by his own feet, and he taketh his walk upon a snare. The trap will seize him by the heel, and the robber will prevail over him. 10 The cord is hidden for him in the ground, and a trap is set for him on the pathway. 11 All around do terrors scare him, and chase him as he walketh along. 12 His first-born will suffer hunger, and calamity will be ready for his wife. 13 It will devour the limbs of his body: yea, the first-born of death will devour his limbs. 14 Then will be plucked up out of his tent his confidence, and [the evil] will urge him forward to the king of terrors. 15 It will dwell in his tent, because it is no more his: there will be strewed sulphur on his habitation. 16 Beneath, his roots will be dried up, and above will his boughs he cut away. 17 His resemblance vanisheth from the earth, and no name remaineth for him in the streets. 18 Men will thrust him out from light into darkness, and out of the world will they drive him. 19 He will have neither son nor grandson among his people, nor any that

innocent must arouse himself against the hypocrite. 9 astonished, and they that went before are seized with Yet will the righteous hold firmly on to his way; and he shuddering. 21 Yea, such are the dwellings of the that is clean of hands will acquire additional strength, unjust, and this is the place of one that knew not

19 Then answered Job, and said, 2 How long will ye grieve my soul, and crush me with words? 3 These ten times have ve reproached me: ve are not ashamed when ve show vourselves as strangers to me. 4 Yea, if it be indeed that I have erred, let my error remain with myself. 5 But if indeed ye wish to magnify yourselves above me, and to prove against me my disgrace: 6 Then know for certain that God hath bent me down, and hath laid his net all around me. 7 Behold, I cry out concerning the violence [done me], but I am not answered: I entreat aloud, but there is no justice. 8 My road hath he fenced up, so 1 R Then answered Bildad the Shuchite, and said, that I cannot pass out; and on my paths he placeth darkness. 9 My glory hath he stripped from me, and removed the crown of my head. 10 He hath pulled me down on every side, and I am going hence; and he hath rooted up like a tree my hope. 11 He hath also kindled against me his wrath, and he counteth me with himself as one of his adversaries. 12 Altogether come on his troops, and make level against me their way, and encamp round about my tent. 13 My brothers hath he removed far from me, and my acquaintance are entirely estranged from me. 14 My near of kin have withdrawn, and those befriended by me have forgotten me. 15 Ye that sojourn in my house, and my maid-servants, regard me as a stranger; an alien am I become in their eyes. 16 I call for my servant, but he will not answer, though I were to entreat him with my mouth. 17 My breath is become nauseous to my wife, and my caressing, to the children of my own body. 18 Yea, children even despise me: I rise up, but they speak against me. 19 All that have had my confidence abominate me: and those whom I have loved are turned against me. 20 To my skin and to my flesh my bones do cleave, and I must sustain myself with the gums of my teeth. 21 Spare me, spare me, O ye, my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me. 22 Why will ve persecute me as God [hath done]. and will never be satisfied with my flesh? 23 Oh who would but grant, that my words might be written down! oh who would grant that they were entered in a book! 24 That they were hewn with an iron pen and [blackened with] lead for eternity in the hard rock! 25 And well I know that my redeemer liveth, and that escapeth in the places of his sojourning. 20 Because he will remain as the last after the creatures of the of his [calamitous] day are they that come after him dust [are passed away]; 26 And after my skin is cut

to pieces will this be: and then freed from my body. Nothing was spared from his craving to eat: therefore shall I behold God; 27 Whom I shall myself behold to shall his wealth not prosper. 22 In the fulness of his my happiness, and whom my eyes will see, and not abundance will distress assail him: every hand of as a stranger, [when even] my reins are consumed [those he] troubled will come against him. 23 In order within my bosom. 28 But if ye should say, How will we to fill his belly, [God] will send out against him the fury pursue him? seeing the root of the matter is found of his wrath, and will rain it upon him for his eating. in me: 29 Then have dread for yourselves of the 24 If he flee from the iron weapon, the brazen bow will sword; for the wrath [which ye excite] is an iniquity strike him through. 25 He draweth it, and it cometh out that bringeth the sword; in order that ye may know of the body; yea, out of his gall the glittering [arrow] there is one that judgeth [in the world].

**20** Then answered Zophar the Na'amathite, and said, 2 Even therefore do my inmost thoughts give me an answer, and for this reason do I feel a strong excitement within me. 3 Reproof which casteth shame on me must I hear; yet out of my understanding will the spirit give me an answer. 4 Dost thou know this? from the very beginning of things, from the very time when man was placed upon earth it was, 5 That the triumphal shouting of the wicked is ever of but a recent date, and the joy of his exaltation should mount up to the heavens, and will he fly away, and men will find him no more; yea, will [suddenly] lie down with him in the dust. 12 If the swallowed, will he have to vomit up again; God will drive it out of his belly. 16 The poison of asps will he

cometh forth: over him come the terrors [of death]. 26 Entire darkness is laid by for his treasures: a fire not urged by blowing will consume him; it will destroy any one that is left in his tent. 27 The heavens will lay open his iniquity; and the earth will raise herself up against him. 28 The product of his house will be banished, flowing away on the day of his wrath. 29 This is the portion of a wicked man from God, and his decreed heritage from God.

21 Then answered Job, and said, 2 Hear, O hear my speech, and let this be wherewith you give the hypocrite endureth only for a moment. 6 Though consolations. 3 Bear with me that I may indeed speak: and after my speaking, then canst thou mock. 4 As his head should reach unto the clouds; 7 Yet when he for me, -is against man my complaint? and if this be but turneth round will he vanish for ever; those who so, why should my spirit not be impatient? 5 Turn have seen him will say, Where is he? 8 Like a dream yourselves unto me, and be astounded, and lay your hand upon your mouth. 6 Yea, when I think of it, I am he will be chased away like a vision of the night. 9 If terrified, and shuddering seizeth hold of my flesh. 7 an eye have surveyed him, it will not do so again, and Wherefore do the wicked live, become old, yea, grow it will not behold him any more in his place. 10 His strong in power? 8 Their seed is firmly established in children will suffer oppression from the indigent, and their presence with them. their offspring are before his hands will have to restore his [ill-gotten] wealth. their eyes. 9 Their houses are at peace without any 11 [Now] his bones are full of his youthful vigor; but it dread, and no rod of God [cometh] over them. 10 The bull of each one gendereth, and disappointeth evil be sweet in his mouth, he will conceal it under not: the cow of each one calveth, and casteth not her his tongue; 13 He will cherish it, and not forsake it; young. 11 They send forth their little ones like a flock, and hold it back within his palate; 14 His food is thus and their children skip about [with joy]. 12 They sing changed within his bowels, and becometh the venom to the timbrel and harp, and rejoice at the sound of of asps within him. 15 The wealth which he hath the pipe. 13 They wear out their days in happiness. and in a moment they go down to the nether world. (Sheol h7585) 14 And yet they say unto God, "Depart have to suck; the viper's tongue will slay him. 17 He from us; and the knowledge of thy ways we desire shall not look with pleasure on streams, on flowing not. 15 What is the Almighty, that we should serve brooks of honey and cream. 18 He restoreth what him? and what profit shall we have, if we entreat he hath labored for, and will not swallow it down; him urgently?" 16 Lo, not in their hand doth their however much he may have obtained by toil, he will happiness rest! The counsel of the wicked be [still] not have any joy of it. 19 Because he oppressed far from me. 17 How often is the lamp of the wicked and forsook the indigent; because he took violently quenched? and how often cometh over them their away a house, shall he not rebuild it; 20 Because calamity? and doth [God] distribute their lot in his he knew not quietness in his bosom, shall he not anger? 18 Are they as straw before the wind, and as escape through what is the most precious to him. 21 chaff which the stealeth away? 19 Should God lay up

wrath of the Almighty ought he to drink. 21 For what him, so that he will not see; and he walketh along their token ye cannot disregard, 30 That the bad man return to the Almighty, thou shalt be built up, so thou is reserved for the day of calamity, [that the wicked] wilt but remove wrong-doing far away from thy tents. him what he hath done? 32 Yea he will indeed be Then will the Almighty be thy precious metal, and How then will ye comfort me with vanity? and of your pay. 28 And if thou decree a thing, it will be fulfilled answers there remaineth only deception.

77 Then answered Eliphaz the Themanite. and said, 2 Can a man be serviceable unto God? Truly the intelligent is serviceable unto himself. 3 Is it any pleasure to the Almighty that thou art righteous? or is it any gain to him, that thou makest thy ways perfect? 4 Is it out of fear of thee that he will reproach thee? or go with thee into judgment? 5 Is not thy evil great? and no end to thy iniquities? 6 For thou hast taken a pledge from thy brothers for nought, and stripped the naked of their clothing. 7 Thou hast not given water to the weary to drink, and from the hungry thou hast withholden bread. 8 But as for the man of a strong arm, he obtained the land, and the highly honored could dwell therein. 9 Widows hast thou sent away empty, and the arms of the fatherless have been broken. 10 Therefore are snares round about thee, and sudden dread terrifieth thee. 11 Or seest thou not the darkness? and the abundance of water which covereth thee? 12 Is not God in the height of heaven? and beholding the highest elevation

for his children his wrong-doing? it were better that of the stars, however high they are? 13 But thou he reward him, that he might know it himself. 20 His sayest, "What doth God know? can he judge behind own eyes ought to see his downfall, and from the the darkness? 14 Thick clouds are a covering for care hath he for his household after him, when the on the circle of heaven." 15 Wilt thou [thus] observe number of his months is all apportioned to him? 22 Is the path of ancient times which the men of injustice this fitting God, who teacheth knowledge? him who have trodden? 16 Who were shrivelled up before their judgeth those that are highest? 23 That this one dieth time, whose foundation was flooded away like a river: in his full strength, being wholly at ease and guiet: 24 17 Who said unto God, "Depart from us;" and what His vessels being full of healthy fluid, and the marrow wrought the Almighty for them? 18 And yet it was of his bones being well moistened: 25 While this he that filled their houses with good things; but the other dieth with an embittered soul, and hath never counsel of the wicked be [still] far from me. 19 The partaken of any happiness; 26 [And yet] together righteous will see it, and be glad; and the innocent they must lie down in the dust, and the worms will will laugh them to scorn. 20 "Is not he destroyed that cover them? 27 Behold, I know your thoughts, and the rose up against us, and hath not the fire consumed opinions which ye wrongfully devise against me. 28 what they had left?" 21 Do but become acquainted For ye say, Where is the house of the noble-minded? with him, and be at peace: thereby will happiness and where is the tent of the dwelling-places of the come unto thee, 22 Do but accept instruction from his wicked? 29 Have ve not asked the wayfarers? surely mouth, and lay up his saying in thy heart. 23 If thou are carried forward to the day of wrath. 31 [But] who 24 And throw down in the dust precious metals, and will tell him to his face of his way? and who will repay [the gold of] Ophir to the stones of the brooks: 25 carried to the grave, and men will guickly think of brightly-shining silver unto thee, 26 For then will thou his monument: 33 Sweet are to him the clods of have in the Almighty thy delight, and thou canst lift up the valley; and after him succeedeth every man, as unto God thy face. 27 Thou wilt make entreaty unto those that were before him are without number. 34 him, and he will hear thee, and thy yows wilt thou unto thee; and upon thy ways the light will shine. 29 For when men are brought low, thou wilt say, Pride [hath done it]; but those of lowly eyes [God] will help. 30 He will even deliver him who is not quiltless: and thou wilt be delivered by the purity of thy hands.

> 23 Then answered Job, and said, 2 Even now is my complaint bitter; my suffering is heavier than my groans. 3 Oh who would grant that I knew where I might find him! that I might attain to his Judgment throne! 4 I would put in order before him my cause, and my mouth would I fill with arguments. 5 I should know the words which he might answer me. and understand what he might say unto me. 6 Would he with his power contend against me? he would truly not lay such doings to my charge. 7 There would an upright one argue with him; and I should be allowed to escape for ever by my judge. 8 But, lo. I go eastward—and he is not there; and to the west— and I cannot perceive him; 9 When he doth great things at the north. I behold him not: he hideth himself in the south—and I see him not. 10 But he

gloom.

**24** Why are not times [of punishment] treasured up by the Almighty, and why do his adorers not see his days [of retribution]? 2 [The wicked] remove landmarks: they rob flocks, and feed them. 3 They pledge the widow's ox. 4 They chase the needy out of 7 They cause [the poor] to spend the night naked. without clothing and without any covering in the cold. mere maggot? 8 Through the sweeping rain of the mountains are they made wet, and for want of a shelter do they embrace the rock. 9 The others pluck from the breast the fatherless, and the garment of the poor they take in pledge. 10 They cause him to go naked without clothing, and from the hungry they take away the sheaf: 11 Within their walls do they make oil, they tread their wine-presses, and suffer thirst. 12 Out of a populous city is groaning heard, and the soul of the deadly wounded crieth out: vet God regardeth it not as an offence. 13 You men are of those that rebel against the light: they know not its ways, nor abide in its paths. 14 With the earliest light riseth the murderer, he slaveth the poor and needy, and in the night he becometh like the thief. 15 And the eye of the adulterer watcheth for the twilight, saying, No eye will see me; and placeth a covering on his face. 16 They break into houses in the dark, in the daytime they lock themselves in: they know not the light. 17 For to all of these alike is the morning as

knoweth the way that I take: were he to probe me, I the shadow of death; for they are familiar with the should come forth as gold. 11 On his steps my foot terrors of the shadow of death. 18 Swift are such men hath held fast: his way have I kept, and swerved [to flee] on the face of the water; accursed is their not. 12 From the commandment of his lips have I field on the land; none of them turneth himself to the also not moved away; as a fixed statute for me have way, of the vineyards, 19 Drought and heat speedily I treasured up the sayings of his mouth. 13 But he consume the snow-waters: so doth the grave those is unchangeably one, and who can turn him? And who have sinned. (Sheol h7585) 20 The mother that what his will desireth, even that he doth. 14 For he bore such a one will forget him; the worm will feed will bring to completion what hath been destined for sweetly on him; he will be no more remembered; me: and like these hath he many other things with and like a tree will wickedness be broken. 21 He illhim. 15 Therefore am I terrified at his presence: I will treateth the barren that heareth not; and to the widow reflect, and be in dread of him. 16 Still God hath made he acteth not well. 22 But he also draweth down the timid my heart, and the Almighty hath terrified me; 17 mighty with his power: he riseth up, no one is sure of Because I was not destroyed before this darkness. life, 23 To such [God] granteth to be in safety, that he and because he hath not hidden from my face [this] may find support; and His eyes are upon their ways. 24 They are exalted; in but a little while they are no more; and they are brought down low: like all others are they gathered in, and like the top of the ear of corn are they cut off. 25 But if it be not so, who will prove me a liar, and render nought my word?

drive away the ass of the fatherless, they take in 25 Then answered Bildad the Shuchite, and said, 2 Dominion and dread are with him: he maketh the highway: altogether hide themselves the poor of peace in high places. 3 Can the number of his hosts the earth. 5 Behold, as wild asses in the wilderness be given? and over whom riseth not his light? 4 go they forth to their work, rising betimes after [their] How then can man be justified with God? or how prey: the desert yieldeth food for them and for their can be one that is born of woman? 5 Behold, even young men. 6 In the field they reap their food; and as regardeth the moon, that is not bright; yea, the in the vineyard of the wicked they gather the fruit. stars are not pure in his eyes. 6 How much less the mortal, the mere worm? and the son of earth, the

> **26** Then answered Job, and said, 2 What assistance hast thou given to the powerless? [how] hast thou helped the arm without strength? 3 How hast thou counselled the unwise? and what sound wisdom hast thou made known so plentifully? 4 To whom hast thou told words? and whose spirit came from thee? 5 The departed are called into being beneath the waters, and their inhabitants. 6 Naked is the nether world before him, and there is no covering for the place of corruption. (Sheol h7585) 7 He stretched out the north over empty space; he suspended the earth on nothing; 8 He bound up the waters in his clouds; and the cloud bursteth not under their weight; 9 He closed up the surface of his throne, spreading over it his cloud; 10 A fixed limit he compassed off over the face of the waters, for the division of the light and darkness. 11 The pillars of heaven tremble greatly, and are astounded at his rebuke. 12 By his power he split in pieces the sea, and by his understanding he crushed [its] pride: 13 By his breath the heavens

[acquired] beauty; his hand hath created the flying copper. 3 An end doth he set to darkness, and the thunder of his mighty deeds who can understand?

**27** And Job continued taking up his parable, and said. 2 As God liveth, who hath removed justice from me: and by the Almighty, who hath embittered my soul: 3 All the while my breath is in me, and the spirit of God is in my nostrils: 4 Shall my lips not speak any wrong, nor shall my tongue utter deceit. 5 Far be it from me that I should justify you; till I depart hence will I not allow [any one] to take my integrity away from me. 6 I have laid fast hold on my righteousness, and I will not let it go: my heart shall not reproach me [for my conduct] during all my life. 7 Like the wicked is [therefore] my enemy, and he that riseth up against me like a wrong-doer. For what is the hope of the hypocrite, when he hath gained unjust wealth, when God casteth forth his soul? 9 Will God hear his cry, when distress cometh upon him? 10 Or can he find delight in the Almighty? can he call on God at all times? 11 I will instruct you concerning what is in the hand of God: [the way] which is with the Almighty will I not conceal. 12 Lo! ve yourselves have all beheld it: why is it then that ye deal in such vanities? 13 This is the portion of a wicked man with God, and the portion of tyrants, which they shall receive from the Almighty. 14 If his children be multiplied, it is only for the sword; and his offspring will not be satisfied with bread. 15 Those of his that are left to escape will be buried by death; and his widows will not be able to weep. 16 Though he heap up silver as the dust, and prepare garments (as plentifully] as the clay: 17 He may prepare, but the righteous will clothe himself [therewith], and the silver the innocent will divide. 18 He buildeth his house like the moth, and like a hut that a keeper hath made. 19 Rich will he lie down, but will not be gathered [into the grave]: one openeth his eyes, and he is no more. 20 Like a flood will terror overtake him, in the night a tempest will steal him away. 21 The east wind will lift him up, and he must be gone; and it hurleth him like a storm out of his place. 22 And [God] will cast [evil] upon him, and bare no pity: out of his hand This wealth I will surely escape. 23 Men will clap their hands over him, and will hiss after him out of his place.

**28** For truly there is a source for the silver, and a place for the gold which men refine. 2 Iron is taken out of the dust, and the stone is melted into

serpent. 14 Lo, these are ends of his ways; for how very utmost limit doth he search out, the stones of slight a whisper is heard [by us] of him! but the darkness, and of the shadow of death, 4 He breaketh a channel far from the inhabited place; those of unsteady foot, the poorest of men move [there about]. 5 The earth, out of which cometh forth bread, is under its surface turned up as it were with fire. 6 Her stones are the place whence the sapphire cometh: and golden dust is also there; 7 [On the] path which no bird of prey knoweth, and which the vulture's eye hath not surveyed; 8 [Which] ravenous beasts have never trodden, over which the lion hath never passed. 9 To the flinty rock he stretcheth forth his hand; he overturneth the mountains from the root. 10 Amid rocks he heweth out canals; and every precious thing doth his eye behold. 11 The various droppings of water he uniteth into streams, and what is hidden he bringeth forth to light, 12 But wisdom—where shall she he found? and where is the place of understanding? 13 Man knoweth not her value: and she is not to be found in the land of the living. 14 The deep saith, Not in me is she: and the sea saith, She is not with me. 15 No fine gold can be given in lieu of her, and silver cannot be weighed out as her price. 16 She cannot be valued with the gold of Ophir, with the precious onyx, or the sapphire. 17 She cannot be estimated after gold and glass; and not in exchange for her [can] vessels of refined gold [be taken.] 18 Coral and crystal will not be thought of: and the value of wisdom is above pearls. 19 She cannot be estimated after the topaz of Ethiopia, nor can she be valued with pure gold. 20 But wisdom—whence cometh she? and where is the place of understanding? 21 Yea, she is hidden from the eyes of all living, and from the fowls of the heavens is she concealed. 22 Perdition and death say, With our ears have we heard a report of her. 23 God [alone] understandeth her way, and he knoweth her place; 24 For he looketh to the ends of the earth. [whatever is] under the whole heaven doth he see. 25 When he imparted weight unto the wind; and [when] the waters he established by measure; 26 When he made a law for the rain, and a way for the lightning of [his] thunders; 27 Then did he see her, and make her known; he established her, and also searched her out. 28 And he said unto man. Behold. the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom; and to eschew evil is understanding.

**29** And Job continued to take up his parable, and said, 2 Who will give me back months like those which are past, days like those when God guarded

king in his army, as one that comforteth mourners.

30 But now they who are younger than I in years laugh at me, whose fathers I scorned to put as equals with the dogs of my flocks. 2 Yea, what possible use can the strength of their hands be unto me, over whom old age hath passed fruitlessly? 3 Who suffer for want and famine in solitude; who flee into the wilderness [where all is] darkness, ruin, and desolation: 4 Who crop off mallows by the bushes. and have broom-bush roots as their bread; 5 Who are driven forth from among [men], who are shouted

me; 3 When his lamp shone over my head, when after as though they were thieves, 6 To dwell in the by his light I could walk in darkness; 4 As I was in caverns of the valleys, in holes of the earth, and on the days of my abundance, when the confidence of naked cliffs, 7 Among the bushes they shriek; under God was upon my tent: 5 When the Almighty was briers they are huddled together. 8 The children of vet with me, when my servants stood round about the worthless, yea, the children of the nameless, me; 6 When I bathed my steps in cream, and the who were outcasts from the land. 9 But now I am rock poured out near me streamlets of oil! 7 When I become their song, and I am become a byword unto went out to the gate close by the city, when in the them. 10 They loathe me, they keep themselves far open place I established my seat: 8 Young men saw from me, and from my face they withhold not their me, and hid themselves; and the aged rose up, and spittle. 11 Because he hath loosened the cord of remained standing; 9 Princes stopped in the midst of my bow, and afflicted me, they have also cast off [their] words, and laid their hand on their mouth: 10 the bridle before me. 12 Against my right hand rise The voice of nobles was arrested, and their tongue up this swarm of worthless youths: they push away cleaved to their palate. 11 For the ear that heard my feet, and they level against me their calamityme called me happy; and the eye that saw me bore bringing paths. 13 They destroy my footpath, they witness for me; 12 Because I delivered the poor that help forward my downfall, without any one to aid cried, and the fatherless, yea, that had none to help them. 14 As [through] a broad breach they come: him. 13 The blessing of him that was ready to perish amidst a loud noise they rolled themselves along. came upon me; and the heart of the widow I caused 15 Terrors have turned their face against me; they to sing for joy. 14 I took righteousness as my garment, chase like the wind my glory: and like a cloud is and it clothed me: as a robe and a mitre was justice my happiness passed away. 16 And now my soul is unto me. 15 Eyes was I to the blind; and feet to the poured out over me; the days of affliction have seized lame was I. 16 A father was I to the needy; and the on me; 17 All night it holloweth out my bones out of cause of him I knew not I used to investigate. 17 And my body; and my pursuers take no rest. 18 Through I broke the cutting-teeth of the wrong-doer, and out of the Almlighty's power is my garment made unknown: his teeth I cast down his prey. 18 And I said then, "In like the opening of my coat hath he enclosed me. the midst of my nest shall I depart hence, and like the 19 He hath cast me into the mire, and I am become sand shall I have many days, 19 My root will stand like dust and ashes, 20 I cry aloud unto thee, but open for the water, and the dew will lodge on my thou answerest me not: I stand up, and thou fixest boughs. 20 My glory will ever be new with me, and my thy regard against me. 21 Thou art changed into a bow will acquire fresh strength in my hand." 21 Unto cruel master toward me: with the strength of thy hand me men listened, and waited, and watched in silence thou assailest me. 22 Thou liftest me up to the wind; for my counsel 22 After my words they made no reply, thou causest me to pass away, and dissolvest in me and my speech dropped on them [like dew]. 23 And all wise counsel. 23 For I know that thou wilt bring they waited for me as for the rain, and they opened me back to death, and to the house of assembly for wide their mouth as for the latter rain. 24 I smiled on all the living. 24 But doth not a man stretch out his those that had lost their confidence; and the light of hand among ruins? or doth one not cry out therefrom my countenance they never cast down. 25 I chose [for help] when he meeteth his downfall? 25 Did I not their way for them, and I sat as chief, and dwelt as weep for him that was hard pressed by misfortune? was not my soul grieved for the needy? 26 That I hoped for good, but there came evil; and I waited for light, and there came darkness! 27 My bowels heave, and rest not: the days of affliction have overcome me. 28 I walk about mournfully without sunlight: when I rise up, in the assembly, I cry with pain. 29 I am a brother to [howling] monsters, and a companion to ostriches. 30 My skin hangeth down black from me, and my bones are burnt from heat. 31 And thus is changed to mourning my harp, and my pipe to the sound of weeping.

then would have been my portion of God from above? would I have denied the God that is above. 29 If ever and what lot of the Almighty from on high? 3 Is not I rejoiced at the downfall of him that hated me, or was calamity freadyl for the unjust? and misfortune for the elated when evil befell him: — 30 But I suffered not wrong-doers? 4 Behold, he truly seeth my ways, and my mouth to sin by denouncing with a curse his soul: numbereth all my steps; 5 [And knoweth] whether — 31 If the men of my tent said not, Oh is there one I have walked with vain desires, or if my foot hath that is not satisfied of his flesh: — 32 In the street a hastened after deceit. 6 Let him weigh me then in stranger had not to lodge: my doors I held open to the a righteous balance, and let God acknowledge my roadside; 33 lf I covered up my transgressions like a integrity, 7 If my step have turned aside from the common man, by hiding in my bosom my iniquity: 34 [proper] way, and my heart have walked after my Because I dreaded the great multitude, or because eves, and if any blemish have cleaved to my hands: the contempt of families did terrify me, so that I kept 8 Then let me sow, and let another eat; and let what silence, and dared not to go out of the door; — 35 Oh I have growing be rooted out. 9 If my heart have who will bring me one that would hear me! behold. been beguiled toward a woman, or if I have lain in here is my plea; may the Almighty answer me; and wait at my neighbor's door: 10 Then may my wife any record which my opponent may have written, labor at the mill for another, and may strangers ill- — 36 Surely upon my shoulder would I carry it: I use her; 11 For this would be incest; yea, it would be would bind it as a crown unto me. 37 The number an iniquity [to be punished by] the judges; 12 For it of my steps would I tell him: as [to] a prince would would be a fire that consumeth down to the place I go near unto him.— 38 If my land ever cried out of corruption, and would root out all my products. because of me, or if its furrows wept together; 39 13 If ever I cast aside the justice due to my man- If I ever consumed its strength without payment, or servant and my maid-servant, when they contended caused the soul of its owners to grieve: 40 Then may with me: 14 What then could I do when God should instead of wheat, thorns come forth, and instead of rise up? and when he should investigate, what could I barley, cockle. (Here end the words of Job.) answer him? 15 Did not he that made me make him born or a woman? and did not the same one fashion us in the womb? 16 If ever I denied the wish of the indigent, or ever allowed the eves of the widow to fall [in vain hopes]: 17 Or if ever I ate my bread by myself alone, and the fatherless did not eat thereof; 18 (For from my youth he was brought up with me. as though we were of one father, and I have guided her [as though she was sprung] from my mother's womb: ) 19 If ever I saw any one perishing for want of clothing, or the needy without covering: 20 If his loins have not blessed me, and if he have not been warmed with the fleece of my sheep: 21 If I have swung my hand against the fatherless, because I saw in the gate those that would help me: 22 Then may my shoulder fall from my shoulder-blade, and my arm be broken from the channel-bone: 23 For dreaded by me was the calamitous punishment of God, and against his highness I can accomplish nothing. 24 If I have made gold my confidence, or have said to the fine gold, Thou art my trust: 25 If ever I rejoiced because my wealth was abundant, and because my hand had gotten much: 26 If ever I looked at the light [of the sun] when he shone brightly and on the moon walking in splendor: 27 And my heart became misled

21 A covenant had I made with my eyes: how then in secret, and my hand kissed my mouth: 28 This also should I fix my look on a virgin? 2 And what were an iniquity to be punished by the judge; for thus

> **32** So had these three men abstained from answering Job; because he was righteous in his own eves. 2 Thereupon was kindled the wrath of Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite, of the family of Ram: against Job was his wrath kindled, because he had declared himself more righteous than God. 3 And against his three friends was his wrath kindled; because they had found no answer, and yet had condemned Job. 4 Now Elihu had held back toward Job [his] words; because the others were older in days than he. 5 But when Elihu saw that there was no answer in the mouth of these three men, then was his wrath kindled. 6 And Elihu the son of Barachel the Buzite commenced, and said, Young am I in days. and ve are very old: therefore I hesitated and feared to show you what I know. 7 I had said, Days shall speak, and multitude of years shall make wisdom known. 8 But it is the spirit in man, and the breath of the Almighty which giveth them understanding. 9 Not those rich in years must be always wise: neither do the aged constantly understand what is just. 10 Therefore do I say, Hearken to me: I also will show forth what I know myself. 11 Behold, I waited for your words: I gave an attentive ear to your reasonings, till

would speedily carry me away.

**33** Therefore do thou but hear, O Job, my speeches, and give ear to all my words. 2 Behold now, I have opened my mouth, my tongue speaketh in my mouth. 3 Out of my straightforward heart [come] my sayings, and my lips utter knowledge clearly. 4 The spirit of God hath made me, and the breath of the Almighty giveth me life. 5 If thou canst, answer me, array thyself before me, stand forward, 6 Behold,

you might have searched out the [proper] words. 12 he admonished by pain upon his couch, and all his And now I understand you fully, and, behold, there bones with violent [aches]. 20 So that his inclination is none that convinceth Job, or, that answereth his abhorreth bread, and his soul, the most agreeable speeches among you. 13 Say then not. We have food, 21 His flesh is consumed away, that it cannot found wisdom: God will thrust him down, not man, be seen, and his bones that were not seen stick out. 14 But he hath not directed any words against me: 22 Yea, his soul draweth near unto the pit, and his life and with your speeches will I not answer him. 15 to those that slav. 23 If there be now about him one They are dismayed, they answer no more: words single angel, as defender, one out of a thousand, to have escaped away from them. 16 And should I wait tell for man his uprightness: 24 Then is he gracious [longer], because they cannot speak, because they unto him, and saith, Release him from going down stand stilt and answer no more? 17 [But] I also will to the pit, I have found an atonement. 25 His flesh surely answer my part, I myself also will show forth becometh full again as in youth: he returneth to the what I know; 18 For I am full of words, the spirit in my days of his boyhood. 26 He will offer his entreaty bosom urgeth me hard. 19 Behold, my bosom is like unto God, and he will receive him in favor, that he [fresh] wine which hath not been opened: like new may see his face with joy: so doth He recompense bottles it is ready to burst. 20 I will speak, that I may unto the mortal his righteousness. 27 He then should breathe freer: I will open my lips and answer. 21 On assemble men around, and say, "I had sinned, and no account will I show undue favor to any man, and perverted what is right, yet have I not received a like to no son of earth will I give flattering titles. 22 For I return." 28 Thus he redeemeth his soul from passing know not to give flattering titles; [for else] my Maker into the pit, and his life will look joyously on the light. 29 Lo, all these things doth God two or three times with man; 30 To bring back his soul from the pit, that she may shine in the light of life. 31 Listen well, O Job, hearken unto me: keep silence, and I will truly speak. 32 If thou hast any words, answer me: speak, for I wish to justify thee. 33 If not, hearken thou unto me: keep silence, and I will teach thee wisdom.

31 And Elihu commenced, and said, 2 Hear, O ye wise men, my words; and ye that have I am in the same relation as thyself toward God: I knowledge, give ear unto me. 3 For the ear proveth myself also am cut out of the clay. 7 Behold, dread of words, as the palate tasteth the food. 4 Let us choose me cannot terrify thee, and my pressure will not be for ourselves what is just: let us acknowledge between too heavy upon thee. 8 But thou hast said before ourselves what is good. 5 For Job hath said, "I am my ears, and the sound of the words I still hear, 9"I righteous; and God hath taken away justice from am pure without transgression, I am quite clean; and me. 6 Should I lie concerning the justice due me? there is no iniquity in me: 10 Yet, behold, he findeth incurable is [my wound from] the arrow I bear in hateful backsliding on me, he regardeth me as an me without any transgression." 7 What man is there enemy unto him; 11 He putteth my feet in the stocks, like Job, who drinketh scorning like water, 8 And he watcheth all my paths." 12 Behold, In this thou art is on the road to keep company with the wrongnot just: I will answer thee; for God is far greater than doers, and to walk with men of wickedness? 9 For he a mortal. 13 Why dost thou contend against him? for hath said, "It profiteth a man nothing when he acteth with all his words will he not give an answer. 14 For according to the pleasure of God." 10 Therefore ve God speaketh once, yea twice: [yet man] regardeth it men of sense hearken unto me: far is it from God not. 15 In a dream, in a vision of the night, when deep to practise wickedness; and from the Almighty to do sleep falleth upon men, in slumbers upon the couch: wrong! 11 For the work of a son of earth doth he 16 Then doth he lay open the ear of men, and sealeth recompense unto him, and according to the path of it with their warning; 17 To remove the son of earth man doth he permit things to occur to him. 12 Yea, [from his intended] deed and he covereth up pride surely God will not condemn unjustly, nor will the from man; 18 He withholdeth his soul from the pit, and Almighty pervert justice. 13 Who hath given him a his life from passing away by the sword. 19 And so is charge concerning the earth? or who hath intrusted

upon man, he would gather unto himself his spirit and his breath: 15 All flesh would perish together, righteousness is more than God's?" 3 For thou savest. and the son of earth would return again unto dust. 16 "What benefit will it be unto thee? what more profit If then thou wishest to understand, hear this: give shall I have, than if I had sinned?" 4 I will truly ear to the sound of my words. 17 Is it possible that reply unto thee with words, and unto thy friends with he who hateth justice should govern? or wilt thou thee. 5 Look unto the heavens, and see; and gaze condemn the righteous mighty One? 18 [Is it fit] to on the skies which are higher than thou. 6 If thou say to a king, Thou art worthless? and to princes, sin, what dost thou effect against him? and if thy Ye are wicked? 19 Whereas he is one that showeth transgressions be multiplied, what canst thou do unto no favor to chieftains, and distinguisheth not the rich him? 7 If thou be righteous, what givest thou him? or before the indigent; for all of them are the work of what doth he accept out of thy hand? 8 A man like his hands. 20 In a moment will they die, and in the thyself thy wickedness may reach, and a son of earth midst of the night; people are moved, and pass away; thy righteousness, 9 By reason of the multitude of and the mighty will be removed without a human oppressions [the wicked] cause men to cry: these hand. 21 For big eyes are upon the ways of man, and complain aloud because of the arm of the mighty. 10 all his steps doth he see. 22 There is no darkness, But [man] saith not, Where is God my maker, who nor shadow of death, where the evil-doers can hide bestoweth joyful songs even in the night; 11 Who themselves. 23 For he need not direct [his attention] teacheth us more than the beasts of the earth, and a long time upon man, that he should enter into maketh us wiser than the fowls of the heavens? 12 judgment before God. 24 He breaketh down mighty. There do they cry, but he answereth not: because of men without [long] searching, and placeth others in the pride of evil men. 13 Only what is false will God their stead. 25 For the reason that he knoweth their not hear, nor will the Almighty regard it. 14 Although deeds: therefore he overturneth them in the night, thou sayest, thou canst not see him: yet the decision and they are crushed. 26 Among wicked men doth is before him; and do thou wait for him. 15 But now. he strike them, in the place where [many] see them; because his anger hath punished nothing, shall he 27 Because they have departed from following him, not greatly take cognizance of the multitude of sins? and have not considered all his ways. 28 Bringing 16 But Job openeth wide his mouth for nought; without before them the cry of the indigent, and the cry of knowledge he heapeth up words. the afflicted which he had to hear. 29 When he now granteth rest, who will condemn [him]! and when he hideth his face, who can behold him? whether it be against a nation, or against one man, it is the same: 30 That no hypocritical man may reign, that such shall not be a mare to the people. 31 For truly it is only fitting to say unto God, "I bear [cheerfully], I will not do any wrong: 32 What I cannot see myself, do thou truly teach me: if I have done what is unjust, I will do so no more." 33 Should he then according to thy view send a recompense, because thou hast rejected him? "Because thou must choose, and not I?" and what thou knowest, do speak. 34 Men of sense will say unto me, and every wise man who heareth me 35 That Job hath not spoken with knowledge, and that his words are without intelligence. 36 Oh that Job may therefore be probed continually, in order to give answers against sinful men. 37 For he addeth unto his sin transgression; among us he uttereth too many loud words, and multiplieth his speeches against God.

[him] the whole world? 14 If he were to set his heart 35 Then commenced Elihu, and said, 2 Dost thou deem this to be just, that thou hast said, "My

> 36 Then continued Elihu, and said, 2 Wait for me a little, and I will instruct thee; for [I have] still some words on God's behalf. 3 I will lift up my knowledge for him who is afar, and for my Maker will I obtain righteousness. 4 For truly no falsehood is [in] my words: one that is upright in [his] opinions [dealeth now] with thee. 5 Behold, God is mighty, and despiseth not any: he is mighty in strength of intellect. 6 He permitteth not the wicked to live; but he procureth justice for the afflicted. 7 He withdraweth not his eyes from the righteous; but [he placeth them] with kings on the throne; yea, he doth establish them for ever, and they are exalted. 8 And if they be bound in fetters, and if they be entangled in the cords of affliction: 9 Then doth he tell them of their work. and of their transgressions, when they had become strong. 10 And he openeth thus their ear to correction, and saith that they should return from wrong-doing. 11 If they hearken and serve [him], they will spend their days in happiness, and their years in pleasures. 12 But if they hearken not, they will pass away through

407 Joh. nations, he giveth food in superfluity. 32 [His] hands not any that are wise of heart. he covereth with light; and he commandeth it to strike the one who striveth against him. 33 The noise of his storm telleth of it, yea, the cattle also, of the rising tempest.

the sword, and they will perish in want of knowledge. thou on the earth: likewise the pouring rain, and to 13 But the hypocrites in heart persevere in wrath; the pouring rains of his strength. 7 He sealeth it on they will not offer entreaty when he bindeth them: 14 the hand of every man, that all men whom he hath Their soul will die in youth, and their life, among the made may know it, 8 Then retire the beasts into [their] incestuous. 15 He delivereth the afflicted through his dens, and rest in their lairs, 9 Out of [his] chamber affliction, and openeth through oppression his ear. 16 cometh the whirlwind, and out of the north, the cold. And also thee hath he incited away from the jaws of 10 From the breathing of God ice is given, and the distress into a wide space, on the site of which there broad waters become solid. 11 Also with moisture he is no straitness; and what is set on thy table is full loadeth the cloud; [and] he scattereth the cloud of of fatness. 17 But if thou art full of the judgment of his lightning; 12 And it is turned round about by his the wicked: [divine] judgment and decree will support quidance, to execute what he commandeth it upon each other. 18 For there would be fury, If aught were the face of the world, the earth. 13 Whether it be as a to incite thee to utter an abundance [of rebellious chastising rod—if this be destined for his earth—or for words]; and the greatness of the infliction must not kindness, doth he cause it to come. 14 Give ear unto mislead thee. 19 Will he esteem thy riches? no, not this, O Job: stand still, and consider well the wonders gold ore, nor all the highest forces of strength. 20 of God. 15 Dost thou know how God hath imposed [a Desire then not eagerly the night, when nations pass law] on them, and [how] he hath caused the light of away in their place. 21 Take heed, turn not thyself his cloud to shine? 16 Dost thou know aught about to wrong-doing, so that thou wouldst choose this the balancings of the clouds, the wondrous works because of [thy] affliction. 22 Behold, God is exalted of him who is perfect in knowledge? 17 [Thou] who by his power: who is an instructer like him? 23 Who clothest thyself with warm garments, when He giveth hath given him a charge concerning his way? or who the earth rest from the south wind? 18 Hast thou with hath ever said, Thou hast acted unjustly? 24 Reflect, him spread out the skies, which are strong even as that thou shouldst magnify his work, which [other] a molten mirror? 19 Let us know what we shall say men have beheld. 25 All men have looked at it [with unto him: we cannot set aught in order [before him] astonishment]; the mortal gazeth at it from afar. 26 because of darkness. 20 Can [all] be related of him, Behold, God is great, and we comprehend him not, when I speak [ever so much]? or if a man talk [of the number of his years can truly not be searched him] even till he be swallowed up [in death]? 21 Yet out. 27 For he taketh away drops of water, which are now men see not the light which is bright in the skies, purified into rain in his mist: 28 These drop down out when the wind hath passed along, and purified them. of the skies; they distil upon the multitude of men. 29 22 The golden [light] that cometh out of the north: But [what man] can understand the outspreadings of around God is terrible majesty. 23 The Almighty, the clouds? the tumult of his tabernacle? 30 Behold, whom we cannot find out, excellent in power, and he spreadeth out over it his light, and covereth up the in justice, and abounding in righteousness, will not roots of the sea. 31 For by means of them he judgeth afflict: 24 Therefore do men fear him; he respecteth

38 Then did the Lord address Job out of the storm-wind, and said, 2 Who is this that casteth darkness [on my] counsel by words without knowledge? 3 Do but gird up like a mighty man thy 37 At this also my heart trembleth, and is moved loins: and I will ask thee, and do thou inform me. 4 upward out of its place. 2 Hear, O hear, the Where wast thou when I laid the foundations of the rattling of his thunder, and the storm's roar that goeth earth? tell it, if thou hast any understanding [of it]. 5 out of his mouth. 3 Under the whole heavens he Who fixed her measurements, if thou knowest it? or letteth it loose, and his lightning over the ends of the who stretched the measuring-line over her? 6 Upon earth. 4 Behind it roareth the thunder; he thundereth what are her foundation-pillars placed at rest? or who with his majestic voice; and he holdeth them not laid her corner-stone: 7 When altogether sang the back when his voice is heard. 5 God thundereth with morning stars in gladness, and shouted for joy all his marvelous voice: he doth great things, which we the sons of God? 8 And who closed up with doors cannot comprehend. 6 For to the snow he saith, Be the sea, when, issuing forth, it came out of the deep

garment, and thick fog its swaddling-cloth. 10 And wisdom? or who emotieth out the bottles of heaven. when I decreed for it my law, and set [for it] bars and 38 When the dust is poured out as molten metal, and doors. 11 And said. Thus far mayest thou come, but the clods are made to cleave fast together? 39 Dost no farther; and here shall be staved [thy strength] in thou hunt for the lioness her prey? and suppliest the pride of thy waves? 12 Didst thou ever, in all thy thou the food for the young lions, 40 When they are days, command the morning; didst thou ever assign couched in their lairs, rest in the thicket, lying in wait? the morning-dawn its place: 13 That it might lay hold 41 Who provideth for the rayen his provision? when of the ends of the earth, so that the wicked might his young ones cry unto God, and wander about for be shaken out therefrom? 14 She is changed as the lack of food? sealing-clay; and [all things] stand as though newly clad. 15 And from the wicked is their light withdrawn. and the high-raised arm is broken. 16 Didst thou ever penetrate as far as the springs of the sea? or wander through the bottom of the deep? 17 Were the gates of death ever laid open unto thee? or canst thou see the doors of the shadow of death? 18 Hast thou a clear understanding of the breadth of the earth? Tell it, if thou knowest it all. 19 Where is the way Ito the spot whereI the light dwelleth? and the darkness-where is its place, 20 That thou mightest take each to its boundary, and that thou mightest mark the pathways to its house? 21 Thou [surely] knowest it: because thou wast then born, and the number of thy days is great! 22 Didst thou ever enter into the treasuries of the snow? or canst thou see the treasuries of the hail. 23 Which I have reserved for the time of distress. for the day of fight and battle? 24 Where is the way Ito the spot where the light divideth itself. [where] the east wind is scattered over the earth? 25 Who hath divided off watercourses for the overflowing rain, and a way for the lightning [that is followed by] thunders. 26 To bring rain on a land, void of men; on a wilderness wherein no son of earth [is found]; 27 To satisfy waste and desolate lands; and to promote the growth of the tender grass? 28 Hath the rain a father? or who hath begotten the drops of the dew? 29 Out of whose womb cometh forth the ice? and the hoarv frost of heaven—who giveth birth to it? 30 [When] like a stone the waters are congealed, and the face of the deep is bound in fetters? 31 Canst thou bind together the chains of the Pleiades, or loosen the bands of Orion? 32 Canst thou bring forth the constellations of the zodiac, each in its season? or canst thou guide the Bear with its young? 33 Knowest thou the laws of heaven? or dost thou appoint its rule on the earth? 34 Canst thou lift up to the clouds thy voice, that the abundance of waters may cover thee? 35 Canst thou send out lightnings, that they may go, and say unto thee. Here are we? 36 Who hath put wisdom in the dark clouds? or who hath given understanding to

bosom of the earth? 9 When I made the clouds its the bright meteors? 37 Who ordaineth the skies with

**39** Knowest thou the time when the chamois of the rock bring forth? or markest thou when the hinds do calve? 2 Numberest thou the months of gestation which they complete and knowest thou the time when they bring forth? 3 They bend themselves: they drop their young ones; throw off their pains. 4 Their little ones become strong; they grow up in the open field; they go forth, and return not unto them. 5 Who sent out the wild ass free? or who loosened the bonds of the forest-ass? 6 To whom I assigned the wilderness as his house, and the salty land as his dwellings. 7 He laugheth at the noise of a town. and the shoutings of the driver he heareth not. 8 What he espieth on the mountains is his pasture, and after every green thing doth he search. 9 Will the forest-ox be willing to serve thee, or will he stay over night at thy crib? 10 Canst thou bind the forest-ox with a rope [to labor] in the furrow? or will he harrow valleys, following after thee? 11 Wilt thou trust him. because his strength is great? and wilt thou leave to him thy labor? 12 Wilt thou confide in him, that he should bring home thy seed, and gather it into thy threshing-floor?— 13 The wing of the ostrich moveth joyfully: hath she the pinions and plumage of the careful stork? 14 [No. ] for she intrusteth her eggs to the earth, and letteth them be hatched out on the dust: 15 And she forgetteth that a foot may crush them, or that the beast of the field may stamp them down. 16 He hath made her callous against her young, as though they were not hers: her labor is in vain, [but she feeleth] no dread; 17 Because God hath denied her wisdom, and he hath not imparted to her understanding. 18 At the time she raiseth herself up on high, she laugheth at the horse and his rider. 19 Dost thou give the horse strength? dost thou clothe his neck with the rolling mane? 20 Canst thou make him jump like a locust? his majestic snort is terrible. 21 Men spy about in the valley, and he rejoiceth in his strength: he goeth forth to meet the armed array. 22 He laugheth at fear, and is not dismayed; and turneth

409 Joh. the quiver, the glittering spear and the lance. 24 With 23 Behold, a river sweepeth violently along, but he the ground, and keepeth not guiet when the cornet's Jordan rusheth up to his mouth, 24 Can one catch voice [is heard]. 25 Midst the sound of the cornet he him before his eyes? pierce his nose by means of uttereth his joyful neigh; and from afar he perceiveth snares? the battle, the loud call of the captains, and the battleflieth along, and spreadeth out his wings toward the south? 27 Or is it by your order that the eagle doth mount upward, and buildeth high up his nest? 28 On a rock he dwelleth, and spendeth his nights, on a rocky crag and mountain fastness. 29 From there he espieth his food, from afar can his eves behold, 30 His young ones, also, sip up blood; and where the slain be, there is he.

**△** And the Lord addressed Job, and said, 2 Will answered Job the Lord, and said, 4 Behold, I am too reeds, and swamp. 22 Shady trees cover him as his He esteemeth iron as straw, [and] brass as rotten

not back from before the sword. 23 Over him rattle shadow: willows of the brook encompass him about. impatient noise and rage he holloweth [with his hoof] hasteneth not away: he remaineth quiet, though a

cry.— 26 Is it through thy understanding that the hawk 41 Canst thou draw out the crocodile with a fishhook? or cause his tongue to sink into the batted rope? 2 Canst thou put a reed through his nose? or bore his jaw through with a thorn? 3 Will he address many supplications unto thee? or will he speak submissively unto thee? 4 Will he make a covenant with thee? that thou couldst take him as a servant for ever? 5 Canst thou play with him as with a bird? and tie him up for thy maidens? 6 Can companions waylay him? can they divide him among merchants? 7 Canst thou fill his skin with barbed he that contendeth with the Almighty yet find irons? and [pierce] with a fish-spear his head? 8 Lay fault? him that reproveth God answer this. 3 Then thy hand upon him; think of the battle: thou wilt never do it again. 9 Behold, his expectation was deceived: vile: what shall I answer thee? my hand do I place even at his mere sight is he cast down. 10 None is so on my mouth. 5 Once have I spoken; but I will not daring that he would stir him up: and who is there answer: yea, twice; but I will not repeat it again. 6 that will stand up before me? 11 Who hath shown me Then answered the Lord unto Job out of the storm- favor, that I should repay him! whatsoever is under wind, and said, 7 Do but gird up like a mighty man the whole heaven is mine.— 12 I will not conceal [the thy loins: I will ask thee, and do thou inform me. 8 account of] his limbs, nor the relation of his might, nor Wilt thou indeed annul my decree? wilt thou condemn the grace of his proportion. 13 Who hath ever laid me, in order that thou mayest appear righteous? 9 open the front of his garment? or who can penetrate But if thou hast an arm like God, or if thou canst into his double row of teeth? 14 Who hath opened the thunder loudly like him: 10 Then do deck thyself doors of his face? all round about his teeth abideth with excellence and greatness, and clothe thyself in terror. 15 What pride is there in [his] strong shields; majesty and glory. 11 Scatter abroad the ragings of he is locked up as with a close seal. 16 One is joined thy wrath, and look on every proud one, and humble to another; and no breath can come between them. him. 12 Look on every proud one, and bend him low; 17 They are fitted closely one to another: they are and tread down the wicked in their place. 13 Hide interlocked, that they cannot be severed. 18 From them in the dust altogether: bind up their faces in his sneezing there beameth forth a light, and his concealment. 14 Then will I also myself praise thee, eyes are like the eyelids of the morning-dawn. 19 when thy own right hand hath helped thee. 15 Only Out of his mouth issue burning torches, sparks of fire behold Behemoth, which I made near thee: grass escape [therefrom]. 20 Out of his nostrils cometh forth he eateth like the ox. 16 Only see, [how great] is his smoke, as out of a seething pot or caldron. 21 His strength in his loins, and his force, in the muscles of breath kindleth coals, and a flame cometh out of his his belly. 17 He stretcheth out his tail like a cedar: the mouth. 22 In his neck abideth strength, and before sinews of his loins are closely wrapped together. 18 him danceth terror joyfully. 23 The flakes of his flesh His bones are like pipes of brass: his frame is like are fitted closely together: they are as molten metal bars of iron. 19 He is the first in rank of the works of on him, immovable. 24 His heart is firm like a stone: God: he that made him can alone bring his sword yea, as firm as the nether millstone. 25 At his lifting near unto him. 20 But truly the mountains bear for him himself up the mighty are terrified: the waves also are his food, and all the beasts of the field play there. 21 lessened. 26 If one overtake him with the sword, it Under shady trees he lieth down, in the covert of the cannot hold; nor the spear, the dart, and armor. 27

wood. 28 The child of the bow cannot make him flee: six thousand camels, and a thousand yoke of oxen, into stubble are slingstones changed unto him. 29 and a thousand she-asses. 13 He had also seven Clubs are esteemed as stubble, and he laugheth at sons and three daughters. 14 And he called the name the whirring of the lance. 30 Beneath him are sharp- of the first Jemimah; and the name of the second. pointed potsherds, he spreadeth out, [as it were, a] Keziah; and the name of the third, Keren-happuch, 15 threshing-roller upon the mire. 31 He causeth the And there were not found such handsome women as deep to boil like a pot; he rendereth the sea like an the daughters of Job in all the land; and their father apothecary's mixture. 32 Behind him he causeth his gave them an inheritance among their brothers. 16 pathway to shine, [so that] men esteem the deep to And Job lived after this one hundred and forty years: be hoary. 33 There is none upon earth that ruleth and he saw his sons, and his sons' sons, even four over him, who is made to be without dread. 34 He generations. 17 Then died Job, being old and full of looketh upon all that is high: he is the king over all days. the ravenous beasts.

17 Then answered Job unto the Lord, and said, 21 acknowledge that thou art able to do every thing, and that no deep plan of thine can be restrained. 3 Who is he that dareth to conceal [thy] counsel without knowledge? Truly I have spoken of what I understood not, of things too wonderful for me, which I knew not. 4 Oh do but hear [me], and I will indeed speak: I will ask of thee, and do thou inform me. 5 I had only heard of thee by the hearing of the ear; but now my eye hath seen thee. 6 Therefore I reject [what I have said], and repent; because I am dust and ashes. 7 And it came to pass, after the Lord had spoken these words unto Job, that the Lord said to Eliphaz the Themanite, My wrath is kindled against thee, and against thy two friends; because ye have not spoken of me properly, like my servant Job. 8 And now take unto yourselves seven bullocks and seven rams, and go to my servant Job, and offer up a burnt-offering in your behalf; and my servant Job shall pray for you; for him alone will I receive favorably, so as not to deal with you after your folly; because ye have not spoken of me properly, like my servant Job. 9 Then went Eliphaz the Themanite and Bildad the Shuchite and Zophar the Na'amathite, and did in accordance with what the Lord had spoken to them: and the Lord received Job in favor. 10 And the Lord brought back the captivity of Job, when he prayed in behalf of his friends: and the Lord increased all that Job had had twofold. 11 And then came unto him all his brothers, and all his sisters, and all that had been of his acquaintance before, and ate bread with him in his house; and they condoled with him, and comforted him for all the evil that the Lord had brought upon him; and they gave him, every one, a kessitah, and every one an earring of gold. 12 And the Lord blessed the latter end of Job more than his beginning: and he had fourteen thousand sheep, and

## **Psalms**

**1** BOOK FIRST: Happy is the man who walketh not in the council of the wicked, and standeth not in the way of sinners, and sitteth not in the seat of scorners; **2** But whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who doth meditate in his law by day and night. **3** And he shall be like a tree planted by rivulets of water, that yieldeth its fruit in its season, and the leaf of which doth not wither; and all that he may do shall prosper. **4** Not so the wicked; but they are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. **5** Therefore shall the wicked not be able to stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. **6** For the Lord regardeth the way of the righteous; but the way of the wicked leadeth to perdition.

**2** Wherefore do nations rage, and people meditate a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth raise themselves up, and rulers take counsel together. against the Lord, and against his anointed: 3 "Let us break asunder their bands, and cast away from us their cords." 4 He who dwelleth in the heavens will laugh: the Lord will hold them in derision. 5 Then will he speak unto them in his anger, and in his displeasure will he terrify them. 6 [Saving, 1 Yet have I appointed my king upon Zion my holy mount. 7 I will announce the decree, the Lord hath said unto me, "My son art thou: I have indeed this day begotten thee. 8 Ask it of me, and I will give thee nations for an inheritance, and for thy possession the uttermost ends of the earth. 9 Thou shalt break them with a rod of iron; like a potter's vessel shalt thou dash them in pieces." 10 And now, O ye kings, be wise: take warning, ye judges of the earth. 11 Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. 12 Do homage to the son, lest he be angry, and ye be lost on the way; for his wrath is so speedily kindled. Happy are all they that put their trust in him.

**3** "A psalm of David, when he fled from before Abshalom his son." Lord, how numerous are my assailants! how many, that rise up against me! 2 Many say of my soul, There is no help for him with God. (Selah) 3 But thou, O Lord, art a shield around me, my glory, and he that lifteth up my head. 4 With my voice I call unto the Lord, and he answereth me out of his holy mountain. (Selah) 5 I laid myself down and slept: I awoke; for the Lord sustaineth me. 6 I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people, that have placed themselves round about against me. 7

Arise, O Lord, help me, O my God; for thou smitest all my enemies upon the cheek bone: the teeth of the wicked dost thou break. 8 Salvation belongeth unto the Lord: thy blessing be upon thy people. (Selah)

₫ "To the chief musician on Neginoth, a psalm of David." When I call, answer me, O God of my righteousness: amidst distress thou hast [ever] granted me enlargement; be gracious unto me, and hear my prayer. 2 O ye sons of men, how long shall my glory be put to shame? [how long] will ye love vanity, will ye seek for lies? (Selah) 3 But know that the Lord hath set apart the pious for himself: the Lord will hear when I call on him. 4 Tremble, and sin not: commune with your heart upon your bed, and be still (Selah) 5 Offer the sacrifices of righteousness, and put your trust in the Lord. 6 Many say, "Who will show us happiness? Let shine brightly over us the light of thy countenance, O Lord." 7 [But] thou hast placed more joy in my heart than at the time when their corn and their wine were increased. 8 In peace, altogether, will I lay me down and sleep; for thou, Lord, alone, causest me to dwell in safety.

**5** "To the chief musician upon Nechiloth, a psalm of David." To my words give ear, O Lord, have regard to my mediation. 2 Listen unto the voice of my loud cry, my King, and my God, when unto thee I pray. 3 O Lord! in the morning do thou hear my voice: in the morning will I set in order [my prayer] before thee, and 100k up with hope. 4 For thou art not a God that hath pleasure in wickedness: evil cannot abide with thee. 5 The arrogant cannot stand up before thy eyes: thou hatest all workers of wickedness. 6 Thou wilt destroy those that speak lies: the man of blood and deceit the Lord abhorreth. 7 But as for me-in the abundance of thy kindness will I enter thy house: I will bow myself down before thy holy temple in the fear of thee. 8 O Lord, lead me in thy righteousness because of those that regard me enviously; make straight before me thy way. 9 For there is not in their mouth any sincerity; their inward part is full of deception; an open sepulchre is their throat: they flatter with their tongue. 10 Condemn them, O God: let them fall through their own counsels; for the multitude of their transgressions cast them down; for they have rebelled against thee. 11 Then will rejoice all those that put their trust in thee: for ever will they shout for joy, when thou protectest them: and then will exult in thee those that love thy name. 12 For thou wilt bless the righteous, O Lord; as with a shield wilt thou encompass him with favor.

thy anger, and chastise me not in thy wrath, 2 Be own head, and upon his own skull will his violence gracious unto me. O Lord; for I am withering away; come down, 17 I will thank the Lord according to his heal me. O Lord: for my bones are terrified. 3 And my righteousness; and I will sing praises to the name of soul is greatly terrified; but thou, O Lord, how long the Lord the Most High. yet-? 4 Return, O Lord, deliver my soul: help me for the sake of thy kindness. 5 For in death men do not remember thee: in the nether world, who shall give thee thanks? (Sheol h7585) 6 I am weary with my sighing; I flood every night my bed; With my tears I moisten my couch. 7 My eye is consumed because of grief: it waxeth old because of all my assailants. 8 Depart from me, all ve workers of wickedness; for the Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. 9 The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will accept my prayer. 10 Ashamed and greatly terrified shall become all my enemies; they will turn round, and be made ashamed in a moment.

Lord, concerning the affairs of Cush the Benjamite." O Lord my God, in thee do I put my trust; save me this; if there be injustice in my hands; 4 If I have recompensed him that was at peace with me with evil: If I have taken aught from my assailants without cause: 5 May the enemy hotly pursue my soul, and overtake it: and tread down upon the earth my life. and cause my honor to be in the dust. (Selah) 6 Arise, O Lord, in thy anger, lift up thyself because of the rage of my enemies: and awake for me [to] the judgment that thou hast commanded. 7 So shall the congregation of nations compass thee about: and for their sakes return thou to the height. 8 The Lord will judge the people: judge me. O Lord, according to my righteousness, and according to my integrity [grant] me [recompense]. 9 Oh let the evil of the wicked come to an end; but establish the just. O thou. who triest the hearts and reins. O righteous God. 10 My protection is by God, who saveth the upright in heath. 11 God is a righteous judge, and a God who is indignant [with the wicked] every day. 12 If he turn not. He will whet his sword, he bendeth his bow. and maketh it ready. 13 Also for him he prepareth the instruments of death; he fashioneth his arrows against the persecutors. 14 Behold, he travaileth with wrong doing; but he hath conceived mischief, and bringeth forth falsehood. 15 He hath hollowed out a

**6** "To the chief musician on Neginoth upon Sheminith, pit, and dug it, and is fallen into the ditch which he a psalm of David." O Lord, correct me not in hath wrought. 16 His mischief will return upon his

**R** "To the chief musician upon Gittith, a psalm of David." O Eternal One our Lord, how excellent is thy name on all the earth! thou who hast set thy maiesty above the heavens. 2 Out of the mouth of babes and sucklings hast thou founded [thy] might, because of thy opponents, that thou mightest bring to silence the enemy and him that seeketh vengeance. 3 When I behold thy heavens, the work of thy fingers, the moon and the stars, which thou hast established: – 4 What is the mortal, that thou rememberest him? and the son of man, that thou thinkest of him: 5 Yet thou hast made him but a little less than angels, and hast crowned him with honor and glory. 6 Thou hast **7** "A Shiggayon of David, which he sang unto the given him dominion over the works of thy hands: every thing hast thou placed beneath his feet: 7 Flocks and herds altogether, and also the beasts of from every one of my persecutors, and deliver me: 2 the field; 8 The birds of heaven, and the fishes of the Lest he tear like a lion my soul, rending it in pieces, sea, whatsoever passeth through the paths of the with none to deliver. 3 O Lord my God, if I have done seas. 9 O Eternal One our Lord, how excellent is thy name on all the earth!

> ${f 9}$  "To the chief musician upon Muthlabben, a psalm of David." I will thank the Lord with all my heart: I will relate all thy marvelous deeds. 2 I will rejoice and exult in thee: I will sing praise to thy name. O thou Most High: 3 When my enemies are turned backward. [when] they fall and perish at thy presence. 4 For thou hast conducted my dispute and my cause; thou hast sat on the throne as a righteous judge. 5 Thou hast rebuked nations, thou hast caused the wicked to perish, their name hast thou blotted out for ever and ever. 6 O thou enemy, the ruins are passed away for ever, and the cities which thou hast destroyed, —lost is their memorial, vea, theirs, 7 But the Lord will sit enthroned for ever: he hath established for giving judgment his throne. 8 And he will judge the world with righteousness, he shall decide for the people, with equity. 9 The Lord also will be a stronghold for the oppressed, a strong-hold in times of distress. 10 And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou hast not forsaken those that seek thee, O Lord. 11 Sing praises to the Lord, who dwelleth in Zion: announce among the people his deeds. 12 For he, that inquireth after acts of blood. hath remembered them: he hath not forgotten the

have regard to my affliction [coming] from those that 16 The Lord is King for ever and ever: nations are hate me, thou who liftest me up from the gates of perished out of his land. 17 The longing of the afflicted death: 14 In order that I may relate all thy praises in dost thou hear, O Lord! thou wilt strengthen their the gates of the daughters of Zion: I will be glad in heart, thou wilt cause thy ear to listen: 18 To judge the thy salvation. 15 Sunk are nations in the ditch that fatherless and the oppressed, that not farther more they have prepared: in this net which they had laid shall be arrogant the mortal from the earth. in secret is their own foot caught. 16 The Lord is made known: he executed justice: through the doing of his own hands is the wicked ensnared. Higgayon, (Selah) 17 The wicked shall return into hell, all the nations that are forgetful of God. (Sheol h7585) 18 For not everlastingly shall the needy be forgotten: the expectation of the poor shall not perish for ever. 19 Arise. O Lord; let not the mortal boast of his strength; let nations be judged before thy face. 20 Place, O Lord, fear over them: let nations know, that they are but mortals. (Selah)

hidest thyself in times of distress? 2 In the pride of the wicked doth he hotly pursue the poor; they are seized through the plans that those have devised. 3 countenance doth behold the upright. For the wicked boasteth of the longing of his soul, and the robber blesseth himself when he hath despised the Lord. 4 The wicked, according to the pride of his wrathfulness, [saith, ] He will not require, There is no God [in] all his plans. 5 Prosperous are his ways at all times; far in the height [remain] thy punishments away from him: all his assailants—he puffeth at them. 6 He saith in his heart, I shall not be moved; I shall be for many generations, and without adversity. 7 Of the false oaths is his mouth full, and deceit and fraud: under his tongue is mischief and wickedness. 8 He sitteth in the lurking-places of the villages; in the secret places doth he murder the innocent: his eyes search for the unfortunate. 9 He lieth in wait in a secret place like a lion in his den; he lieth in wait to snatch up the poor: he snatcheth up the poor, as they draweth him into his net. 10 He croucheth, he bendeth himself, and the unfortunate fall through his might. 11 He saith in his heart, God hath forgotten; he hath hidden his face; he will never see it. 12 Arise, O Lord; O God, lift up thy hand: forget not the [why] doth he say in his heart, Thou wilt not require it? 14 Thou hast seen it: for thou beholdest mischief and despiteful acts, to requite it with thy hand: unto thee the unfortunate committeth himself; unto the

cry of the afflicted. 13 Be gracious unto me, O Lord; wilt inquire for his wickedness [till] thou find none.

11 "To the chief musician, by David." In the Lord have I put my trust: how can ye say to my soul, Flee to your mountain as a bird? 2 For lo, the wicked bend their bow, they arrange their arrow upon the string, to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart. 3 For [if] the foundations be torn down, what can the righteous do? 4 The Lord is in his holy temple, the Lord hath his throne in the heavens, his eves behold, his evelids prove, the children of men. 5 The Lord proveth the righteous; but the wicked and him that loveth violence his soul hateth. 6 He letteth rain 10 Wherefore, O Lord, standest thou afar off? upon the wicked burning coals, fire and brimstone; and a glowing wind is the portion of their cup. 7 For righteous is the Lord, he loveth righteousness: his

> $oldsymbol{2}$  "To the chief musician upon Sheminith, a psalm of David." Help, O Lord; for the pious have ceased to be; for the truthful have failed from among the children of men. 2 Deceptively do they speak every one with his neighbor, with flattering lips, with a double heart do they speak. 3 May the Lord cut off all flattering lips, the tongue that speaketh boastful things: 4 Who have said. With our tongue will we be mighty: our lips are with us: 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 the Lord: I will grant safety to him for whom the other layeth a snare. 6 The words of the Lord are pure words, as silver refined in the crucible of earth, purified seven times. 7 Thou, O Lord, wilt preserve them; thou wilt guard them from this generation for ever. 8 On every side do the wicked walk about, when the vile are exalted over the sons of man.

13 "To the chief musician, a psalm of David." How long, O Lord, wilt thou forget me continually! afflicted. 13 For what doth the wicked despise God? how long wilt thou hide thy face from me? 2 How long shall I have to devise resolves in my soul, with grief in my heart daily? how long shall my enemy exalt himself over me? 3 Look down, answer me, O Lord my God! enlighten my eyes, that I may not sleep the fatherless hast thou [ever] been a helper. 15 Break sleep of death; 4 That my enemy may not say, I have thou the arm of the wicked; and of the bad man-thou overcome him; that my assailants may not be glad

my heart be glad because of thy salvation: 6 I will heart, and my spirit is glad; also my flesh shall rest sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully in safety. 10 For thou wilt not abandon my soul to with me.

1 1 "To the chief musician, by David." The worthless fool saith in his heart. There is no God. They are corrupt, they are abominable [in their] doings. there is none that doth good. 2 The Lord looketh down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there be one intelligent, one who seeketh for God. 3 They are all gone aside, they are altogether become corrupt: there is none that doth good, no, not even one. 4 Is there no knowledge in all the workers of wickedness? who eat up my people as they eat bread; [while] they do not call on the Lord. 5 There are they terrified in terror; for God is with the righteous generation: 6 The counsel of the poor [though] you put to shame; because the Lord is his protection. 7 Oh that some one might bring the salvation of Israel out of Zion! When the Lord bringeth back the captivity of his people, then will Jacob be glad, and Israel will reioice.

15 "A psalm of David." Lord, who may sojourn in thy tent? who may dwell on thy holy mount? 2 He that walketh uprightly, and worketh righteousness. and speaketh the truth in his heart; 3 That uttereth no calumny with his tongue, that doth no evil to his neighbor, and bringeth no reproach on his fellowman; 4 In whose eyes the despicable is despised; but that honoreth those who fear the Lord: that sweareth to his own injury, and changeth not: 5 That putteth not out his money for interest, and taketh no bribe against the innocent. He that doth these things shall not be moved to eternity.

16 "A Michtham of David." Preserve me, O God; for I have placed my trust in thee. 2 [O my soul], thou hast said unto the Lord. Thou art my Lord: my happiness is not without thee: 3 [But] in the saints who are on the earth, and in the excellent—in them is all my delight. 4 Multiplied shall be the sorrows of those who give presents to another god: I will not pour out their drink-offerings of blood, nor bear their names upon my lips. 5 Thou. O Lord, art the portion of my inheritance, and my cup; thou hast drawn my lot. 6 My possessions are fallen in agreeable places: yea, my heritage is pleasant to me. 7 I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel: also in the night seasons my reins admonish me. 8 I have always set the Lord before me, that, being at my right hand,

when I am moved. 5 But I trust in thy kindness, let I might not be moved. 9 Therefore is rejoiced my the grave: thou wilt not suffer thy pious [servant] to see corruption. (Sheol h7585) 11 Thou wilt let me know the path of life: fulness of joy is in thy presence; pleasures are at thy right hand for evermore.

> 17 "A prayer of David." Hear, O Lord, [the cause of] righteousness, attend unto my entreaty, give ear unto my prayer, coming from lips without deceit. 2 Let from thy presence my sentence come forth; let thy eyes behold what is right. 3 Thou hast proved my heart: thou hast thought of me in the night: thou hast refined me—thou couldst find nothing: mv purpose doth not pass beyond [the words of] my mouth, 4 Among the deeds of men did I observe, by the word of thy lips, the paths of the dissolute. 5 My steps held firmly to thy tracks, [and] my footsteps did not slip. 6 I call on thee, for thou wilt answer me, O God: incline thy ear unto me, hear my speech, 7 Show marvelously thy loving-kindnesses. O thou that savest those who put their trust [in thee] from those that rise up [against them] by thy right hand. 8 Keep me as the apple of the eye; conceal me under the shadow of thy wings, 9 From the wicked that despoil me, my enemies, who, to take my life, compass me about. 10 They are enclosed in their own fat: with their mouth they speak proudly. 11 On our steps they now encompass us: they direct their eyes to turn aside in the land. 12 Every man is just like a lion that is greedy to tear his prey, and like a young lion lurking in a covert. 13 Arise. O Lord, prevent him. cast him down; deliver my soul from the wicked, who is thy sword, — 14 From these men—thy hand—O Lord, from the men of this world, whose portion is in this life, and whose belly thou fillest with thy hidden treasure: they have children in plenty, and leave the rest of their substance to their babes. 15 As for me, in righteousness shall I behold thy face: I shall be satisfied, when I awake, with contemplating thy likeness.

> ${f 18}\,{}^{\scriptscriptstyle f w}{}$  To the chief musician, by the servant of the Lord, by David, who spoke unto the Lord the words of this song on the day that the Lord had delivered him out of the power of all his enemies, and from the hand of Saul: And he said." I ever love thee. O Lord, my strength. 2 The Lord is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my rock, in whom I trust: my shield, and the horn of my salvation. and my high tower. 3 Praised, I cried, be the Lord,

under his feet: 10 And he rode upon a cherub, and my joints do not slip. 37 I pursue my enemies, and clouds passed away, [with] hail-stones and coals of my opponents under me. 40 And my enemies thou fire. 13 And the Lord thundered in the heavens, and causest to turn their back to me; and those that hate and coals of fire. 14 And he sent out his arrows, is none to help; unto the Lord, —but he answereth and scattered them; and he shot forth lightnings, them not, 42 And I beat them small as the dust before foundations of the world, through thy rebuke, O Lord, people; thou appointest me to be the head of nations; drew me out from mighty waters. 17 He delivered children of the stranger shall utter flattery unto me. me from my enemy, the strong, and from those that 45 The children of the stranger shall fade away, and became my stay. 19 And he brought me forth into a the God of my salvation: 47 The God that granteth righteousness; according to the purity of my hands opponents thou liftest me up; thou deliverest me from upright with him, and I guarded myself against my kindness to his anointed, to David, and to his seed iniquity. 24 Therefore did the Lord recompense me for ever. according to my righteousness, according to the purity of my hands before his eyes. 25 With the kind thou wilt show thyself kind; with the upright man thou wilt show thyself upright; 26 With the pure thou wilt show thyself pure; and with the perverse thou wilt wage a contest. 27 For thou wilt indeed save the afflicted people: but haughty eves wilt thou bring down. 28 For thou wilt cause my light to shine: the Lord my God will enlighten my darkness. 29 For [aided] by thee I

and from my enemies was I saved. 4 The bonds of run through a troop; and [helped] by my God I leap death encompassed me, and the floods of destruction over a wall. 30 As for God, —his way is perfect; the made me afraid. 5 The bonds of hell encircled me: word of the Lord is tried; he is a shield to all those the snares of death seized on me. (Sheel h7585) 6 that trust in him. 31 For who is God save the Lord? [When] in my distress I called upon the Lord, and or who is a rock beside our God? 32 He is the God unto my God I cried: he heard from his temple my that girdeth me with strength, and rendereth my way voice, and my complaint came before him, even into unobstructed. 33 He maketh my feet like those of the his ears. 7 Then shook and trembled the earth; and hinds, and upon my high-places he causeth me to the foundations of the mountains were moved; and stand. 34 He teacheth my hands for the war, so that a they were shaken, because he was wroth. 8 Smoke brazen bow is bent by my arms. 35 And thou gavest went up in his anger and consuming fire out of his me the shield of thy salvation, and thy right hand mouth: coals flamed forth from him. 9 And he bent the supported me: and thy meekness hath made me heavens, and came down: and thick darkness was great. 36 Thou enlargest my steps under me, so that flew along, and he flitted by upon the wings of the overtake them; and I return not again till I have made wind. 11 He made darkness his hiding-place, round an end of them. 38 I crush them that they are not about him as his pavilion, dark waters, thick clouds of able to rise: they fall under my feet. 39 For thou hast the skies. 12 From the brightness before him his thick girded me with strength for the war; thou subduest the Most High uttered forth his voice, [with] hail-stones me, —that I may destroy them. 41 They cry, but there and discomfited them. 15 And then were seen the the wind: like the dirt in the streets do I cast them channels of the waters, and there were laid open the out. 43 Thou deliverest me from the contests of the through the blast of the breath of thy nostrils. 16 He a people that I know not shall serve me. 44 As soon stretched out from above [his hand], he took me; he as their ear heareth they shall be obedient to me; the hated me, when they were too mighty for me. 18 They come forth trembling out of their close places. 46 The overcame me on the day of my calamity; but the Lord Lord liveth, and blessed be my Rock; and exalted be large space; he delivered me, because he had delight me vengeance, and subdueth nations under me; 48 in me. 20 The Lord rewarded me according to my That delivereth me from my enemies: also above my did he recompense me. 21 For I have kept the ways the man of violence. 49 Therefore will I give thanks of the Lord, and have not wickedly departed from my unto thee among the nations, O Lord, and unto thy God. 22 For all his ordinances were before me, and name will I sing praises, — 50 [To him] that maketh his statutes had I not put away from me. 23 I was also great the salvation of his king, and who sheweth

> 19 "To the chief musician, a psalm of David." The heavens relate the glory of God; and the expanse telleth of the works of his hands. 2 Day unto day uttereth speech, and night unto night showeth knowledge. 3 There is no speech, there are no words, their voice is not heard. 4 [But] their melody extendeth through all the earth, and to the end of the world their words. For the sun hath he set a tabernacle

thou cleanse me. 13 Also from presumptuous [sins] we will sing and praise thy power. withhold thy servant: let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be blameless, and I shall be clear from any great transgression. 14 May the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable before thee. O Lord. my Rock, and my Redeemer.

the Lord answer thee on the day of distress: may the name of the God of Jacob protect thee: 2 May he send thee help from the sanctuary, and support thee from Zion: 3 May he remember all thy meat-offerings, and accept in favor thy burnt-sacrifice. (Selah) 4 May he grant thee according to thy own heart, and fulfill all thy resolves. 5 We will rejoice in thy salvation, and in the name of our God will we upraise our banners: may the Lord fulfill all thy petitions. 6 Now I know that the Lord saveth his anointed: he will answer him from his holy heavens, with the saving strength of his right hand, 7 Some [trust] in chariots, and some in horses; but we will invoke the name of the Lord our God. 8 They are prostrate and fallen; but we are risen up and stand the day when we call [on him].

21 "To the chief musician, a psalm of David." O Lord, because of thy strength will the king rejoice: and through thy salvation how greatly will he be glad! 2 The longing of his heart hast thou given him, and the request of his lips hast thou not withholden. (Selah) 3 For thou meetest him unasked with the blessings of happiness: thou settest on his head a crown of pure gold. 4 Life hath he asked of thee, thou gavest it to him, length of days for ever and

among them; 5 And he goeth out as a bridegroom ever. 5 Great is his honor through thy help; glory and from his chamber, he is glad like a strong man to majesty thou layest upon him. 6 For thou appointest run his course: 6 From the end of the heavens is him to be a blessing for ever; thou makest him glad his going forth, and his circuit is unto their ends; and with joy from thy presence, 7 For the king trusteth there is nothing hidden from his heat. 7 The law of in the Lord; and through the kindness of the Most the Lord is perfect, quieting the soul: the testimony High shall he not be moved. 8 Thy hand will reach of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple. 8 The all thy enemies: thy right hand will reach those that precepts of the Lord are upright, rejoicing the heart; hate thee, 9 Thou wilt render them as a fiery oven the commandment of the Lord is clear, enlightening at the time of thy anger: the Lord in his wrath will the eyes. 9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring for destroy them, and a fire will devour them. 10 Their ever: the ordinances of the Lord are the truth, they fruit wilt thou cause to perish from the earth, and their are just altogether. 10 They are those which are to seed from among the children of men. 11 For they be desired more than gold, and much fine gold; and directed against thee evil; they devised a mischievous they are sweeter than honey and the dropping of purpose, which they were not able to perform. 12 For honevcomb. 11 Moreover thy servant is admonished thou wilt make them turn their back; upon thy bowby them: in keeping them there is great reward. 12 strings thou wilt make ready [thy arrows] against their Who can guard against errors? from secret [faults] do face. 13 Exalt thyself, O Lord, in thy strength; [and]

22 "To the chief musician upon Ayeleth-hashachar, a psalm of David." My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me? why art thou so far from saving me, and from the words of my loud complaint? 2 O my God! I call in the day-time, but thou answerest 20 "To the chief musician, a psalm of David." May not; and in the night I find no rest. 3 But thou art holv. O thou that dwellest amidst the praises of Israel. 4 In thee did our fathers trust: they trusted, and thou didst deliver them. 5 Unto thee they cried, and were delivered: in thee they trusted, and were not put to shame. 6 But I am a worm, and not a man, a reproach of men, and despised of people. 7 All those who see me laugh me to scorn; they draw open their lips, they shake their head, [saying, ] 8 "Let him throw himself on the Lord, that he may deliver him: he will save him, for he delighteth in him." 9 Yea, thou art he that took me from the womb: thou hast been my trust when I hung on my mother's breasts. 10 Upon thee was I cast from my birth: from my mother's womb art thou my God. 11 Oh be not far from me [now]: for distress is near; for there is none to help. 12 Many erect. 9 O Lord, save [us]: may the king answer us on steers have encompassed me: the strong bulls of Bashan have beset me round. 13 They have opened wide against me their mouth. [as] a ravenous and roaring lion. 14 Like water am I poured out, and all my bones are disjointed: my heart is become like wax, it is melted in the midst of my entrails. 15 Like a potsherd is my strength dried up; and my tongue cleaveth to my palate; and into the dust of death hast thou laid me down. 16 For dogs have encompassed me: the assembly of the wicked have enclosed me: like lions [they threaten] my hands and my feet. 17

For he hath not despised nor abhorred the affliction he is the King of glory. (Selah) of the poor; neither hath he hidden his face from him: but when he cried unto him, he heard, 25 Of thee shall be my praise in a great assembly: my vows will I pay in the presence of those who fear him. 26 The meek shall eat and be satisfied: they who seek him shall praise the Lord: may your heart live for ever. 27 All the ends of the world shall remember and return unto the Lord: and all the families of the nations shall bow themselves down before thee. 28 For the kingdom is the Lord's, and he governeth the nations. 29 All they that eat the fat of the earth shall bow themselves down; before him shall bend the knee all that are going down into the dust; for none can keep alive his own soul. 30 Distant ages shall serve him; there shall be related of the Lord unto future generations. 31 They will come, and will tell his righteousness unto a people yet unborn, that he hath done this.

me. 3 My soul he refresheth: he guideth me in the the Lord? to him will he point out the way which he tracks of righteousness for the sake of his name. 4 is to choose? 13 His soul shall abide in happiness: assailants: thou anointest with oil my head: my cup out of the net my feet. 16 Turn unto me, and be overfloweth. 6 Surely, only goodness and kindness gracious unto me; for I am solitary and afflicted. 17 shall follow me all the days of my life: and I shall dwell The distresses of my heart are enlarged: O bring thou in the house of the Lord to the utmost length of days.

24 "Of David a psalm." Unto the Lord belongeth the earth with what filleth it, the world and they that dwell therein: 2 For upon seas hath he founded it, and upon rivers hath he established it. 3 Who shall ascend into the mountain of the Lord? and who shall be able to stand in his holy place? 4 He that is of clean hands, and pure of heart; who hath not

I may number all my bones: [while] they stare and lifted up his soul unto falsehood, and hath not sworn look upon me. 18 They divide my clothes among deceitfully: 5 He shall bear away blessing from the themselves, and for my garment do they cast lots. 19 Lord, and [the reward of] righteousness from the God But thou, O Lord, be not far from me: O [thou who art] of his salvation. 6 This is the generation of those my strength, hasten to my aid. 20 Deliver from the that adore him, that seek thy presence. [the sons sword my life, from the power of the dog my solitary of Jacob. (Selah) 7 Raise your heads, O ye gates; soul. 21 Save me from the lion's mouth; as thou hast and be raised wide, ye everlasting doors: and let the answered me from the horns of the reem. 22 I will King of glory enter! 8 Who is this King of glory? The relate thy name unto my brethren: in the midst of the Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. 9 congregation will I praise thee. 23 Ye that fear the Raise your heads, O ye gates; and raise [them] up, Lord, praise him; all ye the seed of Jacob, glorify him; ye everlasting doors; and let the King of glory enter! and be in dread of him, all ye the seed of Israel. 24 10 Who is then this King of glory? The Lord of hosts,

25 "Of David." Unto thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul. 2 O my God, in thee do I trust, let me not be ashamed, let not my enemies triumph over me. 3 Yea, none that wait on thee will be put to shame: let those be put to shame who deal treacherously without cause. 4 Show me, O Lord, thy ways; teach me thy paths. 5 Lead me in thy truth, and teach me; for thou art the God of my salvation: on thee do I wait all the day. 6 Remember thy mercies. O Lord. and thy kindnesses; for they are from everlasting. 7 The sins of my youth and my transgressions do not remember: according to thy kindness bear thou me in remembrance, for the sake of thy goodness, O Lord. 8 Good and upright is the Lord: therefore he pointeth out to sinners the right way. 9 He guideth the meek in justice, and he teacheth the meek his way. 10 All the paths of the Lord are kindness and truth unto such  $oldsymbol{23}$  "A psalm of David." The Lord is my shepherd, I as keep his covenant and his testimonies.  $oldsymbol{1}$  For shall not want. 2 In pastures of tender grass he the sake of thy name, O Lord, pardon my iniquity: causeth me to lie down: beside still waters he leadeth although it is great. 12 Who is that man that feareth Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow and his seed shall inherit the land. 14 The secret of death, I will not fear evil; for thou art with me: thy counsel of the Lord is for those that fear him, and his rod and thy staff—they indeed comfort me. 5 Thou covenant—to make it known to them. 15 My eyes preparest before me a table in the presence of my are ever [directed] toward the Lord; for he will draw me out of my afflictions. 18 Look on my misery and my trouble; and forgive all my sins. 19 Look at my enemies; for they are many; and they hate me with the hatred of violence. 20 Oh, quard my soul; and deliver me: let me not be put to shame; for I put my trust in thee. 21 Let integrity and uprightness guard me; for I wait on thee. 22 Redeem, O God, Israel out of all his distresses.

walked in my integrity; and in the Lord have I trusted: I shall not slip. 2 Try me. O Lord, and prove me: purify my reins and my heart. 3 For thy kindness is before my eyes: and I have walked in thy truth. 4 I have not sat with men of falsehood, and with dissemblers will I not enter [in communion]. 5 I have hated the assemblage of evil-doers; and with the wicked will I not sit. 6 I will wash in innocency my hands, and I will compass thy altar, O Lord: 7 That I may publish with a loud voice [my] thanksgiving. and relate all thy wondrous deeds. 8 Lord. I love the site of thy house, and the place where thy glory dwelleth. 9 Take not away with sinners my soul, nor with men of blood my life: 10 In whose hands are wicked devices. and whose right hand is full of bribes. 11 But as for me, I will walk in my integrity: redeem me, and be gracious unto me. 12 My foot standeth on an even place: in assemblies will I bless the Lord.

**27** "Of David." The Lord is my light and my salvation: of whom shall I be afraid? the Lord is the fortress of my life: of whom shall I have dread? When evil-doers come near against me to eat up my flesh, my assailants and my enemies at me: then do they stumble and fall. 3 If an army should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear: if war should arise against me, even then will I have trust. 4 One thing have I asked of the Lord, that I will seek for: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the loveliness of the Lord, and to be every morning early in his temple. 5 For he will hide me in his pavilion on the day of evil; he will conceal me in the secret of his tabernacle; upon a rock will he place me high. 6 And now will my head be lifted up above my enemies all round about me; and I will sacrifice in his tabernacle sacrifices of joy: I will sing, and I will triumphantly play unto the Lord. 7 Hear. O Lord, my voice, [when] I call, and be gracious unto me, and answer me. 8 Of thee, said my heart, "Seek ye my presence": thy presence, Lord, will I seek. 9 Hide [then] not thy face from me: reject not in anger thy servant, thou [who] hast been my help; cast me not off, nor forsake me. O God of my salvation, 10 For my father and my mother have forsaken me; but the Lord will take me up. 11 Point me out thy way, O Lord! and guide me on a level path, because of those that regard me enviously. 12 Give me not up to the [revengeful] desire of my assailants; for there are risen up against me false witnesses, and such as utter violence. 13 Unless I had believed to see the

26 "Of David." Judge me, O Lord; for I have indeed goodness of the Lord in the land of life— 14 Wait walked in my integrity: and in the Lord have I on the Lord; be strong, and let thy heart be of good trusted; I shall not slip. 2 Try me, O Lord, and prove courage; and only wait on the Lord.

28 "Of David." Unto thee, O Lord, will I call; O my rock, turn not unheeding from me: lest thou turn away silent from me, and I become like those 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 the most holy place of thy sanctuary. 3 Snatch me not away with the wicked, and with the workers of injustice, who speak peace with their neighbors, with mischief in their heart. 4 Give unto them according to their doing, and according to the evil of their deeds; according to the work of their hands do thou give unto them: bestow their [just] recompense on them. 5 Because they have no regard for the doings of the Lord, nor the works of his hands: may he pull them down, and not build them up. 6 Blessed be the Lord, because he hath heard the voice of my supplications. 7 The Lord is my strength and my shield: in him hath my heart trusted, and I am helped, and my heart exulteth; and with my song will I thank him. 8 The Lord is strength unto them, and he is the fortress of victory of his anointed. 9 Help thy people, and bless thy heritage: and feed them, and exalt them unto all eternity.

29 "A psalm of David." Ascribe unto the Lord, O ve sons of the mighty, ascribe unto the Lord glory and strength. 2 Ascribe unto the Lord the glory of his name: bow down to the Lord in the beauty of holiness. 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thundereth, the Lord—upon mighty waters. 4 The voice of the Lord [resoundeth] with power; the voice of the Lord [resoundeth] with maiesty. 5 The voice of the Lord breaketh in pieces the cedars: vea. the Lord shivereth the cedars of Lebanon: 6 And he maketh them skip like a calf; Lebanon and Siryon like young reems. 7 The voice of the Lord heweth out flames of fire. 8 The voice of the Lord shaketh the wilderness: the Lord shaketh the wilderness of Kadesh. 9 The voice of the Lord causeth the hinds to start, and maketh bare forests: and in his temple every thing speaketh [of his] glory. 10 The Lord sat [enthroned] at the flood; and the Lord will sit as King for ever. 11 The Lord will give strength unto his people: the Lord will bless his people with peace.

**30** "A psalm, a song at the dedication of the temple, of David." I will extol thee, O Lord; for thou hast

unto thee.

**31** "To the chief musician, a psalm of David." In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; Oh that I may never be put to shame: through thy righteousness do thou release me. 2 Bend unto me thy ear; speedily deliver me: be thou unto me as a rock of protection, as a mountain strong-hold to save me. 3 For my rock and my stronghold art thou; and for the sake of thy name lead me, and guide me. 4 Draw me out of the

lifted me up, and hast not suffered my enemies to a dead man out of the heart: I am become like a rejoice over me. 2 O Lord my God, I cried loudly unto perishable vessel. 13 For I have heard the slandering thee, and thou hast healed me. 3 O Lord, thou hast of many; terror was on every side, while they took brought up from the nether world my soul; thou hast counsel together against me; to take away my life kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit. did they purpose. 14 But I trusted well in thee, O (Sheol h7585) 4 Sing unto the Lord, O ye his pious Lord: I said, Thou art my God. 15 In thy hand are my ones, and give thanks to the memorial of his holiness. destinies: deliver me from the hand of my enemies, 5 For his anger is momentary, [but] life is in his favor: and from my persecutors. 16 Let thy face shine upon in the evening [cometh] weeping to stay for a night, thy servant: save me through thy kindness. 17 O but in the morning, there is joyful song. 6 And I had Lord, let me not be put to shame; for I have called said indeed in my prosperity, I shall never be moved. on thee: let the wicked be put to shame, let them be 7 Lord, by thy favor hadst thou caused my mountain silent, [passing] to the nether world. (Sheol h7585) 18 to stand in strength: thou didst hide thy face, [and] Let the lying lips be made dumb, which speak hard I was terrified. 8 Unto thee, O Lord, will I call; and things against the righteous, with pride and contempt. unto the Lord will I make supplication. 9 What profit 19 Oh how great is thy goodness, which thou hast is there in my blood, when I go down to the grave? treasured up for those that fear thee; which thou hast Shall the dust thank thee? shall it announce thy truth? wrought for those that trust in thee before the sons of 10 Hear. O Lord, and be gracious unto me: Lord, be men! 20 Thou wilt conceal them in the secret of thy thou a helper unto me. 11 Thou hast changed my presence from the conspiracy of men: thou wilt keep mourning into dancing for me; thou hast loosened my them secretly in a pavilion from the strife of tongues. sack-cloth, and girded me with joy. 12 To the end that 21 Blessed be the Lord: for he hath shown me his my glorious soul may sing praise to thee, and never kindness wonderfully in a beleaguered city. 22 And be silent. O Lord my God, for ever will I give thanks vet had I said in my despondency. I am cut off from before thy eyes: nevertheless thou didst hear the voice of my supplications when I cried loudly unto thee. 23 Oh love the Lord, all ye his pious ones: the Lord preserveth the faithful, and recompenses the presumption of him that acteth proudly. 24 Be strong. and let your heart be of good courage, all ve that hope in the Lord.

32 "Of David: a Maskil." Happy is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. net which they have laid secretly for me; for thou art 2 Happy is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth my protection. 5 Into thy hand do I commit my spirit: not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no quile. 3 thou redeemest me. O Lord, the God of truth. 6 | When | kept silence, my bones wasted away through hate those that depend on lying vanities; but I trust my crying all the day. 4 For by day and night lay thy indeed in the Lord. 7 I will be glad and rejoice in thy hand heavily upon me: my [life's] moisture hath been kindness; because thou hast seen my misery; thou changed through the droughts of summer. (Selah) hast taken cognizance of the distresses of my soul; 8 5 My sin do I ever acknowledge unto thee, and my And thou hast not surrendered me into the hand of iniquity have I not covered up. I said, I will make the enemy: thou hast caused my feet to stand on confession because of my transgressions unto the an ample space. 9 Be gracious unto me, O Lord, Lord: and thou truly forgavest the iniquity of my sin. for I am in distress; my eye is consumed through (Selah) 6 For this shall every pious one pray unto thee vexation—my soul [too] and my body. 10 For my life in a time when thou mayest be found: surely [then] is spent with sorrow, and my years with sighing, my when great waters overflow, they shall never reach strength faileth because of my iniquity, and my bones unto him. 7 Thou art my hiding-place; from distress are consumed. 11 Because of all my assailants am I wilt thou preserve me; with songs of deliverance wilt become a reproach, and unto my neighbors greatly thou encompass me. (Selah) 8 I will instruct thee so, and a terror to my acquaintance, those that see and I will teach thee concerning the way which thou me abroad flee away from me. 12 I am forgotten as oughtest to go: I will counsel thee with my eye. 9

shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.

33 Be joyful, O ye righteous, in the Lord; [for] unto the righteous praise is comely. 2 Give thanks unto the Lord with the harp; with the ten-stringed psaltery do ye sing [praises] unto him. 3 Sing unto him a new song: play beautifully amidst a triumphant shout. 4 For the word of the Lord is upright; and all his works [are done] in truth. 5 He loveth righteousness and justice: the earth is full of the kindness of the Lord, 6 By the word of the Lord were the heavens made; and by the breath of his mouth all their host. 7 He gathereth together like heaps the waters of the sea: he layeth up in store-houses the depths [of the seal. 8 Let all the earth fear the Lord: of him stand in awe all the inhabitants of the world. 9 For he spoke, and it came into being; he commanded, and it stood fast. 10 The Lord frustrateth the resolves of the nations: he bringeth to nought the thoughts of the people. 11 The counsel of the Lord will stand for ever, the thoughts of his heart from generation to generation. 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he hath chosen for himself as a heritage. 13 The Lord looketh from heaven; he seeth all the sons of men. 14 From the place of his habitation he directeth his view upon all the inhabitants of the earth: 15 He fashioneth their hearts altogether; he hath regard to all their works. 16 The king is not saved by the multitude of an army: a mighty man is not delivered by much strength. 17 Vain is the horse for victory: nor shall he deliver any by the greatness of his strength. 18 Behold, the eve of the Lord is upon those that fear him, upon those that hope for his kindness. 19 To deliver from death their soul, and to keep them alive in famine. 20 Our soul waiteth for the Lord: our help and our shield is he. 21 For in him shall our heart rejoice: because in his holy name have we trusted. 22 Let thy kindness, O Lord, be upon us, even as we hope in thee.

31 "By David, when he disguised his reason before Abimelech, who drove him away, and he departed." I will bless the Lord at all times: continually shall his praise be in my mouth. 2 My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear it, and be rejoiced. 3 Oh magnify the Lord with me, and

Be ve not like the horse, or like the mule, who hath let us exalt his name together. 41 sought the Lord. no understanding; who must be held in with bit and and he answered me, and from all that I dreaded did bridle, his ornament, lest he come near unto thee, he deliver me. 5 They [who] looked unto him, were 10 Many are the pains of the wicked; but him that indeed enlightened, and their faces were not put to trusteth in the Lord will he encompass with kindness, the blush, 6 This poor man cried, and the Lord heard 11 Rejoice in the Lord, and be glad, ye righteous: and him, and out of all his distresses did he save him. 7 The angel of the Lord encampeth round about those who fear him, and delivereth them. 8 Experience and see that the Lord is good: happy is the man that trusteth in him. 9 Oh fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to those who fear him. 10 The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger; but those who seek the Lord shall not want any good. 11 Come, ve children, hearken unto me: the fear of the Lord will I teach you. 12 Who is the man that desireth life. loveth [many] days, that he may see happiness? 13 Guard thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking deceit. 14 Depart from evil, and do good; seek peace. and pursue it. 15 The eves of the Lord are directed unto the righteous, and his ears unto their cry. 16 [But] the anger of the Lord is against those that do evil, to cut off from the earth their remembrance. 17 Those cry, and the Lord heareth, and from all their distresses he delivereth them. 18 The Lord is nigh unto those that are broken-hearted; and he saveth those that are of a contrite spirit. 19 Many are the afflictions of the righteous; but out of them all the Lord ever delivereth him. 20 He watcheth all his bones: not one of them is broken. 21 The evil will slav the wicked: and they who hate the righteous shall incur quiltiness. 22 The Lord redeemeth the soul of his servants: and all that trust in him shall not incur quiltiness.

> 35 "Of David." Contend, O Lord, with those that contend with me: fight against those that fight against me. 2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and rise up for my help. 3 And draw out the spear, and step in against my pursuers; say unto my soul. I am thy salvation. 4 Let those be put to shame and be confounded that seek after my life: let those be turned backward and be made to blush, that devise unhappiness for me. 5 Let them be as chaff before the wind; and may the angel of the Lord cast them forth. 6 May their way be dark and slippery: and may the angel of the Lord pursue them. 7 For without cause have they hidden for me their net in a pit. without cause have they dug [pit-falls] against my life. 8 May then destruction come upon each of them at unawares: and may his net that he hath hidden catch himself: in [utter] destruction let him fall therein. 9 But my soul shall exult in the Lord: she shall be

how long wilt thou look on? rescue my soul from their shall not be able to rise. destructions, from the young lions my solitary spirit. 18 I will thank thee in the great assembly: among a 37 "Of David." Do not fret thyself because of the mighty people will I praise thee. 19 Let not rejoice over me those that are my enemies wrongfully: [nor] let those who hate me without cause wink with the eve. 20 For they speak not peace; but against the quiet in the land they devise deceitful words. 21 Yea. they opened wide against me their mouth; they said, Aha, aha, our eve hath seen it. 22 Thou hast seen it. O Lord! remain not silent: O Lord, be not far from me. 23 Arouse thyself, and awake to do me justice, my God and my Lord, unto my cause. 24 Judge me according to thy righteousness, O Lord my God; and let them not rejoice over me. 25 Let them not say in their heart. Aha. Ithis is the wish ofl our soul: let them not say, We have swallowed him up. 26 Let those be made ashamed and put to the blush together that rejoice at my mishap; let them be clothed with shame and confusion that magnify themselves above me. 27 Let those shout, and rejoice, that desire my righteousness: yea, let them say continually, Great is the Lord, who desireth the welfare of his servant. 28 And my tongue shall speak of thy righteousness, all the day of thy praise.

**36** "To the chief musician, by the servant of the Lord, by David." Saith vice itself to the wicked—so I feel it within my heart— that he should have no dread of God before his eyes. 2 For he flattereth himself in his own eyes [too much] to find out his iniquity to hate it. 3 The words of his mouth are wickedness and deceit: he hath left off to be wise, to

glad through his salvation. 10 All my bones will say, do good. 4 He deviseth wickedness upon his couch; Lord, who is like unto thee, who deliverest the poor he placeth himself on a way that is not good; evil he from him that is too strong for him, yea, the poor and despiseth not. 5 O Lord, into the heavens reacheth the needy from him that robbeth him? 11 There rise thy kindness, thy faithfulness even into the skies, 6 up witnesses of violence: concerning what I know. Thy righteousness is like the mountains of God; thy not they question me. 12 They recompense me with acts of justice like the great deep; man and beast evil in place of good, [bringing] bereavement on my dost thou ever help, O Lord. 7 How precious is thy soul. 13 But as for me, when they were sick, my kindness, O God! And the children of men that seek clothing was sackcloth: I afflicted with fasting my soul, shelter under the shadow of thy wings, — 8 These will and my prayer returned into my own bosom. 14 As be abundantly satisfied with the fatness of thy house; though he had been to me a friend or a brother did I and of the stream of thy delights wilt thou give them walk about: as one that mourneth for a mother did I to drink. 9 For with thee is the source of life: in thy sorrowfully bend down my head. 15 But in my downfall light shall we see light. 10 Draw down continuously they rejoiced, and gathered themselves together; thy kindness unto those that acknowledge thee; and there gathered themselves together against me abject thy righteousness to the upright in heart. 11 Let not wretches, whom I knew not; they did tear me, and come against me the foot of pride, and let not the ceased not: 16 With hypocritical babbling mockers, hand of the wicked chase me off. 12 There are fallen they gnashed upon me with their teeth. 17 O Lord, the workers of wickedness; they are thrust down, and

> evil-doers, neither be thou envious against the workers of iniquity. 2 For like the grass they shall soon be mowed down, and like the green herb shall they wither. 3 Trust in the Lord, and do good; dwell in the land, and feed [thyself] with truthfulness. 4 And delight thyself in the Lord, and he will give thee the wishes of thy heart. 5 Commit thy way unto the Lord, and trust in him: and he will accomplish it. 6 And he will bring forth as the light thy righteousness, and the justice of thy [cause] as the noonday. 7 Be silent before the Lord, and wait patiently for him: fret not thyself because of him who prospereth in his way, because of the man who practices wicked devices. 8 Cease from anger, and forsake wrath: fret not thyself in any wise to do evil. 9 For evil-doers shall be cut off; but those that wait upon the Lord, these-shall truly inherit the land. 10 For yet but for a little while, and the wicked shall be no more: yea, thou wilt look carefully at his place, and he shall not be there. 11 But the meek shall inherit the land, and shall delight themselves because of the abundance of peace. 12 The wicked purposeth evil against the just, and gnasheth against him with his teeth. 13 The Lord will laugh at him; for he seeth that his day is coming. 14 The wicked have drawn out the sword, and have bent their bow, to cause the poor and needy to fall, and to slaughter such as are of an upright course [of life]. 15 [But] their sword shall enter into their own heart, and their bows shall be broken. 16 Better is the little that the righteous hath, than the

the wicked shall be broken: but the upholder of the indignation: there is no peace in my bones because righteous is the Lord. 18 The Lord regardeth the days of my sin. 4 For my iniquities are passed over my of the upright; and their inheritance shall endure for head, as a heavy burden are they too heavy for me. ever. 19 They shall not be made ashamed in the 5 Foul, corrupt are my bruises because of my folly. 6 I time of unhappiness; and in the days of famine shall am bent double; I am bowed down to the utmost; they be satisfied. 20 But the wicked shall perish, and all the day long I go about full of grief. 7 For my the enemies of the Lord shall be as the beauty of loins are filled with a burning disease, and there is the meadow: they pass away; in smoke they pass no soundness in my flesh. 8 I am made faint and away. 21 The wicked borroweth, and repayeth not; crushed to the utmost; I cry aloud because of the but the righteous is beneficent, and giveth. 22 For groaning of my heart. 9 Lord, before thee is all my those blessed of him shall inherit the land; and those longing; and my sighing is from thee not hidden. 10 cursed of him shall be cut off. 23 By the Lord are My heart is restless, my strength hath left me; and the steps of the righteous man established; and he the light of my eyes—that also is no more with me. 11 findeth pleasure in his course [of life]. 24 Though he My lovers and my friends stand aloof from my plaque: fall, he shall not be utterly cast down; for the Lord and my kinsmen stand afar off. 12 They also that upholdeth his hand. 25 I have been young, and I am seek after my life lay snares; and they that wish for also grown old; yet have I never seen the righteous my mishap speak wicked falsehoods; and deceits do forsaken, nor his seed seeking for bread. 26 He is all they devise all the day long. 13 But I, as a deaf man, the time beneficent, and lendeth: and his seed will be hear not; and I am as a dumb man that cannot open for a blessing. 27 Depart from evil, and do good; and his mouth. 14 Thus am I as a man that heareth not, dwell for evermore. 28 For the Lord loveth justice, and in whose mouth are no words of defence. 15 For and never forsaketh his pious servants; they are for in thee, O Lord, do I hope; thou wilt answer, O Lord ever preserved; but the seed of the wicked will be my God. 16 For I said, Perhaps they might rejoice cut off. 29 The righteous shall inherit the land, and over me: when my foot slippeth, they might magnify dwell for ever therein. 30 The mouth of the righteous themselves over me. 17 For Lam prepared for [mv] uttereth wisdom, and his tongue speaketh what is downfall, and my pain is continually before me. 18 iust. 31 The law of his God is in his heart: none of his For I will tell of my iniquity: I will be grieved because steps shall slip. 32 The wicked looketh out for the of my sin. 19 But my enemies are strong in life; and righteous, and seeketh to slay him. 33 The Lord will numerous are those that hate me wrongfully; 20 They not leave him in his hand, and will not condemn him also that repay [me] evil in lieu of good; they hate me when he is judged. 34 Wait on the Lord, and keep his bitterly because I pursue what is good. 21 Forsake way, and he will exalt thee to inherit the land; when me not, O Lord; O my God, be not far from me. 22 the wicked are cut off, shalt thou look on. 35 I have Make haste to help me. O Lord, my salvation. seen the wicked terrible in power, and striking root like a green tree in its native soil. 36 Yet he passed away, and, lo, he was no more; and I sought him, but he could not be found. 37 Observe the perfect man. and behold the upright; for there is a [happy] future for the man of peace. 38 But the transgressors are destroyed together: the future of the wicked is cut off. 39 And the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord: he is their strong-hold in the time of distress. 40 And the Lord helpeth them, and delivereth them; he will deliver them from the wicked, and save them: because they have put their trust in him.

**38** "A psalm of David, to bring to remembrance." O Lord, correct me not in thy wrath, nor chastise me in thy fury. 2 For thy arrows have penetrated

great riches of many wicked. 17 For the arms of There is no soundness in my flesh because of thy

39 "To the chief musician, to Jeduthun, a psalm of David." I said, I will guard my ways, that I sin not with my tongue: I will guard my mouth with a muzzle, while the wicked is before me. 2 I was dumb in deep silence, I was quite still, even from [speaking] good; but my pain was greatly excited; 3 My heart was hot within me, in my self-communing there burnt a fire: [then] spoke I with my tongue. 4 Let me know. O Lord, my end, and the measure of my days, what it is: I wish to know when I shall cease to be. 5 Behold, measured out with the span hast thou made my days; and my whole duration is nothing before thee: yea, as nothing but vanity doth every man stand here. (Selah) 6 As nothing but a shadowy image doth man walk about, yea, for vanity only do all into me, and thy hand presseth down upon me. 3 make a noise: he heapeth up his gains, and knoweth

wait for, O Lord? my hope is in thee. 8 From all my confounded, that wish for my mishap. 15 May they transgressions deliver thou me; render me not the be astonished in consequence of their shame that object of reproach of the worthless, 9 I was dumb, I say unto me, Aha, aha! 16 [But] may all those that opened not my mouth; because thou hadst done it, seek thee be glad and rejoice in thee; may they say 10 Remove thou thy plague away from me: from the continually, The Lord be magnified, —those that love blows of thy hand am I consumed. 11 When thou with thy salvation. 17 But though I be poor and needy, the corrections chastisest man for iniquity, thou causest Lord will think of me: my help and my deliverer art his excellence to melt away as [if eaten by] the moth: thou: O my God, delay not. yea, nothing but vanity is every man. (Selah) 12 Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; be not silent at my tears; for a stranger am I with thee, a sojourner, like all my fathers. 13 Leave off from me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence, and am no more.

waited patiently for the Lord, when he inclined himself unto me, and heard my cry. 2 And he brought me up out of the noiseful deep, out of the miry clay. righteousness in the great assembly: lo, I will not everlasting. Amen, and Amen. BEGIM refrain my lips, O Lord, thou well knowest it. 10 Thy thy faithfulness and thy salvation have I spoken of openly: I have not concealed thy kindness and thy truth before the great assembly. 11 Do thou, O Lord, not withhold thy mercies from me: let thy kindness and thy truth continually watch over me. 12 For evils without number have compassed me about; my iniquities have overtaken me, so that I am not able to see: they are more numerous than the hairs of my head; and my courage hath forsaken me. 13 Be pleased, O Lord, to deliver me; O Lord, hasten to my help. 14 May those be made ashamed and put to the blush together that seek after my soul to

not who shall gather them. 7 And now, what shall I take her away: let them be driven backward and be

41 "To the chief musician, a psalm of David." Happy is he that careth for the poor; on the day of evil will the Lord deliver him. 2 The Lord will preserve him, and keep him alive; he shall be made happy on the earth: and thou wilt not deliver him unto the revengeful desire of his enemies. 3 The Lord will **⚠** "To the chief musician, a psalm of David." I had sustain him upon the bed of painful disease: thou changest all his couch in his sickness. 4 I said, Lord, be gracious unto me: heal my soul; for I have sinned against thee. 5 My enemies speak evil of me, When and he set up my feet upon a rock, making firm my will he die, and his name perish? 6 And if he come to steps. 3 And he placed in my mouth a new song, see [me], he speaketh falsely: his heart gathereth a praise unto our God: many will see it, and fear; wickedness to itself; he goeth abroad [and] speaketh and they will trust in the Lord. 4 Happy is the man it. 7 Altogether whisper against me all that hate me: that maketh the Lord his trust, and turneth not unto against me do they devise my injury. 8 "His godless the proud, nor such as stray aside unto lies. 5 Many deed [say they] is poured out over him: as he lieth things hast thou done, O Lord my God; thy wonderful there he will never more rise up again." 9 Yea, even deeds and thy thoughts toward us-there is none the man that should have sought my welfare, in whom to be compared unto thee-will I tell and speak of, I trusted, who eateth my bread, hath lifted up his heel [though] they are too numerous to be counted. 6 against me. 10 But thou, O Lord, be gracious unto Sacrifice and meat-offering thou desirest not—ears me, and raise me up, that I may requite it unto them. hast thou hollowed out unto me-burnt-offering and 11 By this do I know that thou art pleased with me, sin-offering thou demandest not. 7 Then said I, Lo, that my enemy doth not triumph over me. 12 But I come: in the roll of the book it is written down as for me, thou upholdest me in my integrity, and for me: 8 To fulfill thy will, O my God, do I desire; placest me before thy presence for ever. 13 Blessed and thy law is within my heart. 9 I announce [thy] be the Lord the God of Israel from everlasting, and to

righteousness have I never hidden within my heart: 42 BOOK SECOND: "To the chief musician, a Maskil, for the sons of Korach." As a hart panteth after brooks of water, so panteth my soul after thee, O God. 2 My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I go [again] and be seen in the presence of God? 3 My tears have been my food day and night; because men say unto me all the day. Where is thy God? 4 These things will I remember. and pour out my soul in me: how I was wont to pass along amidst the multitude, journeying with them as a pilgrim to the house of God, with the voice of joyful song and thanksgiving, among the festive throng. 5 Why art thou cast down, O my soul, and disquieted in me? Hope thou in God; for I shall yet thank him,

because of the salvation of his countenance. 6 O my goest not forth with our armies. 10 Thou causest us God, my soul is cast down within me: therefore will I to turn back from before our assailant: and they who calleth unto deep at the noise of thy waterfalls; all thy thou dispersed us. 12 Thou sellest thy people for no waves and thy billows have passed over me. 8 In the value, and acquirest no gain by their price. 13 Thou daytime the Lord will command his kindness, and renderest us a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn unto the God of my life. 9 I will say unto God, my Thou renderest us a by-word among the nations, a rock, why hast thou forgotten me? why must I walk shaking of the head among the people. 15 All the as death in my bones, when my assailants reproach face covereth me: 16 Because of the voice of him me; when they say unto me all the day. Where is thy that reproacheth and blasphemeth; by reason of the God? 11 Why art thou cast down. O my soul? and enemy and him that seeketh vengeance. 17 All this is countenance, and my God.

12 Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: from the deceitful and unjust man do thou deliver me. 2 For thou art the God of my fortress: why hast thou abandoned me? why must I walk about grieved, under the oppression of the enemy? 3 Send thou thy light and thy truth, these shall guide me; they shall bring me unto thy holy mountain, and to thy dwellings: 4 That I may go unto the altar of God, unto God the joy of my gladness: and that I may thank thee upon the harp. 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 vet thank him, the salvation of my countenance. and my God.

**11** "To the chief musician, for the sons of Korach, a Maskil." O God, with our ears have we heard. our fathers have told us, deeds which thou hadst done in their days, in times of old, 2 Thou, with thy hand, didst indeed drive out nations, and plant them; thou didst ill-treat people, and cause them to spread out. 3 For not by their sword did they obtain possession of the land, and their own arm brought them no victory; but thy right hand, and thy arm, and the light of thy countenance, because thou hadst given them thy favor. 4 Thou art my King, O God: ordain salvation for Jacob. 5 Through thee will we butt down our assailants: through thy name will we tread under foot our opponents. 6 For not in my bow will I trust, and my sword shall not help me. 7 But thou helpest us against our assailants, and those that hate us thou puttest to shame. 8 Of God we boast all the day, and to thy name will we give thanks for ever. (Selah) 9 But [now] thou hast cast off, and put us to the blush, and

remember thee from the land of the Jordan, and from hate us take spoil for themselves, 11 Thou givest us the peaks of Chermon, from the low mount, 7 Deep up like sheep for food, and among the nations hast in the night his song shall be with me, as a prayer and a derision to those that are round about us. 14 grieved, under the oppression of the enemy? 10 It is day is my disgrace before me, and the shame of my why art thou disguieted within met? Hope thou in come over us, yet have we not forgotten thee; nor God; for I shall yet thank him, the salvation of my have we dealt falsely by thy covenant: 18 Our heart is not moved backward, nor hath our step turned aside from thy path: 19 Even when thou didst crush us in the abode of monsters, and cover us with the shadow of death. 20 If we had forgotten the name of our God, or spread forth our hands to a strange God: 21 Would not God search out this? for he knoweth the secrets of the heart. 22 But for thy sake are we slain all the day; we are counted as flocks [destined] for slaughter. 23 Awake, wherefore wilt thou sleep. O Lord? arise, abandon us not for ever. 24 Wherefore wilt thou hide thy face, wilt thou forget our misery, and our oppression? 25 For our soul is bowed down to the dust; our body cleaveth unto the earth. 26 Arise unto our help, and redeem us for the sake of thy kindness.

45 "To the chief musician upon Shoshannim, by the sons of Korach, a Maskil, a song of love." My heart swelleth with a good speech: I say, "My works shall be for the king;" my tongue is the pen of a ready writer. 2 Thou art more fair than the children of men; grace is poured out over thy lips: therefore hath God blessed thee for ever. 3 Gird thy sword upon the thigh. O mighty one, [it is] thy glory and thy maiesty: 4 Yea, it is thy maiesty: be prosperous. ride along for the cause of truth and meekness and righteousness; and fearful things shall thy right hand teach thee. 5 Thy sharpened arrows—people will fall down beneath thee-[will enter] into the heart of the king's enemies. 6 Thy throne, given of God, endureth for ever and ever: the sceptre of equity is the sceptre of thy kingdom. 7 Thou lovest righteousness, and hatest wickedness: therefore hath God, thy God, anointed thee with the oil of gladness above thy associates. 8 Of myrrh, and aloes, and cassia are [fragrant] all thy garments: out of palaces of ivory

have they made thee joyful with the sound of music. (Selah) 5 God ascendeth amid a triumphal shout, the 9 Kings' daughters are among those dear to thee: the Lord, amid the sound of the cornet. 6 Sing praises queen standeth on thy right hand in fine gold of Ophir. to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, 10 Hearken, O daughter, and look, and incline thy ear, sing praises, 7 For God is King of all the earth; sing and forget thy own people, and thy father's house: 11 ve praises with understanding, 8 God reigneth over Then will the king long for thy beauty; for he is thy the nations; God sitteth upon his holy throne. 9 The Lord; and bow thyself to him. 12 And the daughter of nobles of the people are gathered together, [to be Tyre shall be there with a gift: the rich among the with the people of the God of Abraham; for unto God people shall entreat thy favor. 13 All gloriously attired belong the shields of the earth: he is greatly exalted. awaiteth the king's daughter in the inner chamber: of wrought gold is her garment. 14 In embroidered clothes will she be brought unto the king: virgins that follow her, her companions, are brought unto thee. 15 They are led forth with rejoicings and gladness, they enter into the palace of the king. 16 Instead of thy fathers shall be thy children: thou wilt appoint them as princes in all the land. 17 I will make thy name to be remembered in all generations: therefore shall the people praise thee for ever and ever.

46 "To the chief musician: by the sons of Korach. upon 'Alamoth, a song," God is our protection and strength, a help in distresses, very readily found. 2 Therefore will we not fear, even when the earth is transformed, and when mountains are moved into the heart of the seas; 3 [When] the waters thereof roar and foam, when mountains quake before his majesty. (Selah) 4 [There] is a river, its rivulets cause to reioice the city of God, the sanctuary of the dwellings of the Most High. 5 God is in her midst; she shall not be moved: God will ever help her, at the dawning of [her] morning. 6 Nations rage, kingdoms are moved: he letteth his voice be heard, the earth melteth away, 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; a defense unto us is the God of Jacob. (Selah) 8 Come, look at the deeds of the Lord, who hath made desolations on the earth. 9 He causeth wars to cease unto the end of the earth; he breaketh the bow, and cutteth the spear in pieces; he burneth wagons in the fire. 10 Leave off, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted on the earth. 11 The Lord of hosts is with us: a defence unto us is the God of Jacob. (Selah)

▲7 "To the chief musician, a psalm for the sons of Korach." All ye people, clap your hands; shout unto God with the voice of triumph, 2 For the Lord is most high, fear-inspiring; he is a great king over all the earth. 3 He will subdue people under us, and nations under our feet. 4 He will choose for us our inheritance, the excellency of Jacob which he loveth.

**48** "A song and psalm by the sons of Korach." Great is the Lord, and highly praised in the city of our God, [in] his holy mountain. 2 A beautiful district, the joy of the whole earth, is mount Zion, the farthest north, the city of the great King. 3 God is become known in her palaces as a defence. 4 For, lo, the kings were assembled, they are passed away together. 5 They indeed saw-[and] so they were astonished; they were terrified, they were confounded. 6 Trembling seized on them there, pain, as on a woman in travail. 7 With the east wind thou breakest the ships of Tharshish. 8 As we have heard, so have we seen [it] in the city of the Lord of hosts, in the city of our God: God will establish it for ever. (Selah) 9 We have reflected on thy kindness. O God. in the midst of thy temple. 10 As thy name is, O God, so is thy praise over the ends of the earth: of righteousness is thy right hand full. 11 Let mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of thy judgments. 12 Compass Zion about, and walk round about her; number her towers. 13 Direct your mind to her outer wall, mark carefully her palaces: in order that ye may tell it to the latest generation. 14 For this One is God, our God for ever and ever: he will be our guide even unto death.

 $\mathbf{4Q}$  "To the chief musician, by the sons of Korach, a psalm." Hear this, all ye people; give ear, all ye inhabitants of the perishable world: 2 Both the sons of the low and the sons of the high, rich and needy, altogether. 3 My mouth shall speak wisdom; and the meditation of my heart shall be of understanding. 4 I will incline my ear to a parable: I will open with the harp my riddle. 5 Wherefore should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my oppressors encompasseth me?- 6 Of those that trust in their wealth, and boast themselves of the multitude of their riches? 7 No one can in any wise redeem his brother, nor can he give to God redemption money for himself; 8 For the ransom of their soul is too costly, and it is omitted for ever. 9 And should he still live for ever? not see the pit? 10 For he must see that wise men die,

that together the fool and the brutish person perish saith, "What hast thou to do to relate my statutes, 16 Be not thou afraid when a man becometh rich, aright, will I show the salvation of God. when the glory of his house is increased; 17 For when he dieth he can take nothing away; his glory will not descend after him. 18 For though he bless his soul during his life, and men praise thee, when thou doest well to thyself: 19 She shall go to the generation of his fathers, unto eternity will these never see light. 20 Man, though in splendor, who understandeth not, is like the beasts that perish. °

and leave to others their wealth. 11 Their inward and why bearest thou my covenant upon thy mouth? thought is, that their houses are to be for ever, their 17 And vet thou hatest instruction, and castest my dwelling-places, from generation to generation; they words behind thee, 18 When thou seest a thief, then call them by their own names in [various] countries, art thou pleased with him, and with adulterers hast 12 Nevertheless man in [his] splendor endureth not: thou thy portion. 19 Thou lettest loose thy mouth with he is like the beasts [that] perish. 13 This is their way, evil, and thy tongue frameth deceit. 20 Thou sittest their folly: yet their posterity will take pleasure in their and speakest against thy brother: against thy own sayings. (Selah) 14 Like flocks are they thrust into the mother's son thou utterest slander. 21 These things nether world; death will feed them; but the upright hast thou done, and I kept silence: thou didst ween shall have dominion over them in that morning, and that I am like thyself; [but] I will reprove thee, and their form wasteth away in the nether world. [taken set it in order before thy eyes." 22 Do but reflect on awayl from their own dwelling, (sheel h7585) 15 But this, ye that forget God, lest I tear [youl in pieces, God will redeem my soul from the power of the nether with none to deliver. 23 Whoso offereth thanksgiving world; for he will take me away, (Selah) (Sheol h7585) glorifieth me; and to him that ordereth his course

**51** "To the chief musician, a psalm of David, When Nathan the prophet came unto him, after he had gone in unto Bath-sheba'." Be gracious unto me. O God, according to thy kindness; according to the greatness of thy mercies blot out my transgressions. 2 Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. 3 For of my transgressions I have full knowledge; and my sin is before me continually. 4 50 "A psalm of Assaph." The God of gods, the To thee, thee only, have I sinned, and what is evil in Lord, speaketh, and calleth the earth, from the thy eyes have I done: —in order that thou mightest rising of the sun unto his setting. 2 Out of Zion, the be righteous when thou speakest, be justified when perfection of beauty, God shineth forth. 3 Our God is thou judgest. 5 Behold, in iniquity was I brought forth; coming, and will not keep silence: a fire devoureth and in sin did my mother conceive me. 6 Behold, before him, and round him there rageth a mighty thou desirest truth in the inward parts: therefore do storm. 4 He will call to the heavens above, and to thou cause me to know wisdom in the recesses [of the earth, to judge his people. 5 "Gather together the heart]. 7 Cleanse me from sin with hyssop, and I unto me my pious servants, who make a covenant shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than with me by sacrifice." 6 And the heavens tell of his snow. 8 Cause me to hear gladness and joy; that the righteousness; for God is judge himself. (Selah) 7 bones which thou hast crushed may rejoice. 9 Hide "Hear, O my people, and I will speak; O Israel, and I thy face from my sins, and all my iniquities do thou will testify against thee: God, thy God, am I. 8 Not blot out. 10 Create unto me a clean heart, O God; because of thy sacrifices will I reprove thee; and thy and a firm spirit renew thou within me. 11 Cast me burnt-offerings are continually before me. 9 I will not not away from thy presence; and thy holy spirit do not take a bullock out of thy house, nor he-goats out of take from me. 12 Restore unto me the gladness of thy folds. 10 For mine are all the beasts of the forest, thy salvation; and with a liberal spirit do thou support the cattle upon a thousand mountains. 11 I know all me. — 13 I will teach transgressors thy ways, and the fowls of the mountains: whatever moveth on the sinners shall return unto thee. 14 Deliver me from fields is with me. 12 If I were hungry, I would not say blood-quiltiness, O God, thou God of my salvation; it to thee; for mine is the world, and what filleth it. 13 [that] my tongue may sing aloud of thy righteousness. Do I eat the flesh of fatted bulls, or drink the blood 15 O Lord, open thou my lips, and my mouth shall of he-goats? 14 Offer unto God thanksgiving; and declare thy praise. 16 For thou desirest not sacrifice; pay unto the Most High thy vows; 15 And call on me else would I give it: in burnt-offering hast thou no on the day of distress: I will deliver thee, — and so delight. 17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: wilt thou glorify me." 16 But unto the wicked God a broken and a contrite heart, O God, wilt thou not

thou the walls of Jerusalem. 19 Then wilt thou be words of my mouth. 3 For strangers [to goodness] are pleased with the sacrifices of righteousness, with risen up against me, and powerful oppressors seek burnt-offering and entire offering; then shall bullocks after my soul; they have not set God before them. be offered upon thy altar.

52 "To the chief musician, a Maskil of David, When Doeg the Edomite came and told Saul, and said unto him. David is come to the house of Achimelech." What vauntest thou thyself of wickedness, O mighty man? the kindness of God endureth all the time. 2 Thy tongue deviseth mischiefs, like a sharpened razor, thou worker of deceit. 3 Thou lovest evil more than good; falsehood more than speaking righteousness. out of his tent, and root thee out of the land of life. olive-tree in the house of God: I trust in the kindness of God for ever and ever. 9 I will thank thee for ever, name, for [it is] good, before thy pious ones.

**53** "To the chief musician upon Machalath, a Maskil of David." The worthless fool saith in his heart, There is no God. They are corrupt, and they are abominable [in their] injustice: there is none that doth good. 2 God looketh down from heaven upon the children of men, to see if there be one intelligent, one who seeketh for God. 3 Every one [of them] hath departed [from righteousness]; altogether are they become corrupt: there is none that doth good, no, not one. 4 Is there no knowledge in the workers of wickedness? who eat up my people as they eat bread: [while] they do not call on God. 5 There were they terrified with terror where there was no terror; for God had scattered the bones of those that encamped against thee: thou didst put them to shame, because God had rejected them. 6 Oh that some one might bring the salvation of Israel out of Zion! When God bringeth back the captivity of his people. [then] will Jacob be glad, [and] Israel will rejoice.

54 "To the chief musician on Neginoth, a Maskil of David, When the Ziphim came and said to Saul, Behold, David is hiding himself with us." O God, by thy name save me, and by thy strength grant me

despise. 18 Do good in thy favor unto Zion; build justice. 2 O God, hear my prayer; give ear to the (Selah) 4 Behold. God is a helper unto me: the Lord is among those that uphold my soul. 5 He will cause the evil to return upon those that regard me with envy: in thy truth cut them off. 6 I will liberally sacrifice unto thee: I will give thanks unto thy name, O Lord; for it is good. 7 For out of all distress hath he delivered me: and my eye hath seen [its desire] on my enemies.

55 "To the chief musician on Neginoth, a Maskil of David." Give ear, O God, to my prayer, and (Selah) 4 Thou lovest all words of destruction, the hide not thyself from my supplication. 2 Listen unto tongue of deceit. 5 [Therefore] God will also destroy me, and answer me: I mourn in my grief, and moan; thee for ever: he will take thee away, and pluck thee 3 Because of the voice of the enemy, because of the oppression of the wicked; for they cast wrong (Selah) 6 And the righteous shall see it, and they will upon me, and in wrath they attack me. 4 My heart be afraid, and laugh concerning him: 7 "Lo, this is the is sorely pained within me, and the terrors of death man that made not God his fortress; but trusted in are fallen upon me. 5 Fearfulness and trembling are the abundance of his riches, relied proudly on his come upon me, and shuddering hath covered me. 6 mischievous wickedness." 8 But I am like a green And I said, Oh that some one would give me wings like a dove! I would fly away and dwell [quietly]. 7 Lo. I would flee far away. I would spend my night in the because thou hast done it: and I will wait on thy wilderness. (Selah) 8 I would prepare hastily a refuge for me from the sweeping wind [and] from storm. 9 Destroy, O Lord, divide their tongue; for I have seen violence and strife in the city; 10 Day and night do these encompass it upon her walls: and wrong and trouble are in her midst. 11 Mischief is in her midst: guile and deceit depart not from her streets. 12 For it is not an enemy that reproached me; then I could bear it: not he that hateth me hath magnified himself against me: then I would have hidden myself from him: 13 But it is thou, a man my equal, my quide, and my acquaintance; 14 So that we took sweet secret counsel together, and walked unto the house of God in tumultuous company. 15 Let him dispense death over them; let them go down alive into the nether world; for evil is in their dwelling, in the midst of them. (Sheol h7585) 16 I, however, will call on God: and the Lord will save me. 17 At evening and morning and noon will I make my complaint and moan: and he heareth my voice.— 18 He delivereth my soul in peace from the battle against me; for in multitudes are they [contending] with me. 19 God will hear, and humble them—yea, he that sitteth enthroned from the oldest time Selah—those who dread no changes, and fear not God. 20 He stretcheth out his hands against those at peace with him: he violateth his covenant. 21

The creamy words of his mouth are smooth, yet there above all the earth let thy glory be. 6 A net have they is war [in] his heart; his words are softer than oil, yet prepared for my steps; my soul hath been bent down; are they drawn swords. 22 Cast thy burden upon the they have dug before me a pit; they are fallen into the Lord, and he will sustain thee; he will never suffer the midst thereof, (Selah) 7 Firm is my heart. O God, firm righteous to be moved. 23 But thou. O God, thou wilt is my heart; I will sing and play. 8 Awake, my spirit; bring them down into the pit of destruction: let not the awake, psaltery and harp: I will wake up the morningmen of blood and deceit live out half their days; but I dawn. 9 I will thank thee among the people, O Lord: I will indeed trust in thee.

**56** "To the chief musician upon Jonath-elemrechokim, by David, a Michtham, when the Philistines seized him in Gath." Be gracious unto me, O God; for man longeth to swallow me up; all the time he oppresseth me fighting. 2 Those that regard me with envy long to swallow [me] up all the time; for that I may walk before God in the light of the life.

**57** "To the chief musician, Al-tashcheth, by David, a Michtham, when he fled from Saul, in the unto me; for in thee my soul seeketh protection, and

will sing praises unto thee among the nations. 10 For great, even unto the heavens, is thy kindness, and even unto the skies [extendeth] thy truth. 11 Be thou exalted above the heavens, O God: above all the earth let thy glory be.

**58** "To the chief musician Al-tashcheth, by David, a Michtham." Do you indeed, who are dumb, many are they that fight against me, O thou Most speak righteously? do ye judge in uprightness. O ve High. 3 The day [when] I am afraid, I will still trust in sons of men? 2 Even in [your] heart ye work injustice: thee. 4 In God will I praise his word, in God I have put on the earth do ye weigh out the violence of your my trust; I will not be afraid: what can flesh do unto hands. 3 The wicked are estranged [from goodness] me? 5 All the day they wrest my words: against me from the womb: those who speak lies go astray from are all their thoughts for evil. 6 They come together their very birth. 4 They have poison like the poison of in troops, they hide themselves, they are those that a serpent: [they are] like the deaf adder that stoppeth watch my heels, as though they hoped [to take] my her ear; 5 Which will not hearken to the voice of soul. 7 Because of their wrong-doing let me escape conjurers, yea, that of the wisest of all charmers. from them: in anger cast down the people, O God. 8 6 O God, break out their teeth in their mouth: the My wanderings hast thou well numbered: put thou my jaw-teeth of the young lions tear thou out. O Lord. tears into thy bottle; behold, they are numbered by 7 Let them melt away as water [which] runneth off: thee. 9 Then shall my enemies retire backward on the when each one bendeth [his bow to shoot] his arrows. day when I call [on thee]: this I know-that God is for let them be as if cut in pieces. 8 As a snail which me. 10 In God will I praise the word: in the Lord will I melteth, let him pass away; like the untimely birth of a praise the word. 11 In God have I put my trust; I will woman which hath not seen the sun. 9 Before your not be afraid: what can man do unto me? 12 Upon pots can feel the thorns, will he take them away with me, O God, [rest] thy vows: I will pay thanksgiving a whirlwind, both the green and the burning. 10 The offerings unto thee. 13 For thou hast delivered my righteous will rejoice when he seeth the vengeance: soul from death—yea, behold, my feet from slipping, he will bathe his steps in the blood of the wicked. 11 So that a man shall say. Verily fruit will come for the righteous: verily there is a God that judgeth on the earth.

cave." Be gracious unto me, O God, be gracious **50** "To the chief musician, Al-tashcheth, by David, a Michtham, when Saul sent, and they watched under the shadow of thy wings will I seek protection, the house to put him to death." Deliver me from until the mischief be passed away. 2 I will call unto my enemies, O my God: defend me from them that God, the Most High; unto God that accomplisheth rise up against me. 2 Deliver me from the workers This kindness] on me. 3 He will send from heaven, of wickedness, and from men of blood do thou and save me, though he that longeth to swallow me save me. 3 For, lo, they lie in wait for my soul, the up utter reproach. (Selah) God will send forth his mighty are gathered in troops against me: not for my kindness and his truth. 4 My soul is in the midst of transgression, nor for my sin, O Lord. 4 Without guilt lions; I lie down [in the midst of those that send [in me] they run and make themselves ready: awake, out flames, [those] sons of men, whose teeth are [come] toward me, and behold. 5 And thou, O Lord spears and arrows, and whose tongue is a sharpened God of hosts, the God of Israel, awake to punish sword. 5 Be thou exalted above the heavens, O God: all the nations: be not gracious to any treacherous

in their lips: for who, [say they, ] doth hear? 8 But will tread down our assailants. thou. O Lord, wilt laugh at theme: thou wilt hold in derision all the nations. 9 Because of [the enemy's] strength will I wait upon thee; for God is my defence. 10 The God who showeth me kindness will go before me: God will let me see [my desire] upon those who regard me with envy. 11 Slay them not, that my people may not forget: drive them about by thy power; and bring them down, thou our shield, O Lord. 12 The sin of their mouth is the word of their lips: let them be caught through their pride, because of the cursing and lying which they relate. 13 Make an end in fury, make an end [of them], that they my be no more, and let them know that God ruleth in Jacob, as far as the ends of the earth. (Selah) 14 And they will return in the evening; they will howl like dogs, and go round about the city. 15 They will indeed roam about after something to eat, if they be not satisfied, so that they can be at rest. 16 But I will truly sing of thy strength; yea, I will sing joyfully in the morning of thy kindness; for thou hast been a defence unto me and a refuge on the day when I was distressed. 17 Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing; for God is my defence, the God of my kindness.

60 "To the chief musician upon Shushan'eduth, a Michtham of David, to teach, When he fought with Aram-naharayim, and with Aram-zobah, and Joab returned, and smote of Edom in the Salt Valley twelve thousand [men]." O God, thou hast cast us off, thou hast made a breach in us, thou hast been displeased: restore now unto us [thy favor]. 2 Thou hast caused the earth to quake: thou hast split it: heal her breaches; for she is moved. 3 Thou hast caused thy people to see hard things: thou hast made us to drink the wine of confusion. 4 Thou hast given to those that fear thee a banner, to elevate themselves, because of the truth. (Selah) 5 In order that thy beloved may be delivered: help with thy right hand, and answer me. 6 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult, I will divide Shechem, and the valley of Succoth will I measure out. 7 Mine is Gil'ad, and mine is Menasseh: Ephraim also is the strong-hold of my head: of Judah are my chiefs: 8 Moab is my washpot: upon Edom will I cast my shoe: Philistia, triumph thou but over me. 9 Who will bring me into the fortified

wicked one. (Selah) 6 They will return at evening; God, goest not forth with our armies. 11 Give us help they will howl like dogs, and go round about the city. against the assailant; for vain is the help of man. 12 7 Behold, they sputter with their mouth; swords are Through God shall we do valiantly; and he it is that

> **61** "To the chief musician upon Neginah, by David." Hear, O God, my entreaty; listen to 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 too high for me. 3 For thou hast been a shelter unto me, a strong tower against the enemy. 4 Let me sojourn in thy tent to all eternity; let me be sheltered under the covert of thy wings. (Selah) 5 For thou, O God, hast truly listened to my vows: thou hast given back the heritage of those that fear thy name. 6 Oh, add days unto the king's days: may his years be as of many generations. 7 May he abide for ever before God: ordain that kindness and truth may guard him. 8 So will I sing praise unto thy name for ever, that I may pay my vows day by day.

> 62 "To the chief musician, upon Jeduthun, a psalm of David." Only in God my soul trusted in silence: from him cometh my salvation. 2 Only he is my rock and my salvation; [he is] my defense: I shall not be greatly moved. 3 How long will ye devise mischief against a man? will ye all assault him murderously, as though he were a falling wall, a tottering fence? 4 Yea, from his height do they take counsel to cast [him] down; they delight in lies: with their mouth do they bless, but inwardly do they curse. (Selah) 5 Yea, in God hope in silence, my soul; for from him is my expectation. 6 Only he is my rock and my salvation; [he is] my defence: I shall not be moved. 7 With God are my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength [and] my protection are in God. 8 Trust in him at all times. O ve people; pour out before him your heart: God is a protection for us. (Selah) 9 Verily nought are the sons of common men, a lie the sons of the great; they must rise in the balance; they are altogether [lighter] than nought. 10 Do not put your trust in defrauding, and be not rendered vain through robbery: if riches flourish, set not your heart [upon them]. 11 Once hath God spoken; [yea, ] twice [what] I have heard: that strength belongeth unto God. 12 And unto thee, O Lord, belongeth kindness; for thou wilt recompense every man according to his works.

63 "A psalm of David, when he was in the wilderness of Judah." O God, thou art my God; early will I city? who will lead me as far as Edom? 10 Behold, it seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth is thou, O God, who hast cast us off; and thou, O for thee in a dry land, and it is faint without water. 2

falsehood shall be stopped.

64 "To the chief musician, a psalm of David." Hear 66 "To the chief musician, a song or psalm." Shout my voice, O God, in my complaint: preserve the upright in heart shall glorify themselves.

65 "To the chief musician, a psalm [and] sond of David." For thee praise is waiting, O God, in Zion: and unto thee shall vows be paid. 2 O thou that hearest prayer, unto thee all flesh shall come. 3 The iniquitous things have become too mighty for me: our transgressions—these wilt thou wipe away. 4 Happy is he whom thou choosest, and causest to approach, that he may dwell in thy courts: let us be satisfied with the happiness of thy house, the holiness of thy temple. 5 With terrific deeds in righteousness wilt thou answer us, O God of our salvation, who art the confidence of all the ends of the earth, and of

As I have beheld thee in the sanctuary, seeing thy the sea, that are far away; 6 Who setteth firmly the strength and thy glory; 3 Because thy kindness is mountains by his power, who is girded with might; 7 better than life, my lips shall praise thee: 4 Thus will I. Who assuageth the roaring of the seas, the roaring of bless thee while I live: in thy name will I lift up my their waves, and the tumult of nations. 8 And they that hands. 5 As with fat and marrow will my soul be dwell in the uttermost parts are afraid of thy wondrous satisfied; and with tuneful lips shall my mouth praise signs: the outgoings of the morning and evening thou thee. 6 When I remember thee upon my couch, I causest to rejoice. 9 Thou hast thought of the earth, meditate on thee in the night-watches. 7 Because and waterest her abundantly: thou greatly enrichest thou hast been a help unto me; and in the shadow of her; the brook of God is full of water: thou preparest thy wings will I sing rejoicingly. 8 My soul cleaveth their corn, when thou hast thus prepared her. 10 unto following thee: me thy right hand upholdeth. 9 Watering her furrows abundantly, smoothing down But those that seek my soul, to destroy it, shall go her ridges, thou softenest her with showers; thou down into the lowest deeps of the earth. 10 They blessest her growth. 11 Thou hast crowned the year shall be delivered up to the power of the sword; they of thy goodness; and thy tracks drop fatness: 12 The shall become a prev for jackals. 11 But the king shall pastures of the wilderness are dropping [with plenty]: rejoice in God; every one that sweareth by him shall, and the hills are girt with gladness. 13 The meadows glorify himself; for the mouth of those that speak are clothed with flocks, and the valleys are enveloped with corn: men shout for iov. [vea. ] they also sing.

joyfully unto God, all ye lands: 2 Sing forth my life from the dread of the enemy. 2 Hide me from the glory of his name; make glorious his praise. 3 the secret counsel of evil-doers, from the tumultuous Say unto God, How fear-inspiring is every one of thy assault of the workers of wickedness; 3 Who whet works! through the greatness of thy strength will thy their tongue like a sword, who aim with their arrow, enemies yield feigned obedience unto thee. 4 All the bitter word: 4 To shoot in secret at the innocent; the lands shall bow themselves down unto thee, and suddenly do they shoot at him, and fear not, 5 They shall sing praises unto thee; they shall sing praises encourage themselves in an evil plan; they tell secretly to thy name, (Selah) 5 Come and see the deeds of of laying snares: they say, Who will see them? 6 They God: fear-inspiring is his doing toward the children of search out iniquities; "We are ready with the carefully men. 6 He changed the sea into dry land: through searched out device:" and the inward thought and the river they went on foot: there did we rejoice in heart of each is deeply [hidden]. 7 But God shooteth him. 7 He ruleth by his might for ever; his eyes look at them suddenly [his] arrow; —[thence] are come upon the nations: the rebellious—these shall not be their wounds. 8 And their own tongues will stumble exalted. (Selah) 8 Bless, O ye people, our God, and over themselves: all that look on them will shake their cause the voice of his praise to be heard: 9 Who hath head. 9 All men shall fear, and shall declare the deeds appointed our soul to life, and hath not suffered our of God, and understand his works. 10 The righteous foot to slip. 10 For thou hast proved us. O God: thou shall rejoice in the Lord, and shall trust in him: and all hast refined us, as silver is refined. 11 Thou hast brought us into the net; thou hast placed fetters upon our loins. 12 Thou hast caused men to ride on our head: we entered into fire and into water: but thou broughtest us out to [the enjoyment] of overflowing plenty, a 13 I will enter thy house with burnt-offerings: I will pay unto thee my vows, 14 Which my lips have uttered, and my mouth hath spoken, when I was in distress. 15 Burnt-offerings of fatlings will I offer up unto thee, with the incense of rams: I will prepare steers with he-goats. (Selah) 16 Come, hear, and I will relate, all ve that fear God, what he hath done for my soul. 17 Unto him I cried with my mouth, and a song of extolling was on my tongue. 18 If I had

nor his kindness from me.

"To the chief musician on Neginoth, a psalm or song." May God be gracious unto us, and bless us: may he cause his face to shine upon us. (Selah) 2 That upon earth men may know thy way, among all nations thy salvation. 3 The people will thank thee, O God; the people, all of them together, will thank thee. 4 Nations will rejoice and sing for joy: when thou judgest the people righteously, and guidest the nations upon earth. (Selah) 5 The people will thank thee, O God; the people, all of them together, will thank thee. 6 The earth yieldeth her products: [yea, ] God, our own God, bless us. 7 God will bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.

armies flee away—flee away: yet she that tarried at power unto [thy] people. Blessed be God. home divideth the spoil. 13 When ye lie still between the folds [of your cattle], [ye will be like] the wings of the dove covered with sliver, and her pinions shining with flaming gold. 14 When the Almighty scattered

looked on wickedness with my heart, the Lord would kings in the midst of her, then even in darkness shone not have heard; 19 But verily God hath heard; he light [as pure] as snow. 15 A mountain of God is the hath listened to the voice of my prayer. 20 Blessed be mount of Bashan; many peaks hath the mount of God, who hath not removed my prayer [from him]. Bashan, 16 Why watch ve enviously, ve many-peaked mountains, vonder mountain which God hath chosen for his residence? yea, the Lord will also dwell [there] for ever. 17 The chariots of God are two myriads; thousands of angels [follow him]: the Lord is among them: so is Sinai holy [among mountains]. 18 Thou didst ascend on high, lead away captives, receive gifts among men, yea, even the rebellious, to dwell among them. O Lord God. 19 Blessed be the Lord; day by day he loadeth us [with benefits]; our God is our salvation. (Selah) 20 Our God is to us the God of salvation: and by the Eternal the Lord are the escapes from death. 21 But God will crush the head of his enemies, the hairy skull of him who walketh in his quiltiness. 22 The Lord hath said. From Bashan will I bring back, I will bring back from the depths of 68 "To the chief musician, by David, a Psalm the sea: 23 In order that thou mayest wade with thy or song." Oh that God would arise, that his feet in blood, feeding the tongue of thy dogs from enemies might be scattered, and those that hate him the enemies' blood. 24 Men see thy goings forth, O might flee before him. 2 As smoke is driven off, so God! the goings forth of my God, my King, into the drive them away: as wax melteth before the fire, sanctuary. 25 First come singers, then follow players so let the wicked perish at the presence of God. on instruments, in the midst of maidens playing on 3 But the righteous shall rejoice; they shall exult timbrels. 26 In assemblies bless ye God, [praise] before God: yea, they shall be exceedingly joyful. the Lord, ye sprung from Israel's fountain. 27 There 4 Sing unto God, sing praises to his name; extol Benjamin the youngest leadeth them on, the princes him who rideth upon the heavens: the Everlasting of Judah in purple robes, the princes of Zebulun, the is his name, and rejoice before him. 5 A father of princes of Naphtali. 28 Thy God hath ordained the rule the fatherless, and a judge of the widows, is God to thee: strengthen, O God, what thou hast wrought in his holy habitation. 6 God places those who are for us. 29 Because of thy temple over Jerusalem solitary in the midst of their families: he bringeth shall kings bring presents unto thee. 30 Rebuke the out those who are bound unto happiness; but the wild beasts hiding among the reeds, the troops of rebellious dwell in a dry land. 7 O God, when thou steers among the calves of nations, that hasten along didst go forth before thy people, when thou didst tread with presents of silver. He scattereth nations that along through the wilderness-Selah- 8 The earth are eager for the fight. 31 Nobles will come out of quaked, also the heavens dropped at the presence Egypt; Ethiopia will stretch forth eagerly her hands of God, yea, this Sinai, at the presence of God, the unto God, 32 Kingdoms of the earth, sing unto God; God of Israel. 9 Rain of beneficence didst thou pour sing praises unto the Lord: (Selah) 33 To him who down, O God, whereby thou didst truly strengthen rideth over the highest heavens, of ancient days: thy heritage, when it was weary. 10 Thy assembly hear! he sendeth forth his voice, the voice of might. dwelt therein: thou didst prepare it with thy goodness 34 Ascribe ye strength unto God: his excellency is for the afflicted [people]. O God, 11 The Lord gave over Israel, and his strength is in the skies. 35 Thou [happy] tidings; they are published by the female art tremendous, O God, from thy holy residences: O messengers, a numerous host. 12 The kings of the God of Israel, [thou art] he that givest strength and

> $\mathbf{69}$  "To the chief musician upon Shoshannim, by David." Save me, O God; for the waters are come even to threaten my life. 2 I am sunk in the

come into the depths of the waters, and the flood thy righteousness. 28 Let them be blotted out of the overfloweth me. 3 I am weary of my calling: my throat book of the living; and with the righteous let them is hoarse; my eyes fail, while I hope for my God. 4 not be written down. 29 But I am poor and suffering: More than the hairs of my head are those that hate let thy salvation, O God, set me up on high, 30 I will me without a cause; numerous are those that would praise the name of God with song, and will magnify destroy me, that are my enemies wrongfully: what I him with thanksgiving. 31 And this will please the Lord have not robbed shall I now restore. 5 O God, thou art better than an ox or bullock having horns and cloven well aware of my folly, and my guilty deeds are from hoofs. 32 The meek will see this, and be rejoiced: ye thee not hidden. 6 Let not those that wait on thee, O that seek God, and your heart shall revive. 33 For the Lord Eternal of hosts, be made ashamed through me: Lord listeneth unto the needy, and his prisoners he let not those that seek thee be confounded through despiseth not. 34 Let heaven and earth praise him, me, O God of Israel, 7 Because for thy sake have I the seas, and every thing that moveth therein, 35 For borne reproach, hath confusion covered my face. 8 A God will save Zion, and will build the cities of Judah: stranger am I become unto my brothers, and an alien that they may abide there, and have it in possession: unto my mother's children. 9 Because the zeal for 36 And the seed of his servants shall inherit it: and thy house hath devoured me; and the reproaches of they that love his name shall dwell therein. those that reproached thee are fallen upon me. 10 When I wept at the fasting of my soul, it became a reproach to me. 11 And when I made sackcloth my garment, I became a proverb to them. 12 Those that sit in the gate talk against me; and [about me make] songs the drinkers of strong drink. 13 But as for me, I direct my prayer unto thee, O Lord, in a time of favor: O God, in the multitude of thy kindness: answer me in the truth of thy salvation. 14 Deliver me out of the mire, that I may not sink: let me be delivered from those that hate me, and out of the depths of the waters. 15 Let not the flood of waters overflow me, and let not the deep swallow me up, and let not the pit close its mouth upon me. 16 Answer me. O Lord; for thy kindness is good: according to the multitude of thy mercies turn thou unto me. 17 And do thou deliver me and release me: incline thy ear hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am in distress: unto me, and save me. 3 Be thou unto me a rocky make haste and answer me. 18 Draw nigh unto my habitation, whereunto I may continually resort, which soul, and redeem it: because of my enemies do thou thou hast ordained to save me; for my rock and my ransom me. 19 Thou well knowest my reproach, and strong-hold art thou. 4 O my God, release me out my shame, and my confusion; before thee are all my of the hand of the wicked, out of the grasp of the assailants. 20 Reproach hath broken my heart; and I unrighteous and violent man. 5 For thou art my hope. am sick; and I waited for pity, but there was none; and O Lord Eternal: thou art my trust from my youth. 6 By for comforters, but I found none. 21 And they put into thee have I been supported from my birth: thou art he my food gall; and in my thirst they give me vinegar that took me out of my mother's womb: of thee is to drink. 22 May [then] their table become a snare my praise continually. 7 As a wonderful token have I before them: and to those that are at peace, a trap. been unto many; but thou art my strong refuge. 8 23 May their eyes become dark, that they cannot see; My mouth shall be filled with thy praise, and with thy and make their loins continually to waver. 24 Pour glory all the day. 9 Cast me not off in the time of old out over them thy indignation, and let the heat of thy age: when my strength faileth, forsake me not. 10 For anger overtake them. 25 May their palace become my enemies speak of me; and they that watch for desolate; in their tents let no one dwell. 26 For whom my soul take counsel together. 11 Saving, "God hath thou hast smitten they persecute; and of the pain of forsaken him; pursue and seize him; for there is none

mire of the deep, where there is no standing; I am Lay quilt upon their quilt; and let them not come into

70 "To the chief musician, by David, to bring to remembrance." O God, [arise] to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me. 2 Let those that seek after my life be made ashamed and put to the blush: let those that desire my unhappiness be turned backward and put to confusion. 3 Let them be turned backward in consequence of their shame, that say, Aha, aha, 4 Let all those that seek thee be glad and rejoice in thee: and let such as love thy salvation say continually, God is great. 5 But I am poor and needy, O God: come hastily unto me; my help and my deliverer art thou: O Lord, do not delay.

**71** In thee, O Lord, do I put my trust; let me never be made ashamed. 2 In thy righteousness those whom thou but wounded do they converse. 27 to deliver." 12 O God, be not far from me: O my God,

from the depths of the earth wilt thou bring me up ended the prayers of David the son of Jesse. again. 21 Thou wilt increase my greatness, and wilt turn round and comfort me. 22 Also I, I will thank thee 73 BOOK THIRD: "A Psalm of Assaph." Truly God with the psaltery, [for] thy truth, O my God: I will sing unto thee with the harp. O thou Holy One of Israel. 23 My lips shall shout joyfully when I sing unto thee; and my soul [too], which thou hast redeemed. 24 Also my tongue shall speak all the day of thy righteousness: for ashamed, for put to the blush are those that seek my unhappiness.

72 "By Solomon." O God, give unto the king thy decisions, and thy righteousness unto the king's son. 2 He shall decide for thy people with righteousness, and for thy afflicted with justice. 3 The mountains shall bear peace for the people, and the hills [the same], through righteousness. 4 He shall judge the afflicted of the people, he shall give help to the children of the needy; but he shall crush the oppressor. 5 They shall fear thee as long as the sun shineth, and in the presence of the moon, throughout all generations. 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown grass, as showers which are dropping on the earth. 7 In his days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace [shall be] till the moon shall be no more. 8 And he shall have dominion from sea to sea. and from the river unto the ends of the earth. 9 Before him shall bend down those that dwell in the wilderness; and his enemies shall lick the dust. 10 The kings of Tharshish and of the isles shall bring presents: the kings of Sheba and Seba shall offer gifts. 11 Yea, there shall bow down before him all kings: all nations shall serve him. 12 For he will deliver

hasten to my help. 13 Let those be made ashamed, let the needy when he crieth; the afflicted also, who hath them perish, that are adversaries to my soul: let those no helper. 13 He will spare the poor and needy; and be covered with reproach and dishonor that seek my the souls of the needy will be assist. 14 From wrong unhappiness. 14 But I will continually hope, and will and violence will he deliver their soul; and precious add yet more to all thy praise. 15 My mouth shall shall their blood be in his eyes, 15 And he shall live: relate thy righteousness, all the day thy salvation; for and he will give him of the gold of Sheba: and he I know not their numbers. 16 I will come to praise the will pray in his behalf continually; all the time will he mighty deeds of the Lord Eternal: I will make mention bless him. 16 There shall be an abundance of corn of thy righteousness, yea, thine only. 17 O God, thou in the land; upon the top of the mountains its fruit hast taught me from my youth: and hitherto I ever tell shall shake like [the trees of] Lebanon; and [men] of thy wondrous deeds. 18 Therefore also even in old shall blossom out of the city like herbs of the earth. age, and when I am grayheaded, O God, forsake 17 His name will endure for ever; in the presence of me not: until I have told of thy strength unto [this] the sun his name shall flourish: and men shall bless generation, to every one that may come of thy might, themselves with him; all nations shall call him happy. 19 And thy righteousness, O God, reacheth even to 18 Blessed be the Lord the God, the God of Israel. the height, thou, who hast done great things: O God, who alone doth wondrous things. 19 And blessed he who is like thee! 20 Thou, who hast shown me great his glorious name for ever; and with his glory may the distresses and misfortunes, wilt again revive me; and whole earth be filled; Amen, and Amen, 20 Here are

> is good to Israel, to such as are pure of heart. 2 But as for me, it lacked but little that my feet had been moved: almost nothing was needed that my steps had slipped. 3 For I was envious at the arrogant, when I saw the prosperity of the wicked. 4 For there are no deadly fetters for them, but their strength is firm. 5 They share not in the trouble of mortals, and with men are they not afflicted. 6 Therefore is pride their neckchain: violence envelopeth them as a garment. 7 Their eves start out from fatness: they have exceeded their heart's imaginings. 8 They scorn, and speak wickedly of oppression: loftily do they speak. 9 They set their mouth in the heavens, and their tongue walketh busily on the earth. 10 Therefore do his people turn away hither: and waters of a full cup are drained by them. 11 And they say, How should God know? and is there knowledge in the Most High? 12 Behold, these are the wicked; and yet prospering continually they increase in wealth. 13 Verily in vain have I thus cleansed my heart, and have washed in innocency my hands: 14 While I was afflicted all the day, and my chastisement [came] every morning. 15 But if I were to say, I will speak thus; behold, I would be treacherous against the generation of thy children. 16 And when I should think to know this, it would be trouble in my eyes; 17 Until I enter into the sanctuary of God; and understand what their future will be. 18 Surely thou placest them on slippery spots: thou lettest them fall down into destruction. 19 How are they brought into desolation, as in a moment! they

perish, they come to their end with terrific events, 20 It is thou who hast set up all the boundaries of the As a dream after awaking, O Lord, reject thou in wrath earth: summer and winter—thou thyself hast formed their image, 21 For it fermented in my heart, and in my them, 18 Remember this, that the enemy hath defied reins I felt sharp thrusts: 22 But I was indeed foolish, the Lord, and that a worthless foolish people have and I knew it not: I was as a [thoughtless] beast with blasphemed thy name. 19 Oh give not up unto the thee. 23 Nevertheless I am continually with thee: thou multitude of enemies the soul of thy turtle-dove: the hast seized hold of me by my right hand. 24 With thy congregation of thy afflicted do not thou forget for counsel wilt thou guide me, and afterward take me on ever. 20 Look unto the covenant; for the dark places to glory. 25 Whom have I in heaven? and beside thee of the earth are full of habitations of violence. 21 I desire nothing upon earth. 26 Though my flesh and Oh let not the oppressed return confounded: let the my heart should fall; yet the rock of my heart, and my poor and needy praise thy name. 22 Arise, O God, portion will be God for ever. 27 For, lo, those that are plead thy own cause: remember thy defiance from far from thee shall perish; thou destroyest every one the worthless fool all the day. 23 Forget not the voice that strayeth away from thee. 28 But as regardeth me. of thy adversaries; the tumult of those that rise up to draw near to God is good for me: I have put in the against thee ascendeth continually. Lord Eternal my trust, that I may relate all thy works.

71 "A Maskil of Assaph." Why, O God, hast thou cast us off for ever? why will thy anger smoke against the flock of thy pasture? 2 Remember thy congregation, which thou didst acquire of old; which thou didst redeem as the tribe of thy inheritance: this mount Zion, whereon thou hast dwelt. 3 Lift up thy steps unto the perpetual heaps of ruins: the enemy hath ill-used every thing in the sanctuary. 4 Thy adversaries have roared in the midst of thy places of assembly: they have set up their signs for signs. 5 [The enemy] is known as one that lifteth up high axes against the thickets of a forest. 6 And now they hew in pieces the carved work thereof altogether with hatchets and hammers. 7 They have set on fire thy sanctuary; to the ground have they profaned the dwelling-place of thy name. 8 They have said in their heart, We will oppress them altogether: they have burnt up all the places of assembly of God in the land. 9 Our signs do we not see: there is no more any prophet: and there is no one among us that knoweth how long. 10 How long, O God, shall the adversary utter defiance? shall the enemy blaspheme thy name for ever? 11 Why withdrawest thou thy hand, and thy right hand? [draw it] out of thy bosom-exterminate [them]; 12 Since [thou] God art my King from olden days, working salvation in the midst of the earth. 13 It was thou that didst divide by thy strength the sea: thou brokest in pieces the heads of the crocodiles on the waters. 14 Thou didst crush the heads of leviathan, and gavest them as food to the people inhabiting the wilderness. 15 Thou didst cleave fountain and stream: thou didst dry up ever-flowing rivers. 16 Thine is the day and thine is the night: it is thou who hast prepared the luminary and the sun. 17

**75** "To the chief musician, Al-tashcheth, a psalm or song of Asaph." We give thanks unto thee, O God, we give thanks, and nigh is thy name: men relate thy wondrous deeds. 2 "For I will take up a fixed time when I will judge uprightly. 3 The earth and all her inhabitants are melting away: I myself establish firmly her pillars." (Selah) 41 said unto the arrogant, Deal not arrogantly: and to the wicked, Lift not up the horn. 5 Lift not up on high your horn, speak not with a stiffly erect neck. 6 For neither from the rising [of the sun], nor from [his] setting, nor from the wilderness of mountains [cometh this]; 7 But God is the judge: he lowereth one, and lifteth up another, 8 For there is a cup in the hand of the Lord, and the wine foameth, it is full of mixture; and he poureth out of the same; but its lees they drain, they drink-all the wicked of the earth. 9 But I will declare for ever, I will sing praises to the God of Jacob. 10 And all the horns of the wicked will I hew off; but the horns of the righteous shall be exalted.

**76** "To the chief musician on Neginoth, a psalm or song of Assaph." In Judah hath God been made known: in Israel is his name great, 2 And in Salem was his tabernacle made, and his dwelling-place in Zion. 3 There broke he the shining arrows of the bow, shield, and sword, and battle, (Selah) 4 Thou art more brilliant, more excellent than the mountains Ifull of prev. 5 Bereft of reason are the stouthearted. they slumber their sleep; and none of the men of might have found [the use of] their hands. 6 From thy rebuke, O God of Jacob, lie in deep sleep both chariot and horse. 7 Thou—thou art to be feared: and who may stand in thy sight when once thy anger [is kindled]? 8 From heaven hast thou caused [thv] sentence to be heard: the earth feared, and became

still, 9 When God rose to judgment, to save all the related unto us. 4 We will not conceal them from their lowly of the earth. (Selah) 10 For the fury of man shall children, relating to the latest generation the praises praise thee: the remainder of the fury wilt thou gird of the Lord, and his strength, and his wonderful about thee. 11 Make vows, and pay [them] unto the deeds which he hath done. 5 Yea, he established Lord your God, all ye that are round about him: let a testimony in Jacob, and instituted a law in Israel, men bring presents unto him that exciteth fear. 12 He which he commanded our fathers, that they should will cut down the spirit of the powerful: he is terrible to make them known to their children: 6 In order that the the kings of the earth.

**77** "To the chief musician on Jeduthun, by Assaph a psalm." [I lift up] my voice unto God, and I cry; [I lilt up] my voice unto God: do then give ear unto me. 2 On the day of my distress I sought the Lord: in the night my hand was stretched out, and did not cease: my soul refused to be comforted. 3 I think of God, and moan: I reflect, and my spirit is overwhelmed. (Selah) 4 Thou holdest my eves awake: I am troubled and I cannot speak. 5 I think over the days of old, the years of ancient times. 6 I call to remembrance my song in the night; with my own heart I reflect: and my spirit maketh diligent search. 7 Will the Lord cast me off for ever? and will he never more give his favor again? 8 Is his kindness spent for ever? is his promise come to an end for all generations? 9 Hath God forgotten to be gracious? or hath he shut up in anger his mercies? (Selah) 10 And I said, This shall be my entreaty, [for] the years of the right hand of the Most High. 11 I will remember the deeds of the Lord; for I will remember out of ancient times thy wonders. 12 I will meditate also of all thy work, and on thy deeds will I reflect. 13 O God, in holiness is thy way: where is there a god so great as God? 14 Thou art the God that dost wonders: thou hast made known among the people thy strength. 15 Thou hast redeemed with [a mighty] arm thy people, the sons of Jacob and Joseph. (Selah) 16 The waters saw thee, O God, the waters saw thee; they shook: also the depths trembled. 17 The clouds poured out water; the skies sent forth thunder: also thy arrows sped along. 18 The voice of thy thunder was in the whirlwind; lightnings gave light to the world; the earth trembled and guaked. 19 Through the sea led thy way, and thy path was through mighty waters, and thy footsteps could not be known. 20 Thou didst lead like a flock thy people by means of Moses and Aaron.

**78** "A Maskil of Assaph." Give ear, O my people, to my instruction: incline thy ear to the words of my mouth. 2 I will open with a parable my mouth: I will utter riddles out of ancient times; 3 Which we have heard and know, and which our fathers have

latest generation might know them, even the children that are to be born; that they may arise and relate them to their children; 7 That they may place in God their hope, and not forget the doings of God, but observe his commandments; 8 And that they may not be like their fathers, a stubborn and rebellious generation: a generation that had not directed their heart firmly, and whose spirit was not faithful to God. 9 The children of Ephraim, like well-armed archers, that turn round on the day of battle, 10 Kept not the covenant of God, and in his law they refused to walk; 11 And they forgot his deeds, as also his wonders, which he had permitted them to see. 12 In the presence of their fathers did he do wonders, in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zo'an. 13 He divided the sea, and caused them to pass through: and he made the waters stand upright as a wall. 14 And he led them with the cloud by day, and all the night with a light of fire. 15 He split rocks in the wilderness, and gave them drink as out of the mighty deep. 16 And he brought forth running streams out of the rock, and caused water to run down like rivers. 17 But they repeated to sin yet more against him, rebelling against the Most High in the desert. 18 And they tempted God in their heart, by asking food for their desire. 19 Yea, they spoke against God: they said. Will God be able to set in order a table in the wilderness? 20 Behold, he smote the rock, so that waters gushed out, and streams overflowed: shall he also be able to give bread? or can he provide flesh for his people? 21 Therefore, when the Lord heard this, he became wroth: and a fire was kindled against Jacob, and anger also ascended against Israel, 22 Because they had not believed in God, and had not trusted in his salvation. 23 Then he ordained the skies from above, and the doors of heaven he opened; 24 And he let rain down upon them manna to eat, and the corn of heaven gave he unto them. 25 Angels' bread did man eat: he sent them provision to satisfaction. 26 He caused an east wind to pass along the heavens; and he led forth by his strength the south wind. 27 And he let rain upon them flesh [as plentiful] as the dust, and winged birds like the sand of the sea; 28 And he let them fall in the midst

they ate, and were greatly satisfied, and what they 56 Yet they tempted and rebelled against the most longed for he brought unto them. 30 They were not high God, and his testimonies they kept not: 57 But estranged from their longing, yet was their food in swerved aside, and dealt unfaithfully like their fathers; their mouth: 31 When the wrath of God ascended they turned about like a deceitful bow. 58 And they against them, and he slew some of the fattest of provoked him to anger with their high-places, and them, and the young men of Israel did he strike down. with their graven images they moved him to jealousy. 32 With all this they sinned again, and believed not in 59 God heard this, and he became wroth, and felt his wonders. 33 Therefore he caused their days to greatly disgusted with Israel; 60 And he cast off the come to an end in nought, and their years in dread. dwelling at Shiloh, the tabernacle where he had dwelt 34 When he slew them, then did they seek him, and among men; 61 And he gave up his strength unto they returned and inquired earnestly after God. 35 captivity, and his glory into the adversary's hand. 62 And they remembered that God was their rock, and And he surrendered his people unto the sword; and the most high God their redeemer. 36 Nevertheless with his inheritance was he wroth. 63 His young men they prayed insincerely to him with their mouth, and the fire devoured; and his virgins were not demanded with their tongue they lied unto him. 37 For their heart in marriage. 64 His priests fell by the sword; and his was not firm with him, and they were not faithful in widows did not weep. 65 Then awoke the Lord as his covenant. 38 But he, being merciful, forgave the one that sleepeth, like a mighty man that shouteth iniquity, and destroyed [them] not; yea, many a time by reason of wine. 66 And he smote his enemies turned he his anger away, and did not awaken all his backward: a perpetual disgrace on them. 67 Yet was fury. 39 And he remembered that they are but flesh, a he disgusted with the tent of Joseph, and of the tribe spirit that passeth away, and returneth not again. 40 of Ephraim he made not choice; 68 But he chose the How oft did they rebel against him in the wilderness. tribe of Judah, the mount Zion which he loved. 69 grieve him in the desert! 41 Yea, they once more And he built like high [mountains] his sanctuary, like tempted God, and set limits to the Holy One of Israel, the earth which he hath founded for ever, 70 And he 42 They remembered not his hand, the day when made choice of David his servant, and took him from he ransomed them from the adversary; 43 When the sheep-folds: 71 From following the ewes with he displayed in Egypt his signs, and his wonderful young he brought him, to feed Jacob his people, and tokens in the fields of Zo'an. 44 And he changed Israel his inheritance. 72 And he fed them according their rivers into blood; and their running streams, that to the integrity of his heart; and by the skilfulness of they could not drink [of them]. 45 He sent out among his hands did he lead them. them various wild beasts, which devoured them; and frogs, which destroyed them. 46 And he gave unto the cricket their products, and their labor unto the locust. 47 He slew with hail their vines, and their sycamoretrees with ice-bolts. 48 And he surrendered to the hail their cattle, and their herds to the lightning's flashes. 49 He let loose against them the fierceness of his anger, wrath and indignation, and distress, a host of angels of misfortune. 50 He leveled a path for his anger: he withheld not from death their soul, and their life he surrendered to the pestilence; 51 And he smote all the first-born in Egypt; the first of their strength in the tents of Ham: 52 But he caused his own people to depart like flocks, and guided them like a drove in the wilderness. 53 And he led them in safety, so that they felt no dread; but the sea covered over their enemies. 54 And he brought them to his holy territory, even to this mount, which his right hand had acquired. 55 And he drove out from before them nations, and divided them by the measuring-line as an inheritance, and

of their camp, round about their habitations. 29 And the caused to dwell in their tents the tribes of Israel.

79 "A psalm of Assaph." O God! nations have entered into thy heritage; they have profaned thy holy temple: they have rendered Jerusalem heaps of ruins. 2 They have given the dead bodies of thy servants as food unto the fowls of the heaven, the flesh of thy pious ones unto the beasts of the earth. 3 They have shed their blood like water all round about Jerusalem: and there is no one to bury them. 4 We are become a reproach to our neighbors, a scorn and derision to those that are round about us. 5 How long. Lord? wilt thou be indignant for ever? shall thy jealousy burn like fire? 6 Pour out thy fury over the nations that acknowledge thee not, and over the kingdoms that have not called on thy name. 7 For they have devoured Jacob, and laid waste his dwelling-place. 8 Oh remember not against us the iniquities of our fathers: make haste, let thy mercies come to our aid; for we are very miserable. 9 Help us, O God of our salvation, because of the glory of

the sake of thy name. 10 Wherefore shall the nations say, Where is their God? let there be made known among the nations before our eyes, the vengeance for the blood of thy servants which hath been shed.

1 Let the sighing of the prisoner come before thee: according to the greatness of thy almighty power preserve thou those that are doomed to death; 12 5 As a testimony in Joseph did he ordain it, when And recompense unto our neighbors sevenfold into the God of Jacob. 13 But we thy people and the flock of the greatness that unto the defiance wherewith they have defied deneration to generation will we relate thy praise.

1 To the chief musician upon Gittith; by Assaph."

Sing aloud unto God our strength: shout joyfully unto the God of Jacob. 2 Lift up psalm, and bring hither the timbrel, the pleasant harp with the psaltery.

3 Blow on the new moon the cornet, at the time appointed, on the day of our feast. 4 For this is a statute for Israel, an ordinance by the God of Jacob.

5 As a testimony in Joseph did he ordain it, when he went out over the land of Egypt. The language of one I had not known did I hear. 6 I removed from the burden his shoulder: his hands left behind the burden-basket. 7 In distress thou didst call, and I delivered thee; I answered thee in the secret of the thunder: I

80 "To the chief musician upon Shoshannim; an 'Eduth by Assaph; a psalm." O Shepherd of Israel, give ear, thou that leadest Joseph like a flock; thou that dwellest between the cherubims, shine forth. 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Menasseh awaken thy might, and come to our help. 3 O God, cause us to return, and let thy countenance shine, that we may be saved. 4 O Lord of hosts, how long shall thy anger smoke against the prayer of thy people? 5 Thou feedest them with the bread of tears, and givest them tears to drink in great measure. 6 Thou renderest us a contest unto our neighbors: and our enemies hold derision among themselves. 7 O God of hosts, cause us to return, and let thy countenance shine, that we may be saved. 8 A vine didst thou remove out of Egypt: thou drovest out nations, and plantedst it. 9 Thou didst clear out a place before it, and it struck its root deeply, and it filled the land, 10 Mountains were covered with its shadow, and with its boughs the cedars of God. 11 It sent out its tendrils as far as the sea, and unto the river its suckers. 12 Wherefore hast thou now broken down its fences, so that all who pass by the way pluck the fruit from it? 13 The boar out of the forest doth gnaw at it, and what moveth on the field feedeth on it. 14 O God of hosts, return; I pray thee, look down from heaven, and behold, and think of this vine; 15 And of the sprout which thy right hand hath planted, and of the branch that thou hast made strong for thyself. 16 lt is burnt with fire, it is hewn down; because of the rebuke of thy countenance do they perish. 17 Let thy hand be over the man of thy right hand, over the son of man whom thou hast made strong for thyself. 18 Then will we not swerve from thee: revive us again, and we will call on thy name. 19 O Lord God of hosts, cause us to return: let thy countenance shine, that we may be saved.

**R1** "To the chief musician upon Gittith; by Assaph." Sing aloud unto God our strength: shout joyfully thee: I answered thee in the secret of the thunder: I proved thee at the waters of Meribah. (Selah) 8 Hear, O my people, and I will give warning unto thee: O Israel, if thou wouldst but hearken unto me! 9 There shall not be among thee a foreign God; nor shalt thou bow thyself down to any strange God. 10 I am the Lord thy God, who have brought thee up out of the land of Egypt: open wide thy mouth, and I will fill it. 11 But my people did not hearken to my voice; and Israel was not willing [to follow] me. 12 So I let them go in the stubbornness of their own hearts: and they walked in their own counsels. 13 Oh that my people would hearken unto me, that Israel would walk in my ways! 14 In a little while would I subdue their enemies. and against their adversaries would I turn my hand. 15 The haters of the Lord should offer flattery unto him; but their time should endure for ever. 16 And he would feed him with the best of wheat; and out of the rock would I satisfy thee with honey.

**82** "A psalm of Assaph." God standeth in the congregation of God, in the midst of judges doth he judge. 2 How long will ye judge unjustly, and treat with favor the face of the wicked? (Selah) 3 Judge uprightly the poor and fatherless: do justice to the afflicted and indigent. 4 Release the poor and needy: deliver them out of the power of the wicked. 5 They know not, nor will they understand; in darkness do they walk on: all the foundations of the earth are moved. 6 I have indeed said, Ye are gods; and children of the most High are all of you. 7 But verily like men shall ye die, and like one of the princes shall ye fall. 8 Arise, O God, judge the earth; for thou wilt possess all the nations.

**83** "A song or psalm of Assaph." O God, take no rest for thyself: be not silent and keep not still, O God! 2 For, lo, thy enemies make a tumult, and they that hate thee have lifted up their head. 3 Against thy people they take crafty secret device, and

they consult against those whom thou protectest. the Lord God; grace and glory will the Lord give; he 4 They have said, Come, and let us cut them off will not withhold any good from those that walk with from being a nation; and the name of Israel shall be integrity, 12 O Lord of hosts, happy is the man that remembered no more. 5 For they have consulted trusteth in thee. cordially together; against thee they make a covenant: 6 The tents of Edom, and the Ishmaelites: Moab, and the Hagarenes; 7 Gebal, and 'Ammon, and 'Amalek; the Philistines with the inhabitants of Tyre: 8 Also Asshur is joined with them: they have become an arm unto the children of Lot. (Selah) 9 Do unto them as [unto] Midian: as to Sissera, as to Jabin, at the brook Kishon: 10 Who were annihilated at 'En-dor: they became as dung for the ground. 11 Render them, their nobles, like 'Oreb, and like Zeeb: vea, like Zebach and like Zalmunna' all their princes: 12 Who said. Let us conquer for ourselves the dwellings of God, 13 O my God, render them like the thistle-down, like stubble before the wind. 14 As the fire burneth up a forest, and as the flame setteth the mountains on fire: 15 So pursue them with thy storm, and with thy whirlwind do thou terrify them. 16 Fill their faces with shame, that they may seek thy name, O Lord! 17 Let them be made ashamed and terrified for ever and ave: yea, let them be put to the blush and perish: 18 That they may know that thou, whose name is the Eternal, art by thyself alone, the Most High over all the earth.

**Q4** "To the chief musician upon Gittith, by the by its steps. sons of Korach, a psalm." How lovely are thy dwelling-places. O Lord of hosts! 2 My soul desired. vea, it also longed for the courts of the Lord; my heart and my flesh shout with joy unto the living God. 3 Even as the sparrow hath found a house, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her voung: -[have I found] thy altars. O Lord of hosts. my King, and my God. 4 Happy are they who dwell in thy house: they will be continually praising thee. (Selah) 5 Happy is the man whose strong confidence is in thee, [all] whose heart reflecteth on the paths [of righteousness]. 6 Passing through the valley of weeping, they will change it into a spring; also the early rain covereth it with blessings. 7 They go from strength to strength, each of them appeareth before God in Zion. 8 O Lord God of hosts, hear my prayer: give ear. O God of Jacob. (Selah) 9 [Thou. 1 our shield, behold, O God, and look upon the face of thy anointed. 10 For better is a day in thy courts than a thousand [elsewhere]: I would rather choose to wait at the threshold of the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness. 11 For a sun and shield is

**85** "To the chief musician, by the sons of Korach. a psalm." Thou hast been favorable. O Lord. unto thy land: thou hast brought back the captivity of Jacob. 2 Thou hast forgiven the iniquity of thy people: thou hast covered over all their sin. (Selah) 3 Thou hast taken away all thy wrath: thou hast relinguished the fierceness of thy anger. 4 Return to us, O God of our salvation, and cause thy ill-will toward us to cease. 5 Wilt thou be wroth with us for ever? wilt thou extend thy anger from generation to generation? 6 Wilt thou not [now] revive us again, that thy people may rejoice in thee? 7 Show us thy kindness, O Lord, and grant us thy salvation. 8 I will hear what God the Lord will speak; for he will speak peace unto his people, and to his pious ones; only let them not turn again to folly. 9 Surely, nigh is his salvation unto those that fear him: that glory may dwell in our land. 10 Kindness and truth are met together: righteousness and peace kiss each other. 11 Truth will grow up out of the earth, and righteousness will look down from heaven. 12 Yea, the Lord will also give the good, and our land will yield its products. 13 Righteousness will walk firmly before him, and will make [level] the way

86 "A prayer of David." Incline, O Lord, thy ear, answer me; for poor and needy am I. 2 Preserve my soul; for I am pious; help thy servant, O thou my God, that trusteth in thee, 3 Be gracious unto me, O Lord: for unto thee I call all the time. 4 Cause to rejoice the soul of thy servant; for unto thee, O Lord, do I lift my soul. 5 For thou, O Lord, art good and forgiving, and abundant in kindness unto all that call on thee. 6 Give ear, O Lord, unto my prayer, and attend to the voice of my supplications. 7 On the day of my distress will I call on thee; for thou wilt answer me. 8 There is none like unto thee among the Gods, O Lord: and there is nothing like thy works. 9 All the nations whom thou hast made shall come and bow themselves down before thee. O Lord: and they shall ascribe honor unto thy name. 10 For great art thou, and doing wondrous things: thou art God by thyself alone. 11 Teach me. O Lord, thy way: I will walk firmly in thy truth: unite my heart to fear thy name. 12 I will thank thee. O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will honor thy name for evermore. 13 For thy kindness is great toward me; and thou hast delivered my soul

God, the presumptuous are risen up against me, and indeed aloud unto thee, O Lord; and in the morning the assembly of the powerful wicked have sought shall my prayer come before thee. 14 Why, O Lord, after my life, and have not set thee before them. 15 wilt thou cast off my soul? [why] wilt thou hide thy But thou, O Lord, art God, full of mercy, and gracious, face from me? 15 I am afflicted and perishing from my longsuffering, and abundant in kindness and truth. 16 youth up: I bear thy terrors, I am distracted. 16 Over Oh turn unto me, and be gracious unto me: give thy me have the fires of thy wrath passed; thy terrors strength unto thy servant, and save the son of thy have destroyed me; 17 They encompass me like handmaid. 17 Display on me a sign for good, that water all the time; they have closed in round about those who hate me may see it, and be ashamed; me together. 18 Thou hast removed far from me lover because thou, Lord, hast helped me, and comforted and friend, my acquaintances [are in] darkness. me.

**Q7** "By the sons of Korach; a psalm or song." It is founded by him on holy mountains. 2 The Lord loveth the gates of Zion more than all the dwellings of Jacob. 3 Glorious things are spoken of thee, O city of God. (Selah) 41 will make mention of Rahab and Babylon as those that know me; behold, here is Philistia, and Tyre, with Ethiopia: "This man was born there." 5 But of Zion will it be said, "This and that man were born in her:" and the Most High himself doth establish her. 6 The Lord will number when he writeth down nations. "This man was born there." (Selah) 7 And the singers as well as the players on instruments shall be there: all my springs [of joy] are in thee.

RR "A song or psalm of the sons of Korach, to the chief musician upon Machalath-le'annoth, a Maskil of Heman the Ezrachite." O Lord the God of my salvation, by day do I cry, [and] at night I am before thee. 2 Let my prayer come unto thy presence; incline thy ear unto my entreaty. 3 For my soul is sated with troubles; and my life draweth nigh unto the nether world. (Sheol h7585) 4 I am counted with those that descend into the pit; I am become as a man without vigor: 5 Free among the dead, like the slain that dwell in the grave, whom thou rememberest no more; and those that are cut off by thy hand. 6 Thou hast laid me in the pit of the lower world, in darkness, in the depths. 7 Upon me lieth heavily thy fury, and with all thy billows hast thou afflicted me. (Selah) 8 Thou hast removed my acquaintances far from me; thou hast rendered me an abomination unto them: I am imprisoned, and I cannot go forth. 9 My eye languisheth by reason of affliction: I call on thee, O Lord, every day, I stretch out unto thee my hands. 10 Wilt thou display wonders to the dead? shall the departed arise [and] thank thee? (Selah) 11 Shall thy kindness be related in the grave? thy faithfulness in the place of corruption? 12 Shall thy wonders be acknowledged in the darkness? and thy

from the grave of the lower world. (Sheol h7585) 14 O righteousness in the land of forgetfulness? 13 Yet I cry

**QQ** "A Maskil of Ethan the Ezrachite." The kindnesses of the Lord will I for ever sing: from generation to generation will I make known thy faithfulness with my mouth. 2 For I have said, To eternity will kindness be built up: the heavens—yea, in these wilt thou establish thy faithfulness. 3 "I have made a covenant with my elect, I have sworn unto David my servant, 4 Unto eternity will I establish thy seed, and I will build up thy throne, from generation to generation." (Selah) 5 And the heavens praise thy wonder, O Lord: also thy faithfulness in the assembly of holy ones. 6 For who in the sky can be compared unto the Lord? who can be likened unto the Lord among the sons of the mighty? 7 God is greatly terrific in the secret council of the holy ones and fearinspiring over all that are about him. 8 O Lord God of hosts, who is powerful, like thee, Eternal! and thy faithfulness is round about thee. 9 Thou rulest over the pride of the sea: when its waves are lifted up, thou assuagest them. 10 Thou didst crush Rahab as one that is slain: with thy strong arm didst thou scatter thy enemies. 11 Thine are the heavens, also thine is the earth: as for the world and what filleth it, thou hast founded them. 12 The north and the south—these hast thou created: Tabor and Chermon shall rejoice in thy name. 13 Thine is the powerful arm, with might: strong is thy hand, and exalted is thy right hand. 14 Righteousness and justice are the prop of thy throne: kindness and truth precede thy presence. 15 Happy is the people that know the cornet's sound: O Lord, in the light of thy countenance will they ever walk firmly. 16 In thy name will they be glad all the day, and in thy righteousness will they be exalted. 17 For thou art the glory of their strength; and through thy favor will our horn be exalted. 18 For of the Lord is our shield; and of the Holy One of Israel is our king. 19 Then spokest thou in a vision to thy pious [servant], and saidst, "I have bestowed help to one that is mighty; I have exalted a youth out of the people; 20 I

anointed him: 21 With whom my hand shall be firmly the disgrace of thy servants; that I bear in my bosom established: also my arm shall strengthen him: 22 the [burden] of all the many nations: 51 That thy The enemy shall not exact from him like a lender; and enemies have defied. O Lord; that they have defied the son of injustice shall not afflict him: 23 And I will the footsteps of thy anointed. 52 Blessed be the Lord beat down before his face his assailants, and those for evermore. Amen, and Amen. that hate him will I plaque. 24 But my faithfulness and my kindness shall be with him: and through my name shall his horn be exalted. 25 And I will place on the sea his hand, and on the rivers his right hand. 26 He will call unto me. Thou art my father, my God, and the rock of my salvation. 27 Also I will appoint my firstborn, the highest among the kings of the earth. 28 For evermore will I keep for him my kindness, and my covenant shall stand faithfully with him. 29 And I appoint for ever his seed, and his throne as the days of heaven. 30 If his children forsake my law, and walk not in my ordinances: 31 If they profane my statutes, and keep not my commandments: 32 Then will I visit with the rod their transgressions, and with plagues their iniquity. 33 Nevertheless my kindness will I not make utterly void from him, and I will not act falsely against my faithfulness. 34 I will not profane my covenant, and what is gone out of my lips will I not alter. 35 One thing have I sworn by my holiness. that I will not lie unto David. 36 His seed shall endure for ever, and his throne shall be like the sun before me. 37 Like the moon shall it be firmly established for ever, and as this faithful witness in the sky." (Selah) 38 And yet thou hast east off and despised, thou hast become wroth with thy anointed. 39 Thou hast made void the covenant of thy servant: thou hast profaned, down to the ground, his crown. 40 Thou hast broken down all his fences: thou hast brought his strongholds to terror. 41 All that pass by the way plunder him: he is become a reproach to his neighbors. 42 Thou hast raised up the right hand of his assailants: thou hast caused all his enemies to reioice. 43 Thou hast also turned the edge of his sword, and hast not let him stand erect in the battle. 44 Thou hast made his brilliancy cease: and his throne hast thou thrown down to the ground. 45 Thou hast shortened the days of his youth: thou hast enshrouded him with shame. (Selah) 46 How long, Lord, wilt thou hide thyself. continually? how long shall thy fury burn like fire? 47 Remember [what] I am, what my duration is [here], for what nothingness thou hast created all sons of men! 48 What man is there that can live, and shall not see death? that can deliver his soul from the power of the nether word? (Selah) (Sheol h7585) 49 Where

have found David my servant; with my holy oil have I sworn unto David by thy truth? 50 Remember, Lord.

90 BOOK FOURTH: "A prayer of Moses the man of God." Lord, a place of refuge hast thou been unto us in all generations. 2 Before vet the mountains were brought forth, or thou hadst ever produced the earth and the world, even from everlasting to everlasting, thou art God. 3 Thou turnest man to contrition, and sayest, Return ye children of men. 4 For a thousand years are in thy eyes but as the yesterday when it is past, and as a watch in the night. 5 Thou carriest them away as with a flood: they are as a sleep: in the morning [they grow] like the grass which changeth. 6 In the morning it blossometh, and is changed: in the evening it is mowed off, and withereth. 7 For [thus] are we consumed by thy anger, and by thy fury are we terrified. 8 Thou hast set our iniquities before thee, our concealed sins before the light of thy countenance. 9 For all our days are passed away in thy wrath: we consume our years like a word that is spoken. 10 The days of our years in this life are seventy years; and if by uncommon vigor they be eighty, yet is their greatness trouble and mishap: for it soon hasteneth off, and we fly away. 11 Who knoweth the strength of thy anger, and thy wrath which is like the fear of thee? 12 Let us then know how to number our days, that we may obtain a heart endowed with wisdom. 13 Return, O Lord, how long yet? and bethink thee concerning thy servants. 14 O satisfy us in the morning with thy kindness, that we may be glad and rejoice throughout all our days. 15 Cause us to rejoice as many days as those wherein thou hast afflicted us, the years wherein we have seen unhappiness. 16 Let thy act be visible on thy servants, and thy maiesty over their children. 17 And may the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and the work of our hands do thou firmly establish upon us: yea, the work of our hands—firmly establish thou

**91** He who sitteth under the secret protection of the Most High, shall rest under the shadow of the Almighty. 2 I will say of the Lord, who is my refuge and my stronghold, my God, in whom I ever trust. 3 That he will surely deliver thee from the snare of the fowler, and from the pestilence of destruction. 4 are thy former kindnesses, O Lord, which thou hast With his pinions will he cover thee, and under his

truth. 5 Thou shalt not be afraid of the terror of the and there is no faultiness in him. night; nor of the arrow that flieth by day: 6 Nor of the pestilence that stalketh in darkness; nor of the deadly disease that wasteth at noonday. 7 There shall fall at thy side a thousand, and ten thousand at thy right hand; unto thee [however] shall it not come nigh. 8 Only with thy eyes shalt thou behold it, and see the recompense of the wicked. 9 Because thou hast [said], The Lord is my protection, the Most High hast thou made thy refuge: 10 No evil shall befall thee, nor shall any plague come nigh unto thy tent. 11 For his angels will he give charge concerning thee, to guard thee on all thy ways. 12 Upon [their] hands shall they bear thee, that thou mayest not dash against a stone thy foot. 13 Upon the fierce lion and asp shalt thou tread: thou shalt trample under foot the young lion upon me, therefore will I release him: I will set him on high, because he knoweth my name. 15 He will call on me, and I will answer him: with him will I be in distress; I will deliver him, and grant him honor. 16 With length of days will I satisfy him, and I will let him see my salvation.

**92** "A psalm or song for the sabbath day." It is a good thing to give thanks unto the Lord, and to sing praises unto thy name. O Most High: 2 To tell in the morning of thy kindness, and of thy faithfulness in the nights. 3 Upon a ten-stringed instrument, and upon the psaltery; and with the sweet sound of the harp. 4 For thou hast caused me to rejoice, O Lord, through thy doing: because of the works of thy hands will I triumph. 5 How great are thy works, O Lord! exceedingly profound are thy thoughts. 6 A brutish man knoweth it not, and a fool cannot understand this. 7 When the wicked spring up like herbs, and when all the workers of wickedness do flourish: it is that they may be destroyed evermore. 8 But thou art exalted to eternity, O Lord! 9 For, lo, thy enemies, O Lord, for, lo, thy enemies shall perish: all the workers of wickedness shall be scattered. 10 But thou exaltest my horn like that of a reem: I am anointed with fresh oil. 11 And my eye looketh on [the punishment of] those that regard me with envy: of the evildoers that rise up against me my ears shall bear it. 12 The righteous shall spring up like the palm-tree: like a cedar in Lebanon shall he grow high. 13 Planted in the house of the Lord, in the courts of our God shall they spring up. 14 They shall still flourish in high old age; they shall be vigorous and covered with foliage;

wings shalt thou find shelter: shield and buckler is his 15 To declare that the Lord is upright: he is my rock,

**93** The Lord reigneth, he is clothed with excellency; the Lord is clothed, he hath girded himself with strength: [therefore] also the world is firmly established, that it cannot be moved. 2 Firmly established is thy throne from the beginning: from everlasting art thou [God]. 3 The rivers have lifted up, O Lord, the rivers have lifted up their voice; the rivers lift up their waves. 4 [But] more than the noise of great waters, than the mighty billows of the sea, is the Lord excellent on high. 5 Thy testimonies are exceedingly steadfast: in thy house abideth holiness, O Lord! to the utmost length of days.

Q1 O God, of vengeance, Lord! O God of vengeance, shine forth. 2 Lift up thyself, O and serpent. 14 Because he hath fixed his desire judge of the Earth! bring a recompense upon the proud. 3 How long shall the wicked, O Lord—how long shall the wicked exult? 4 They sputter, they speak hard things: all the workers of wickedness boast themselves. 5 Thy people, O Lord! they crush, and thy heritage they afflict. 6 The widow and the stranger they slay, and the fatherless they murder. 7 And they say, The Lord will not see, and the God of Jacob will not take notice of it. 8 Understand, ye brutish among the people: and ye fools, when will ye become intelligent! 9 He that hath planted the ear. shall he not hear? or he that hath formed the eye, shall he not see? 10 He that admonisheth nations. shall he not correct? is it not he that teacheth man knowledge! 11 The Lord knoweth the thoughts of man, that they are nought. 12 Happy is the man whom thou admonisheth, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law: 13 That thou mayest grant him repose from the days of evil, until the pot be dug for the wicked. 14 For the Lord will not cast off his people, and his inheritance will he not forsake. 15 For unto righteousness will justice return; and it shall be followed by all the upright in heart. 16 Who will rise up for me against evildoers? or who will stand forward for me against the workers of wickedness? 17 Unless the Lord had been a help unto me, but a little would have been wanting that my soul had dwelt in the silence of death. 18 When I said, My foot hath slipped: thy kindness, O Lord, sustained me. 19 In the multitude of my [painful] thoughts within me, thy consolations delight my soul. 20 Can there be associated with thee the throne of destructive wickedness, which frameth mischief as a law? 21 They band themselves together against the soul of the righteous, and innocent blood do they

condemn. 22 But the Lord is become my defence, and my God, the rock of my refuge. 23 And he will own wickedness will he destroy them: [yea]. he will destroy them-the Lord our God.

**Q5** O come, let us sing unto the Lord: let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation. 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving, and shout joyfully unto him with psalms. 3 For a great God is the Lord, and a great King above all Gods; 4 In whose hand are the deep places of the earth; and whose are the heights of mountains; 5 Whose is the sea, and who hath made it: and whose hands have formed the dry land. 6 Oh come, let us prostrate ourselves and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker. 7 For he is our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the flock of his hand: vea, this day, if ve will hearken to his voice, 8 Harden not your heart, as at Meribah, as on the day of the temptation in the wilderness: 9 When your fathers tempted me, proved me, although they had seen my doing. 10 Forty years long did I feel loathing on that generation, and I said. It is a people of an erring heart; and they truly acknowledged not my ways: 11 enter into my rest.

**Q6** Oh sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord. all the lands. 2 Sing unto the Lord, bless his name: announce from day to day his salvation. 3 Relate among the nations his honor, among all the people his wonders. 4 For the Lord is great, and greatly praised: he is to be feared above all gods. 5 For all the gods of the nations are idols; but the Lord hath made the heavens. 6 Glory and majesty are before him: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary. 7 Ascribe unto the Lord, O ye families of the people, ascribe unto the Lord honor and strength. 8 Ascribe unto the Lord the honor [due unto] his name: bear hither a present, and come unto his courts. 9 Bow down unto the Lord in the beauty of holiness: tremble before him, all ye lands. 10 Say among the nations, "The Lord reigneth;" [therefore] also the world is ever firmly established that it shall hot be moved: he will iudge the people in equity. 11 Let the heavens rejoice. and let the earth be glad: let the sea roar, with all that filleth it. 12 Let the field exult, and all that is therein: then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy, 13 Before the Lord; for he cometh, for he cometh to judge the earth; he will judge the world with righteousness, and people in his truth.

**Q7** The Lord reigneth: let the earth be glad: let the multitude of isles rejoice. 2 Clouds and bring back upon them their own injustice, and in their thick darkness are round about him: righteousness and justice are the support of his throne. 3 A fire goeth before him, and burneth up round about his adversaries. 4 His lightnings give light to the world: the earth seeth it, and trembleth. 5 The mountains melt away like wax at the presence of the Lord, at the presence of the Lord of all the earth. 6 The heavens tell of his righteousness, and all the people his glory. 7 Made ashamed shall be all that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: unto him bow down all the gods. 8 Zion heareth it, and reioiceth; and glad are the daughters of Judah, because of thy decrees. O Lord. 9 For thou. O Lord, art the most high above all the earth: thou art greatly exalted above all gods. 10 Ye that love the Lord, hate ye the evil: he preserveth the souls of his pious ones; out of the hand of the wicked he ever delivereth them. 11 Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. 12 Rejoice, ve righteous, in the Lord, and give thanks to his holy memorial.

**QR** "A psalm." Oh sing unto the Lord a new song; for he hath done wonderful things: his right hand So that I swore in my wrath, that they should not and his holy arm have gotten him the victory, 2 The Lord hath made known his salvation: before the eves of the nations hath he revealed his righteousness. 3 He hath remembered his kindness and his truth toward the house of Israel: all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. 4 Shout joyfully unto the Lord, all the lands: break forth, and rejoice. and sing praises. 5 Sing praises unto the Lord with the harp, —with the harp, and the voice of psalmody. 6 With trumpets and the sound of cornet shout joyfully before the King, the Lord. 7 Let the sea roar, with all that filleth it: the world, with those that dwell therein. 8 Let the rivers clap their hands; let the mountains be joyful together, 9 Before the Lord; for he cometh to judge the earth: he will judge the world with righteousness, and people with equity.

> **QQ** The Lord reigneth; people tremble: he sitteth enthroned over the cherubim; the earth is moved. 2 The Lord is great in Zion; and he is exalted above all the people. 3 They will give thanks to thy name, great, and terrible, [and] holy it is. 4 And to the power of the king who loveth justice and righteousness hast thou truly executed in Jacob. 5 Exalt ve the Lord our God, and bow vourselves down before his footstool; he is holy.— 6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests, and Samuel among those

that call on his name; they called on the Lord, and he am become like a [night-]bird sitting alone upon the God.

100 "A psalm of thanksgiving." Shout joyfully unto the Lord, all ye lands. 2 Serve the Lord with iov: come before his presence with triumphal song. 3 Know, that the Lord is God indeed: it is he that hath made us, and his are we-his people and the flock of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, his courts with praise: give thanks unto him, bless his name. 5 For the Lord is good: to eternity endureth his kindness; and unto the latest generation his truth.

wrong-doers.

answered them. 7 In the pillar of cloud he used to housetop. 8 All the day my enemies reproach me: speak unto them: they kept his testimonies, and the they that mock me swear by me. 9 For ashes do I eat statutes which he had given unto them. 8 O Lord, our like bread, and my drink I mingle with weeping: 10 God, thou didst answer them; thou wast a forgiving Because of thy indignation and thy wrath; for thou God unto them, yet also an avenger for their wrong hadst lifted me up, and hast cast me down. 11 My doings. 9 Exalt the Lord our God, and bow yourselves days are like a shadow that declineth; and like the down before his holy mount; for holy is the Lord our herb I wither. 12 But thou, O Lord, wilt sit enthroned for ever; and thy memorial is unto all generations. 13 Thou wilt indeed arise; thou wilt have mercy upon Zion; for it is time to favor her, for the appointed time is coming. 14 For thy servants hold dear her stones, and her very dust they cherish. 15 Then shall nations fear the name of the Lord, and all the kings of the earth thy glory: 16 When the Lord shalt have built up Zion, he appeareth in his glory; 17 [When] he hath regarded the prayer of the forsaken, and doth not despise their prayer. 18 This shall be written down for the latest generation; and the people which shall be 101 "By David, a psalm." Of kindness and justice created shall praise the Lord. 19 For he hath looked will I sing: unto thee, O Lord, will I sing down from the height of his sanctuary; the Lord hath praises. 2 I will carefully regard the way of the perfect: cast from heaven his view to the earth: 20 To hear oh when will thou come unto me? I will walk in the the sighing of the prisoner; to loosen those that are integrity of my heart in the midst of my house. 3 I will doomed to death: 21 That men may proclaim in Zion not set before my eyes a godless thing; to commit the name of the Lord, and his praise in Jerusalem; 22 a departure [from righteousness] do I hate; it shall When people are gathered together, and kingdoms. not cleave to me. 4 A perverse heart shall depart to serve the Lord.— 23 He hath weakened on the way from me: evil will I not know. 5 Whoso slandereth in my strength; he hath shortened my days, 24 I will say. secret his neighbor, him will I destroy: whoso hath O my God! take me not away in the midst of my days: proud eyes and a haughty heart, him will I not suffer. throughout all generations are thy years. 25 In olden 6 My eyes shall be upon the faithful of the land, that times didst thou lay the foundations of the earth; and they may abide with me: he that walketh in the way of the heavens are the work of thy hands. 26 These will the perfect, he it is that shall serve me. 7 He that indeed perish, but thou wilt ever exist: yea, all of them practiseth deceit shall not dwell within my house: he will wear out like a garment; as a vesture wilt thou that speaketh falsehoods shall not succeed before change them, and they will be changed; 27 But thou my eyes. 8 Every morning will I destroy all the wicked art ever the same, and thy years will have no end. 28 of the land, cutting off from the city of the Lord all the The children of thy servants will dwell [securely], and their seed will be firmly established before thee.

**102** "A prayer of the afflicted, when he is overwhelmed, and poureth out before the **103** "Of David." Bless, O my soul, the Lord, and all that is within me, his holy name. **2** Bless, Lord his complaint." O Lord, hear my prayer, and let O my soul, the Lord, and forget not all his benefits: 3 my cry come unto thee. 2 Hide not thy face from me Who forgiveth all thy iniquities; who healeth all thy on the day when I am distressed; incline unto me thy diseases; 4 Who redeemeth from the pit thy life; who ear; on the day when I call, answer me speedily. 3 For crowneth thee with kindness and mercies; 5 Who my days vanish in smoke, and my bones are burning satisfieth with happiness thy spirit, so that thy youth like a hearth. 4 Struck [by heat] like the herb and is renewed like the eagle's [plumage]. 6 The Lord dried up is my heart; for I forget to eat my bread. 5 executeth righteousness, and justice for all that are Because of the voice of my groaning my bones cleave oppressed. 7 He made known his ways unto Moses, to my flesh. 6 I am like the pelican of the wilderness: unto the children of Israel his acts. 8 Merciful and I am become like the owl amid ruins. 7 I watch, and I gracious is the Lord, long-suffering and abundant in

with our sins hath he dealt with us; nor according to grow for the cattle, and herbs by the service of man, is from the west, so far hath he removed from us heart of man. 16 Full of sap are the trees of the Lord, kindness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting the forest. 21 The young lions roar after their prev. over those that fear him, and his righteousness unto and ask from God their food. 22 The sun ariseth, throne; and his kingdom ruleth over all. 20 Bless the works, O Lord! in wisdom hast thou made them all: Bless ve the Lord, all his hosts, ve his ministers, that without number, living creatures both small and great. Lord.

104 Bless, O my soul, the Lord. O Lord my God, thou art very great; with glory and majesty art thou clothed. 2 [Thou art he] who wrappeth himself in light as with a garment; who stretcheth out the heavens like a curtain: 3 Who frameth of the waters the beams of his upper-chambers; who maketh the clouds his chariot; who walketh along upon the wings of the wind: 4 Who maketh the winds his messengers: the flaming fire his ministers: 5 Who hath founded the earth upon her bases, that she should not be moved to all eternity. 6 Thou hadst covered the deep as with a garment: above the mountains stood the waters. 7 At thy rebuke they fled, at the voice of thy thunder they hastened away. 8 They ascended mountains; they went down valleys, unto the place which thou hadst founded for them. 9 Bounds hast thou set which they cannot pass over, that they return

kindness. 9 Not for all eternity will be contend; nor his upper-chambers; from the fruit of thy works is the will he for ever retain his anger. 10 Not in accordance earth satisfied. 14 [Thou art he] who causeth grass to our iniquities hath he requited us. 11 For as high as that he may bring forth bread out of the earth: 15 And heaven is above the earth, so mighty is his kindness wine that maketh joyful the heart of man, [and] oil to toward those that fear him. 12 As far as the east brighten his face, and bread which strengtheneth the our transgressions. 13 As a father hath mercy on his the cedars of Lebanon which he hath planted: 17 children, so hath the Lord mercy on those that fear Where the birds make their nests: the stork—fir-trees him. 14 For he knoweth our frame; he remembereth are her house. 18 The high mountains are for the wild that we are dust. 15 As for man, like the grass are goats: the rocks are a shelter for the conies. 19 He his days; as the blossom of the field, so doth he hath made the moon for seasons; the sun knoweth bloom. 16 When a wind but passeth over it, it is gone, his going down, 20 Thou causest darkness, and it and its place will recognize it no more. 17 But the becometh night, wherein creep forth all the beasts of children's children, 18 To such as keep his covenant, they withdraw [to their lairs], and lie down in their and to those who remember his precepts to execute dens. 23 Man goeth [then] forth unto his work, and to them. 19 The Lord hath established in the heavens his his labor until the evening. 24 How manifold are thy Lord, ye his angels, mighty in strength, that execute the earth is full of thy riches. 25 Here is this great his word, hearkening unto the voice of his word. 21 and wide-extended sea; therein are moving things execute his will. 22 Bless the Lord, all his works, in 26 There the ships make their way; [there also] is the all the places of his dominion; bless. O my soul, the leviathan, whom thou hast made to sport therein, 27 All of these wait upon thee, to give them their food in its due season. 28 What thou givest them they gather: thou openest thy hand, they are satisfied with good. 29 Thou hidest thy face, they suddenly vanish: thou takest away their spirit, they perish, and to their dust they return. 30 Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created; and thou renewest the face of the earth. 31 The glory of the Lord will endure for ever: the Lord will rejoice in his works: 32 He who looketh down on the earth, and she trembleth; who toucheth the mountains, and they smoke. 33 I will sing unto the Lord while I live: I will sing praises to my God while I exist. 34 May my speech be agreeable to him: I will indeed rejoice in the Lord. 35 May the sinners cease from off the earth, and the wicked be no more. Bless, O my soul, the Lord. Halleluiah.

105 O give thanks unto the Lord; call on his name: make known among the people his deeds. 2 not again to cover the earth. 10 [Thou art he] who Sing unto, him, sing praises unto him: speak of all sendeth springs into the valleys, between mountains his wonderful works, 3 Glorify vourselves in his holy they run along. 11 They give drink to all the beasts name; let the heart of those rejoice that seek the Lord. of the field: the wild asses guench [thereon] their 4 Inquire after the Lord and his strength: seek his thirst. 12 By them have the fowls of the heaven ever presence evermore. 5 Remember his wonderful works their habitation, from between the branches they send which he hath done; his tokens, and the decrees forth their voice, 13 Who watereth the mountains from of his mouth; 6 O ve seed of Abraham his servant.

our God: over all the earth are his decrees. 8 He and with heavenly bread he satisfied them. 41 He remembereth his covenant for ever, the word which opened the rock, and the waters gushed out: they ran he hath commanded, to the thousandth generation, 9 in the dry places like a river, 42 For he remembered Which he covenanted with Abraham; and his oath his holy word given to Abraham his servant. 43 And unto Isaac; 10 And which he established unto Jacob he brought forth his people with gladness, with joyful as a statute, unto Israel as an everlasting covenant: song his elect. 44 And he gave them the lands of 11 Saving, "Unto thee will I give the land of Canaan, nations; and the labor of people they obtained as as the portion of your inheritance." 12 When they an inheritance: 45 So that they might observe his were but a few men in number; yea, very few, and statutes, and keep his laws. Hallelujah. strangers in it: 13 And when they wandered from one nation to another, from one kingdom to another people: 14 He suffered no man to oppress them: yea. he reproved kings for their sake: 15 [Saving, ] "Touch not my anointed, and do my prophets no harm."— 16 And he called for a famine over the land; every staff of bread he broke. 17 He sent a man before them; for a servant was Joseph sold: 18 They forced into fetters his feet; in iron was his body put: 19 Until the time that his word came to pass, [when] the saying of the Lord had purified him. 20 The king sent and unfettered him; the ruler of people, and let him go free. 21 He appointed him lord of his house, and ruler of all his possession: 22 That he might bind his princes at his pleasure; and teach his ancients wisdom. 23 Then came Israel into Egypt, and Jacob sojourned in the land of Ham. 24 And he increased his people greatly, and made them stronger than their adversaries. 25 He turned their heart to hate his people, to deal subtilely with his servants. 26 He sent Moses his servant, Aaron also whom he had made choice of. 27 They displayed among them his effective signs, and wonders in the land of Ham. 28 He sent darkness, and made it dark; and they rebelled not against his word. 29 He changed their waters into blood, and slew their fish. 30 Their land brought forth frogs in abundance, in the very chambers of their kings. 31 He spoke, and there came various wild beasts, lice also within all their boundary, 32 He gave them as their rain hail, and flames of fire in their land. 33 And he smote their vines and their fig-trees, and broke the trees within their boundary. 34 He spoke. and the locusts came, and crickets, and that without number: 35 And they ate up all the herbs in their land, and ate up the fruit of their ground, 36 And he smote all the first-born in their land, the first of all their strength. 37 And he brought them forth with silver and gold; and there was not one that stumbled among his tribes. 38 Eavpt rejoiced when they departed: for the dread of them was fallen upon them. 39 He spread out a cloud for a covering, and fire to give light in the

ye children of Jacob, his elect. 7 He is the Lord night. 40 The people asked, and he brought quails,

106 Hallelujah. Oh give thanks unto the Lord: for he is good: for to eternity endureth his kindness. 2 Who can utter the mighty acts of the Lord? who can publish all his praise? 3 Happy are those that observe justice, that execute righteousness at all times. 4 Remember me, O Lord. when thou favorest thy people: oh visit me with thy salvation; 5 That I may look on the happiness of thy elect, that I may rejoice in the joy of thy nation, that I may glorify myself with thy inheritance. 6 We have sinned together with our fathers, we have committed iniquity. we have done wickedly. 7 Our fathers did not reflect on thy wonders in Egypt: they remembered not the multitude of thy kindnesses; but rebelled at the sea. even at the Red Sea. 8 Nevertheless he saved them for the sake of his name, to make known his might. 9 He rebuked the Red Sea also, and it was dried up; and he led them through the depths, as through the wilderness. 10 And he saved them from the hand of him that hated them, and redeemed them from the hand of the enemy. 11 And the waters covered their adversaries: not one of them was left. 12 Then believed they in his words, they sang his praise. 13 Speedily they forgot his works, they waited not for his counsel: 14 And they felt a lustful longing in the wilderness, and tempted God in the desert. 15 And he gave them what they had asked; but sent dryness into their soul. 16 Moreover they envied Moses in the camp, and Aaron the holy one of the Lord. 17 The earth opened and swallowed up Dathan, and covered over the company of Abiram. 18 And a fire was kindled in their company: the flame burnt up the wicked. 19 They made a calf in Horeb, and bowed themselves down to a molten image. 20 And they exchanged their glory for the similitude of an ox that eateth herbs. 21 They forgot God their saviour. who had done great things in Egypt, 22 Wonders in the land of Ham, terrible things by the Red Sea. 23 He therefore spoke of destroying them: had not Moses his elect stood in the breach before him, to turn away his

the pleasant land, they believed not in his word; 25 adversary; 3 And whom he hath gathered out of the But they murmured in their tents, they hearkened not [various] lands, from the east, and from the west. unto the voice of the Lord. 26 He therefore lifted up from the north, and from the sea. 4 They wandered his hand against them, to cause them to fall in the about in the wilderness, in the desert path; they could wilderness; 27 And to let their seed fall among the not find an inhabited city: 5 Hungry and thirsty, their nations, and to scatter them in the lands. 28 And soul within them fainted. 6 Then they cried unto the they joined themselves unto Ba'al-pe'or, and ate the Lord when they were in distress, [and] out of their sacrifices of the dead. 29 And they provoked him to afflictions he delivered them. 7 And he led them forth anger with their deeds: and there broke in among on the right way, that they might go to an inhabited them the plaque. 30 Then stood up Phinehas, and city. 8 They [therefore] shall give thanks unto the Lord executed judgment: and the plague was stayed. 31 for his kindness, and [proclaim] his wonders to the And it was accounted unto him for righteousness, unto children of men! 9 For he satisfied the longing soul. all generations for evermore. 32 They angered him and the hungry soul he filled with good.— 10 Such as also at the waters of Meribah, and evil happened to sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, bound Moses for their sake; 33 Because they had embittered in misery and [fetters of] iron; — 11 Because they his spirit, and so he spoke thoughtlessly with his have rebelled against the words of God, and have lips. 34 They did not exterminate the nations, that contemned the counsel of the Most High: 12 And he the Lord had indicated to them; 35 But they mingled humbled with trouble their heart; they stumbled, and themselves among the nations, and learned their there was none to help; 13 But when they cry unto the doings. 36 And they served their idols, and these Lord when they are in distress, he saveth them out of became unto them a snare. 37 Yea, they sacrificed their afflictions; 14 He bringeth them out of darkness their sons and their daughters unto the evil spirits: 38 and the shadow of death, and teareth their bands And they shed innocent blood, the blood of their sons asunder. 15 They [therefore] shall give thanks unto and of their daughters, whom they sacrificed unto the Lord for his kindness, and [proclaim] his wonders the idols of Canaan; and the land was polluted with to the children of men! 16 For he hath broken the blood-quiltiness. 39 Thus were they made unclean doors of copper, and the bolts of iron hath he hewn through their own doings, and went astray with their asunder.— 17 Fools, because of their transgression. own deeds. 40 therefore was the wrath of the Lord and because of their iniquities, are afflicted. 18 All kindled against his people, and be felt disgust for his manner of food their soul abhorreth; and they draw own inheritance. 41 And he gave them up into the near unto the gates of death; 19 But when they cry hand of the nations: and there ruled over them those unto the Lord when they are in distress, he saveth that hated them. 42 And their enemies also oppressed them out of their afflictions. 20 He sendeth his word them; and they were subdued under their hand. 43 and healeth them, and delivereth them from their Many times did he deliver them; but they rebelled graves. 21 They [therefore] shall give thanks unto the with their counsel, and they were brought low through Lord for his kindness, and [proclaim] his wonders to their iniquity. 44 Nevertheless he looked on when they the children of men! 22 They shall also sacrifice the were in distress, when he heard their entreaty. 45 sacrifices of thanksgiving, and relate his deeds with And he remembered unto them his covenant, and joyful song.— 23 They who go down to the sea in he bethought himself according to the abundance ships, who do business on great waters; — 24 These of his kindnesses: 46 And be caused them to find have seen the works of the Lord, and his wonders on mercy before all those that had carried them away the deep. 25 For he spoke, and he raised the stormy captive. 47 Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us wind, which lifteth up its waves. 26 They would mount from among the nations, to give thanks unto thy holy up to heaven, they would go down to the depths: their name, to triumph in thy praise. 48 Blessed be the Lord soul was melted because of their danger. 27 They the God of Israel from everlasting even to everlasting: would reel to and fro, and stagger like a drunken and let all the people say, Amen, Hallelujah.

**107** BOOK FIFTH: Oh give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for unto eternity endureth his kindness. 2 Thus let the Lord's redeemed sav. even

fury, that he might not destroy. 24 And they despised those whom he hath redeemed from the hand of the man, and all their wisdom was exhausted. 28 And they cried unto the Lord when they were in distress. and he brought them out of their afflictions. 29 He calmed the storm into a whisper, and stilled were the waves of the sea. 30 And they were rejoiced because

they were silent: and then he guided them unto their 109 "To the chief musician, by David, a psalm." desired haven. 31 They [therefore] shall give thanks unto the Lord for his kindness, and [proclaim] his For the mouth of the wicked and the mouth of deceit wonders to the children of men! 32 And they must are opened against me; they have spoken with me exalt him in the congregation of the people, and in the with the tongue of falsehood. 3 Also with words of assembly of the elders must they praise him.— 33 He hatred have they encompassed me, and they fight changeth rivers into a wilderness, and water-springs against me without a cause. 4 In recompense for my into parched ground; 34 A fruitful land into a salty love are they my accusers, while I have nothing but waste, for the wickedness of those that dwell therein. prayer. 5 And they impose evil on me in recompense 35 He changeth the wilderness into a pool of water, for good, and hatred in lieu of my love. 6 Appoint thou and desert land into water-springs. 36 And there he a wicked man over him: and let an accuser stand at causeth to dwell the hungry, that they may found his right hand. 7 When he is to be judged, let him go vineyards, that they may yield the fruits of the [annual] days be few, and let another take his office. 9 Let his product. 38 He also blesseth them, and they multiply children be fatherless, and his wife a widow. 10 Let greatly, and he suffereth not their cattle to diminish. his children be continually moving about, and beg, 39 They were also diminished and bowed low through and let them seek [their bread] out of their ruined oppression, misfortune, and sorrow: 40 He [then] places, 11 Let the creditor lav snares after all that he poureth contempt upon princes, and causeth them to hath, and let strangers plunder his labor. 12 Let him wander in a pathless wilderness. 41 And he exalteth have none that extendeth kindness, and let there be the needy from misery, and maketh [his] families like none that is gracious to his fatherless children. 13 Let flocks. 42 The righteous shall see it, and rejoice; but his posterity be cut off: in another generation let their all wickedness shall stop her mouth. 43 Whoever name be blotted out. 14 Let the iniquity of his fathers is wise, let him observe these things, and let [all] be remembered by the Lord, and let the sin of his understand the kindness of the Lord.

108 "A song or psalm of David." My heart is firm, O God; I will sing and give praise, even with my spirit. 2 Awake, psaltery and harp: I will wake up the morning-dawn. 3 I will give thee thanks among the people, O Lord: and I will sing praises unto thee among the nations. 4 For great above the heavens is thy kindness, and thy truth reacheth even unto the skies. 5 Exalt thyself above the heavens, O God; and above all the earth thy glory. 6 In order that thy beloved may be delivered; help with thy right hand. and answer me. 7 God hath spoken in his holiness: I will exult, I will divide Shechem, and the valley of Succoth will I measure out, 8 Mine id Gil'ad, and mine is Menasseh; Ephraim also is the strong-hold of my head; of Judah are my chiefs. 9 Moab is my washpot; upon Edom will I cast my shoe; over Philistia will I triumph. 10 Who will bring me into the fortified city? who will lead me as far as Edom? 11 Behold, it is thou, O God, who hast cast us off; and thou, O God, goest not forth with our armies. 12 Give us help against the assailant; for vain is the help of man. 13 Through God shall we do valiantly; for he it is that will tread down our adversaries.

O God of my praise, do not keep silence. 2 an inhabited city; 37 And they sow fields, and plant forth quilty, and let his prayer become sin. 8 Let his mother not be blotted out. 15 Let them be before the Lord continually, that he may cut off from the earth their memory. 16 For the reason that he remembered not to show kindness; but persecuted the poor and needy man, and the grieved in heart to put him to death. 17 As he loved cursing, so let it come over him: and as he delighted not in blessing, so let it be far from him. 18 And he clothed himself with cursing as with his garment, and it cometh like water within him, and like oil into his bones. 19 Let it be unto him as a garment in which he wrappeth himself, and for a girdle let him be continually girded with it. 20 Let this be the reward of my accusers from the Lord, and of those that speak evil against my soul. 21 But thou, O Eternal Lord, deal with me for the sake of thy name: because thy kindness is good, deliver thou me. 22 For poor and needy am I, and my heart is deeply wounded within me. 23 Like the shadow when it declineth do I hasten away: I am driven suddenly off like the locusts. 24 My knees stumble through fasting, and my flesh faileth of fatness. 25 And I am become a reproach unto them: when they see me, they shake their head. 26 Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy kindness: 27 That they may know that this is thy hand: that thou, Lord, hast truly done it. 28 Let them then curse, but do thou bless; when they arise, let them be made ashamed; but let thy servant

rejoice. 29 Let my accusers be clothed with confusion, and merciful, and righteous. 5 Well will it be with and let them wrap themselves, as with a mantle, in the man who is kind, and lendeth: he will guide his their own shame, 30 I will thank the Lord greatly with affairs with justice, 6 Surely unto eternity shall he my mouth, and in the midst of many will I praise him, not be moved: in everlasting remembrance shall the 31 For he ever standeth at the right hand of the needy, righteous be held, 7 Of an evil report shall he not be to save him from those that judge his soul.

110 "By David, a psalm." The Eternal saith unto my Lord, Sit thou at my right hand, until I place thy enemies as a stool for thy feet. 2 The staff of thy strength will the Eternal stretch forth out of Zion: rule thou in the midst of thy enemies. 3 Thy people will bring freewill-gifts on the day of thy power, in the ornaments of holiness: as out of the bosom of the morning-dawn so is thine the dew of thy youth. 4 The Lord hath sworn, and will not repent of it, Thou shalt be a priest for ever after the order of Malkizedek. 5 The Lord at thy right hand crusheth kings on the day of his wrath. 6 He will judge among the nations—there shall be a fulness of corpses—he crusheth heads on a wide-spread land. 7 From the brook will he drink on the way: therefore will he lift up the head.

111 Hallelujah. I will thank the Lord with all [my] heart, in the council of the upright, and in the congregation. 2 Great are the works of the Lord, they are sought for [by them] in all their desires. 3 Glorious and majestic is his doing, and his righteousness wonderful works: gracious and merciful is the Lord. 5 He hath given sustenance unto those that fear him: he will for ever be mindful of his covenant. 6 The power of his works hath he told unto his people, that he might give them the heritage of nations. 7 The works of his hands are truth and justice: faultless are all his precepts. 8 They are well supported for ever and eternally: they are framed in truth and uprightness. 9 Redemption hath he sent unto his people: he hath commanded his covenant for ever: holy and to be feared is his name. 10 The beginning of wisdom is the fear of the Lord; a good understanding have all that fulfill [his commandments]; his praise endureth for ever.

112 Hallelujah. Happy is the man that feareth the Lord, that greatly delighteth in his commandments. 2 His seed shall be mighty upon earth: the generation of the upright shall be blessed. 3 Plenty and riches shall be in his house, and his righteousness shall endure for ever. 4 There ariseth in the darkness a light to the upright: he is gracious,

afraid: his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord. 8 Well supported is his heart, he shall not be afraid, until he looketh on [the punishment of] his assailants. 9 He distributeth, he giveth to the needy: his righteousness endureth for ever; his horn shall be exalted in honor. 10 The wicked shall see it, and be vexed; he will gnash with his teeth, and melt away: the longing of the wicked shall perish.

113 Hallelujah. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise ve the name of the Lord. 2 Let the name of the Lord be blessed from this time forth and for evermore. 3 From the rising of the sun unto his going down the name of the Lord is praised. 4 High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens is his glory. 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who dwelleth on high? 6 Who condescendeth to view what is done in the heavens, and on the earth? 7 He raiseth up out of the dust the poor, from the dunghill he lifteth up the needy: 8 That he may set him with princes, even with the princes of his people. 9 He causeth the barren woman to dwell in the midst of [her] household, the joyful mother of children. Hallelujah.

endureth for ever. 4 He hath made a memorial for his 114 When Israel went forth out of Egypt, the house of Jacob from a people of a strange language: 2 Judah became his sanctuary, [and] Israel his dominion. 3 The sea beheld it, and fled: the Jordan was driven backward. 4 The mountains skipped like wethers, the hills like lambs. 5 What aileth thee, O sea, that thou fleest? thou, O Jordan, that thou art driven backward? 6 Ye mountains, that we skip like wethers? ye hills, like lambs? 7 At the presence of the Lord tremble, O earth, at the presence of the God of Jacob; 8 Who changeth the rock into a pool of water, the flint into a fountain of water.

> 15 Not for our sake, O Lord, not for our sake, but unto thy name give glory, for the sake of thy kindness, for the sake of thy truth. 2 Wherefore should the nations say, Where now is their God? 3 Whereas our God is in the heavens: whatsoever he desireth hath he done. 4 Their idols are sliver and gold, the work of the hands of man. 5 A mouth they have, but speak not: eves they have, but see not: 6 Ears they have, but hear not: a nose they have, but smell not. 7 They have hands, but they touch not;

any utterance by their throat. 8 Like them are those that make them, every one that trusteth in them, 9 O over us; and the truth of the Lord endureth for ever. Israel, trust thou in the Lord—he is their help and Halleluiah. their shield. 10 O house of Aaron, trust ve in the Lord—he is their help and their shield. 11 Ye that fear the Lord, trust ve in the Lord—he is their help and their shield. 12 The Lord hath even been mindful of us. he will bless [us]: he will bless the house of Israel: he will bless the house of Aaron; 13 He will bless those that fear the Lord, the small together with the great. 14 May the Lord increase you more and more, you and your children. 15 Blessed are ve of the Lord. who made heaven and earth. 16 The heavens are the heavens of the Lord; but the earth hath he given to the children of men. 17 Not the dead can praise the Lord, nor all those that go down into the silence [of death]. 18 But as for us, we will bless the Lord from this time forth and for evermore. Halleluiah.

thy midst, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah.

they have feet, but they walk not: nor do they give 117 Praise the Lord, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. 2 For mighty is his kindness

118 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: because unto eternity endureth his kindness. 2 Let Israel then say so; because to eternity endureth his kindness. 3 Let the house of Aaron then say so: because to eternity endureth his kindness. 4 Let those who fear the Lord then say so; because to eternity endureth his kindness. 5 From the midst of distress I called on the Lord; the Lord answered me with enlargement. 6 The Lord is for me; I will not fear: what can a man do unto me? 7 The Lord is for me, among those that help me: therefore shall I indeed look on [the punishment of] those that hate me. 8 It is better to seek shelter with the Lord than to trust in man. 9 It is better to seek shelter with the Lord than to trust in princes. 10 All nations encompassed me 116 It is lovely to me that the Lord heareth my about; but in the name of the Lord I will surely cut voice, my supplications. 2 For he hath inclined them off. 11 They encompassed me about: yea, they his ear unto me; therefore throughout all my days will compassed about, but in the name of the Lord I will I call on him. 3 The bands of death had compassed surely cut them off. 12 They encompassed me about me, and the pangs of the nether world had overtaken like bees; they blazed up like the fire of thorns; but in me; I had met with distress and sorrow: (Sheol h7585) the name of the Lord I will surely cut them off. 13 4 I then called on the name of the Lord, I beseech Thou hast thrust violently at me that I might fall; but thee, O Lord, release my soul. 5 Gracious is the the Lord assisted me. 14 My strength and song is the Lord, and righteous; and our God is merciful. 6 The Lord, and he is become my salvation. 15 The voice of Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous: helped me. 7 Return, O my soul, unto thy rest; for the the right hand of the Lord doth valiantly, 16 The right Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. 8 For thou hast hand of the Lord is exalted: the right hand of the Lord delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my doth valiantly, 17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and feet from falling. 9 I will walk before the Lord in the relate the works of the Lord. 18 Severely hath the land of life. 10 I believe, therefore will I speak: I was Lord chastised me; but unto death hath he not given greatly afflicted; 11 l indeed said in my despondency, me up. 19 Open to me the gates of righteousness: I Every man is a liar. 12 What shall I give in return unto will enter into them. I will give thanks unto the Lord. the Lord for all his bounties toward me? 13 The cup 20 This is the gate which belongeth unto the Lord, the of salvation will I lift up, and on the name of the Lord righteous shall enter thereby. 21 I will thank thee: for will I call. 14 My vows will I pay unto the Lord, yea, in thou but answered me, and art become my salvation. the presence of all his people. 15 Grievous in the 22 The stone which the builders rejected is become eyes of the Lord is the death of his pious ones. 16 O the chief corner-stone. 23 From the Lord is this come Lord, truly am I thy servant, I am thy servant, —the to pass, it is marvelous in our eyes, 24 This is the day son of thy handmaid: thou hast loosened my fetters. which the Lord hath made, we will be glad and rejoice 17 Unto thee will I offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, thereon. 25 We beseech thee, O Lord, save [us] now: and on the name of the Lord will I call. 18 My vows we beseech thee, O Lord, send [us] now prosperity. will I pay unto the Lord, yea, in the presence of all his 26 Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord: people, 19 In the courts of the house of the Lord, in we bless you out of the house of the Lord. 27 God is the Lord, and he giveth us light: bind the festive sacrifice with cords, [leading it] up to the horns of the altar. 28 Thou art my God, and I will thank thee:

my God. I will exalt thee. 29 Oh give thanks unto the heart. 33 HE. Teach me. O Lord, the way of thy kindness.

**110** ALEPH. Happy are they whose way is perfect, who walk in the law of the Lord. 2 Happy are they who keep his testimonies, that seek him with all their heart. 3 They also commit no injustice: in his ways do they walk. 4 Thou thyself hast commanded us thy precepts, that we might keep [them] diligently. 5 Oh that my ways were firmly directed to observe thy statutes! 6 Then would I not be made ashamed, while I look at all thy commandments. 7 I will thank thee with uprightness of heart, when I learn thy righteous ordinances. 8 Thy statutes will I observe: oh forsake me not too greatly. 9 BETH. Wherewithal shall a youth keep his way pure? by quarding it according to thy word. 10 With all my heart have I sought thee: oh let me not wander astray from thy commandments. 11 In my heart have I treasured up thy saying, in order that I may not sin against thee. 12 Blessed art thou, O Lord: teach me thy statutes. 13 With my lips have I related all the ordinances of thy mouth. 14 On the way of thy testimonies have I been glad, as over all wealth. 15 On thy precepts will I meditate, and direct my look unto thy paths. 16 In thy statutes will I seek my delight: I will not forget thy word. 17 GIMEL. Deal bountifully with thy servant: let me live. that I may observe thy word. 18 Open thou my eyes. that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law. 19 A stranger am I on the earth: hide not from me thy commandments. 20 My soul is broken from longing for thy ordinances at all times. 21 Thou hast rebuked the accursed proud, who go erringly astray from thy commandments. 22 Roll away from me reproach and contempt; for thy testimonies have I kept. 23 Although even princes should sit and speak against me, thy servant would still meditate on thy statutes. 24 Also thy testimonies are my delight, my counsellors. 25 DALETH. My soul cleaveth unto the dust: revive thou me according to thy word. 26 My ways do I relate [to theel, and thou answerest me: teach me thy statutes. 27 Cause me to understand the way of thy precepts. that I may meditate on thy wonders. 28 My soul droppeth away from grief: sustain me according to thy word. 29 The way of falsehood do thou remove from me, and grant me graciously thy law. 30 The way of truth have I chosen: thy ordinances have I set [before me]. 31 I have adhered unto thy testimonies: O Lord, put me not to shame. 32 The way of thy commandments will I run; for thou wilt enlarge my

Lord; for he is good; because to eternity endureth his statutes, and I shall keep it in all its windings. 34 Give me understanding, that I may keep thy law, and I will observe it with all [mv] heart. 35 Guide me on the path of thy commandments; for therein do I find my delight. 36 Incline my heart unto thy testimonies, and not to desire for gain. 37 Turn away my eyes from beholding vanity: on thy way do thou give me life. 38 Fulfill unto thy servant thy promise for those who are devoted to thy fear. 39 Cause to pass away my disgrace of which I have dread; for thy ordinances are good. 40 Behold. I have longed after thy precepts: through thy righteousness do thou give my life. 41 VAV. And let thy kindness come unto me. O Lord, thy salvation. according to thy promise. 42 Then shall I have a word to answer the one that reproacheth me: for I trust in thy word. 43 And snatch not the word of truth out of my mouth too greatly: for I wait for thy ordinances. 44 So shall I observe thy law continually for ever and ever. 45 And I will walk in an open space; for thy precepts have I sought. 46 And I will speak of thy testimonies before kings, and will not be ashamed. 47 And I will delight myself in thy commandments. which I love. 48 And so will I lift up my hands unto thy commandments, which I love, and I will meditate on thy statutes. 49 ZAYIN. Remember thy word unto thy servant, upon which thou hast caused me to wait. 50 This is my comfort in my affliction, that thy promise hath revived me. 51 The presumptuous have held me too greatly in derision; yet have I not departed away from thy law. 52 I remembered thy decrees [which were] from olden times, O Lord, and thus comforted myself. 53 Horror seized on me because of the wicked that forsake thy law. 54 Songs have thy statutes been unto me in the house of my pilgrimage. 55 I remembered in the night thy name. O Lord, and observed thy law. 56 This came to pass unto me. because I had kept thy precepts. 57 CHETH, My portion is the Lord, have I said, that I might observe thy words. 58 I make entreaty before thee with all my heart: be gracious unto me according to thy promise. 59 I have thought over my ways, and made my feet return unto thy testimonies. 60 I hastened. and delayed not to observe thy commandments. 61 Companies of wicked men have surrounded me: but I have not forgotten thy law. 62 At midnights do I constantly rise to give thanks unto thee, because of thy righteous decrees. 63 An associate am I unto all that fear thee, and unto those that keep thy precepts. 64 Of thy kindness. O Lord, is the earth full: teach me thy statutes. 65 TETH. Thou hast shown goodness on

thy servant, O Lord, according to thy word. 66 The reflect on thy testimonies. 96 Of all perfection have I best of discernment and knowledge do thou teach seen the end; [but] thy commandment is exceedingly me; for in thy commandments do I believe. 67 Before extended. 97 MEM. Oh how do I love thy law! all the I was afflicted I was in error; but now I observe thy day is it my (meditation) 98 Wiser than my enemy saying. 68 Thou art good, and doing good: teach me doth thy commandment make me; for it is perpetually thy statutes. 69 The presumptuous have invented with me. 99 Above all my teachers have I obtained falsehoods against me; but I will with all my heart intelligence; for thy testimonies are my (meditation) indeed keep thy precepts. 70 Gross as fat is their 100 More than the elders do I possess understanding; heart; but I take truly delight in thy law. 71 It is well for because thy precepts do I keep. 101 From every me that I have been afflicted, in order that I might evil path have I withholden my feet, in order that I learn thy statutes. 72 Better is unto me the law of thy might observe thy word. 102 From thy ordinances mouth than thousands of gold and silver. 73 YOD. Thy have I not departed; for thou hast instructed me. 103 hands have made me and established me: give me How much sweeter are to my palate thy sayings understanding, that I may learn thy commandments. than honey to my mouth! 104 Through thy precepts 74 Those that fear thee will see me and be rejoiced; shall I obtain understanding: therefore do I hate every because I have waited for thy word. 75 I know, O path of falsehood. 105 NUN. A lamp unto my feet Lord, that thy decrees are righteous, and that in is thy word, and a light unto my path. 106 I have faithfulness thou hast afflicted me. 76 Let. I pray thee, sworn, and I will perform it, to observe thy righteous thy kindness come to comfort me, according to thy ordinances. 107 I am afflicted exceedingly much: O promise unto thy servant. 77 Let thy mercies come Lord, revive me, according to thy word. 108 Receive unto me, that I may live; for thy law is my delight. 78 in favor the freewill-offerings of my mouth, I beseech Let the presumptuous be made ashamed; because thee, O Lord, and teach me thy ordinances. 109 My they have without a cause dealt perversely with me; life is in my hand continually: yet thy law do I not but I will indeed meditate on thy precepts. 79 Let forget. 110 The wicked have laid a snare for me: those that fear thee return unto me, and those that yet have I not erred from thy precepts. 111 I have know thy testimonies. 80 Let my heart be entire in thy taken thy testimonies as a heritage to eternity; for statutes, in order that I may not be put to shame. 81 they are the joy of my heart. 112 I have inclined my CAPH. My soul ardently desireth for thy salvation: for heart to perform thy statutes always, in all their ways. thy word do I wait. 82 My eyes look eagerly for thy 113 SAMECH. Those of divided thoughts I hate; but promise, saying, When wilt thou comfort me? 83 For thy law do I love. 114 My shelter and my shield art I am become like a bottle in the smoke: [yet] do I thou: for thy word do I wait. 115 Depart from me, ye not forget thy statutes. 84 How many are the days of evildoers, that I may keep the commandments of God. thy servant? when wilt thou execute justice on my 116 Uphold me according to thy promise, that I may persecutors? 85 The presumptuous have dug pits for live, and let me not be made ashamed of my hope. me, which is not in accordance with thy law. 86 All thy 117 Support me that I may be placed in safety, and commandments are founded on truth: without cause I will direct my regard unto thy statutes continually. they persecute me; help thou me. 87 But little was 118 Thou hast trodden down all that erringly stray wanting that they had consumed me upon earth; but I from thy statutes; for falsehood is their deceit. 119 have truly not forsaken thy precepts. 88 According Like dross dost thou put away all the wicked of the to thy kindness give me life, that I may observe the earth: therefore do I love thy testimonies. 120 My testimony of thy mouth. 89 LAMED. To eternity, O flesh trembleth shudderingly from dread of thee, and Lord, standeth firm thy word with the heavens. 90 of thy decrees am I afraid. 121 'AYIN. I have executed Unto all generations endureth thy faithfulness: thou justice and righteousness: leave me not to those hast established the earth, and she standeth. 91 who oppress me. 122 Protect thy servant for good: According to thy ordinances they exist this day: for let not the presumptuous oppress me. 123 My eyes all are thy servants. 92 Unless thy law had been look eagerly for thy salvation, and for thy righteous my delights, I should long since have been lost in promise. 124 Deal with thy servant according to thy my affliction. 93 Never will I forget thy precepts; for kindness, and thy statutes do thou teach me. 125 I with them thou hast kept me alive. 94 Thine am I, am thy servant: give me understanding, that I may save me; for thy precepts have I sought. 95 Wicked know thy testimonies. 126 It is time to act for the men have waited for me to destroy me; [but] I will Lord: they have broken thy law. 127 Therefore do I

than fine gold. 128 Therefore do I esteem all thy thou revive me. 160 The summit of thy word is truth: precepts in all things as right; every path of falsehood and the whole of thy righteous judgment endureth for do I hate, 129 PE. Wonderful are thy testimonies: ever. 161 SHIN. Princes have persecuted me without therefore doth my soul keep them. 130 The opening a cause; but of thy word standeth my heart in dread. of thy words giveth light, it giveth understanding unto 162 I am rejoiced over thy promise, as one that findeth the simple. 131 I opened my mouth, and panted for great spoil. 163 Falsehood I hate and abhor: but thy breath; because for thy commandments did I long. law do I love. 164 Seven times in the day do I praise 132 Turn thou unto me, and be gracious unto me, as thee because of thy righteous decrees. 165 Abundant is thy wont unto those that love thy name. 133 My peace have they who love thy law; and thee is nothing steps establish thou through thy promise, and suffer that causeth them to stumble. 166 I have hoped for not any wrong to have dominion over me. 134 Deliver thy salvation, O Lord, and thy commandments have I me from the oppression of man, and I will observe thy fulfilled. 167 My soul hath observed thy testimonies, precepts, 135 Let thy face shine upon thy servant, and and I love them exceedingly, 168 I have observed thy teach me thy statutes. 136 Streams of water have run precepts and thy testimonies; because all my ways down my eyes; because they had not observed thy are before thee. 169 TAV. Let my entreaty come near law. 137 TZADDE. Righteous art thou, O Lord, and before thee, O Lord: according to thy word grant me upright are thy decrees, 138 Thou hast commanded understanding, 170 Let my supplication come before thy testimonies, as righteous and faithful exceedingly. thee: according to thy promise do thou deliver me. 171 139 My zeal destroyeth me; because my assailants My lips shall utter praise; because thou wilt teach me have forgotten thy words. 140 Thy promise is greatly thy statutes. 172 My tongue shall speak loudly of thy refined, and thy servant loveth it. 141 I am little and promise; for all thy commandments are righteous. 173 despised; yet thy precepts have I not forgotten. 142 Let thy hand be [ready] to help me; for thy precepts Thy righteousness is an everlasting righteousness, have I chosen. 174 I have longed for thy salvation, and thy law is the truth. 143 Distress and trouble O Lord; and thy law is my delights. 175 Let my soul have overtaken me: [vet] are thy commandments live, and it shall praise thee; and let thy decrees help my delights. 144 Righteous are thy testimonies for me. 176 I have gone erringly astray like a lost sheep: everlasting; give me understanding, that I may live, seek thy servant; for thy commandments have I not 145 KOPH. I have called with all my heart; answer forgotten. me. O Lord: thy statutes will I keep. 146 I have called on thee, save me, and I will observe thy testimonies. 147 I come before thee in the dawn of morning, and cry: for thy word do I wait. 148 My eyes are awake before the night-watches, that I may meditate in thy saying. 149 Hear my voice according to thy kindness: O Lord, according to thy decree do thou grant me life. 150 They that pursue mischievous devices draw nigh: from thy law are they far. 151 Near art thou. O Lord: and all thy commandments are the truth. 152 Of old already I knew of thy testimonies; because for eternity hast thou founded them. 153 RESH. Look on my affliction, and release me; for thy law have I not forgotten. 154 Plead my cause, and deliver me: according to thy promise do thou revive me. help? 2 My help is from the Lord, the maker of heaven 155 Far from the wicked is salvation; because thy and earth. 3 He will not suffer thy foot to slip: thy statutes have they not sought for. 156 Thy mercies keeper doth not slumber. 4 Behold, he slumbereth are abundant, O Lord; according to thy decrees do not, and he sleepeth not—the keeper of Israel. 5 The thou revive me. 157 Many are my persecutors and my Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade, he is on thy assailants: yet from thy testimonies do I not turn away. right hand. 6 By day the sun shall not strike thee, nor 158 I beheld the treacherous, and felt disgust; because the moon by night, 7 The Lord will guard thee against

love thy commandments more than gold, and more thy precepts: O Lord, according to thy kindness do

120 "A song of the degrees." Unto the Lord, when I was in distress, did I call, and he hath answered me. 2 O Lord, deliver my soul from lips of falsehood, and from a tonque of deceit, 3 What will [God] give unto thee? or what will he add unto thee. thou tongue of deceit? 4 Sharpened arrows of the mighty, with coals of the broom-bush. 5 Woe is me, that I sojourn in Meshech, that I dwell in the tents of Kedar! 6 Too long for herself hath my soul dwelt with him that hateth peace. 7 I am for peace; but when I speak, they are for war.

**121** "A song for the degrees." I lift up my eyes unto the mountains: whence shall come my they observed not thy saying. 159 Behold that I love all evil: he will guard thy soul. 8 The Lord will guard

and for evermore.

**122** "A song of the degrees by David." I was rejoiced when they said unto me, Unto the house of the Lord let us go. 2 Our feet are now standing within thy gates, O Jerusalem! 3 Jerusalem, which art built as a city wherein all associate together. testimony for Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. 5 For there are placed chairs for [giving] iudgment, the chairs for the house of David.— 6 Pray ye for the peace of Jerusalem; may those that love thee prosper. 7 May there be peace within thy walls. prosperity within thy palaces, 8 For the sake of my brethren and my friends, let me now speak, Peace be within thee. 9 For the sake of the house of the Lord our God, will I seek thy good.

123 "A song of the degrees." Unto thee do I lift up my eyes. O thou that dwellest in the heavens. 2 Behold, as the eves of servants are directed unto the hand of their masters, as the eves of a maiden unto the hand of her mistress: thus are our eves directed unto the Lord our God, until he be gracious unto us. 3 Be gracious unto us. O Lord! be gracious unto us; for we are overburdened with contempt. 4 Our soul is overburdened with the scorn of those who are at ease, with the contempt of the proud oppressors.

1 21 "A song of the degrees by David." If it had not been the Lord who was for us, so should Israel say: 2 If it had not been the Lord who was for us, when men rose up against us: 3 Then would they have swallowed us up alive, when their wrath was kindled against us: 4 Then would the waters have the presumptuous waters. 6 Blessed be the Lord, heaven and earth.

**125** "A song of the degrees." Those who trust in the Lord are like mount Zion, which will not he moved, which endureth for ever. 2 Jerusalem hath mountains round about her: and [so] is the Lord round about his people, from this time forth and for evermore. 3 For the sceptre of wickedness shall not rest upon the lot of the righteous: in order that the righteous may not stretch forth their hands unto

thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth wrong-doing. 4 Do good, O Lord, unto the good, and to those that are upright in their hearts. 5 But as for those who turn aside unto their crooked ways. them will the Lord drive away with the workers of wickedness: but peace shall be upon Israel.

**26** "A song of the degrees." When the Lord bringeth back again the captivity of Zion, then 4 For thither go up the tribes of the Lord, as a shall we be like dreamers. 2 Then shall our mouth be filled with laughter, and our tongue with singing: then shall they say among the nations, Great things hath the Lord done for these. 3 Great things would the Lord have done for us, [whereat] we should be joyful. 4 Bring back again, O Lord, our captivity, like rivulets in arid land. 5 Those that sow in tears shall reap with joyful song. 6 He goeth forth indeed and weepeth, that beareth the seed for sowing; but he will surely come with joyful song when he beareth [home] his sheaves.

> 127 "A song of the degrees for Solomon." Unless the Lord do build the house, in vain labor they that build on it: unless the Lord guard the city, in vain is the watchman wakeful. 2 It is in vain for you to be early in rising, to be late in sitting up. eating the bread of painful toils; [for] so doth he give unto his beloved during sleep. 3 Lo, children are an inheritance from the Lord: a reward is the fruit of the body. 4 Like arrows in the hand of a mighty man, so are the children of youth. 5 Happy is the man that hath his guiver filled with them: they shall not be put to shame, when they do speak with the enemies in the gate.

128 "A song of the degrees." Happy is every one that feareth the Lord, that walketh in his ways. overwhelmed us, the stream would have passed over 2 When thou eatest the labor of thy hands: [then] wilt our soul; 5 Then would have passed over our soul thou be happy, and it shall be well with thee. 3 Thy wife is [then] as a fruitful vine in the recesses of thy who hath not given us up as a prey to their teeth. 7 house: thy children, like olive-plants round about thy Our soul is escaped like a bird out of the snare of the table. 4 Behold, truly thus shall be blessed the man fowlers: the snare is broken, and we are escaped. 8 that feareth the Lord. 5 May the Lord bless thee out Our help is in the name of the Lord, the maker of of Zion: and see thou the happiness of Jerusalem all the days of thy life. 6 And see thou thy children's children: may there be peace upon Israel.

> 129 "A song of the degrees." Many a time have they assailed me from my youth, so should Israel say: 2 Many a time have they assailed me from my youth: yet have they not prevailed against me. 3 Upon my back have ploughmen ploughed; they have drawn long their furrows: 4 [Yet] the Lord is righteous; he hath cut asunder the cords of the wicked. 5 May

Zion; 6 May they become like the grass of the roofs, hath made choice of Zion: he hath desired it as a which withereth before it is pulled up: 7 Wherewith habitation for himself. 14 This is my resting-place the mower filleth not his hand; nor his arm he that for evermore; here will I dwell; for I have desired it. bindeth sheaves. 8 Nor do they who pass by say. 15 Her provision will I bless abundantly: her needy The blessing of the Lord be with you: we bless you in ones will I satisfy with bread. 16 And her priests will I the name of the Lord.

130 "A song of the degrees." Out of the depths have I called thee, O Lord. 2 Lord, listen to my voice: let thy ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications. 3 If thou, Lord, shouldst treasure up iniquities, O Lord, who would be able to stand? 4 133 "A song of the degrees by David." Behold, But with thee there is forgiveness, in order that thou redeem Israel from all his iniquities.

my heart was not haughty, nor were my eyes breast: like a suckling is in me my soul. 3 Let Israel maker of heaven and earth. wait for the Lord from this time forth and for ever more.

all be put to shame and turned backward that hate upon the throne to succeed thee." 13 For the Lord clothe with salvation: and her pious ones shall shout aloud for iov. 17 There will I cause to grow a horn unto David: I arrange a lamp for my anointed. 18 His enemies will I clothe with shame; but upon himself shall his crown shine brilliantly.

how good and how pleasant it is! when mayest be feared. 5 I hope for the Lord, my soul brethren dwell closely together [in union]! 2 [It is] like doth hope, and for his word do I wait. 6 My soul the precious oil upon the head, running down upon [waiteth] for the Lord, more than they that watch for the beard, yea, Aaron's beard, which runneth down the morning expect the morning. 7 Let Israel wait for upon the upper border of his garments; 3 Like the the Lord; for with the Lord there is kindness, and with dew of Chermon, running down upon the mountains him is redemption in abundance; 8 And he wilt surely of Zion; for there hath the Lord commanded the blessing, even life for evermore.

131 "A song of the degrees by David." O Lord, 134 "A song of the degrees." Arise! bless ye the Lord, all ye servants of the Lord that stand in lofty: neither have I walked after matters too great, or the house of the Lord in the nights. 2 Lift up your those too wonderful for me. 2 Surely I have pacified hands toward the sanctuary, and bless the Lord. 3 and stilled my soul, like the suckling on its mother's May the Lord bless thee out of Zion, he that is the

**135** Hallelujah. Praise ye the name of the Lord; praise him, O ye servants of the Lord; 2 Ye **132** "A song of the degrees." Remember, O Lord, that stand in the house of the Lord, in the courts of unto David all his afflictions; 2 How he swore the house of our God. 3 Hallelujah; for the Lord is unto the Lord; how he vowed unto the mighty One of good: sing praises unto his name; for it is lovely. 4 Jacob: 3 Surely, I will not enter into the tent of my For Jacob hath the Lord chosen unto himself, Israel, house, nor ascend the couch of my repose; 4 I will as his peculiar treasure. 5 For I well know that the not grant any sleep to my eyes, nor to my eyelids Lord is great, and that our Lord is above all gods, any slumber: 5 Until I shall have found out a place 6 Whatsoever the Lord willeth, hath he done in the for the Lord, a dwelling-place for the mighty One of heavens, and on the earth, in the seas, and in all the Jacob. 6 "Lo, we heard of it at Ephratah: we met deeps. 7 He causeth clouds to ascend from the ends with it in the fields of the forest: 7 let us then go into of the earth; he maketh lightnings with the rain; he his dwelling: let us prostrate ourselves before his bringeth forth the wind out of his treasuries. 8 [He it footstool." 8 Arise, O Lord, unto thy resting-place: is] who smote the first-born of Egypt, both of man thou, and the ark of thy strength. 9 Let thy priests be and of cattle; 9 Who sent signs and wonderful tokens clothed with righteousness; and let thy pious servants into the midst of thee, O Egypt, against Pharaoh, shout for joy. 10 For the sake of David thy servant and against all his servants; 10 Who smote many turn not away the face of thy anointed. 11 The Lord nations, and slew mighty kings; 11 Sichon the king of hath sworn unto David in truth; he will not turn from it: the Emorites, and 'Og the king of Bashan, and all "From the fruit of thy body will I set [some one] on the the kingdoms of Canaan; 12 And gave their land as throne to succeed thee. 12 If thy children will observe an inheritance, an inheritance unto Israel his people. my covenant and this my testimony which I teach 13 O Lord, thy name [endureth] for ever: O Lord, them: then also shall their children sit for evermore thy memorial is throughout all generations. 14 For

concerning his servants will he bethink himself. 15 Who giveth food unto all flesh; for to eternity endureth The idols of the nations are silver and gold, the work his kindness, 26 O give thanks unto the God of the of the hands of men. 16 Mouths they have, but they heavens; for to eternity endureth his kindness. speak not: eves they have, but they see not: 17 Ears they have, but they hear not; neither is there any breath in their mouth. 18 Like them are those that make them, every one that trusteth in them. 19 O house of Israel, bless ye the Lord; O house of Aaron, bless ye the Lord. 20 O house of Levi, bless ye the Lord; ye that fear the Lord, bless the Lord. 21 Blessed be the Lord out of Zion, even he that resideth at Jerusalem, Halleluiah,

136 O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good; for to eternity endureth his kindness. 2 O give thanks unto the God of gods; for to eternity endureth his kindness. 3 O give thanks to the Lord of lords; for to eternity endureth his kindness. 4 To him who doth great wonders alone; for to eternity endureth his kindness. 5 To him that made the heavens with understanding: for to eternity endureth his kindness. 6 To him that stretched out the earth above the waters; for to eternity endureth his kindness. 7 To him that made great lights; for to eternity endureth his kindness; 8 The sun for the rule by day; for to eternity endureth his kindness; 9 The moon and stars for the rule by night; for to eternity endureth his kindness. 10 To him that smote Egypt in their first-born: for to eternity endureth his kindness: 11 And brought out Israel from the midst of them; for to eternity endureth his kindness: 12 With a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm; for to eternity endureth his kindness. 13 To him who divided the Red Sea into parts; for to eternity endureth his kindness; 14 And caused Israel to pass through the midst of it: for to eternity endureth his kindness: 15 But overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea: for to eternity endureth his kindness. 16 To him who led his people through the wilderness; for to eternity endureth his kindness. 17 To him who smote great kings; for to eternity endureth his kindness: 18 And slew mighty kings; for to eternity endureth his kindness. 19 Even Sichon the king of the Emorites; for to eternity endureth his kindness; 20 And 'Og the king of Bashan; for to eternity endureth his kindness; 21 And gave their land as an inheritance; for to eternity endureth his kindness; 22 As an inheritance unto Israel his servant; for to eternity endureth his kindness; 23 Who hath in our low estate remembered us; for to eternity endureth his kindness; 24 And hath freed us from our

the Lord will espouse the cause of his people, and assailants; for to eternity endureth his kindness; 25

137 By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat, and we also wept when we remembered Zion. 2 Upon the willows in her midst had we hung up our harps. 3 For there our captors demanded of us the words of song; and those that mocked us, joy, [saying, ] Sing for us one of the songs of Zion. 4 How should we sing the song of the Lord on the soil of the stranger? 5 If I forget thee, O Jerusalem, may my right hand forget—. 6 May my tongue cleave to my palate if I do not remember thee: if I recall not Jerusalem at the head of my joy. 7 Remember, O Lord, unto the children of Edom the day of Jerusalem; who said. Raze it, raze it, even to her very foundation. 8 O daughter of Babylon, who art wasted; happy he. that repayeth thee thy recompense for what thou hast done to us. 9 Happy he, that seizeth and dasheth thy babes against the rock.

138 "By David." I will praise thee with my whole heart: before [thee], O God, will I sing praise unto thee. 2 I will bow myself down before thy holy temple, and I will thank thy name for thy kindness and for thy truth; for thou hast magnified above all thy name thy promise. 3 On the day when I called didst thou answer me, and raise me up with strength in my soul. 4 All the kings of the earth will give thanks unto thee, O Lord, when they hear the promises of thy mouth. 5 And they will sing on the ways of the Lord: for great is the glory of the Lord. 6 For exalted is the Lord, yet doth he regard the lowly; but the proud he punisheth from afar. 7 If I should walk in the midst of distress, thou wilt revive me: against the wrath of my enemies wilt thou stretch forth thy hand, and thy right hand will save me. 8 The Lord will accomplish [all] in my behalf; O Lord, thy kindness endureth for ever: the works of thy own hands do not abandon.

**39** "To the chief musician, by David, a psalm." O Lord! thou hast searched me through, and thou knowest [me]. 2 Thou indeed knowest my sitting down and my rising up, thou understandest my thinking while yet afar off. 3 My walking and my lying down hast thou limited, and with all my ways art thou acquainted. 4 For, while there is not a word on my tongue. lo. thou. O Lord. knowest it entirely. 5 Behind and before hast thou hedged me in, and thou placest upon me thy hand. 6 Too wonderful is such

therefore, that I am [so] fearfully [and] wonderfully shall dwell before thy presence. made: wonderful are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. 15 My being was not concealed from thee, when I was made in secret, when I was Iso to say] embroidered in the lowest parts of the earth. 16 My undeveloped substance did thy eyes see; and in thy book were all of them written down—the days which have been formed, while vet not one of them was here. 17 And how precious are unto me thy thoughts. O God! how mightily great is their sum! 18 Should I count them, they would be more numerous than the sand: I awake, and I am still with thee. 19 If thou wouldst but slav the wicked. O God! and ve men of blood, depart from me. 20 Who speak of thee for a wicked end, thy enemies, that bear [thy name] for a vain purpose. 21 Behold, those that hate thee I ever hate, O Lord; and for those that rise up against thee do I feel loathing. 22 With the utmost hatred do I hate them: enemies are they become unto me. 23 Search me through, O God, and know my heart; probe me, and know my thoughts: 24 And see if there be a way of perverseness in me, and lead me on the way of eternity.

140 "To the chief musician, a psalm of David." Deliver me, O Lord, from an evil man; from a man of violence do thou keep me: 2 Who think over evil [resolves] in their heart, [who] every day are gathered together for war. 3 They have sharpened their tongues like a serpent: the poison of the adder is under their lips. (Selah) 4 Preserve me, O Lord, from the hands of the wicked, from the man of violence do thou keep me, who think of overthrowing my steps. 5 The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; they have spread a net by the side of [my] track; traps have they set for me. (Selah) 6 I have said unto

knowledge for me; it is too exalted. I cannot attain the Lord. Thou art my God; give ear, O Lord, to the unto it. 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither voice of my supplications. 7 O thou Eternal Lord, shall I flee away from thy presence? 8 If I should the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my ascend into heaven, thou art there; and if I should head on the day of battle, 8 Grant not, O Lord, the make my bed in the nether world, behold, thou art, longings of the wicked; suffer not his wicked device to there. (Sheol h7585) 9 If I should lift up the wings of the succeed: lest they exalt themselves. (Selah) 9 [As for] morning-dawn, if I should dwell in the uttermost parts the heads of those that encompass me about, let the of the sea: 10 Even there would thy hand lead me. mischief of their own lips cover them. 10 Let burning and thy right hand would seize hold of me. 11 If I said, coals be cast upon them: let them be thrown into the Surely darkness shall enshroud me, and into night [be fire; into deep pits, that they rise not up again. 11 turned] the light about me: 12 Yet even darkness can Let not the man of an [evil] tongue be established on obscure nothing from thee; but the night will shine the earth: may evil hunt down the violent man to his like the day; both the darkness and the light are alike downfall. 12 I know that the Lord will procure right for Ito theel, 13 For thou possessest my reins; thou hast the afflicted, [and] justice for the needy, 13 Surely the covered me in my mother's womb. 14 I will thank thee righteous shall give thanks unto thy name; the upright

> **141** "A psalm of David." O Lord, I call thee. hasten unto me: give ear unto my voice, when I call unto thee. 2 May my prayer be valued as incense before thee, the lifting up of my hands, as the evening offering, 3 Set. O Lord, a watch unto my mouth; keep a guard at the door of my lips. 4 Permit not my heart to incline after any evil thing, to practise deeds in wickedness with men that are doers of wrong: and let me not eat of their dainties. 5 If the righteous strike me, it is a kindness; and if he reprove me, it is [as] oil poured on the head, my head shall not refuse it; for yet my prayer also [is offered] in their sufferings. 6 Are their judges fallen down through means of a rock: then will they listen to my words: for they are pleasant. 7 As when one cutteth in and splitteth open the earth: so are our bones scattered for the mouth of the grave. (Sheol h7585) 8 For unto thee, O Eternal Lord, are my eyes directed; in thee do I trust; pour not out my life. 9 Guard me from the power of the snare which they have laid for me, and the traps of the wrong-doers. 10 Let the wicked fall into their own nets, altogether—while I pass safely by.

> 49 "A Maskil of David, when he was in the cave. A prayer." With my voice I cry unto the Lord: with my voice I make supplication unto the Lord. 2 I pour out before him my grief: my distress I recite before him. 3 When my spirit was overwhelmed within me—and thou knowest well my path—on the way whereon I desired to walk they had secretly laid a snare for me. 4 Look to the right, and behold, yea. there is no man that recognizeth me: [every] refuge is lost to me; there is no one that careth for my soul. 5 I cried unto thee. O Lord: I said. Thou art my refuge, my portion in the land of life. 6 Listen unto my

pursuers; for they are too mighty for me. 7 Bring forth and deliver me from the hand of the children of the out of prison my soul, that I may thank thy name: with stranger, whose mouth speaketh vanity, and whose me shall the righteous crown themselves, when thou right hand is the right hand of falsehood. 12 So wilt deal bountifully with me.

143 "A psalm of David." O Lord, hear my prayer, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, in thy righteousness, 2 And enter not into judgment with thy servant; for no living man can be regarded righteous before thee. 3 For the enemy hath pursued my soul; he hath crushed to the ground my life; he hath made me dwell in darkness, as those that are dead eternally. 4 And my spirit within me is overwhelmed: in my bosom is my heart astounded. 5 I remember the days of olden times: I meditate on all way whereon I should walk: for unto thee do I lift up my soul. 9 Deliver me, O Lord, from my enemies: on a level land. 11 For thy sake, O Lord, revive me: in thy righteousness bring forth out of distress my soul. 12 And in thy kindness destroy my enemies. thy servant.

111 "By David." Blessed be the Lord my Rock, who exerciseth my hands for the battle, my fingers for the war: 2 My kindness, and my stronghold: my high tower, and my deliverer: my shield, and he in whom I trust; who subdueth my people under me. 3 Lord, what is man, that thou takest cognizance of him: the son of a mortal, that thou regardest him! 4 Man is like the breath: his days are like a passing shadow. 5 O Lord, bend thy heavens, and come down: touch the mountains, that they may smoke. 6 Cast forth lightning, and scatter them: send out thy arrows, and confound them. 7 Stretch out thy hands from above; rid me, and deliver me out of great waters, from the hand of the children of the stranger. 8 Whose mouth speaketh vanity, and whose right hand is the right hand of falsehood. 9 O God, a new song will I sing unto thee: upon the ten-stringed psaltery will I sing praises unto thee. 10 [Thou art he] that giveth victory unto kings: who riddeth David

entreaty; for I am very miserable: deliver me from my his servant from the evil-bringing sword. 11 Rid me, that our sons may be like plants, grown up in their youth: our daughters, like corner-pillars, sculptured in the model of a palace. 13 May our garners be full, furnishing all manner of store: our sheep bringing forth thousands and ten thousands in our open pastures. 14 May our oxen be strong to labor: may there be no breach, nor migration, nor loud complaint in our streets. 15 Happy the people, that fare thus: happy the people, whose God is the Lord.

145 "A hymn of praise by David." I will extol thee, my God, O king; and I will bless thy name thy doings: on the work of thy hands do I reflect. 6 I for ever and ever. 2 Every day will I bless thee, and spread forth my hands unto thee: my soul [longeth] I will praise thy name for ever and ever. 3 Great for thee, as a thirsty land. (Selah) 7 Hasten, answer is the Lord, and greatly praised, and his greatness me, O Lord, my spirit falleth: hide not thy face from is unsearchable. 4 One generation shall praise thy me, that I may not become like those that go down works to the other, and thy mighty acts shall they into the pit. 8 Cause me to hear in the morning thy declare. 5 On the majestic glory of thy excellence. kindness; for in thee do I trust: cause me to know the and on thy wondrous deeds will I meditate. 6 And of the might of thy terrible acts shall men converse: and thy greatness will I relate. 7 The memorial of by thee do I seek shelter. 10 Teach me to do thy thy abundant goodness shall they loudly proclaim, will; for thou art my God: thy spirit is good; guide me and they shall sing joyfully of thy righteousness. 8 Gracious and merciful is the Lord, long-suffering, and great in kindness. 9 The Lord is good to all, and his mercies are over all his works. 10 All thy works and annihilate all the adversaries of my soul; far I am shall thank thee, O Lord; and thy pious servants shall bless thee. 11 Of the glory of thy kingdom shall they converse, and of thy might shall they speak: 12 To make known to the sons of men his mighty acts, and the glorious majesty of his kingdom. 13 Thy kingdom is a kingdom of all eternities, and thy dominion [subsisteth] throughout all generations. 14 The Lord upholdeth all who are falling, and raiseth up all those who are bowed down. 15 The eyes of all wait hopefully upon thee, and thou givest them their food in its due season. 16 Thou openest thy hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing. 17 Righteous is the Lord in all his ways, and beneficent in all his works. 18 The Lord is nigh unto all those who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. 19 The desire of those who fear him will he fulfill, and their cry will he hear, and save them. 20 The Lord preserveth all those who love him; but all the wicked will he destroy. 21 The praise of the Lord shall my mouth speak: and let all flesh bless his holy name for ever and ever.

sing praises unto my God while I have any being. 3 know not, Halleluiah. Put not your trust in princes, in the son of man, in whom there is no salvation. 4 When his spirit goeth forth, he returneth to his [native] earth: on that very day perish his thoughts. 5 [But] happy is he who hath the God of Jacob for his help, whose hope is on the Lord his God: 6 Who hath made heaven, and earth. the sea, and all that is therein; who keepeth truth for ever: 7 Who executeth justice for the oppressed: who giveth bread to the hungry: the Lord looseneth the prisoners: 8 The Lord causeth the blind to see: the Lord raiseth up those who are bowed down; the Lord loveth the righteous: 9 The Lord guardeth the strangers; the fatherless and widow he helpeth up; but the way of the wicked he maketh crooked. 10 The Lord will reign for ever, even thy God, O Zion, unto all generations, Halleluiah,

**147** Hallelujah; for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is comely; [him] becometh praise. 2 The Lord buildeth up Jerusalem: the outcasts of Israel will he gather together; 3 He that healeth the broken-hearted, and bindeth up their hurts: 4 Who counteth the number of the stars; who calleth them all by [their] names. 5 Great is our Lord, and abundant in power: his understanding is immeasurable. 6 The Lord helpeth up the meek: he bringeth down the wicked to the ground. 7 Lift up a song unto the Lord with thanksgiving: sing praises unto our God with the harp: 8 Who covereth the heaven with clouds, who prepareth rain for the earth, who causeth grass to grow upon the mountains; 9 Who giveth to the beast its food, to the young ravens which cry. 10 Not in the strength of the horse hath he delight: nor in the [swiftness of the] legs of man taketh he pleasure. 11 The Lord taketh pleasure in those that fear him. that wait for his kindness. 12 Glorify. O Jerusalem. the Lord: praise thy God. O Zion. 13 For he hath strengthened the bars of thy gates; he hath blessed thy children in the midst of thee: 14 He who bestoweth peace in thy borders, who satisfieth thee with the best of wheat: 15 He who sendeth forth his decree unto the earth: how swiftly speedeth his word along! 16 He who dispenseth snow like wool: who streweth about the hoarfrost like ashes; 17 He who casteth down his ice like pieces: before his cold who can stand? 18 He sendeth out his word, and melteth them; he causeth his wind to blow, and waters run along, 19

146 Hallelujah. Praise, O my soul, the Lord. 2 his ordinances unto Israel. 20 He hath not done so I will praise the Lord throughout my life: I will unto any nation: and [his] ordinances— these they

> 148 Hallelujah. Praise ye the Lord from the heavens: praise him in the heights. 2 Praise ve him, all his angels; praise ve him, all his hosts. 3 Praise ve him, sun and moon; praise him, all ve stars of light. 4 Praise him, ve heavens of heavens, and ve waters that are above the heavens. 5 Let them praise the name of the Lord; for he commanded and they were created. 6 And he established them for ever and to eternity: he gave a decree which none shall transgress. 7 Praise the Lord from the earth, ve sea-monsters, and all deeps; 8 Fire, and hail, snow, and vapor; thou storm-wind that fulfillest his word; 9 Ye mountains, and all hills: fruitful trees, and all cedars: 10 Ye beasts, and all cattle; creeping things. and winged birds: 11 Ye kings of the earth, and all nations; ye princes, and all judges of the earth; 12 Young men and also virgins; old men, together with boys: — 13 Let them praise the name of the Lord: for his name alone is exalted; his majesty is above earth and heaven. 14 He also exalteth the horn of his people, a praise unto all his pious servants, [even] unto the children of Israel, a people near unto him. Halleluiah.

149 Hallelujah. Sing unto the Lord a new sona. his praise in the congregation of the pious. 2 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker: let the children of Zion exult in their King. 3 Let them praise his name in the dance: with the timbrel and harp let them sing praises unto him. 4 For the Lord taketh pleasure in his people; he will adorn the meek with salvation. 5 Let the pious be joyful in glory: let them sing aloud upon their couches. 6 The exalted praises of God are in their mouth, and a two-edged sword is in their hand; 7 To execute vengeance on the nations, and chastisements on the people: 8 To bind their kings with chains, and their nobles with fetters of iron: 9 To execute upon them the judgment [which is] written: this is an honor for all his pious servants. Halleluiah.

**150** Hallelujah. Praise ye God in his sanctuarv: praise him in the expansion of his power. 2 Praise him for his acts of might: praise him according to the abundance of his greatness. 3 Praise him with the blowing of the cornet: praise him with the psaltery and harp. 4 Praise him with the timbrel and dance: praise him with stringed instruments and pipe. 5 He declareth his word unto Jacob, his statutes and Praise him upon the clear-ringing cymbals: praise

him upon the high-sounding cymbals. 6 Let every thing that hath breath praise the Lord. Hallelujah.

## **Proverbs**

1 The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, the king of Israel: 2 To know wisdom and instruction: to comprehend the savings of understanding: 3 To accept the instruction of intelligence, righteousness, and iustice, and equity: 4 To give to the simple prudence. to the youth knowledge and discretion. 5 The wise will hear, and will increase [his] information; and the man of understanding will obtain wise counsels: 6 To understand a proverb, and a sage sentence: the words of the wise, and their riddles. 7 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge: wisdom and your terror cometh like the tempest-cloud, and your up therefrom. calamity hasteneth like a whirlwind; when there come upon you distress and affliction. 28 Then will they call

me, but I will not answer; they will seek me earnestly. but they shall not find me: 29 For the reason that they hated knowledge, and the fear of the Lord they did not choose: 30 [That] they would not attend to my counsel: [that] they rejected all my admonition. 31 Therefore shall they eat of the fruit of their own way, and from their own counsels shall they be satisfied. 32 For the defection of the simple will slav them, and the prosperity of fools will cause them to be lost, 33 But he that hearkeneth unto me shall dwell safely. and shall be at rest from the dread of evil.

2 My son, if thou wouldst but accept my words, and treasure up my commandments with thee; 2 To let instruction fools [alone] despise. 8 Hear, my son, the thy ear listen unto wisdom: [if] thou wouldst incline instruction of thy father, and cast not off the teaching thy heart to understanding. 3 For if thou wilt call after of thy mother; 9 For a wreath of grace are they unto intelligence; if after understanding thou wilt lift up thy thy head, and chains for thy throat. 10 My son, if voice: 4 If thou wilt seek her as silver, and search sinners wish to entice thee, consent thou not. 11 lf for her as for hidden treasures: 5 Then wilt thou they should say. Come with us, let us lie in wait for understand the fear of the Lord, and the knowledge of blood. let us watch in concealment for the uselessly God wilt thou find. 6 For the Lord giveth wisdom: out innocent: 12 We will swallow them up like the grave of his mouth [come] knowledge and understanding. 7 alive; and the men of integrity, as those that go down He treasureth up sound wisdom for the righteous, as a into the pit; (Sheol h7585) 13 We shall find all [kinds of] shield to those that walk in integrity: 8 That men may precious wealth, we will fill our houses with booty; 14 keep the paths of justice; and the way of his pious Thy lot must thou cast in our midst; one purse shall servants doth he guard. 9 Then wilt thou understand be for us all: 15 My son, walk not thou on the way righteousness, and justice, and equity: yea, every with them; withhold thy foot from their path; 16 For track of goodness. 10 For wisdom will enter thy heart, their feet run after evil, and they make haste to shed and knowledge will be pleasant unto thy soul; 11 blood. 17 For uselessly is the net spread out before Discretion will watch over thee, understanding will the eyes of every winged bird: 18 While they lie in wait keep thee; 12 To deliver thee from the way of the bad, for their [own] blood; they watch in concealment for from the man that speaketh perverse things; 13 [From their [own] lives. 19 So are the paths of every one that those] who leave the paths of uprightness, to walk is greedy after [unlawful] gain; it taketh away the life in the ways of darkness; 14 Who rejoice to do evil, of those that own it. 20 Wisdom crieth loudly without; who are delighted in the perverseness of the bad; in the public places she uttereth her voice; 21 At the 15 Who as regardeth their paths are crooked, and corner of noisy streets she calleth, at the entrances froward in their tracks. 16 To deliver thee from the of gates; in the city she sayeth her speeches: 22 adulteress, from the alien woman that useth flattering How long, ye simple ones, will ye love simplicity? and speeches; 17 That forsaketh the friend of her youth, the scorners take their delight in scorning, and fools and forgetteth the covenant of her God. 18 For she hate knowledge? 23 Turn back to my admonition: sinketh unto death—her house, and unto the departed behold, I will pour out my spirit unto you, I will make [lead] her tracks. 19 All that come unto her return not known my words unto you. 24 Whereas I called, and again, and they will not reach the paths of life. 20 In ve refused: I stretched out my hand, and no man order that thou mayest walk in the way of good men, was attentive: 25 And ve have set at nought all my and observe the paths of the righteous. 21 For the counsel, and would not accept my admonition: 26 upright will dwell on the earth, and the perfect will be [Therefore] I also will truly laugh at your calamity; I left remaining on it. 22 But the wicked will be cut off will deride [vou] when your terror cometh; 27 When from the earth, and the treacherous shall be plucked

> 3 My son, forget not my teaching, and let thy heart keep my commandments; 2 For length of days,

thee. 3 Let kindness and truth not forsake thee; bind the wicked; but the habitation of the righteous will be them about thy throat: write them upon the table of bless, 34 lf lit concern the scornful he will himself thy heart: 4 So shalt thou find grace and good favor render them a scorn; but unto the lowly doth he give in the eyes of God and man. 5 Trust in the Lord with grace. 35 The wise shall inherit glory; but fools shall all thy heart: and upon thy own understanding do not obtain disgrace as their portion. rely. 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he will fear the Lord, and depart from evil. 8 It will be healing to thy body, and marrow to thy bones. 9 Honor the Lord with thy wealth, and with the first-fruits of all thy products: 10 So shall thy storehouses be filled with plenty, and with new wine shall thy presses overflow. 11 The correction of the Lord, my son, do not despise: and feel no loathing for his admonition: 12 Because whomever the Lord loveth he admonisheth; and as a father who delighteth in [his] son. 13 Happy the man that hath found wisdom, and the man that acquireth understanding. 14 For the obtaining of her is better than the obtaining of silver, and better than fine gold is her product. 15 She is more precious than pearls; and all the things thou valuest are not equal unto her. 16 Length of days is in her right hand: in her left are riches and honor. 17 Her ways are ways of pleasantness, and all her paths are peace. 18 A tree of life is she to those that lay hold on her; and every one that firmly graspeth her will be made happy. 19 The Lord hath through wisdom founded the earth: he hath established the heavens through understanding. 20 By his knowledge were the depths split open, and the skies drop down the dew. 21 My son, let them not be removed from thy eyes; keep [before thee] sound wisdom and discretion: 22 And they will be life unto thy soul, and grace to thy throat, 23 Then wilt thou walk in safety on thy way, and thy foot will not strike [against aught]: 24 When thou layest thyself down, thou shalt feel no dread; and as thou liest down, thy sleep shall be pleasant. 25 Thou needest not to be afraid of sudden dread, neither of the [unlooked-for] tempest over the wicked, when it cometh. 26 For the Lord will be thy confidence, and he will guard thy foot from being caught. 27 Withhold not a benefit from him who is deserving it, when it is in the power of thy hand to do it. 28 Say not unto thy neighbor. Go, and return, and tomorrow will I give: when thou hast it by thee. 29 Contrive not against thy neighbor any evil, when he dwelleth in safety with thee. 30 Ouarrel not with any man without cause, if he have done thee no harm. 31 Envy not the man of violence. and choose none of his ways. 32 For the froward is an abomination to the Lord; but with the upright is his

and years of life, and peace, will they increase unto good-will, 33 The curse of the Lord is in the house of

make level thy paths. 7 Be not wise in thy own eyes: 4 Hear, ye children, the correction of a father, and attend to know understanding. 2 For good information do I give you: my teaching must ve not forsake. 3 For I was a son unto my father, a tender and an only child before my mother. 4 And he instructed me, and said unto me. Let thy heart grasp firmly my words: observe my commandments and live. 5 Acquire wisdom, acquire understanding; forget not, and depart not from the savings of my mouth. 6 Forsake her not, and she will watch over thee: love her, and she will keep thee. 7 The beginning of wisdom is, Acquire wisdom: and with all thy acquisition acquire understanding. 8 Hold her in high esteem. and she will exalt thee: she will bring thee to honor, when thou embracest her. 9 She will give to thy head a wreath of grace: a crown of ornament will she deliver to thee. 10 Hear, O my son, and accept my sayings: and they will increase unto thee the years of life. 11 In the way of wisdom have I instructed thee: I have led thee in the tracks of uprightness. 12 When thou walkest, thy step shall not be narrowed: and when thou runnest, thou shalt not stumble. 13 Lay fast hold of correction; let her not go; keep her; for she is thy life. 14 Enter not into the path of the wicked. and step not on the way of the bad. 15 Avoid it, pass not through by it, turn off from it, and pass away. 16 For they sleep not, except they have done evil, and their sleep is robbed away, unless they cause some to stumble. 17 For they eat the bread of wickedness; and the wine of violence do they drink. 18 But the path of the righteous is as the early morning light, that shineth more and more brightly until the height of noonday. 19 The way of the wicked is like darkness: they know not against what they stumble. 20 My son. attend to my words, unto my savings incline thy ear. 21 Let them not slip away from thy eyes: quard them in the midst of thy heart. 22 For they are life unto every one of those that find them, and to all his body a healing. 23 Above all that is to be guarded, keep thy heart, for out of it are the issues of life. 24 Remove from thee frowardness of mouth; and perverseness of lips put away far from thee. 25 Let thy eyes look right forward, and let thy eyelids see straight out before thee. 26 Balance well the track of thy foot, and let all

thy ways be firmly right. 27 Turn not to the right hand, friend. Go hasten to him, and urge thy friend. 4 Grant nor to the left: remove thy foot from evil.

5 My son, attend unto my wisdom; to my understanding incline thou thy ear: 2 That thou mayest observe discretion, and that thy lins may keep knowledge. 3 For as of fine honey drop the lips of an adulterous woman, and smoother than oil is her palate: 4 But her end is bitter as wormwood, it is sharp as a two-edged sword. 5 Her feet go down to death, her steps take firm hold on the nether world: (Sheol h7585) 6 So that she cannot balance the path of life: her tracks are unsteady, and she knoweth it not. 7 And now. O ve children, hearken unto me, and depart not from the sayings of my mouth. 8 Remove far from her thy way, and come not nigh to the door of her house: 9 That thou mayest not give up unto others thy vigor, and thy years unto the cruel: 10 That strangers may not satisfy themselves with thy strength, and with thy exertions, in the house of an alien: 11 While thou moanest at thy end, when thy flesh and thy body are coming to their end, 12 And thou savest. How have I hated correction, and how hath my heart rejected reproof: 13 While I hearkened not to the voice of my instructors, and to my teachers I inclined not my ear: 14 But little more was wanting. and I had been in all [kinds of] unhappiness in the midst of the congregation and assembly. 15 Drink water out of thy own cistern, and running waters out of thy own well. 16 So will thy springs overflow abroad; and in the open streets will be thy rivulets of water: 17 They will be thy own only, and not those of strangers with thee. 18 Thy fountain will be blessed: and rejoice with the wife of thy youth, — 19 The lovely gazelle and the graceful chamois; let her bosom satisfy thee abundantly at all times; with her love be thou ravished continually. 20 And why wilt thou, my son, be ravished with an adulteress, and embrace the bosom of an alien woman? 21 For before the eyes of the Lord are the ways of man, and all his tracks doth he weigh in the balance. 22 His own iniquities will truly catch the wicked, and with the cords of his sin will he be held firmly. 23 He will indeed die for want of correction; and through the abundance of his folly will he sink into error.

not any sleep to thy eyes, nor slumber to thy eyelids. 5 Deliver thyself as a roebuck from the hand [of the hunter], and as a bird from the hand of the fowler. 6 Go to the ant, thou sluggard; look on her ways. and become wise. 7 She, that hath no prince, officer, or ruler, 8 Provideth in the summer her provision, gathereth in harvest-time her food. 9 How long. O sluggard, wilt thou lie down? when wilt thou arise out of thy sleep? 10 "A little [more] sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands in lying down:" 11 But then will thy poverty come like a rover, and thy want as a man armed with a shield. 12 A Godless person is a man of injustice, who walketh with a distorted mouth. 13 He blinketh with his eyes, he scrapeth with his feet. he pointeth with his fingers: 14 Perverseness is in his heart, he contriveth evil at all times; he scattereth abroad discord. 15 Therefore shall suddenly come his calamity: unawares shalt he be broken without a remedy. 16 Six things there are which the Lord hateth; and seven are an abomination unto his spirit: 17 Haughty eyes, a tongue of falsehood, and hands that shed innocent blood. 18 A heart that contriveth plans of injustice, feet that hasten to run after evil, 19 A false witness that eagerly uttereth lies, and him that scattereth abroad discord among brethren. 20 Keep. O my son, the commandment of thy father, and reject not the teaching of thy mother: 21 Bind them upon thy heart continually, tie them about thy throat. 22 When thou walkest, it shall lead thee: when thou liest down, it shall watch over thee; and when thou art awake. it shall converse with thee. 23 For the commandment is a lamp, and the law is light; and the way of life are the admonitions of correction: 24 To quard thee against a bad woman, from the flattery of an alien tongue. 25 Covet not her beauty in thy heart, and let her not conquer thee with her evelids. 26 For by means of a harlot [one is brought down] to the last loaf of bread: and an adulterous woman will even hunt for the precious life, 27 Can a man gather up fire in his lap, and shall his clothes not be burnt? 28 Can a man walk along upon hot coals, and shall his feet not be burnt? 29 So it is with him that goeth in to his neighbor's wife: no one that toucheth her shall remain unpunished. 30 Men do not despise the thief. **6** My son, If thou hast become surety for thy friend, if he steal, to gratify his craving when he is hungry: if thou hast struck thy hand for a stranger; 2 If 31 And if he be found, he must pay sevenfold; all thou art ensnared through the words of thy mouth, the wealth his house must be give. 32 But whose if thou art caught through the words of thy mouth: committeth adultery with a woman lacketh sense; he 3 [Then] do this by all means, my son, and deliver that is the destroyer of his soul, will alone do this. thyself, because thou art come into the power of thy 33 Plaque and disgrace will he meet with; and his

fury of a husband, and he will not spare on the day of ways to the nether world is her house leading down vengeance. 35 He will not regard the appearance of to the chambers of death. (Sheoi h7585) any ransom; and he will not be content, though thou give ever so many bribes.

reproach will not be blotted out. 34 For jealousy is the yea, very numerous are all those slain by her. 27 The

**R** Behold, wisdom calleth, and understanding sendeth forth her voice, 2 On the top of high places, by the **7** My son, observe my sayings, and my wayside, at the house where there are [many] paths commandments must thou treasure up with thee. doth she place herself. 3 Alongside of gates, at the 2 Observe my commandments, and live; and my opening of the city, at the entrance of the townf-doors teaching as the apple of thy eyes. 3 Bind them doth she call loudly, 4 Unto you, O men, I call, and my around thy fingers, write them upon the table of thy voice [goeth forth] to the sons of men, 5 Learn, O ye heart. 4 Say unto wisdom, Thou art my sister; and simple, to understand prudence: and, ye fools, be ye call understanding thy kinswoman: 5 That they may of an understanding heart. 6 Hear! for of noble things keep thee from an adulterous woman, from an alien will I speak; and the opening of my lips shall be of that useth flattering speeches. 6 For through the what is equitable. 7 For truth uttereth my palate ever, window of my house, through my lattice did I [once] and the abomination of my lips is wickedness. 8 In look out, 7 And I beheld among the simple ones, I righteousness are all the savings of my mouth, there discerned among the youths, a lad void of sense; is in them nothing crooked or perverse. 9 They are 8 He was passing through the market-place near all evident to the man of understanding, and correct her corner; and he stepped along on the way to her to those that have obtained knowledge. 10 Accept house, 9 In the twilight, in the evening of the day, in my correction, and not silver; and knowledge rather the depth of the night and when it was dark: 10 And, than choice gold, 11 For wisdom is better than pearls; behold, a woman came to meet him with the attire of and all the things that men wish for are not equal a harlot, and obdurate of heart. 11 (She is noisy and to her. 12 I wisdom dwell with prudence, and the ungovernable; in her house her feet never rest; 12 At knowledge of discreet thoughts do I discover. 13 The one time she is in the street, at another in the open fear of the Lord is to hate evil, pride and arrogance, places, and near every corner doth she lurk, ) 13 And and the evil way; and the mouth of perverseness do I she caught hold of him, and kissed him, and with hate. 14 Mine are counsel and sound wisdom: I am an impudent face she said to him, 14 "I had bound understanding; mine is might. 15 Through me do kings myself to bring peace-offerings; this day have I paid reign, and chieftains give decrees [in] righteousness. my vows: 15 Therefore am I come forth to meet thee, 16 Through me do princes rule, and the nobles, even to seek thy presence diligently, and I have found thee. all the judges of the earth. 17 I indeed love those 16 With tapestry coverings have I decked my bed, that love me: and those that seek me earnestly shall with embroidered coverlids of the fine linen of Egypt. find me. 18 Riches and honor are with me, yea, 17 I have sprinkled my couch with myrrh, aloes, and enduring wealth and righteousness. 19 My fruit is cinnamon. 18 Come, let us indulge in love until the better than gold, and than fine gold; and my products, morning: let us delight ourselves with dalliances. 19 than choice silver. 20 On the road of righteousness do For the man is not in his house, he is gone on a I walk firmly, in the midst the paths of justice: 21 That journey a great way off: 20 The bag of money hath he I may cause those that love me to inherit a lasting taken with him, by the day of the new-moon festival possession; and their treasures will I fill 22 The Lord only will he come home." 21 She seduced him by created me as the beginning of his way, the first of the abundance of her reasoning: by the flattery of his works from the commencement, 23 From eternity her lips she misguided him. 22 He followed after her was I appointed chief, from the beginning, from the suddenly, as an ox goeth to the slaughter, and as earliest times of the earth. 24 When there were yet in fetters to his correction, the fool: 23 Till an arrow no depths, was I brought forth; when there were yet cleaveth through his liver; as a bird hasteneth into the no springs laden heavily with water. 25 Before the snare, and knoweth not that it is done to take his life. mountains were yet sunk down, before the hills was 24 And now, O children, hearken unto me, and listen I brought forth: 26 While as yet he had not made to the savings of my mouth. 25 Let not thy heart turn the land and open fields, nor the chief of the dust aside to her ways, do not go astray on her paths. 26 of the world. 27 When he prepared the heavens, I For many deadly wounded hath she caused to fall: was there; when he drew a circle over the face of the

deep; 28 When he fastened the skies above; when 1 n The proverbs of Solomon. A wise son causeth the springs of the deep became strong: 29 When should not transgress his order: when he established profit aught: but righteousness will deliver from death. firmly the foundations of the earth: 30 Then was I 3 The Lord will not suffer the soul of the righteous to near him, as a nursling: and I was day by day [his] famish; but the sinful desires of the wicked will he delights, playing before him at all times; 31 Playing cast away. 4 He becometh poor that laboreth with an in the world, his earth; and having my delights with indolent hand, but the hand of the diligent maketh the sons of men. 32 And now. O children [of men], rich, 5 He that gathereth in summer is an intelligent hearken unto me! for happy those that observe my son; [but] he that sleepeth in harvest is a son that not, 34 Happy is the man that hearkeneth unto me, the righteous; but the mouth of the wicked covereth watching day by day at my gates, waiting at the posts violence. 7 The memory of the just is [destined] to those that hate me love death.

Q Wisdom hath built her house; she hath hewn out her seven pillars; 2 She hath killed her cattle; she hath mingled her wine: she hath also set in order her table. 3 She hath sent forth her maidens: she inviteth [her quests] upon the top of the highest places of the town. 4 Whoso is simple. let him turn in hither: as for him that is void of sense, she saith to him. 5 "Come. eat of my bread, and drink of the wine which I have mingled. 6 Forsake simplicity, and live; and go onward on the way of understanding. 7 He that correcteth a scorner acquireth for himself abuse; and he that reproveth the wicked getteth himself a blemish. 8 Do not correct a scorner, lest he hate thee: reprove a wise man, and he will love thee. 9 Give to the wise [instruction], and he will become yet wiser: impart knowledge to the righteous, and he will increase his information. 10 The commencement of wisdom is the fear of the Lord; and the knowledge of the Most Holy One is understanding. 11 For through me shall thy days be multiplied, and the years of thy life shall be increased unto thee. 12 If thou art become wise. thou art wise for thyself: but if thou art a scorner, thou alone wilt have to bear it." 13 The woman of folly is noisy: she is simple, and knoweth not what [to do]. 14 And she sitteth at the door of her house, upon a chair in the high places of the town. 15 To call the wayfarers who go straight forward on their paths. 16 Whoso is simple, let him turn in hither; and as for him that is void of sense, she saith to him. 17 "Stolen waters are sweet, and bread of secrecy is pleasant." 18 But he knoweth not that the departed are there: that in the depths of the nether world are her quests. (Sheol h7585)

[his] father to reioice: but a foolish son is the he assigned to the sea his decree, that the waters grief of his mother, 2 Treasures of wickedness will not ways. 33 Hear correction, and be wise, and reject it causeth shame. 6 Blessings come upon the head of of my doors. 35 For he who findeth me findeth life. be blessed: but the name of the wicked shall rot. 8 and he obtaineth favor from the Lord. 36 But he that The wise in heart will accept commandments; but sinneth against me doth violence to his own soul: all he that is a fool in his speaking will stumble. 9 He that walketh uprightly ever walketh securely; but he that perverteth his ways will be punished. 10 He that winketh with the eve causeth vexation; and he that is a fool in his speaking will stumble. 11 A source of life is the mouth of the righteous; but the mouth of the wicked covereth violence. 12 Hatred stirreth up strifes; but love throweth a cover over all transgressions. 13 On the lips of the man of understanding there is found wisdom: but a rod is for the back of him that is void of sense. 14 Wise men treasure up knowledge: but the mouth of the foolish is an approaching terror. 15 The wealth of the rich man is his strong town: the terror of the poor is their poverty. 16 The labor of the righteous [tendeth] to life; the product of the wicked is for sin. 17 On the way unto life is he that observeth correction; but he that forsaketh reproof is in error. 18 He that hideth hatred hath lips of falsehood; and he that spreadeth abroad an evil report, is a fool, 19 In a multitude of words transgression cannot be avoided: but he that refraineth his lips is intelligent. 20 [Like] choice silver is the tongue of the righteous: the heart of the wicked is worth but very little. 21 The lips of the righteous feed many; but fools die through lack of sense. 22 The blessing of the Lord it is which maketh rich, and painful labor addeth nothing thereto. 23 It is as sport to a fool to do wicked deeds; but a man of understanding hath wisdom. 24 What the wicked dreadeth, that will come upon him; but the longing of the righteous will God grant. 25 As the whirlwind passeth by, the wicked is no more; but the righteous is an everlasting foundation. 26 As vinegar is to the teeth, and as smoke is to the eyes; so is the sluggard to those that send him. 27 The fear of the Lord increaseth [man's] days; but the years of the wicked will be shortened. 28 The expectation of

perish. 29 The way of the Lord is a stronghold to seed of the righteous shall escape. 22 As a golden the upright; but terror is destined to the workers of ring in a swine's snout, so is a handsome woman injustice, 30 The righteous shall never be removed: that hath thrown off discretion, 23 The desire of the but the wicked shall not inhabit the earth. 31 The righteous is only good: but the hope of the wicked is mouth of the just uttereth wisdom; but the tonque the wrath [of God]. 24 There is a man that scattereth of perverseness shall be cut out. 32 The lips of the gifts, and yet his wealth is increased: and there is righteous know [how to obtain] favor; but the mouth one that withholdeth more than is proper, and still of the wicked [speaketh] perverseness.

11 Balances of deceit are an abomination of the Lord; but a full weight [obtaineth] his favor. 2 When pride cometh, then cometh disgrace: but with the modest there is wisdom. 3 The integrity of the upright guideth them; but the cunning of the treacherous destroyeth them. 4 Wealth cannot profit on the day of wrath; but righteousness deliver from death. 5 The righteousness of the perfect maketh even his way; but by his own wickedness will the wicked fall. 6 The righteousness of the upright will deliver them; but through their own sinful desires are the treacherous caught. 7 When a wicked man dieth, [his] hope vanisheth; and the expectation of his children is lost. 8 The righteous is delivered out of distress, and the wicked cometh in his stead. 9 With his mouth doth the hypocrite destroy his neighbor; but through knowledge are the righteous delivered. 10 When it goeth well with the righteous, the town rejoiceth loudly: and when the wicked perish, there is joyful shouting. 11 Through the blessing of the upright a city is exalted; but through the mouth of the wicked it is pulled down. 12 He that despiseth his neighbor is void of sense; but a man of understanding maintaineth silence. 13 He that walketh about as talebearer revealeth secrets; but he that is of a faithful spirit concealeth the matter. 14 Where there is no wise guidance, a people must fall: but [it will obtain] help through the multitude of counsellors. 15 With evil will he be overwhelmed that is surety for a stranger: but he that hateth giving the hand as pledge is safe. 16 A woman endowed with grace will surely obtain honor; and the powerful will obtain riches. 17 The man of kindness doth good to his own soul; but he that troubleth his own flesh is cruel. 18 The wicked practiseth a work of falsehood; but he that soweth righteousness [obtaineth] the reward of truth. 19 He who is firm in righteousness attaineth to life: and he that pursueth evil [doth it] to his own death. 20 An abomination of the Lord are those of a perverse heart; but his favor is for those who are unblemished

the righteous is joy; but the hope of the wicked shall hand, the bad man shall not go unpunished; but the cometh only to want. 25 A beneficent soul will be abundantly gratified; and he that refresheth [others] will be also refreshed himself. 26 Him that withholdeth corn, the people will denounce; but blessing will be heaped upon the head of the one that selleth it. 27 He that diligently searcheth after good seeketh favor; but if one inquireth after evil, it will come unto him. 28 He that trusteth in his riches will surely fall; but the righteous shall grow like the leaves [of a tree]. 29 He that troubleth his own house will inherit the wind; and the fool will become the servant to the wise of heart. 30 The fruit of the righteous is of the tree of life, and the wise draweth souls to himself. 31 Behold, the righteous is recompensed on the earth: how much more the wicked and the sinner.

**7** Whoso loveth correction loveth knowledge: but he that hateth reproof is brutish. 2 The good obtaineth favor of the Lord; but a man of wicked devices will he condemn. 3 A man cannot be firmly established by wickedness; but the root of the righteous will not be moved. 4 A virtuous woman is a crown to her husband: but as rottenness in his bones is one that bringeth shame [on him]. 5 The thoughts of the righteous are justice: the best 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 will deliver them. 7 The wicked are suddenly overthrown, and are no more: but the house of the righteous will endure. 8 In accordance with his intelligence is a man praised; but he that is perverse of heart will come to be despised. 9 Better is he that is lightly esteemed who hath a servant, than he that aimeth after honor, and lacketh bread. 10 A righteous man careth for the life of his beast; but the mercies of the wicked are cruelty. 11 He that tilleth his ground will be satisfied with bread; but he that runneth after idle persons is void of sense. 12 The wicked is covetous for the net of evil men; but [God] giveth root to the righteous. 13 In the transgression of his lips is the snare of the wicked; but the righteous cometh out of distress. 14 From the fruit of his mouth will a man be satisfied with what is in their wav. 21 The hand [of God] being against [his] good; and the recompense of a man's hands will be

brought back unto him. 15 The way of a fool is straight sick; but a tree of life is a desire which is fulfilled. in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel 13 Whoso despiseth the word shall fall in debt to day; but he that concealeth the disgrace is prudent, rewarded, 14 The instruction of the wise is a source but a false witness, deceit. 18 There is some one that Good intelligence giveth grace; but the way of the useth words [which are] like the thrusts of a sword; treacherous is hard. 16 Every prudent man acteth but the tongue of the wise is healing. 19 The lip of with knowledge; but a fool spreadeth abroad his folly. truth will stand firm for ever; but only for a moment 17 A wicked messenger falleth into unhappiness; but a the tongue of falsehood. 20 Deceit is in the heart of faithful ambassador [bringeth] healing. 18 Poverty and those that contrive evil; but for the counsellors of disgrace will overtake him that rejecteth correction; peace there is joy. 21 No wrong can come unawares but he that observeth admonition will be honored. 19 abomination of the Lord are lips of falsehood; but it is abomination to fools to depart from evil. 20 He they that deal in faithfulness [obtain] his favor. 23 that walketh with wise men will become wise; but A prudent man concealeth [his] knowledge; but the he that associateth with fools will be destroyed. 21 heart of fools proclaimeth [their] folly. 24 The hand Evil pursueth the sinners; but the righteous will [God] of the diligent will bear rule; but the indolent must repay with happiness. 22 A good man leaveth an become tributary. 25 If there be care in the heart of inheritance to his children's children; but the wealth of neighbor; but the way of the wicked leadeth them there are many others that are taken away through astray. 27 The indolent roasteth not that which he injustice. 24 He that withholdeth his rod hateth his hath caught in hunting; but the most precious wealth son; but he that loveth him chastiseth him betimes. of man is diligence. 28 On the path of righteousness 25 The righteous eateth to satisfy his desire [to eat];

of his father; but a scorner hearkeneth not to

is wise. 16 The wrath of the fool is known on the very it; but he that feareth the commandment will be 17 He that uttereth truth announceth righteousness; of life, [teaching] to avoid the snares of death. 15 to the righteous; but the wicked are full of evil. 22 An A desire accomplished is pleasant to the soul; but man, let him suppress it; and a good word will change the sinner is treasured up for the righteous. 23 Much it into joy. 26 The righteous is more excellent than his food bringeth the new-tilled ground of the poor; but there is life; and on her pathway there is immortality, but the belly of the wicked always suffereth want.

13 A wise son [becometh so] by the correction 14 The wise among women buildeth her house; but the foolish pulleth it down with her own hands. rebuke. 2 From the fruit of a man's mouth doth he eat 2 In his uprightness walketh he that feareth the Lord; what is good; but the longing of the treacherous is for but perverse in his ways is he that despiseth him. 3 violence. 3 He that watcheth his mouth quardeth his In the mouth of the foolish is a stick [for his] pride; soul; but he that openeth wide his lips [prepareth] but the lips of the wise will preserve them. 4 Where himself destruction. 4 The sluggard longeth [in] his no oxen are, is the crib clean; but the abundance soul, and there [cometh] nothing; but the soul of the of harvests is [only] through the strength of the ox. diligent will be abundantly gratified. 5 The righteous 5 A faithful witness will not lie; but a false witness hateth the word of falsehood; but the wicked bringeth constantly uttereth lies. 6 A scorner seeketh wisdom, shame and dishonor. 6 Righteousness keepeth [him and there is none; but knowledge is easy to the man that is] upright on his way; but wickedness perverteth of understanding. 7 Go far away from a foolish man, the [man of] sin. 7 There is some one that pretendeth else thou wilt [never] know the lips of knowledge. 8 to be rich without having any thing; another that The wisdom of the prudent is to understand his way; pretendeth to be poor while having abundant wealth. but the folly of fools is deceit. 9 The fool maketh a 8 As the ransom of a man's life [hath he often to mockery of guilt; but among the upright there is good give] his riches; but the poor heareth no threat, will. 10 The heart knoweth its own bitterness; and with 9 The light of the righteous burneth joyfully; but its joy can no stranger intermeddle. 11 The house the lamp of the wicked will be quenched. 10 Only of the wicked will be destroyed: but the tent of the through presumptuous conduct doth man produce upright will flourish. 12 There is many a way which contention; but with the well-advised is wisdom. 11 seemeth even before a man; but its end are ways Wealth [gotten] by vain deeds will be diminished; unto death. 13 Even in laughter the heart feeleth pain; but he that gathereth by close labor will increase and at its end joy is sorrow. 14 The backslider in it. 12 Expectation long deferred maketh the heart heart will have enough of his own ways; and from him

[departeth] the good men. 15 The simple believeth knowledge; but the heart of fools is not reliable. 8 The every word; but the prudent man understandeth his sacrifice of the wicked is an abomination of the Lord: steps. 16 A wise man is fearful, and departeth from but, the prayer of the upright [obtaineth] his favor. 9 evil: but the fool exciteth himself, and is confident. 17 An abomination of the Lord is the way of the wicked: He that is soon angry committeth folly; and a man of but him that pursueth righteousness will he love. 10 wicked devices is hated. 18 The simple inherit folly; An evil correction is [destined] for him that forsaketh but the prudent crown themselves with knowledge. 19 the [right] path; he that hateth admonition will die. 11 The bad sink down before the good; and the wicked The nether world and corruption are open before the are at the gates of the righteous. 20 Even to his own Lord: how much more then the hearts of the children neighbor is the poor man hateful; but the friends of the of men! (Sheol h7585) 12 A scorner loveth not that one rich are many. 21 He that despiseth his neighbor is a should admonish him: unto the wise doth he not go. sinner; but he that is gracious to the poor—happiness 13 A merry heart cheereth up the countenance; but attend him! 22 Behold, those who contrive evil are in when the heart feeleth pain the spirit is depressed. error; but kindness and truth attend on those who 14 The heart of the man of understanding seeketh contrive what is good. 23 In all painful labor there is knowledge; but the mouth of fools feedeth on folly. profit; but mere words of the lips [lead] only to want. 15 All the days of the afflicted are evil; but he that is 24 The crown of the wise is their riches; but the folly of a cheerful heart hath a continual feast. 16 Better of fools is [only] folly. 25 A deliverer of souls is the is little with the fear of the Lord, than great treasure true witness; but a witness of deceit uttereth lies. and confusion therewith. 17 Better is an allowance 26 In the fear of the Lord is the strong confidence of herbs when love is there, than a stall-fed ox and [of man], and unto his children will it be a place of hatred therewith. 18 A man of fury stirreth up strife; but shelter. 27 The fear of the Lord is the source of life, he that is slow to anger assuageth contention. 19 The [teaching] to avoid the snares of death. 28 In the way of the slothful man is like a hedge of thorns; but multitude of people is the king's glory; but in the want the path of the upright is a levelled [road]. 20 A wise of a population is the downfall of the prince. 29 He son causeth his father to rejoice; but a foolish man that is slow to anger is of great understanding; but he despiseth his mother. 21 Folly is joy to him that is void that is hasty of spirit holdeth up [to view] his folly. 30 A of sense; but a man of understanding walketh straight sound heart is the life of the body; but iealousy is the forward. 22 Plans are frustrated without consultation: rottenness of the bones. 31 He that oppresseth the but through a multitude of counsellors canst thou poor blasphemeth his Maker; but he that is gracious maintain thyself. 23 A man hath joy by the answer of to the needy honoreth him. 32 Through his own evil is his mouth; and a word [spoken] at the proper time, the wicked thrust down; but even in his death doth how good is it! 24 The path of life [leadeth] upward the righteous have confidence. 33 In the heart of the for the intelligent, in order that he may avoid the man of understanding resteth wisdom: but [the little nether world beneath. (Sheol h7585) 25 The Lord, will which is] in the bosom of fools is made known. 34 tear down the house of the proud; but he will set Righteousness exalteth a people; but the disgrace of up firmly the boundary [-stone] of the widow. 26 An nations is sin. 35 The king's favor is bestowed on an abomination of the Lord are the thoughts of the bad intelligent servant; but his wrath is against him that man; but pleasant speeches are pure [before him], 27 deserveth shame.

15 A soft answer turneth away fury; but a mortifying word stirreth up anger. 2 The tongue of the wise maketh knowledge acceptable; but the mouth of fools sputtereth out folly. 3 In every place are the eyes of the Lord, looking on the bad and the good. 4 A healing [word] of the tongue is a tree of life; but perverseness therein is a breach to the spirit. 5 A fool contemneth the correction of his father: but he that observeth admonition will become prudent. 6 In the house of the righteous there is much treasure; but in the income of the wicked is trouble. 7 The lips of the wise scatter

He that is greedy after gain troubleth his own house: but he that hateth gifts will live. 28 The heart of the righteous reflecteth to answer; but the mouth of the wicked sputtereth out evil things. 29 The Lord is far from the wicked; but the prayer of the righteous doth he hear. 30 [What is pleasant to] the light of the eyes rejoiceth the heart: a good report giveth marrow to the bones. 31 The ear that heareth the admonition of life will ever abide in the midst of the wise. 32 He that rejecteth correction despiseth his own soul; but he that heareth admonition acquireth intelligence. 33 The fear of the Lord is the correction for wisdom: and before honor there must come humility.

tongue. 2 Every one of the ways of a man is pure in 29 The man of violence misleadeth his neighbor, and his own eyes; but the Lord measureth the spirits, 3 maketh him go on a way which is not good, 30 He Commit unto the Lord thy works, and thy plans will shutteth his eyes to devise perverse things; when he be firmly established. 4 Every thing hath the Lord compresseth his lips then hath he fully resolved on wrought for its destined end; yes, even the wicked evil. 31 An ornamental crown is the hoary head, on for the day of unhappiness. 5 An abomination of the the way of righteousness can it be found. 32 One that Lord is every one that is proud of heart: the hand is slow to anger is better than a hero; and he that [of God] being against [his] hand, he shall not go ruleth his spirit, than the conqueror of a city. 33 In unpunished. 6 Through kindness and truth is iniquity, the lap the lot is cast; but from the Lord cometh the atoned for; and by the fear of the Lord [men] depart, whole of its decision. from evil. 7 When the Lord receiveth in favor a man's ways, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him. 8 Better is a little with righteousness, than great incomes through injustice. 9 A man's heart deviseth his way; but the Lord directeth firmly his steps. 10 There should be a wise sentence on the lips of the king; his mouth should never commit a trespass in judging. 11 A just balance and scales belong to the Lord: his work are all the weights in the bag. 12 It should be an abomination to kings to commit wickedness: for through righteousness [alone] can a throne be established. 13 Righteous lips [should obtain the favor of kings; and him that speaketh uprightly should they love. 14 The fury of a king is like the messengers of death; but a wise man will appease it. 15 In the light of the king's countenance there is life; and his favor is as a cloud of the latter rain. 16 How much better is it to obtain wisdom than gold! and to obtain understanding is preferable to silver! 17 The highway of the upright is to depart from evil: he preserveth his soul that watcheth his way. 18 Before downfall [goeth] pride, and before stumbling, haughtiness of spirit. 19 Better is it to be of a humble spirit with the lowly, than to divide spoil with the proud. 20 He that reflecteth on a matter wisely will find happiness; and whoso trusteth in the Lord—happiness attend him! 21 The wise in heart is called a man of understanding; and the sweetness of the lips increaseth information. 22 Intelligence is a source of life unto its possessor; but the correction of fools is folly. 23 The heart of the wise maketh his mouth intelligent, and upon his lips he increaseth information. 24 [Like] the droppings of honey are pleasant savings, sweet to the soul, and healing to the bones. 25 There is many a way which seemeth even before a man, but its end are the wavs unto death. 26 The desire of the laborer laboreth for him: for his mouth imposeth it on him. 27 An ungodly man diggeth up mischief, and on his lips there is as it

16 Unto man belong the resolves of the heart; but were a scathing fire. 28 A perverse man scattereth from the Lord cometh the expression of the strife; and a whisperer separateth confident friends.

> 17 Better is a piece of dry bread, and quiet therewith, than a house full of the sacrifices of contention. 2 An intelligent servant will have rule over a son that bringeth shame, and among the brothers will he have part of the inheritance. 3 The crucible is for silver, and the furnace for gold: but the Lord probeth the hearts. 4 An evil-doer listeneth to unjust lips: falsehood giveth ear to a tongue that bringeth destruction. 5 Whoso mocketh the poor blasphemeth his Maker: he that is glad at calamities will not remain unpunished. 6 The crown of old men are children's children; and the ornament of children are their fathers. 7 High-toned language is not seemly to a worthless fool: and yet much less the language of falsehood to a noble. 8 As a precious stone appeareth a bribe in the eyes of him that obtaineth it: whithersoever it turneth, it prospereth. 9 He that covereth a transgression seeketh love; but he that repeateth a matter separateth confident friends. 10 A reproof penetrateth more deeply into a wise man. than a hundred stripes into a fool. 11 Only rebellion doth a bad man seek: therefore a cruel messenger will be sent out against him. 12 A man may meet a she-bear robbed of her whelps, but not a fool in his folly. 13 Whoso bestoweth evil in return for good—evil shall not depart from his house. 14 As one letteth loose [a stream] of water, so is the beginning of strife: therefore before it be enkindled, leave off the contest. 15 He that declareth the wicked innocent, and he that condemneth the righteous, yea, both of them are equally an abomination to the Lord. 16 Wherefore is the purchase-money in the hand of a fool to acquire wisdom, seeing he hath no sense? 17 A friend loveth at all times, and as a brother is he born for [the time of distress. 18 A man void of sense pledgeth his hand, and becometh surety for his friend. 19 He loveth transgression that loveth guarrel; and he that maketh high his door seeketh destruction. 20 He that

that hath a perverse tongue will fall into evil. 21 He [to be won] than a strong town; and quarrels [among that begetteth a fool [doth it] to his sorrow; and the brothers] are like the bars of a castle. 20 From the father of a worthless fool cannot have any joy. 22 fruit of a man's mouth is his body satisfied: with the A merry heart causeth a healthy appearance of the product of his lips doth he satisfy himself. 21 Death countenance, but a depressed spirit drieth up the and life are in the power of the tonque, and they that bones. 23 A wicked man taketh a bribe out of the love it will eat its fruit. 22 Whoso hath found a wife bosom, to pervert the paths of justice. 24 Wisdom hath found happiness, and hath obtained favor from is before him that hath understanding; but the eyes the Lord. 23 The poor speaketh entreatingly; but the of a fool are at the ends of the earth. 25 A foolish rich answereth roughly. 24 A man's many companions son is a vexation to his father, and bitterness to her are hurtful to him; but there is many a friend that that hath born him. 26 To punish the just with a fine cleaveth closer than a brother. even is not good, nor to strike the noble [-hearted] for [their] equity. 27 He that holdeth back his speeches hath knowledge; and he that is sparing of his spirit is a man of understanding. 28 Even a fool, when he keepeth silence, is counted wise: he that shutteth his lips [is esteemed] a man of understanding.

The lot causeth disputes to cease, and it decideth accept correction, in order that thou mayest be wise

hath a froward heart will not find happiness; and he between the mighty. 19 A brother offended is harder

 $\boldsymbol{19}$  Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity. than one of perverse lips, who is a fool. 2 Also in the want of knowledge in the soul there is nothing good; and he that hasteneth with his feet misseth the right path. 3 The folly of a man perverteth his way, and against the Lord will his heart rage. 4 18 He that separateth himself [from God] seeketh Wealth bringeth many friends; but the poor becometh his own desires: at every sound wisdom is he separated from his [only] friend. 5 A false witness enraged. 2 A fool hath no delight in understanding, shall not remain unpunished, and he that uttereth lies but in laying open what is in his heart. 3 When the shall not escape. 6 Many will entreat the favor of the wicked cometh, then cometh also contempt, and with liberal man; and every one is the friend to him that dishonorable acts, disgrace. 4 Like deep waters are bestoweth gifts. 7 All the brothers of the poor hate the words of a [wise] man's mouth, and a bubbling him: how much more do his friends go far away from brook is the well-spring of wisdom. 5 It is not good to him! he pursueth [their] promises; but these are [all] favor the person of the wicked, to wrest [the cause of that he hath. 8 He that getteth intelligence loveth the] righteous in judgment. 6 The lips of the fool come his own soul: he that guardeth understanding will with contention, and his mouth calleth for blows. 7 find happiness. 9 A false witness shall not remain The mouth of the fool is a destruction to himself, and unpunished, and he that uttereth lies shall perish. his lips are the snare of his soul. 8 The words of a 10 Delicacy is not seemly for a fool: much less for a whisperer are as wounds, and they go down indeed servant to have rule over princes. 11 It is intelligence into the innermost parts of the body. 9 He also that in man to be slow in his anger, and it is his glory to showeth himself slothful in his work is a brother to the pass over a transgression. 12 Like the roaring of a destroyer. 10 The name of the Lord is a strong tower, young lion is the wrath of a king; as dew upon the whereunto the righteous runneth, and is placed in herbs is his favor. 13 A calamity unto his father is a safety. 11 The rich man's wealth is his strong town, foolish son; and a continual dropping are the guarrels and as a towering wall in his own conceit. 12 Before of a wife. 14 House and wealth are an inheritance downfall the heart of man becometh haughty, and from fathers; but from the Lord [cometh] an intelligent before honor goeth humility. 13 When one returneth wife. 15 Slothfulness casteth [man] into a deep sleep; an answer before he understandeth [the question], and an indolent soul will suffer hunger. 16 He that it is folly unto him and shame. 14 The spirit of a observeth the commandment quardeth his own soul: man will readily bear his disease; but a depressed but he that disregardeth [directing] his ways [aright] spirit who can bear: 15 The heart of the man of shall die. 17 He lendeth unto the Lord that is liberal understanding will obtain knowledge, and the ear of to the poor, and his good deed will he repay unto the wise seeketh knowledge. 16 A man's gift maketh him. 18 Chastise thy son, for there is hope; and let room for him, and before great men will it lead him. not thy soul spare [him] for his crying. 19 A man of 17 He that is first in his cause seemeth just; but when great fury must suffer punishment; for if thou deliver his neighbor cometh, then will it be investigated. 18 him, thou must still do it again. 20 Hear counsel, and

stand firm. 22 The longing of a man is [to exercise] that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: ungodly witness scorneth at justice, and the mouth, wicked, and turneth over them the threshing-wheel, of the wicked swalloweth mischief. 29 Punishments 27 A lamp of the Lord is the soul of man, searching fools.

**20** Wine is a mocker, strong drink is noisy; and whosoever indulgeth therein will never be wise. 2 Like the roaring of a young lion is the dread of a king: whoso provoketh him to anger sinneth against his own soul. 3 It is an honor for a man to cease from a contest; but every fool enrageth himself. 4 Because it is winter's cold, will the sluggard not plough: when he therefore seeketh in the harvest time, there will be nothing. 5 Like deep water is counsel in the heart of man: but the man of understanding will draw it out. 6 Most men will proclaim every one his own kindness: but who can find a faithful man? 7 The righteous walketh in his integrity: happy will be his children after him. 8 A king that sitteth on the throne of justice scattereth away with his eyes all evil. 9 Who can say, I have made my heart pure, I am cleansed from my sin. 10 Divers weights, and divers measures, are both of them alike an abomination of the Lord. 11 Even a child maketh himself known by his doings, whether his work will be pure, and whether it will be upright. 12 The ear that heareth, and the eye that seeth, the Lord hath made both of them alike. 13 Love not sleep. lest thou come to poverty; open thy eyes, so wilt thou be satisfied with bread. 14 It is bad, it is bad, saith the buyer; but when he is gone his way, then doth he boast. 15 There is gold, and a multitude of pearls; but a precious vessel are the lips of knowledge. 16 Take away his garment, because he hath become surety for a stranger; and on account of a strange woman take a pledge from him. 17 Bread of falsehood is pleasant to a man; but afterward his mouth will be

in thy latter end. 21 There are many thoughts in a filled with gravel-stones. 18 Plans are established by man's heart; but the counsel of the Lord alone will counsel; and with wise reflection conduct war. 19 He his kindness; and a poor man is better than a liar. 23 therefore meddle not with him that enticeth with his The fear of the Lord leadeth unto life; and he [that lips, 20 Whoso curseth his father or his mother—his hath it] shall abide satisfied; he shall not be visited lamp shall be guenched in obscure darkness. 21 An with evil. 24 When a slothful man hath hidden his inheritance hastily gotten at the beginning will at its hand in the dish, then will he not even bring it back to end not be blessed. 22 Do not say, I will recompense his mouth. 25 Smite a scorner, and the simple will evil; [but] wait on the Lord, and he will help thee. 23 become prudent; and if one that hath understanding Divers weights are an abomination of the Lord; and a be admonished, he will understand knowledge. 26 deceitful balance is not good. 24 From the Lord are He that plundereth his father, and chaseth away his the steps of man [ordained]; but man— how can he mother, is a son that bringeth shame and dishonor, understand his own way? 25 It is a snare to a man to 27 Cease, my son, to hear the instruction that causeth sanctify things hastily, and to make inquiry only after Itheel to err from the savings of knowledge. 28 An having made vows. 26 A wise king scattereth the are prepared for scorners, and stripes for the back of all the inner chambers of the body. 28 Kindness and truth will watch over a king, and he will prop up through kindness his throne. 29 The ornament of young men is their strength; and the glory of old men is a hoary head. 30 The bruises of a wound are cleansing means for the bad, and stripes [will reach] the inner chambers of the body.

> **21** Like brooks of water is a king's heart in the hand of the Lord: whithersoever it pleaseth him doth he turn it. 2 Every way of a man is straight in his own eyes; but the Lord weigheth the hearts. 3 To exercise righteousness and justice is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice. 4 Haughtiness of the eyes, and an immoderate heart, are the sinful field of the wicked. 5 The plans of the diligent tend only to plenty: but every hasty man is [destined] only to want. 6 The getting of treasures by a tonque of falsehood is like the fleeting breath of those that seek death. 7 The robbery of the wicked will drag them away; because they refuse to execute justice. 8 Perverse is the way of the man that is estranged [from goodness]; but as for the pure, his work is upright. 9 It is better to dwell in a corner of a roof, than with a guarrelsome woman in a roomy house. 10 The soul of the wicked longeth for evil: his neighbor findeth no grace in his eyes. 11 When the scorner is punished, the simple is made wise: and when the wise is taught intelligence, he receiveth knowledge. 12 The righteous regardeth attentively the house of the wicked; [but God] overturneth the wicked into unhappiness. 13 Whoso stoppeth his ears against the cry of the poor, he also will cry himself. but shall not be answered. 14 A gift in secret pacifieth anger, and a bribe in the bosom, strong fury. 15 lt

**22** A good name is preferable to abundant riches. and good grace, to silver and to gold. 2 The rich and poor meet together: the Lord is the maker himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished. 4 The reward of humility [and] the fear of the Lord are riches and honor, and life. 5 Thorns and snares are on the way of a perverse man: he that doth guard his soul will keep far from them. 6 Train up the lad in accordance with his course: even when he groweth old. will he not depart from it. 7 A rich man ruleth over the poor, and the borrower is servant to the man that lendeth. 8 He that soweth injustice will reap wrongdoing; and the rod of God's wrath will not fail. 9 A man of a benevolent eye will indeed be blessed; for he giveth of his bread to the poor. 10 Drive away the scorner, and strife will go off; and then will cease contention and dishonor. 11 He that loveth with a pure

is joy to the righteous to execute justice; but it is a and he overturneth the words of the treacherous. 13 terror to wrong-doers. 16 The man that wandereth The slothful saith, There is a lion without, in the midst astray out of the way of intelligence shall rest in the of the streets shall I be murdered. 14 A deep pit is the assembly of the departed. 17 He that loveth pleasure mouth of adulterous women; he that hath obtained will be a man of want; he that loveth wine and oil will the indignation of the Lord will fall thereinto. 15 When not become rich. 18 The wicked shall be a ransom for folly is bound fast to the heart of a lad, the rod of the righteous, and the treacherous shall be put in correction must remove it far from him. 16 He that the stead of the upright. 19 It is better to dwell in a oppresseth the poor to increase his riches, [must at desert land, than with a quarrelsome and vexatious length] give to the rich, and come only to want. 17 woman. 20 There are a desirable treasure and oil Incline thy ear, and hear the words of the wise, and in the dwelling of the wise; but a foolish man will apply thy heart unto my knowledge. 18 For it is a swallow it up. 21 He that pursueth righteousness pleasant thing if thou keep them within thy bosom, and kindness will find life, righteousness, and honor. if they be altogether firmly seated upon thy lips. 19 22 A wise man scaleth the city of the mighty, and That thy trust may be in the Lord, have I made them casteth down the strength in which they trusted. 23 known to thee this day, yea, even to thee. 20 Have Whoso guardeth his mouth and his tongue guardeth not I written for thee excellent things in counsels and his soul against distresses. 24 The presumptuous knowledge, 21 That I might make thee know rectitude, and proud, scorner is his name, dealeth in the wrath the savings of truth; that thou mightest bring back of presumption. 25 The longing of the slothful will kill answers of truth to those that send thee? 22 Rob him; for his hands refuse to labor. 26 All the day he not the poor, because he is poor, neither crush the feeleth a great longing; but the righteous giveth and afflicted in the gate; 23 For the Lord will plead their withholdeth not. 27 The sacrifice of the wicked is an cause, and despoil the life of those that despoil them. abomination: how much more, when he bringeth it 24 Make no friendship with a man given to anger; and with a sinful purpose? 28 A lying witness shall perish; with a man of fury thou must have no intercourse: but the man that is obedient [to the law] can speak 25 Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare for thy for ever. 29 A wicked man showeth impudence in his own soul. 26 Be not one of those that pledge their face; but as for the upright, he will consider well his hand, or of those that are sureties for debts. 27 If way. 30 There is no wisdom nor understanding nor thou have nothing to pay, why should be take away counsel against the Lord. 31 The horse is prepared thy bed from under thee? 28 Remove not the ancient for the day of battle; but with the Lord is the victory. landmark, which thy fathers have established. 29 Seest thou a man that is diligent in his work? before kings may he place himself: let him not place himself before obscure men.

them all. 3 The prudent foreseeth the evil, and hideth 23 When thou sittest to eat with a ruler, consider diligently what is before thee: 2 For thou puttest a knife to thy throat, if thou be a man of a craving desire. 3 Do not long for his savory meats; they are deceitful food. 4 Fatigue thyself not to become rich; because thou hast understanding, forbear. 5 When thou lettest merely thy eyes fly over it, it is no more: for it will ever make itself wings: like an eagle will it fly toward heaven. 6 Eat not the bread of a man with an evil eye, and do not long for his savory meats; 7 For as though there were a division in his soul, so doth he act: Eat and drink, saith he to thee; but his heart is not with thee. 8 Thy morsel which thou hast eaten must thou spit out, and thou hast wasted thy pleasant words. 9 Speak not before the ears of a fool; heart, and hath grace on his lips, will have the king as for he will despise the intelligence of thy words. 10 his friend. 12 The eyes of the Lord guard knowledge, Remove not the ancient landmark, and into the fields

of the fatherless must thou not enter: 11 For their precious and pleasant wealth. 5 A wise man is redeemer is strong; he will indeed plead their cause [always] in power; and a man of knowledge fortifieth with thee. 12 Apply thy heart unto instruction, and thy [his] strength. 6 For by wise counsel canst thou ears to the savings of knowledge. 13 Withhold not conduct thy war; and there is help in a multitude of from a lad correction; for if thou beat him with the counsellors, 7 Wisdom is too high for a fool; in the rod, he will not die. 14 Thou wilt indeed beat him with gate can he not open his mouth. 8 Him that deviseth the rod; but thou wilt deliver his soul from perdition. to do evil, men call a master of wicked devices. 9 (Sheol h7585) 15 My son, If thy heart be wise, my heart The counsel of folly is sin; and an abomination to shall rejoice, even mine. 16 And my reins shall exult men is the scorner. 10 If thou despond on the day of when thy lips speak what is equitable. 17 Let not thy distress, thy strength is small. 11 Deliver those that heart be envious against sinners; but [remain] in the are taken unto death, and those that are moved away fear of the lord all the time. 18 For surely there is to the slaughter hold back. 12 If thou shouldst say, a future, and thy hope will not be cut off. 19 Hear Behold, we know not this man; lo, he that weigheth thou, my son, and become wise, and guide thy heart hearts will truly regard it, and he that keepeth thy soul on the right way, 20 Be not among those that drink will surely know it; and he will give a recompense to wine immoderately, among those that over-indulge in man according to his doing. 13 Eat honey, my son, eating flesh: 21 For the drunkard and the glutton will because it is good; and the fine honey, which is sweet come to poverty; and drowsiness clotheth a man in to thy palate; 14 So obtain the knowledge of wisdom rags. 22 Hearken unto thy father that hath begotten for thy soul: when thou hast found her, then shall thee, and despise not thy mother although she be old. there be a [happy] future, and thy hope shall not be 23 Buy the truth and sell it not; [also] wisdom, and cut off. 15 Lie not in wait, O wicked man! against the instruction, and understanding. 24 The father of the dwelling of the righteous; waste not his resting-place; righteous will be greatly glad, and he that begetteth a 16 For though the righteous were to fall seven times. wise child will have joy through him. 25 Let [then] thy he will rise up again; but the wicked shall stumble into father and thy mother rejoice, and let her that hath misfortune. 17 At the fall of thy enemy do not rejoice: born thee be glad. 26 Give, my son, thy heart unto and at his stumbling let not thy heart be glad: 18 Lest me, and let thy eyes watch my ways. 27 For a harlot the Lord see it and it be displeasing in his eves. and is a deep ditch, and a strange woman is a narrow he turn away from him his wrath, 19 Fret not thyself well. 28 She also lieth in wait like a robber, and she because of evil-doers, neither be thou envious of the increaseth the treacherous among men. 29 Who hath wicked; 20 For there will be no [happy] future for the woe? who hath sorrow? who hath quarrels? who hath bad man: the lamp of the wicked will be quenched. complaints? who hath wounds without cause? who 21 My son, fear the Lord and the king: with those hath redness of eyes? 30 They that tarry late over that are desirous to change do not mingle thyself: the wine; they that come to seek for mixed drink. 31 22 For suddenly will their calamity arise; and who Do not look on the wine when it looketh red, when it knoweth the ruin of both of them! 23 These things giveth its color in the cup, when it glideth down so also are for the wise. To have respect of persons readily. 32 At the last it will bite like a serpent, and like in judgment is not good. 24 Him that saith unto the a basilisk will it sting. 33 Thy eyes will see strange wicked. Thou art righteous, will the people denounce. forms, and thy heart will speak perverse things. 34 him will nations hold accursed: 25 But to those that And thou wilt be like one that lieth down in the heart punish delight shall be given, and upon them shall of the sea, or as he that lieth on the top of a mast. 35 come the blessing of the good. 26 Men will kiss the "They smote me, [but] I suffered no pain; they struck lips of him that giveth a proper answer. 27 Prepare me hard. [but] I felt it not: when shall I awake? I will without thy work, and make it fit in the field for thyself: continue to seek it again."

21 Be thou not envious of bad men, and do not long to be with them. 2 For their heart meditateth destruction, and of mischief do their lips speak. 3 Through wisdom is a house built; and through understanding is it firmly established; 4 And through knowledge are chambers filled with all manner of

and afterward build thy house. 28 Be not without cause a witness against thy neighbor; for wouldst thou beguile with thy lips? 29 Say not, As he hath done to me so will I do to him: I will recompense every man according to his doing. 30 By the field of a slothful man I once passed along, and by the vinevard of a man void of sense: 31 And, lo, it was all grown over with thorns, nettles had covered its

when I had indeed beheld [this] I took it to my heart: rain: so doth secret talking, angry countenances. 24 It I saw it, and received a warning, 33 "A little [more] is better to dwell in the corner of a roof, than with a sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands in guarrelsome woman even in a roomy house. 25 As Iving down:" 34 But then will thy poverty come like a cold water is to a fainting soul, so are good news rover; and thy wants as a man armed with a shield.

**25** Also these are the proverbs of Solomon, which the men of Hezekiah the king of Judah have collected. 2 It is the honor of God to conceal a thing: but the honor of kings is to search out a matter. 3 As are the heavens for height, and the earth is for depth, so should the heart of kings be unsearchable. 4 Take away the dross from the silver, and there will come forth a vessel for the melter. 5 Take away the wicked from before the king, and his throne will be firmly established in righteousness. 6 Do not glorify thyself in the presence of the king, and force thyself not into the place of great men; 7 For better it is that it be said unto thee, "Come up hither," than that thou shouldst be put lower in the presence of the prince, which thy own eyes have [often] seen. 8 Do not proceed to a contest hastily, lest [thou know not] what thou wilt have to do at its end, when thy neighbor hath put thee to confusion. 9 Carry on thy cause with thy neighbor: but lay not open the secret of another: 10 Lest he that heareth it put thee to shame, and thy infamy never be removed. 11 Like apples of gold among figures of silver is a word spoken in a proper manner. As an earring of gold, and a pendant of fine gold, so is a wise reprover toward an ear that listeneth. 13 As the cooling of snow on a harvest-day, so is a faithful messenger to those that send him; for he refresheth the soul of his master. 14 Like clouds and wind without rain, so is a man that vaunteth falsely of a gift. 15 By long forbearing is a prince persuaded. and a soft tonque breaketh bones. 16 Hast thou found honey: eat so much as is sufficient for thee: lest thou consume too much of it, and have to vomit it forth. 17 Make thy foot scarce in the house of thy friend: lest he have too much of thee, and so hate thee, 18 A battle-axe, and a sword, and a sharpened arrow is a man that testifieth as a false witness against his neighbor. 19 Like a broken tooth and a foot out of ioint, is confidence in a treacherous man in a time of distress. 20 [As] he that taketh off his garment on a cold day, [as] vinegar is upon natron: so is he that singeth songs before an unhappy heart. 21 If thy enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: 22 For though thou gatherest coals of fire upon his head, yet will the Lord

surface, and its stone-wall was broken down. 32 And repay it unto thee, 23 The north wind bringeth forth from a far-off country. 26 Like a turbid spring and a corrupt fountain, is a righteous man that giveth way before the wicked. 27 To eat too much honey is not good: so is it honor to set a limit to men's honor. 28 Like a city that is broken in, and is without walls: so is the man that hath no control over his spirit.

> **26** As snow is in summer, and as rain in harvest: so is honor not seemly to a fool. 2 As the bird [cometh] to flit away, as the swallow, to fly off: so will an undeserved curse not come [to fulfillment]. 3 A whip is for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back. 4 Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest thou also become equal unto him. 5 Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes. 6 He choppeth off the feet, and drinketh vexation, that sendeth important messages by the hand of a fool. 7 Too feebly hang down the thighs on a lame man: so is a parable in the mouth of fools. 8 As is the one that bindeth a stone fast in a sling, so is he that giveth honor to a fool. 9 [As] a thorn that is come into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools. 10 A master injureth all things when he hireth a fool or hireth mere rovers. 11 As a dog returneth to his vomit, so doth a fool repeat to act in his folly. 12 When thou seest a man wise in his own eves, then is there more hope for a fool than for him. 13 The slothful saith. There is a leopard in the way: a lion is between the streets. 14 As a door turneth upon its hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed. 15 Hath the slothful hidden his hand in the dish. it wearieth him to bring it back again to his mouth. 16 The slothful is wiser in his own eyes, than seven men that can give wise answers. 17 As is one that taketh hold of a dog by the ears, so is he that passing by becometh excited about a dispute which concerneth him not. 18 As one fatigueth himself shooting off firebrands, arrows, and death: 19 So is the man that hath cheated his neighbor, and saith, Behold, I am only jesting. 20 Where there is no wood, the fire goeth out: so where there is no whisperer, strife is silenced. 21 As charcoals are added to burning coals. and wood to fire, so is a contentious man fitted to enkindle a dispute. 22 The words of a whisperer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost chambers of the body. 23 Like silver dross laid over

an earthen vessel, so are burning lips with a bad eyes of man never satisfied. (Sheol h7585) 21 [As] the heart. 24 With his lips dissembleth he that hateth, fining-pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold: so is and within himself layeth he up deceit: 25 Though he a man [proved] according to his praise. 22 Though make his voice sound ever so graciously, believe him thou shouldst pound the fool in a mortar, in the midst not; for there are seven abominations in his heart. 26 of grains of wheat with a pestle; still would his folly If one's hatred be covered by deception, then shall be not depart from him. 23 Endeavor to know well the laid bare his wickedness before a [whole] assembly, appearance of thy flocks, direct thy attention to thy 27 Whoso diggeth a pit will fall therein; and upon him herds: 24 For property endureth not for ever, nor that rolleth a stone, will it return. 28 A lying tongue doth the crown remain for all generations. 25 When hateth those that are crushed by it; and a flattering the grass is past, young verdure showeth itself, and mouth prepareth [others'] downfall.

**27** Make no boast for thyself of the coming day; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth. 2 Let another man praise thee, and not thy own mouth: a stranger, and not thy own lips. 3 A stone hath heaviness, and the sand, weight; but a fool's wrath is heavier than both of them. 4 Fury hath its cruelty,

then are gathered the herbs of the mountains. 26 The sheep are for thy clothing, and he-goats are the purchase-price of a field. 27 And thou wilt have enough of goats' milk for thy food, for the food of thy household, and the support for thy maidens.

**28** Every wicked fleeth when no man pursueth; but the righteous are like the confident young lion. and anger its overwhelming power; but who is able 2 When there is transgression in a land, it hath many to stand before jealousy? 5 Better is open reproof for its princes; but under a man of understanding and than concealed love. 6 Faithful are the wounds of knowledge [its] prosperity will long continue. 3 A poor a friend; but deceptive are the kisses of an enemy. man that oppresseth the indigent is like a sweeping 7 The satisfied soul treadeth under foot fine honey: rain which bringeth no bread. 4 They that forsake the but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet. 8 law praise the wicked; but such as observe the law As a bird that wandereth away from her nest, so is contend with them. 5 Bad men understand not justice; a man that wandereth away from his place. 9 Oil but they that seek the Lord understand all things. 6 and perfume cause the heart to rejoice, and so do Better is the poor that walketh in his integrity, than he the sweet words of a friend more than one's own that is perverse in his ways, though he be rich. 7 counsel. 10 Thy own friend, and thy father's friend, Whoso keepeth the law is an intelligent son; but he thou must not forsake; but into thy brother's house that is a companion of gluttons bringeth dishonor on enter not on the day of thy calamity: better is a near his father. 8 He that increaseth his wealth by interest neighbor than a distant brother. 11 Become wise, and usury will gather it for him that will be kind to my son, and cause my heart to rejoice, that I may the poor. 9 When one turneth away his ear so as give an answer to him that reproacheth me. 12 The not to listen to the law, even his prayer becometh prudent foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but an abomination. 10 Whoso causeth the upright to go the simple pass on, and are punished. 13 Take his astray on an evil way, will surely fall into his own ditch; garment, for he became surety for a stranger; and on but the men of integrity will inherit what is good. 11 account of an alien woman take a pledge of him. 14 The rich man is wise in his own eyes; but the indigent When one saluteth his friend with a loud voice, when that hath understanding can search him through. 12 rising early in the morning, it will be counted a curse. When the righteous exult, there is great splendor; but to him. 15 A continual dropping on a very rainy day when the wicked rise up, a man hath to be sought and a contentious woman are alike. 16 He that would for. 13 He that concealeth his transgressions will not conceal her might conceal the wind, and as [fragrant] prosper; but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them oil on his right hand, which would betray itself. 17 Iron will obtain mercy. 14 Happy is the man that always is sharpened by iron: so doth a man sharpen himself dreadeth [to do evil]; but he that hardeneth his heart on the countenance of his friend. 18 Whoso quardeth will fall into unhappiness. 15 As a roaring lion, and a the fig-tree will eat its fruit; so he that watcheth over greedy bear, so is a wicked ruler over an indigent his master will be honored. 19 As the water [showeth] people. 16 The prince that is void of understanding is to the face the [reflected] face: so doth the heart of also a great oppressor; [but] he that hateth unjust man show itself to man. 20 The nether world and the gain will prolong his days. 17 A man oppressed by place of corruption are never satisfied: so are the the load of having shed human blood will flee even to

righteous increase.

**20** A man that, having received many admonitions, still hardeneth his neck, will suddenly be broken, and this without remedy. 2 When the righteous are wicked beareth rule, the people groan. 3 The man that loveth wisdom causeth his father to rejoice; but he that keepeth company with harlots wasteth [his] wealth. 4 A king will through the exercise of justice establish [the welfare of] a land; but one that loveth gifts overthroweth it. 5 A man that flattereth his neighbor spreadeth a net for his steps. 6 In the transgression of a man there is an evil snare: but the righteous ever singeth and rejoiceth. 7 The righteous considereth the cause of the indigent: but the wicked will not understand the knowledge [of justice]. 8 Scornful men will kindle [confusion] in a town; but the wise turn away wrath. 9 If a wise man contend with a foolish man, whether he be angry or whether he laugh, [he will have] no rest. 10 Men of blood hate the guiltless one; but the upright seek [to preserve] his life. 11 A fool uttereth all his mind; but the wise holdeth it back. 12 If a ruler listen to the word of falsehood, all his servants become wicked. 13 The poor and the man of exactions meet together: the

the pit: let no man hold him. 18 Whoso walketh in stand firmly for ever. 15 The rod and reproof impart integrity will be saved; but he that walketh perversely wisdom; but a lad abandoned to himself bringeth on two paths, will fall on one. 19 He that tilleth his shame on his mother. 16 With the increase of the ground will have plenty of bread; but he that runneth wicked transgression increaseth; but the righteous after idle persons will have enough of poverty. 20 A shall yet look on their downfall. 17 Correct thy son, faithful man will abound with blessings; but he that and he will procure thee rest; yea, he will give delight maketh haste to be rich will not go unpunished. 21 To unto thy soul. 18 Without a prophetic vision a people have respect to persons is not good; because even become unruly; but when it observeth the law, then for a piece of bread will a man transgress. 22 He that will it be happy. 19 Not with words [alone] can a is eager for wealth is a man of an evil eye, and he servant be corrected; for though he understand, there knoweth not that want will come upon him. 23 He will be no response. 20 Seest then a man that is that reproveth a man after [my example] will obtain hasty in his words? there is more hope for a fool than more grace than he that flattereth with the tongue. 24 for him. 21 If one rear his servant delicately from his Whoso robbeth his father or his mother, and saith, it youth, then will he at length become as [his] son. 22 is no transgression, —the same is a companion of a A man of anger stirreth up strife; and a man of fury destroyer. 25 He that hath an insatiable desire stirreth aboundeth in transgression. 23 The pride of a man up strife: but he that putteth his trust in the Lord will will humble him; but the humble in spirit will attain be abundantly gratified. 26 He that trusteth in his own to honor. 24 Whoso divideth with a thief hateth his sense is a fool; but whoso walketh in wisdom, will own soul: he heareth the adjuration and dareth not to ever escape. 27 He that giveth unto the poor will not tell. 25 The dread of man bringeth a snare; but whoso have any want; but he that hideth his eyes will have putteth his trust in the Lord will be upheld in safety. an abundance of curses. 28 When the wicked rise, 26 Many seek the favor of a ruler; but from the Lord men conceal themselves; but when they perish, the cometh justice for man, 27 An abomination of the righteous is an unjust man: and an abomination of the wicked is one who is upright in [his] way.

30 The words of Agur the son of Yakeh, even the prophecy: the man said unto Ithiel, even unto in authority, the people will rejoice; but when the Ithiel and Ukkal, 2 "Surely I am more brutish than any man, and have not the understanding of a common man. 3 Nor have I learned wisdom, so that I should have knowledge of the Holy One. 4 Who was it that ascended into heaven, and came down again? who gathered the wind in his fists? who bound the waters in a garment? who set up all the ends of the earth? what is his name, and what is his son's name, if thou knowest it?" 5 Every saying of God is purified: he is a shield unto those that put their trust in him. 6 Do not add aught unto his words: lest he reprove thee, and thou be found a liar. 7 Two things do I request of thee: deny them not to me before I die. 8 Vanity and lying words do thou remove far from me: neither poverty nor riches give thou unto me; let me eat the bread appointed unto me: 9 Lest I become over-full, and deny thee, and say, Who is the Lord? or lest I become poor, and steal, and trespass against the name of my God. 10 Do not calumniate a servant unto his master: lest he curse thee, and thou incur quilt. 11 There is a generation that curseth its father, and doth not bless Lord enlighteneth the eyes of both of them. 14 When its mother. 12 There is a generation that is pure in a king judgeth in truth the indigent, his throne shall its own eyes, and yet is not washed [clean] of its

There are three things that are never satisfied, yea, trouble no more. 8 Open thy mouth for the dumb, world; and a barren womb; the earth which is not mouth, judge righteously, and decide the cause of the satisfied with water; and the fire which never saith, poor and needy. 10 Who can find a virtuous woman: ravens of the valley pick out; and the young eagles his gain diminish. 12 She treateth him well and not ill, The way of the eagle in the air; the way of a serpent become like the merchant's ships: from afar doth she upon a rock; the way of a ship in the heart of the bring her food. 15 And she riseth while it is yet night, sea; and the way of a man with a young woman. 20 and giveth provision to her household, and a task to Such is the way of an adulterous woman: she eateth, her maidens. 16 She thinketh of a field, and buyeth it: and wipeth her mouth, and saith, I have done no with the fruit of her hands she planteth a vineyard. when he becometh king, and a worthless fool when good; [therefore] her lamp goeth not out by night. he hath eaten enough bread; 23 Under an odious 19 She stretcheth out her hands to the spindle, and houses; 27 The locusts have no king, and yet they go with the elders of the land. 24 Fine tunics she maketh, forth in troops altogether: 28 The spider thou canst and selleth them, and girdles she furnisheth unto the catch with [thy] hands, and yet she is in the palaces merchant. 25 Strength and dignity are her clothing: rising up. 32 If thou hast become degraded by lifting her blessed; her husband, also, and he praiseth her: up thyself, or if thou hast devised evil, put thy hand to 29 "Many daughters have done virtuously; but thou thy mouth: 33 For the pressure of milk bringeth forth excellest them all." 30 False is grace, and vain is butter, and the pressure of the nose bringeth forth beauty: a woman only that feareth the Lord shall blood: so the pressure of wrath bringeth forth strife, indeed be praised. 31 Give her of the fruit of her

31 The words of king Lemuel, the prophecy with which his mother instructed him. 2 What [hast thou donel. O my son; and what, O son of my body? and what, O son of my vows? 3 Give not unto women thy vigor, nor thy ways to those that ruin kings. 4 Not for kings, O Lemoel, not for kings [it is fitting] to

filthiness. 13 There is a generation—O how lofty are drink wine, nor for princes, strong drink: 5 Lest either its eyes! and its eyelids are so lifted up. 14 There is a might drink, and forget what is written in the law, and generation, whose teeth are as swords, and whose pervert the cause of all the afflicted. 6 Give strong string teeth are as knives, to devour the poor from drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto off the earth, and the needy from among men. 15 those who have an embittered soul, 7 Let such a Insatiability hath two daughters, [crying, ] Give, give. one drink, and forget his poverty, and remember his four things which never say, Enough: 16 The nether for the cause of all fatherless children. 9 Open thy Enough. (Sheol h7585) 17 The eye that mocketh at his for far above pearls is her value. 11 The heart of her father, and despiseth to obey his mother, this shall the husband doth safely trust in her, and he will not see shall eat it. 18 Three things there are which are too all the days of her life. 13 She seeketh for wool and wonderful for me: and four, which I know not: 19 flax, and worketh with her willing hands, 14 She is wrong. 21 Under three things the earth trembleth, and 17 She girdeth with strength her loins, and giveth under four which she cannot bear: 22 Under a servant vigor to her arms. 18 She perceiveth that her profit is woman when she is married, and a bond-woman her palms hold fast the distaff. 20 She spreadeth out when she dispossesseth her mistress. 24 There are wide her open palm to the poor; yea, her hands she four which are the little ones of the earth, and they stretcheth forth to the needy. 21 She hath no fear for are nevertheless exceedingly wise: 25 The ants are a her household of the snow; for all her household are people not strong, therefore do they prepare in the clothed in scarlet, 22 Tapestry-covering she maketh summer their food; 26 The conies are but a feeble for herself: of linen and purple is her attire. 23 Well people, therefore do they place on the rocks their known is in the gates her husband, when he sitteth of a king. 29 Three there are that have a stately step, and she smileth at the coming of the last day. 26 and four, that are stately in going: 30 The lion, the She openeth her mouth with wisdom, and the law of mightiest among beasts, who turneth not round from kindness is on her tongue. 27 She looketh well to the before any one; 31 The light-legged greyhound, and ways of her household, and the bread of idleness the he-goat; and a king, against whom there is no she doth not eat, 28 Her children rise up, and call hands, and let her own works praise her in the gates.

## **Ecclesiastes**

1 The words of Koheleth, the son of David, the king in Jerusalem. 2 Vanity of vanities, saith Koheleth, vanity of vanities: all is vanity, 3 What profit hath a man of all his toil which he toil-eth under the sun? 4 One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh; but the earth endureth for ever. 5 The sun also riseth, and the sun goeth down, and striving to reach his place he riseth again there. 6 Going toward the south, and turning round toward the north, the wind moveth round about continually: and around its circles doth the wind return again. 7 All the rivers run into the sea; yet the sea is never full: unto the place whither the rivers go, thither will they continue to go. 8 All things weary themselves [constantly]: man can not utter them: the eve is never satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. 9 That which hath been, is the same which will be; and that which hath been done, is the same which will be done; and there is nothing new under the sun. 10 If there be any thing whereof it is said, See, this is new: It hath already been in olden times which were before us. 11 [Only] there is no recollection of former [generations]; and also of the later ones, that are to be-of these [likewise] there will be no recollection with those that will be still later. 12 I Koheleth was king over Israel in Jerusalem. 13 And I directed my heart to inquire and to search out by wisdom concerning all that is done under the heavens: this is an evil employment which God hath given to the sons of man to busy themselves therewith. 14 I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun: and, behold, all is vanity and a torture of the spirit. 15 What is crooked cannot be made straight; and that which is defective cannot be numbered. 16 I spoke with my own heart, saving. Lo. I have truly obtained greater and more wisdom than all those who have been before me over Jerusalem: yea, my heart had seen much wisdom and knowledge. 17 And I directed my heart to know wisdom, and to know madness and folly: [but] I have perceived that this also is a torture of the spirit. 18 For where there is much wisdom there is much vexation: and he that increaseth knowledge increaseth pain.

joy, and thou shalt see what is good; but, behold,

on folly, till I might see what it is that is good for the sons of men, which they should do under the heavens during the number of the days of their life. 4 I made great works: I built myself houses: I planted myself vinevards: 5 I made myself gardens and orchards. and I planted therein trees of all kinds of fruit; 6 I made myself pools of water, to water therewith the forest overgrown with trees: 7 I bought men-servants and maid-servants, and I had likewise those born in my house; I had also great possessions of cattle and flocks above all that had been before me in Jerusalem. 8 I gathered unto myself also silver and gold, and the choice treasures of kings and of the provinces: I procured myself male singers and female singers, and the delights of the sons of men, wagons and chariots. 9 So was I great, and obtained more than all that had been before me in Jerusalem: also my wisdom remained with me. 10 And whatsoever my eyes desired I refused them not; I withheld not my heart from any joy; for my heart was rejoiced with all my toil, and this was my portion of all my toil. 11 But when I turned myself [to look] on all my works that my hands had wrought, and on the toil that I had toiled to accomplish: then, behold, all was vanity and a torture of the spirit, and there was no profit under the sun. 12 And then I turned myself to behold wisdom, and madness, and folly; for what [can] the man [do] that cometh after the king? [only] that which [others] have done already. 13 But I saw indeed that wisdom hath the advantage over folly, as great as the advantage of light over darkness. 14 The wise man hath his eyes in his head, while the fool walketh in darkness; but I myself perceived then also that one occurrence will befall all of them. 15 Then said I in my heart. The same that befalleth the fool will also befall even me: and why have I then been wiser? Then spoke I in my heart, that this is also vanity. 16 For there is no recollection of the wise any more than of the fool for ever: seeing that which hath long ago been will, in the days that are coming, all be forgotten. And how doth the wise die equally with the fool! 17 Therefore I hated life; because I felt displeased with the work that is wrought under the sun; for all is vanity and a torture of the spirit. 18 Yea. I hated also all my toil with which I had toiled under the sun: because 2 Come, then, I said in my heart, I will have a taste of I should have to leave it unto the man that will be after me. 19 And who knoweth, whether he will be a this also was vanity. 2 Of laughter I said. It maketh wise man or a fool? yet will he have full sway over one mad: and of joy. What doth this do? 3 I resolved all my toil wherein I have toiled, and wherein I have in my heart to indulge my body with wine, while my shown myself wise under the sun. Also this is vanity. heart quideth itself with wisdom; and to lay fast hold 20 Therefore I turned about to cause my heart to give spirit.

**3** For every thing there is a season; and a [proper] time is for every pursuit under the heavens. 2 [There is] a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what hath been 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 throw away stones, and a time to be far from embracing; 6 A time to seek, and a time to let things be lost; a time to keep, and a

up thinking of all the toil wherewith I had toiled under that men should be afraid of him. 15 That which hath the sun. 21 For there is many a man whose toil is in been hath long since appeared [again]; and what is wisdom, and in knowledge, and with energy; yet to a to be hath already been; and God seeketh [again] man that hath not toiled therefore must be give it as that which is sped away. 16 And moreover I have his portion. Also this is vanity and a great evil. 22 seen under the sun. [that in] the place of justice. For what doth a man obtain of all his toil, and of the even there was wickedness; and [that in] the place torture of his heart, wherewith he toileth under the of righteousness, even there was wickedness. 17 l sun? 23 For all his days are full of pains, and vexation said in my heart. God will judge the righteous and is [mingled with] his employment: yea, even in the the wicked; for there is a time for every pursuit; and night his heart taketh not rest. Also this is vanity. 24 lt on account of every deed there [will he judge]. 18 is not a good thing [inherent] in man that he should I said in my heart concerning the speaking of the eat and drink, and that he should make his soul enjoy sons of men, that God might make it clear to them, happiness for his toil. Also this have I seen, that it and that they might see that they by themselves are cometh out of the hand of God. 25 For who can well but beasts. 19 For that which befalleth the sons of eat, or who can enjoy earthly things more than 1? men befalleth beasts; even the same thing befalleth 26 For to a man who is good in his presence [God] them; as the one dieth, so dieth the other; yea, they giveth wisdom, and knowledge, and joy; but to the have all one kind of spirit: so that the preeminence of sinner he giveth employment, to gather up and to man above the beast is nought; for all is vanity, 20 bring together, that he may give it to him that is good Every thing goeth unto one place: every thing came before God. Also this is vanity and a torture of the from the dust, and every thing returneth to the dust. 21 Who knoweth the spirit of the sons of man that ascendeth upward, and the spirit of the beast that descendeth downward to the earth? 22 And so did I perceive that there is nothing better, than that a man should rejoice in his own works: for that is his portion: for who can bring him to look with pleasure on what will be after him?

▲ And I turned about, and beheld all the oppressed that are made so under the sun: and, behold, a time to gather up stones; a time to embrace, and there are the tears of the oppressed, and they have no comforter; and from the hand of their oppressors they suffer violence; and they have no comforter. 2 time to throw away; 7 A time to rend, and a time to Thereupon praised I the dead that are already dead, sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak; more than the living who are still alive; 3 And as 8 A time to love, and a time to hate; a time of war, happier than both of them, him who hath not vet and a time of peace. 9 What profit hath [now] he that come into being, who hath not seen the evil-doing worketh in that wherein he toileth? 10 I have seen the that is done under the sun. 4 Again, I beheld all employment, which God hath given to the sons of the toil, and all the energy in doing, that it is [from] men to busy themselves therewith. 11 Every thing the envy of one man of his neighbor. Also this is hath he made beautiful in its [proper] time; he hath vanity and a torture of the spirit. 5 The fool foldeth his also placed the eternity in their heart, without a man's hands together, and eateth his own flesh. 6 Better being able to find out the work that God hath made is a handful of quiet, than both the hands full of toil from the beginning to the end. 12 I know that there is and torture of spirit. 7 Then I turned about, and I nothing good [inherent] in them, but for every one to saw a vanity under the sun. 8 There is one alone, rejoice and to do what is good during [all] his life. 13 and he hath not a companion; yea, he hath neither For also that every man should eat and drink, and son nor brother: yet is there no end to all his toil; his enjoy what is good for all his toil, is likewise a gift of eye also is not satisfied with riches. Yet for whom God. 14 I know that whatsoever God doth, that will be do I toil, and deprive my soul of good? Also this is for ever; to it nothing can be added, and from it there vanity, yea, it is a bad employment. 9 Two are better is nothing to be diminished: and God hath so made it, than one; because they will have a good reward for

spirit.—

5 Watch thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be near to hearken [to his will], more than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil [to themselves]. 2 Suffer not thy mouth to be rash, and let thy heart not be hasty to utter any word before God; for God is in the heavens, and thou art upon the earth: therefore let thy words be few. 3 For a dream cometh through being much cometh with a multitude of words. 4 When thou 12 Sweet is the sleep of the laboring man, whether he a man: and he is not able to contend with him that is

their toil. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his eat little or much; but the overabundance of the rich fellow; but woe to the single one that falleth; for he will not suffer him to sleep. 13 There is a sore evil hath no companion to lift him up. 11 Also, if two lie which I have seen under the sun, [namely.] riches together, then will they become warm; but how can reserved for their owner to his own hurt. 14 And these one person alone become warm? 12 And if a man riches are lost through an unfortunate event; and he could overpower him, the single one, two would stand begetteth a son, and hath not the least in his hand: up against him: and a threefold cord cannot quickly 15 As he came forth out of his mother's womb, naked be torn asunder. 13 Better is a poor and a wise youth will he return to go as he came; and not the least will than an old and foolish king, who knoweth not how to he carry off for his toil, which he might take away be admonished any more. 14 For out of the prison with him. 16 And also this is a sore evil, that in all cometh the one to reign: whereas also in his kingdom points as he came, so must he go: and what profit the other becometh poor. 15 I have seen all the living hath he that hath toiled for the wind? 17 All his days who walk under the sun, being with the second child also had he to eat in darkness, and hath had much that is to stand up in his stead. 16 There was no end vexation and wrath with his sickness. 18 Behold, what to all the people, [belonging] to all that have been I have truly seen as a good thing, that it is fitting to before them: they also that come after will not rejoice eat and to drink, and to enjoy the good of all one's in him. Surely this also is vanity and a torture of the toil that he taketh under the sun the number of the days of his life, which God hath given him; for this is his portion. 19 Also every man to whom God hath given riches and property, and hath given him power to eat thereof, and to take his portion, and to rejoice in his toil- this is the gift of God. 20 Let him then remember, that the days of his life are not many, that God hath answered him with the joy of his heart.

6 There is an evil which I have seen under the sun, and it is great on men: 2 [There is many] employed [with something], and the voice of a fool a man to whom God hath given riches, property. and honor, and nothing is wanting for his soul of all makest a vow unto God, do not delay to pay it; for that he longeth for: yet God empowereth him not to he hath no pleasure in such fools: that which thou eat thereof, but a stranger will consume it. This is hast vowed must thou pay. 5 It is better that thou vanity, and it is an evil disease. 3 If a man were to shouldst not vow, than that thou shouldst vow and not beget a hundred children, and live many years. so pay. 6 Suffer not thy mouth to cause thy body to sin; that the days of his years were many, and his soul and say thou not before the messenger, that it was were not satisfied with what is good, and he have an error: wherefore should God be angry because not had even a burial: then do I say, that an untimely of thy voice, and destroy the work of thy hands? 7 birth is better than he. 4 For in vanity it came, and in For in the multitude of dreams and vanities there darkness it departeth, and with darkness will its name are also many words; but rather fear thou God. 8 If be covered. 5 Moreover it never saw the sun, and thou see the oppression of the poor, and violence knew nothing: this hath more rest than the other. 6 done to justice and righteousness in a province, do Yea, though he were to live a thousand years twice not feel astounded at the matter; for one that is high told, and had not seen any good—doth not every watcheth over the high; and over them, the highest one go to one place? 7 All the toil of a man is for Power. 9 But the advantage of a land in all things is, his mouth; and yet is his desire never filled. 8 For a king who is subject to the country. 10 He that loveth what hath the wise more than the fool? what hath money will never be satisfied with money; nor he the poor, that knoweth to walk [properly] before the that loveth abundance, with any increase. Also this living? 9 Better is what one seeth with the eyes than is vanity. 11 When prosperity increaseth, those that the wandering of the desire. Also this is vanity and consume it [likewise] increase: and what advantage a torture of the spirit. 10 That which hath been is is there to its owner, saving to see [it] with his eyes? already called by its name, and it is known that he is

mightier than he. 11 For there are many things that unto all the words that are spoken: lest thou hear thy increase vanity: what advantage [cometh thence] for servant cursing thee. 22 For oftentimes also doth thy man? 12 For who knoweth what is good for man in own heart know that thou thyself likewise hast cursed this life, the number of the days of his vain life, that others.— 23 All this have I proved by wisdom: I said, I he should spend them as a shadow? for who can tell will be wise; but it was far from me. 24 Far is what a man what will be after him under the sun?

**7** A good name is better than precious oil, and the day of death, better 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; inasmuch as that is the end of all men: and let the living lay it to his heart. 3 Better is vexation than laughing; for through the sadness of the countenance the heart is made better. 4 The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning; but the heart of fools is in the house of joy. 5 It is better to hear the rebuke of the wise, than that a man should hear the song of fools. 6 For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fool. Also this is vanity. 7 For [exercising] oppression maketh a wise man mad; and bribery corrupteth the heart. 8 Better is the end of a thing than the beginning thereof: better is the patient in spirit than the proud in spirit. 9 Be not rash in thy spirit to be angry; for anger resteth in always good, and never sin. — 21 Also take no heed of the sons of men filled up in them to do evil. 12

formerly was so, and what was deep remaineth deep: who can find it out? 25 Then I turned myself about together with my heart to know, and to search, and to seek out wisdom, and experience, and to know the wickedness of folly, and the foolishness of madness. 26 And I find as more bitter than death the woman, whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are bonds: he that is deemed good before God will escape from her; but the sinner will be caught by her. 27 Behold, this have I found, saith Koheleth, [adding] one to the other, to find experience, 28 What my soul constantly sought, but I found it not; one man among a thousand did I find; but a woman among all these did I not find. 29 Lo, this only did I find, that God hath made man upright; but they have sought for many [sinful] devices.

**Q** Who is like the wise? and who knoweth [as well] the explanation of a thing? a man's wisdom bosom of fools. 10 Thou must not say. How was it enlighteneth his face, and the boldness of his face that the former days were better than these? for it is will be lessened. 2 I [counsel thee], Keep the king's not out of wisdom that thou askest concerning this. 11 command, and that which regardeth the oath [to Wisdom is better than an inheritance, yea, preferable him taken] by God. 3 Be not hasty to go out of his for those that see the sun; 12 For under the shadow of presence; engage not in an evil thing; for whatsoever wisdom [a man is equally well as] under the shadow pleaseth him, can he do: 4 Because the word of a of money; but the superior excellency of knowledge king is powerful; and who may say unto him. What is, that wisdom giveth life to him that possesseth it. doest thou? - 5 Whoso keepeth the commandment 13 Consider [then] the work of God; for who can make will experience no evil thing; and a wise man's heart straight what he hath made crooked? 14 On the day knoweth both time and the just consequence. 6 of prosperity be happy, but on the day of adversity Because for every pursuit there is a time and a just look on: also this hath God made in equal measure consequence; for the evil of man [resteth] heavily with the other, to the end that man should not find the upon him. 7 For he knoweth not that which will be; least to censure him. 15 All things have I seen in the for who can tell him how it will be? 8 No man hath days of my vanity: there is many a righteous man that control over the spirit to detain the spirit; and there perisheth in his righteousness, and there is many a is no control over the day of death; and there is no wicked man that liveth long in his wickedness.— 16 representation in that war; and wickedness will not Be not righteous over much: neither show thyself over deliver those that practise it. 9 All this have I seen. wise: why wouldst thou destroy thyself? 17 Be not and directed my heart unto every work that is done wicked over much, and be no fool: why wouldst thou under the sun: there is a time when one man ruleth die before thy time? 18 It is good that thou shouldst over another to his own injury. 10 Then also did I see take hold of that, and that also from this thou withdraw the wicked buried, who had gone to their rest; but not thy hand; for he that feareth God will come forth those who had acted correctly had to go away from out of them all. 19 Wisdom giveth more strength to the holy place, and were forgotten in the city. Also the wise than ten rulers which were in the city. 20 For this is vanity. 11 Because the punishment against evil no man is so righteous upon earth, that he should do deeds is not executed speedily, therefore is the heart think to know it, he would yet not be able to find it.

• For all this did I reflect over in my heart and to explain all this, that the righteous, and the wise, and their services, are in the hand of God: that man knoweth neither love nor hatred; it is all [ordained] before them; 2 Every thing as it is to happen to all; there is but one occurrence for the righteous, and for the wicked; for the good and for the clean, and for the unclean; and for him that sacrificeth, and for him

But let a sinner do evil a hundred times, and [God] be wanting on thy head. 9 Enjoy life with the wife withhold long his punishment from him; still do I truly whom thou lovest all the days of the life of thy vanity, know for certain that it will be well with those that fear which God hath given thee under the sun, [yea, ] all God, because they are afraid of him: 13 And that it the days of thy vanity: for this is thy portion in this life. will not be well with the wicked, and that he will not and in thy toil with which thou toilest under the sun. endure many days, like the shadow; because he is 10 Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do with thy might, not afraid of God. 14 There is a vanity which is done that do; for there is no work, nor experience, nor upon the earth, that there are righteous men, unto knowledge, nor wisdom, in the nether world, whither whom it happeneth in accordance with the deeds of thou goest.— (Sheol h7585) 11 I turned about, and saw the wicked; again, there are wicked men, to whom under the sun, that the race is not to the swift, nor the it happeneth in accordance with the deeds of the battle to the mighty; and that also the wise have no righteous. I said that this also is vanity. 15 Therefore bread, nor yet the men of understanding riches, nor do I praise joyfulness, that there is nothing better yet men of knowledge favor; but time and fate will for man under the sun, than to eat, and to drink, overtake them all. 12 For man also knoweth not his and to be joyful; for this will adhere to him in his toil, time, like the fishes that are caught in an evil net, and during the days of his life which God hath given him like the birds that are caught in the snare: like these under the sun.— 16 When I applied my heart to know are the sons of men ensnared at an evil time, when it wisdom, and to see the employment that is done falleth upon them suddenly. 13 Also in this manner upon the earth, how even neither by day nor by night have I seen wisdom under the sun, and it seemed sleep is seen in the eyes of some men: 17 Then did great unto me: 14 There was a little city, and the men I see [in] the whole work of God, that a man is not therein were few; and there came against it a great able to find out the work that is done under the sun; king, who enclosed it, and built around it great works inasmuch as though a man were to toil to seek for it, of siege; 15 But there was found in it a poor wise he would yet not find it; and even if the wise were to man, and he delivered the city by his wisdom; yet no man had thought of that same poor man. 16 Then said I, Wisdom is better than might: although the poor man's wisdom is held in contempt, and his words are not heard. 17 The words of wise men 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 causes much good to be lost.

1 Dead flies cause the precious oil of the apothecary to become stinking and foaming; so that sacrificeth not; as is the good, so is the sinner; doth a little folly him that is valued for wisdom and he that sweareth, as he that feareth an oath. 3 This honor. 2 The heart of a wise man is at his right hand: is an evil among all things that are done under the but the heart of a fool is at his left. 3 Yea also, on sun, that there is one occurrence for all, and that also whatever way the fool walketh, doth he lack proper the heart of the sons of men is full of evil, and that sense, and he saith to all that he is a fool. 4 If the madness is in their heart while they live, and after this spirit of the ruler rise up against thee, leave not thy they go to the dead. 4 For whoever is yet united with place; for submissiveness causeth great offences to all the living hath still hope; for a living dog fareth be avoided. 5 There is an evil which I have seen better than a dead lion. 5 For the living know that they under the sun, like an error which proceedeth from will die; but the dead know not the least; nor have the ruler: 6 Folly is set in great high places, and they longer any reward; for their memory is forgotten. the rich sit in lowness. 7 I have seen servants on 6 Also their love, and their hatred, and their envy, are horses, and princes walking like servants upon the now already lost; and they will have never more a ground.— 8 He that diggeth a pit will fall into it: and portion in all that is done under the sun. 7 Go, eat him who breaketh down a fence—a serpent will bite with joy thy bread, and drink with a merry heart thy him. 9 Whoso removeth stones will be hurt through wine, if God have already received thy works in favor, them; and he that cleaveth wood will be endangered 8 At all times let thy garments be white, and let oil not thereby. 10 If the iron be blunt, and man do not whet the edge, then must be exert more strength; but the bring thee into judgment. 10 And remove vexation advantage of making it properly sharp is wisdom. from thy heart, and cause evil to pass away from thy 11 If the serpent do bite because no one uttered a body; for childhood and the time when the head is charm, then hath the man that can use his tongue fin black are vanity. charming no preference.— 12 The words of a wise man's mouth [bring] grace; but the lips of a fool will destroy himself. 13 The beginning of the words of his mouth is foolishness: and the last that cometh out of his mouth is evil-bringing madness. 14 The fool also multiplieth words; [but] a man cannot know what is to be; and what is to be after him, who can tell him? 15 The toil of the foolish will weary every one of them. because he knoweth not how to go to the city.— 16 Woe to thee, O land, when thy king is lowminded, and when thy princes eat in the morning! 17 Happy art thou, O land, when thy king is noble-spirited, and thy princes eat in proper time, for strengthening, and not for gluttony!— 18 Through slothful hands the rafters will sink; and through idleness of the hands the house will become leaky. 19 For gay pleasure they prepare a feast, and wine is to make the living joyful; but money procureth all things. 20 Even in thy thought thou must not curse a king; and in thy bed-chambers do not curse the rich: for a bird of the air can carry the sound, and that which hath wings can tell the word.

childhood; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of it he had. thy youthful vigor, and walk firmly in the ways of thy heart, and in [the direction which] thy eyes see: but know thou, that concerning all these things God will

12 But remember also thy Creator in the days of thy youthful vigor, while the evil days are not yet come, nor those years draw nigh of which thou wilt say. I have no pleasure in them: 2 While the sun. and the light, and the moon, and the stars, are not yet darkened, and the clouds return not again after the rain; 3 On the day when the watchmen of the house will tremble and the men of might will bend themselves, and the grinders stand idle, because they are become few, and those be darkened that look through the windows; 4 And when the two doors on the streets will be locked, while the sound of the mill becometh dull, and man riseth up at the voice of the bird, and all the daughters of song are brought low: 5 Also when men will be afraid of every elevation, and are terrified on every way, and the almond-tree will refuse [its blossom], and the locust will drag itself slowly along, and the desire will gainsay compliance: because man goeth to his eternal home, and the mourners go about the streets; 6 While the silver cord is not yet torn loose, and the golden bowl is not 11 Cast thy bread upon the face of the waters; for crushed, and the pitcher is not broken at the fountain, after many days wilt thou find it again. 2 Give a and the wheel is not crushed at the cistern; 7 When portion to seven, and also to eight: for thou knowest the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the not what evil may come upon the earth.— 3 If the spirit will return unto God who gave it.— 8 Vanity clouds be full of rain, they will empty it out upon the of vanities, saith Koheleth: all is vanity.— 9 And in earth: and if the tree fall toward the south, or toward addition to this that Koheleth was wise, he continually the north, on the place where the tree falleth, there also taught the people knowledge, and he probed, will it remain. 4 He that watcheth the wind will not and searched out, and composed many proverbs. 10 sow: and he that gazeth on the clouds will not reap. 5 Koheleth sought to find out acceptable words, and As thou knowest not which is the way of the wind, as that which would be written down uprightly, even little as what is enclosed in the womb of her that is words of truth. 11 The words of the wise are like with child: even so thou canst not know the works of goads, and like nails fastened [are the words of God who maketh all. 6 In the morning sow thy seed, the men of the assemblies, which are given by one and in the evening let not thy hand rest; for thou shepherd. 12 But more than all these, my son, take knowest not which will succeed, whether this or that, warning for thyself: the making of many books would or whether both of them will be alike good. 7 Truly the have no end; and much preaching is a weariness of light is sweet, and it is a pleasant thing for the eyes to the flesh. 13 The end of the matter is, let us hear the see the sun; 8 For if a man live [even] many years, whole: Fear God, and keep his commandments; for let him rejoice in them all; and let him remember this is the whole [duty of] man. 14 For every deed will the days of darkness; for they will be many; all that God bring into the judgment concerning every thing cometh is vanity. 9 Rejoice, O young man, in thy that hath been hidden, whether it be good, or whether

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## **Song of Solomon**

1 The song of songs, which is Solomon's. 2 Oh that he might kiss me with the kisses of his mouth; for thy caresses are more pleasant than wine. 3 To the smell are thy fragrant oils pleasant, [like] precious oil poured forth is thy name [famous afar]: therefore do maidens love thee. 4 Oh draw me, after thee will we run: the king hath brought me into his chambers; we will be glad and rejoice in thee; we will recall thy caresses, more [pleasant] than wine; without deceit [all] love thee.— 5 Black am I, yet comely, O daughters of Jerusalem, like the tents of Kedar, like the curtains of Solomon. 6 Look not so at me, because I am somewhat black, because the sun hath looked fiercely at me: my mother's children were angry with me; they appointed me to be keeper of the vineyards; but my vineyard, which is my own, have I not kept .- 7 Tell me, O thou whom my soul loveth, where thou feedest? where lettest thou thy flock rest at noon? for why should I appear like a veiled mourner by the flocks of thy companions?— 8 If thou knowest this not, O thou fairest of women, go but forth in the footsteps of the flock, and feed thy kids around the shepherds' dwellings.— 9 Unto the horse in Pharaoh's chariot do I compare thee, my beloved. 10 Comely are thy cheeks between strings [of pearls], thy neck with rows [of jewels]. 11 Chains of gold will we make for thee with studs of silver.— 12 While the king sitteth at his table, my spikenard sendeth forth its [pleasant] smell. 13 A bundle of myrrh is my friend unto me, that resteth on my bosom. 14 A cophercluster is my friend unto me in the vineyards of 'Engedi.— 15 Lo, thou art beautiful, my beloved: lo, thou art beautiful: thy eyes are those of a dove.— 16 Lo, thou art beautiful, my friend, also pleasant: also our couch is [made in the] green [wood]. 17 The beams of our houses are cedars and our wainscoting of cypress-trees.

2 I am the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valleys.—
2 Like the lily among the thorns, so is my beloved among the young maidens.—
3 Like the apple-tree among the trees of the forest, so is my friend among the young men: under his shadow do I ardently wish to sit, and his fruit is sweet to my palate.
4 He brought me to the banqueting-house, and his banner over me was love.
5 Strengthen me with flagons of wine, refresh me with apples; for sick of love am I.
6 Oh that his left hand might be under my head, and that his right might embrace me.
7 I adjure you, O daughters

of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye awaken not, nor excite my love, till it please [to come of itself].— 8 The voice of my friend! behold, there he cometh, leaping over the mountains. skipping over the hills. 9 My friend is like a roebuck or the fawn of the hinds: behold, there he standeth behind our wall, looking in at the windows, seeing through the lattice. 10 My friend commenced, and said unto me, Rise thee up, my beloved, my fair one, and come along. 11 For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone its way. 12 The flowers are seen in the land; the time of the [birds'] singing is come, and the voice of the turtle-dove is heard in our land: 13 The fig-tree perfumeth its green figs, and the vines with young grapes give forth a [pleasant] smell. Arise thee, my beloved, my fair one, and come along. 14 O my dove, who art in the clefts of the rock, in the recesses of the cliffs. let me see thy countenance. let me hear thy voice; for thy voice is sweet, and thy countenance is comely.— 15 Seize for us the foxes, the little foxes, that injure the vineyards; for our vineyards have young grapes. 16 My friend is mine, and I am his—that feedeth among the lilies. 17 Until the day become cool, and the shadows flee away, turn about, my friend, and be thou like the roebuck or the fawn of the hinds upon the mountains of separation.

3 On my couch during the nights I sought him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. 2 Oh, I must rise now, and go about in the city in the streets, and in the open places; I will seek him whom my soul loveth: I sought him, but I found him not. 3 Then found me the watchmen that walked about the city. "Have ye seen him whom my soul loveth?" 4 Scarcely had I passed away from them, when I found him whom my soul loveth: I laid fast hold of him, and would not let him go, until I had brought him into my mother's house, and into the chamber of her that had born me. 5 I adjure you, ye daughters of Jerusalem, by the roes, and by the hinds of the field, that ye awaken not, nor excite my love, till it please [to come of itself].— 6 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, like pillars of smoke, perfumed with myrrh and frankincense, with all spicy powders of the merchant? 7 Behold, it is the bed, which is Solomon's, sixty valiant men are round about it, of the valiant ones of Israel. 8 All of them are girded with the sword, are expert in war; every one hath his sword upon his thigh, because of the terror in the nights. 9 A palanguin did king Solomon make for himself out of the wood of Lebanon. 10 The pillars eaten my sugar-cane with my honey; I have drunk my wherewith his mother hath crowned him on the day of his espousals, and on the day of the joy in his heart.

⚠ Behold, thou art beautiful, my beloved, behold, thou art beautiful: thy dovelike eyes [look forth] from behind thy vail; thy hair is like a flock of goats, that come quietly down from Mount Gil'ad. 2 Thy teeth are like a flock of well-selected sheep, which are come up from the washing, all of which bear twins. and there is not one among them that is deprived of her young. 3 Like a thread of scarlet are thy lips, and thy mouth is comely: like the half of a pomegranate is the upper part of thy cheek behind thy vail. 4 Thy neck is like the tower of David built on terraces, a thousand shields hang-thereon, all the guivers of the mighty men. 5 Thy two breasts are like two fawns. the twins of the roe, that feed among the lilies. 6 Until the day became cool, and the shadows flee away. will I get me to the mountain of myrrh, and to the hill of frankincense. 7 Thou art altogether beautiful, my beloved, and there is no blemish on thee. - 8 Come with me from Lebanon, O bride, with me from Lebanon: look about from the top of Amanah, from the top of Senir and Chermon, from the lions' dens, from the leopards' mountains. 9 Thou hast ravished my heart, O my sister, [my] bride; thou hast ravished my heart with one of thy eyes, with one chain of thy neck. 10 How beautiful are thy caresses, O my sister, [my] bride! how much more pleasant are thy caresses than wine! and the smell of thy fragrant oils more than all spices. 11 Of sweet honey drop thy lips. O bride: honey and milk are under thy tongue; and the scent of thy garments is like the scent of Lebanon. 12 A locked-up garden is my sister, [my] bride; a lockedup spring, a sealed fountain. 13 Thy sprouts are an orchard of pomegranates, with precious fruits, copher and spikenard; 14 Spikenard and saffron; calamus and cinnamon, with all the trees of frankincense: myrrh and aloes, with all the chief of spices; 15 A garden-spring, a well of living waters, and flowing down from Lebanon.— 16 Awake. O north wind: and come thou. O south: blow over my garden, that its spices may flow out. Let my friend come into his garden, and eat its precious fruits.-

**5** I am come into my garden, my sister, [my] bride; I have plucked my myrrh with my spice; I have

thereof he made of silver, its coverlid of gold, its seat wine with my milk: eat, ye companions; drink, yea, of purple; its inner part is arranged lovely, by the drink abundantly, ve friends.— 2 I slept, but my heart daughters of Jerusalem. 11 Go forth, and look, O ve was awake: [there was] the voice of my beloved that daughters of Zion, on king Solomon, with the crown knocked, "Open for me, my sister, my beloved, my dove, my guiltless one; for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night." 3 I have put off my coat; how shall I put it on? I have washed my feet: how shall I defile them? 4 My friend stretched forth his hand through the opening, and my inmost parts were moved for him. 5 I rose up myself to open for my friend; and my hands dropped with myrrh, and my fingers with fluid myrrh, upon the handles of the lock. 6 I indeed opened for my beloved: but my beloved had vanished, and was gone: my soul had failed me while he was speaking; I sought him, but I could not find him; I called him, but he answered me not. 7 Then found me the watchmen that walked about the city: they smote me, they wounded me: they took away my vail from me, they that watched the walls. 8 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, if ye find my beloved, what will ye tell him? that I am sick of love.— 9 What is thy friend more than another's friend. O thou fairest of women? what is thy friend more than another's friend, that thus thou adjurest us?— 10 My friend is white and ruddy, distinguished among ten thousand. 11 His head is bright as the finest gold, his locks are like waving foliage, and black as a raven. 12 His eyes are like [those of] doves by streamlets of waters, bathed in milk, well fitted in their setting. 13 His cheeks are as a bed of spices, as turrets of sweet perfumes: his lips, like lilies, dropping with fluid myrrh. 14 His hands are like wheels of gold beset with the chrysolite: his body, an image made of ivory overlaid with sapphires. 15 His legs are like pillars of marble, resting upon sockets of fine gold: his countenance is as Lebanon, excellent like the cedars. 16 His palate is full of sweets, and every thing in him is agreeable. This is my friend, and this is my beloved, O daughters of Jerusalem.-

> **6** Whither is thy friend gone, O fairest of women? whither hath thy friend turned himself? 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 friend's, and my friend is mine: he that feedeth among the lilies.— 4 Thou art beautiful, O my beloved, like Thirzah, comely like Jerusalem, terrible as armies encamped round their banners. 5 Turn away thy eves from me, for they have excited me: thy hair is like a

flock of goats that come quietly down from mount give my caresses unto thee. 13 The mandrakes give Gil'ad. 6 Thy teeth are like a flock of ewes which are forth [their] smell, and at our doors are all manner of come up from the washing, all of which bear twins, precious fruits, new and also old: O my friend, these and there is not one among them that is deprived have I laid up for thee. of her young. 7 Like the half of the pomegranate is the upper part of thy cheek behind thy vail. 8 Sixty are the gueens, and eighty the concubines, and the voung women without number: 9 But one alone is my dove, my guiltless one; she is the only one of her mother, she is the chosen of her that bore her: maidens see her, and call her happy; yea, gueens and concubines, and praise her. 10 Who is this that shineth forth like the morning-dawn, beautiful as the moon, bright as the sun, terrible as armies encamped round their banners? 11 Into the nut-garden was I gone down, to look about among the plants of the valley, to see whether the vine had blossomed, whether the pomegranates had budded. 12 I knew not [how it was], my soul made me [like] the chariots of my noble people. 13 Return, return, O Shulammith; return, return, that we may look upon thee. "What will ye see in the Shulammith?" As though it were the dance of a double company.

the best wine, that glideth down for my friend gently, exciting the lips of those that are asleep.— 10 I am my friend's, and toward me is his desire. 11 Come, my friend, let us go forth into the field; let us spend the night in the villages; 12 Let us get up early to the vineyards; let us see if the vine have blossomed, whether the young grape have opened [to the view], whether the pomegranates have budded: there will I

 ${f 8}$  Oh that some one would make thee as my brother that hath sucked my mother's breasts! should I then find thee without, I would kiss thee; and yet, people would not despise me. 2 I would lead thee. I would bring thee into my mother's house, thou shouldst teach me: I would cause thee to drink of spiced wine, of the sweet juice of my pomegranate. 3 Oh that his left hand might be under my head, and that his right hand might embrace me. 4 I adjure you, O daughters of Jerusalem, why will ye awaken, and why will ye excite my love, until it please [to come of itself]?- 5 Who is this that cometh up from the wilderness, leaning upon her friend?—Under the apple-tree have I waked thee up; there thy mother brought thee forth; there brought thee forth she that bore thee. 6 Set me as a seal upon thy heart, as a seal upon thy arm; for strong as death is love; violent like the nether world is jealousy; its heat is the heat of fire, a flame of God. (Sheol h7585) 7 Many waters are **7** How beautiful are thy steps in sandals, O prince's not able to quench love, nor can the rivers flood it daughter! the roundings of thy thighs are like away: if a man were to give all the wealth of his house iewelled ornaments, the work of the hands of the for love, men would utterly despise him.— 8 We have artificer. 2 Thy navel is like a round goblet which a little sister, and she hath yet no breasts: what shall lacketh not the mixed wine: thy body is like a heap we do for our sister on the day when she shall be of wheat fenced about with lilies. 3 Thy two breasts spoken for? 9 If she be a wall, we will build upon are like two fawns, the twins of the roe. 4 Thy neck her a palace of silver; and if she be a door, we will is like a tower of ivory; thy eyes are like the pools enclose her with boards of cedar.— 10 I am a wall, in Cheshbon, by the gate of Bath-rabbim; thy nose and my breasts are like towers: then was I in his eyes is like the tower of Lebanon which looketh toward as one that found favor. 11 Solomon had a vineyard Damascus. 5 Thy head upon thee is like Carmel, and at Ba'al-hamon; he had given up the vineyard unto the hair of thy head like purple: a king is held bound the keepers; every one was to bring for its fruit a in the tresses. 6 How beautiful and how pleasant art thousand pieces of silver. 12 My vineyard, which thou, O love, in thy attractions! 7 This thy stature is was mine, was before me: thine, O Solomon, be the like a palm-tree, and thy breasts are like clusters of thousand, and let two hundred be for those that keep grapes. 8 I thought, I wish to climb up the palm-tree, its fruit.— 13 "Thou that dwellest in the gardens, the I wish to take hold of its boughs; and, oh, that thy companions listen for thy voice: oh let me hear it." 14 breasts might be like clusters of the vine, and the Flee away, my friend, and be thou like the roebuck, or smell of thy nose like apples; 9 And thy palate like the fawn of the hinds, upon the mountain of spices.

## Isaiah

1 The vision of Isaiah the son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of 'Uzziyahu, Jotham, Achaz, and Hezekiah, the kings of Judah. 2 Hear. O ve heavens, and give ear. O earth: for the Lord hath spoken: Children have I nourished and brought up, but they have rebelled against me. 3 The ox knoweth his owner, and the ass his master's crib: Israel doth not know, my people doth not consider. 4 Woe! sinful nation, people laden with iniquity, seed of evil-doers, children that are corrupt: they have forsaken the Lord, they have incensed the Holy One of Israel, they are departed backward. 5 Why will ve be stricken vet more? [that] ve increase the revolt? every head is sick, and every heart is faint. 6 From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrefying sores: they have not been closed, nor bound up, nor mollified with oil. 7 Your country is desolate, your cities are burnt with fire; your soil-in your presence, strangers devour it, and it is desolate. as overthrown by strangers. 8 And left is the daughter of Zion as a hut in a vineyard, as a lodge in a cucumber field, as a besieged city. 9 Unless the Lord of hosts had left unto us a remnant ever so small, like Sodom should we have been, unto Gomorrah should we have been compared. 10 Hear the word of the Lord, ye rulers of Sodom: give ear unto the law of our God, ve people of Gomorrah. 11 For what serveth me the multitude of your sacrifices? saith the Lord: I am sated with the burnt-offerings of rams, and the fat of fatted beasts; and the blood of bullocks, and of sheep, and of he-goats. I do not desire. 12 When ve come to appear in my presence—who hath required this at your hand, to tread down my courts? 13 Continue no more to bring an oblation of deceit; incense of abomination is it unto me: new moon and sabbath, the calling of assemblies—I cannot bear misdeed with festive gathering. 14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts my soul hateth: they are become a burden unto me; I am weary to bear them, 15 And when ve spread forth your hands, I will withdraw my eves from you; yea, when ye make ever so many prayers, I will not hear: your hands are full of blood. 16 Wash yourselves, make yourselves clean; put away the evil of your deeds from before my eyes: cease to do evil: 17 Learn to do well; seek for justice, relieve the oppressed, do justice to the fatherless, plead for the widow. 18 Come now, and let us reason together,

saith the Lord: though your sins should be as scarlet, they shall become white as the snow; though they should be red like crimson, they shall become like wool. 19 If ve be willing and obey, the best of the land shall ve eat: 20 But if ve refuse and rebel, by the sword shall ye be devoured; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. 21 How is she become a harlot, the faithful town! she, that was full of justice: righteousness lodged therein: but now murderers. 22 Thy silver is become dross, thy wine is drugged with water; 23 Thy princes are rebels, and companions of thieves: every one loveth brides, and runneth after rewards: to the fatherless they will not do justice, and the cause of the widow doth not come unto them. 24 Therefore saith the Lord, the Eternal of hosts, the mighty One of Israel, Ah, I will take satisfaction on my adversaries, and be avenged on my enemies. 25 And I will turn my hand against thee, and purge away as with lve thy dross, and remove all thy tin: 26 And I will restore thy judges as at the first, and thy counsellors as at the beginning; after that shalt thou be called. The city of righteousness, the town that is faithful. 27 Zion shall be redeemed through justice, and her converts through righteousness. 28 But destruction shall come over transgressors and sinners together, and those that forsake the Lord shall perish. 29 For people shall be ashamed because of the terebinths which ve had desired, and ve shall be put to the blush because of the gardens that ve had chosen. 30 For ye shall be as a terebinth the leaves of which wither, and as a garden that hath no water. 31 And the mighty oppressor shall become as tow, and his workman as a spark; and they shall both burn together, with none to guench.

2 The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz foresaw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2 And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be firmly established on the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills: and unto it shall flow all the nations. 3 And many people shall go and say. Come ve. and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob: that he may teach us of his ways, and we may walk in his paths; for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord out of Jerusalem. 4 And he will judge among the nations, and decide for many people; and they shall beat their swords into ploughshares, and their spears into pruning-knives: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, and they shall not learn any more war. 5 O house of Jacob.

come ye, and let us walk in the light of the Lord. 6 children shall rule over them. 5 And so shall the For thou hast abandoned thy people, the house of people press man against man, and one against the Jacob, because they are full of [witchcraft] more than other: the boy shall demean himself proudly against the east, and are soothsavers like the Philistines, and the ancient, and the base against the honorable. 6 with the children of strangers they unite themselves. When a man will seize hold on his brother in the 7 And full became their land of silver and gold, and house of his father, [saying, ] Thou hast a garment, there is no end to their treasures; and full became thou shalt be our ruler, and let this ruin be under thy their land of horses, and there is no end to their hand: 7 He will swear on that day, saying, I will not be chariots; 8 And full became their land of idols; to a chief; and in my house is neither bread nor clothing; the work of their own hands they bow themselves, you shall not appoint me a ruler of the people. 8 to what their own fingers have made. 9 And so is For Jerusalem is sunk to decay, and Judah is fallen; bent down the son of earth, and humbled the man; because their tongue and their doings are against and thou wilt not forgive them. 10 Enter into the rock, the Lord, to incense the eyes of his glory. 9 The and hide thee in the dust, because of the dread of boldness of their face testifieth against them; and the Lord, and because of the glory of his majesty. 11 like Sodom they tell openly their sin, they conceal The looks of human pride shall be humbled, and the it not. Woe unto their soul! for they have prepared haughtiness of men shall be bent down: and exalted evil unto themselves. 10 Say ye to the righteous, that shall be the Lord alone on that day. 12 For there is a he hath done well; for the fruit of their doings shall day [of judgment] unto the Lord of hosts over every they eat. 11 Woe unto the wicked who doeth evil; proud and lofty one; and over every exalted one, for the recompense of his hands shall be bestowed that he be brought low; 13 And over all the cedars of on him. 12 My people! their oppressors are children, the Lebanon, the high and exalted, and over all the and women rule over them. O my people! thy leaders oaks of Bashan: 14 And over all the high mountains, cause thee to err, and the direction of thy paths they and over all the exalted hills; 15 And over every high corrupt. 13 The Lord is stepped forth to plead, and tower, and over every fortified wall; 16 And over all standeth up to judge the people. 14 The Lord will the ships of Tharshish; and over all desirable palaces. enter into judgment with the ancients of his people, 17 And the pride of man shall be bent down, and the and their princes; but ye—ye have eaten up the haughtiness of men shall be humbled; and exalted vinevard; the plunder of the poor is in your houses. shall be the Lord alone on that day. 18 And the idols 15 What mean ye that ye crush my people, and grind will he utterly abolish. 19 And men shall enter into down the faces of the poor? saith the Lord the Eternal the caverns of rocks, and into the rifts of the earth, of hosts. 16 And the Lord said, Forasmuch as the because of the dread of the Lord, and because of the daughters of Zion are proud, and walk with stretched glory of his majesty, when he ariseth to terrify the forth necks and casting about their eyes, walking and earth. 20 On that day shall a man cast away his idols mincing as they go, and making a tinkling with their of silver, and his idols of gold, which have been made feet: 17 Therefore will the Lord smite with leprosy the for him to worship, to the moles and to the bats; 21 To crown of the head of the daughters of Zion, and the enter into the clefts of the rocks, and into the hollows Lord will lay open their nakedness. 18 On that day will of the cliffs, because of the dread of the Lord, and the Lord take away the beauty of their tinkling shoebecause of the glory of his majesty, when he ariseth buckles, and the hair-nets, and the crescent-shaped to terrify the earth. 22 Withdraw yourselves [then] ornaments, 19 The drops, and the bracelets, and the from man, whose breath is in his nostrils; because, mufflers, 20 The bonnets, and the foot-chains, and for what is he to be esteemed?

**3** For, behold, the Lord, the Eternal of hosts, doth remove from Jerusalem and from Judah stay and staff, every stay of bread, and every stay of water. 2 The hero, and the man of war, the judge, and the prophet, and the prudent, and the ancient, 3 The captain of fifty, and the honorable man, and the counsellor, and the skilful artificer, and the eloquent orator. 4 And I will set up boys as their princes, and

the head-bands, and the tablets, and the earrings, 21 The finger-rings, and nose-jewels, 22 The changeable suits of apparel, and the mantles, and the shawls, and the pockets. 23 The mirrors, and the chemisettes, and the turbans, and the long vails. 24 And it shall come to pass, that instead of sweet smell there shall be corruption; and instead of a girdle a rope; and instead of curled hair baldness; and instead of a wide garment a girding of sackcloth, a mark of burning instead of beauty. 25 Thy men shall fall by the sword,

and thy mighty ones in the war. 26 And then shall her in the midst of the land! 9 In my ears [spoke] the Lord gates lament and mourn; and stript of all shall she sit of hosts, Truly many houses shall become desolate, upon the ground.

vea, great and beautiful ones without an inhabitant.

▲ And seven women shall take hold of one man on that day, saying, We will eat our own bread, and wear our own apparel: only let us be called by thy name, take but away our reproach. 2 On that day shall the sprout of the Lord be for ornament and for honor, and the fruit of the land for excellence and for glory for the escaped of Israel. 3 And it shall come to pass, that whoever is left in Zion, and he that remaineth in Jerusalem, shall be called holy, every one that is written down unto life in Jerusalem: 4 When the Lord shall have washed away the filth of the daughters of Zion, and shall have scoured away the blood-quiltiness of Jerusalem from her midst, by the spirit of judgment, and by the spirit of destruction. 5 And then will the Lord create upon every dwelling of mount Zion, and upon her places of assembly, a cloud and smoke by day, and the brightness of a flaming fire by night; for over all the glory shall be a covering. 6 And a tabernacle shall it be for a shade in the daytime from the heat, and for a refuge, and for a covert from tempest and from rain.

**5** I will sing now for my beloved, the song of my dear one touching his vineyard. A vineyard had my beloved on a rich hill-top: 2 And he fenced it in, and cleared it of stones, and planted it with the choicest vines, and built a tower in its midst, and also a winepress he hewed out therein; and he hoped that it should bring forth grapes, and it brought forth worthless fruit. 3 And now. O inhabitants of Jerusalem, and men of Judah, judge, I pray you. between me and my vineyard. 4 What more was to be done to my vineyard, that I had not done in it? Why then did I hope that it should bring forth grapes, while it brought forth worthless fruit? 5 And now I will let you know also what I will do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge, and it shall be eaten off: I will break down its wall, and it shall be trodden down: And I will lay it quite waste: it shall not be pruned, nor hoed around: and it shall be overgrown with briers and thorns: and the clouds will I command that they send down no rain upon it. 7 For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the men of Judah are the plant of his delight: and he hoped for justice, but behold injustice; for equity, but behold iniquity. 8 Woe unto those that cause house to join on house, bring field near to field, till there is no more room, so that ye may be left alone as the inhabitants

vea, great and beautiful ones without an inhabitant. 10 Yea, ten acres of vineyard shall vield [but] one bath, and a chomer-seed shall yield [but] an ephah. 11 Woe unto those that rise up early in the morning, that they may run after strong drink; that continue until late in the twilight, till wine inflame them! 12 And there are harp and psaltery, tambourine and flute. and wine at their drinking-feasts; but the deeds of the Lord they regard not, and the works of his hands they behold not. 13 Therefore are my people led into exile, for want of knowledge; and their honorable men suffer of famine, and their multitude are panting with thirst. 14 Therefore hath the deep enlarged her desire, and opened her mouth without measure: and there descend [Jerusalem's] glory, and her multitude, and her noise, and whoever rejoiced therein, (Sheol h7585) 15 And bent down shall be the son of earth. and humbled shall be the man, and the eves of the lofty shall be humbled; 16 And the Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and the holy God shall be sanctified by [displaying his] righteousness. 17 Then shall the sheep feed according to their wont, and the ruins of the fat ones shall sojourners eat. 18 Woe unto those that draw iniquity with the cords of falsehood, and as with a wagon-rope, sinfulness; 19 That say, Let him make speed, let him hasten his work, that we may see it: and let draw nigh and come the counsel of the Holy One of Israel, that we may know it! 20 Woe unto those that say of the evil it is good, and of the good it is evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21 Woe unto those that are wise in their own eves, and intelligent in their own esteem! 22 Woe unto those that are heroes to drink wine, and men of might to mingle strong drink: 23 Who justify the wicked in lieu of a bribe, and who deprive the righteous of their right! 24 Therefore as the tongue of the fire devoureth the stubble, and dry hay sinketh before the flame: so shall their root be as rotten things, and their blossom shall fly up as the dust; because they have despised the law of the Lord of hosts, and the word of the Holy One of Israel they have rejected. 25 For this cause is kindled the anger of the Lord against his people, and he stretcheth forth his hand against them, and he smiteth them; and the mountains tremble, and their carcasses lie like sweepings in the midst of the streets; with all this his anger is not turned away, but still is his hand stretched out. 26 And he will lift up an ensign to the

nations from afar, and will call for one of them from like the terebinth and the oak, which, when they cast the end of the earth; and, behold, with speed, swiftly, their leaves, retain their stems, so remaineth the holy it cometh; 27 There is none weary, nor stumbling seed, its stem. among its men; it slumbereth not, it sleepeth not; not loosened is the girdle of its loins, not broken is the latchet of its shoes; 28 Whose arrows are sharpened, and all whose bows are bent; its horses hoofs are hard like the flint, and its wheels like the whirlwind: 29 It hath a roar like the lioness, it roareth like the young lions: yea, it growleth, and layeth hold of the prey, and carrieth it safely off, with none to deliver. 30 And it will rage against them on that day like with the raging of the sea; and if one look unto the earth. behold, there is darkness, oppression, and the light is darkened through the darkness of its clouds.

Lord sitting upon a high and exalted throne, and his train filled the temple. 2 Seraphim were standing around him, each one had six wings; with two he covered his face, and with two he covered his feet, and with two did he fly. 3 And one called unto the other, and said, Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts: the whole earth is full of his glory. 4 And the posts of the threshold shook at the voice of those that called aloud, and the house was filled with smoke. 5 And I said, Woe is me! for I am lost; because a man of unclean lips am I, and in the midst of a people of unclean lips do I dwell; for the King, the Lord of hosts have my eyes seen. 6 Then flew unto me one of the seraphim, and in his hand was a live coal, with the tongs had he taken it from off the altar: 7 And he touched therewith upon my mouth, and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thy iniquity is departed. and thy sin is forgiven. 8 And I heard the voice of the Lord, saying, Whom shall I send, and who will go for us? And I said, Here am I: send me. 9 And he said, Go, and say unto this people, Hear indeed, but understand not; and see indeed, but know not. 10 Obdurate will remain the heart of this people, and their ears will be heavy, and their eyes will be shut: so that they will not see with their eyes, nor hear with their ears, nor their hearts be understanding, so that they be converted, and healing be granted them. 11 And I said, How long, O Lord? And he said, Until that cities be left waste without an inhabitant, and houses without man, and the soil be made desolate as a wilderness, 12 And the Lord will have removed far away the men, and the depopulation be great in the midst of the land. 13 And should a tenth part

7 And it came to pass in the days of Achaz the son of Jotham, the son of 'Uzziyahu, the king of Judah, that Rezin the king of Syria, and Pekach the son of Remalyahu, the king of Israel, went up toward Jerusalem to war against it: but were not able to make an attack upon it. 2 And it was told unto the house of David, saying, Syria is encamped with Ephraim; and his heart trembled, with the heart of his people, as the trees of the forest are shaken before the wind. 3 And the Lord said unto Isaiah, Go forth now to meet Achaz, thou with Shear-yashub thy son, to the end of the aqueduct of the upper pool, on the **6** In the year of king 'Uzziyahu's death I saw the highway of the washer's field; 4 And thou shalt say unto him, Take heed, and be guiet; fear not, and let thy heart not become faint because of these two stumps of smoking firebrands, before the fierce anger of Rezin with Syria, and of the son of Remalyahu. 5 Forasmuch as Syria, [with] Ephraim and the son of Remalyahu, have taken evil counsel against thee, saying, 6 Let us go up against Judah, and besiege it, and let us make a breach therein for us, and set up as king in the midst of it the son of Tabeal: 7 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. It shall not succeed, and it shall not come to pass. 8 For the head of Syria is Damascus, and the head of Damascus is Rezin: and within sixty and five years shall Ephraim be broken, to be no more a people. 9 And the head of Ephraim is Samaria, and the head of Samaria is Remalvahu's son. If ye will not believe, surely ye shall not have permanence. 10 And the Lord continued to speak unto Achaz, saying, 11 Ask thee a sign from the Lord thy God; ask it in the depth, or high up above. (Sheol h7585) 12 But Achaz said, I will not ask, and I will not tempt the Lord. 13 And he said, Hear ye now, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary men, that ye will weary also my God? 14 Therefore will the Lord himself give you a sign: behold, this young woman shall conceive, and bear a son, and she shall call his name 'Immanu-el, [God with us]. 15 Cream and honey shall he eat, so soon as he knoweth to refuse the evil, and to choose the good. 16 For before yet the child shall know to refuse the evil, and to choose the good, shall be forsaken the land, of the kings of which thou feelest dread. 17 The Lord will bring over thee, and over thy people, and over thy father's house, days that have not come, from the thereof yet remain, it will again be swept away: [yet] day that Ephraim withdrew from Judah, —the king of

on the other side of the river, with the king of Assyria, feareth shall ye not fear, and be not terrified [thereat]. on that day, that a man shall nourish [but] one young be for a sanctuary; but also for a stone of stumbling eat cream; for cream and honey shall eat every one Jerusalem. 15 And many shall stumble over them. that is left in the midst of the land. 23 And it shall and fall, and be broken, and snared, and be caught. silver shekels, shall be, —yea, this shall be [given up] his face from the house of Jacob, and I will hope for shall men enter thither; because all the land shall given me are for signs and for tokens in Israel, from shall not come thither the fear of briers and thorns: have familiar spirits, and of the wizards, that whisper, the treading of sheep.

And the Lord said unto me, Take thyself a large table, and write on it with distinct letters, Lemahershalal-chash-bas. 2 And I was to summon for myself trustworthy witnesses, Uriyah the priest, and Zecharvahu the son of Yeberechvahu. 3 And I came near unto the prophetess; and she conceived, and bore a son. Then said the Lord to me, Call his name Maher-shalal-chash-bas. 4 For before vet the boy shall know to call. My father, and my mother, the wealth of Damascus and the spoil of Samaria shall be carried away before the king of Assyria. 5 And the Lord continued to speak unto me again, saying, 6 Forasmuch as this people despiseth the waters of Shiloach that flow softly, and rejoice in Rezin and Remalyahu's son: 7 Yea therefore behold, the Lord bringeth up over them the strong and many waters of the river, —the king of Assyria, and all his glory; and he shall come up over all his channels, and step over all his banks: 8 And he shall penetrate into Judah. overflow and flood over, even to the neck shall he reach: and his outstretched wings shall fill the breadth of thy land, O 'Immanu-el. 9 Associate yourselves, O ve people, yet shall ye be broken in pieces; and give ear, all ye of the far portions of the earth: gird

Assyria. 18 And it shall come to pass on that day, that yourselves, yet shall ye be broken in pieces; gird the Lord will call for the fly that is in the uttermost end yourselves, yet shall ye be broken in pieces. 10 Take of the streams of Egypt, and for the bee that is in the counsel together, yet shall it come to naught; speak land of Assyria. 19 And they shall come, and shall the word, and it shall not stand firm; for with us is encamp, all of them, in the desolate valleys, and in God, 11 For thus said the Lord to me with the strength the clefts of the rocks, and upon all thorn-hedges, and of prophecy, and warned me not to walk in the way of upon all bushes. 20 On the same day will the Lord this people, saying, 12 Call ye not a conspiracy all shave with the razor that is hired, from among those that this people may call a conspiracy, and what it the head, and the hair of the feet: and also the beard 13 The Lord of hosts, him shall ye sanctify; and let him shall it entirely remove. 21 And it shall come to pass be your fear, and let him be your terror. 14 And he will cow, and two sheep: 22 And it shall happen, that for and for a rock to fall over unto both the houses of the abundance of milk which they shall give he shall Israel, for a gin and for a snare to the inhabitants of come to pass on that day, that every place, where 16 Bind up the testimony, seal up the law among my there are [now] a thousand vines worth a thousand disciples. 17 And I will wait for the Lord, that hideth to briers and thorns. 24 With arrows and with bows him. 18 Behold, I and the children whom the Lord hath become [covered with] briers and thorns. 25 And all the Lord of hosts who dwelleth on mount Zion. 19 And mountains that are worked with the mattock, there when they shall say unto you, "Inquire of those that and they shall serve for the pasture of oxen, and for and that mutter:" should not a people inquire of their God? [should we then] in behalf of the living [inquire] of the dead? 20 [Hold] to the law and to the testimony: if they are not to speak according to this word, in which there is no light. 21 And the [people] shall pass through [the land], hard oppressed and hungry: and it shall come to pass, that when they shall be hungry, they will become enraged, and curse their king and their god, and turn toward on high [for aid]. 22 And they will look unto the earth; and behold there are trouble and darkness, dimness of oppression, and they shall be scattered into obscurity.

> **9** For no fatigue [befalleth] him that oppresseth it; in the first time he made light of the land of Zebulun, and the land of Naphtali, and at the last he will deal hard, with the way by the sea, on the other side of the Jordan, [up to] the Galilee of the nations. 2 The people that walk in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death—a light shineth brightly over them. 3 Thou hast multiplied the nation, made great their joy: they rejoice before thee as with the joy in harvest, as men are glad when they divide the spoil. 4 For the yoke of their burden, and the staff on their shoulder, the rod of their oppressor, hast thou broken, as on the day of Midian. 5 For all the weapons of the fighter in

shall be burnt, become food for fire. 6 For a child is do this. 8 A word hath the Lord sent against Jacob, turned away, but his hand still remaineth stretched the forest, and they shall be shrouded by the wreaths forsaken, have I myself gathered up all the earth: and still remaineth stretched out.

the battle's tumult, and the garment rolled in blood, 10 Woe unto those that decree decrees of unrighteousness, and the writers who write born unto us, a son hath been given unto us, and down wrongful things; 2 To turn aside from judgment the government is placed on his shoulders; and his the needy, and to rob the just due of the poor of my name is called, Wonderful, counsellor of the mighty people, that widows may be their prey, and [that] they God, of the everlasting Father, the prince of peace, 7 may plunder the fatherless! 3 And what will ye do on For [promoting] the increase of the government, and the day of the visitation, and at the desolation which for peace without end, upon the throne of David and will come from afar? to whom will ve flee for help? upon his kingdom, to establish it and to support it and where will ye leave your glory? 4 Without me through justice and righteousness, from henceforth they shall kneel down under the prisoners, and under and unto eternity: the zeal of the Lord of hosts will the slain shall they fall. For all this his anger is not and it hath alighted upon Israel. 9 And experience out. 5 Woe over Asshur, the rod of my anger; and it shall all the people together, Ephraim and the a staff is in their hand my indignation. 6 Against a inhabitants of Samaria; because they say, in the hypocritical nation will I send him, and against the pride and haughtiness of heart, 10 "The bricks are people of my fury will I give him a charge, to take the fallen down, but with hewn stones will we re-build: spoil, and to carry off the prey, and to render them the sycamores are cut down, but with cedars will we trodden down like the mire of the streets, 7 But he replace them." 11 Therefore will the Lord strengthen deemeth it not so, and his heart doth not think so; but the adversaries of Rezin above him, and will stir to destroy is in his heart, and to cut off nations not a up his enemies; 12 The Syrians in front, and the few. 8 For he saith, "Are not my princes altogether Philistines behind; and they shall devour Israel with a kings? 9 Is not Calno like Karkemish? is not Chamath full mouth. For all this his anger is not turned away. like Arpad? is not Samaria like Damascus? 10 As but his hand still remaineth stretched out. 13 And the my hand hath reached the kingdoms of the idols, people return not unto him that smiteth them, and whose graven images exceeded in number those the Lord of hosts do they not seek. 14 And the Lord of Jerusalem and of Samaria: 11 Shall I not, as I cutteth off from Israel head and tail, palm-branch and have done unto Samaria and her idols, do so unto rush, on one day, 15 The ancient and honorable is the Jerusalem and unto her idols?" 12 Wherefore shall it head; and the prophet that teacheth lies is the tail. 16 come to pass, that when the Lord hath completed And the guides of this people are those that guide to all his work on mount Zion and in Jerusalem, I will error; and those that are led of them are misled. 17 punish the fruit of the haughtiness of the king of Therefore will the Lord have no joy in their young Asshur, and the vain-glory of his proud looks. 13 For men, and on their fatherless and widows will he have he hath said, "By the strength of my hand have I done no mercy; for every one is a hypocrite and an evil- it, and by my wisdom, for I have intelligence; and I doer, and every mouth speaketh scandalous words. have removed the boundaries of nations, and their For all this his anger is not turned away, but his laid-up treasures have I plundered, and brought down hand still remaineth stretched out. 18 For wickedness low those that were powerfully seated. 14 And my burneth like the fire; it shall devour the briers and hand hath reached, as a bird's nest, the wealth of thorns; and it shall kindle [a flame] in the thickets of the people; and as one gathereth up eggs that are of smoke. 19 Through the fury of the Lord of hosts is there was not one that moved the wing, or opened the land scorched, and the people have become as the mouth, or chirped." 15 Shall the axe boast itself food for the fire; no man will spare his brother. 20 And over him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw he snatcheth on the right hand, and is [yet] hungry; magnify itself against him that swingeth it? as if the and he eateth on the left hand, and are not [yet] rod should swing about those that lift it up, or as if the satisfied; they shall eat every man the flesh of his own staff should lift up him who is no wood. 16 Therefore arm: 21 Menasseh [against] Ephraim: and Ephraim will the Lord, the Eternal of hosts, send forth among lagainst Menasseh; and they together against Judah. his fat ones leanness; and under his glory shall be For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand kindled a burning like the burning of a fire, 17 And the light of Israel shall become a fire, and his Holv One a flame; and it shall burn and devour his thorns

unto the mighty God. 22 For though thy people Israel kid; and the calf and the young lion and the fatling the Lord shall lift up a scourge over him like [at] the him shall nations [come to] inquire: and his restingthe manner of Egypt. 27 And it shall come to pass second time to acquire the remnant of his people. off thy shoulder, and his voke from off thy neck, and from Pathros, and from Cush, and from 'Elam, and and the high shall be laid low. 34 And he will cut down swing his hand over the river with his mighty wind, shall fall by [means of] a mighty one.

11 And there shall come forth a shoot out of the stem of Jesse, and a sprout shall spring out of his roots. 2 And there shall rest upon him the spirit of the Lord, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and

and his briers on one day. 18 And the glory of his of the fear of the Lord; 3 And he shall be animated forest, and of his fruitful field, both soul and body, by the fear of the Lord; and not after the sight of will he destroy: and he shall be as [a tree] eaten to his eyes shall he judge, and not after the hearing of powder by the worms. 19 And the rest of the trees of his ears shall he decide: 4 But he shall judge with his forest shall be few in number, so that a boy may righteousness the poor, and decide with equity for the write them down. 20 And it shall come to pass on suffering ones of the earth; and he shall smite the that day, that the remnant of Israel, and such as are earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of escaped of the house of Jacob, shall not farther lean his lips shall he slav the wicked. 5 And righteousness for support upon him that smiteth them; but they shall shall be the girdle of his loins, and faithfulness the lean upon the Lord, the Holy one of Israel, in truth. girdle of his hips. 6 And the wolf shall dwell with 21 The remnant shall return, the remnant of Jacob, the sheep, and the leopard shall lie down with the should be as the sand of the sea, [yet] a remnant [shall be] together, and a little boy shall lead them. 7 Ionly of them shall return; destruction is decreed, it And the cow and the she-bear shall feed, together overfloweth with righteousness, 23 For it is completed shall their young ones lie down; and the lion shall and decreed: the Lord, the Eternal of hosts will do it like the ox eat straw. 8 And the sucking child shall in the midst of all the land. 24 Therefore thus hath play on the hole of the asp, and on the basilisk's said the Lord the Eternal of hosts. Be not afraid. O den shall the weaned child stretch out his hand. 9 my people that dwellest in Zion, of Asshur, who will They shall not do hurt nor destroy on all my holy smite thee with the rod, and lift up his staff against mountain: for the earth shall be full of the knowledge thee, after the manner of Egypt. 25 For yet but a of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea. 10 And very little while more, and the indignation shall cease, it shall happen on that day, that [he of] the root of and my anger shall be for their destruction. 26 And Jesse, who shall stand as an ensign of the people, to smiting of Midian at the rock of 'Oreb: and as his staff place shall be glorious. 11 And it shall happen on that was lifted over the sea, so will be carry him off after day, that the Lord will put forth his hand again the in that day, that his burden shall be removed from which shall remain, from Asshur and from Egypt, and the yoke shall be broken because of the fatness. 28 from Shin'ar, and from Chamath, and from the islands He cometh to 'Ayath, he passeth on to Migron; at of the sea. 12 And he will lift up an ensign unto the Michmash he layeth up his baggage; 29 They go nations, and will assemble the outcasts of Israel; and through the pass; they take up their lodging at Geba'; the dispersed of Judah will he collect together from Ramah trembleth; Gib'ah of Saul fleeth. 30 Let thy the four corners of the earth. 13 And then shall depart voice resound, O daughter of Gallim; listen Layshah; the envy of Ephraim, and the adversaries of Judah O poor 'Anathoth! 31 Madmenah is in motion; the shall be cut off: Ephraim shall not envy Judah, and inhabitants of Gebim are assembled to flee. 32 As yet Judah shall not assail Ephraim. 14 But they shall today will he remain at Nob: then will he swing his fly upon the shoulders of the Philistines toward the hand against the mount of the daughter of Zion, the west: together shall they spoil the children of the east: hill of Jerusalem. 33 Behold, the Lord, the Eternal of upon Edom and Moab shall they lay their hands; and hosts, will lop off the fruitful bough with terrific might: the children of 'Ammon shall obey them. 15 And the and those of towering growth shall be hewn down, Lord will destroy the tongue of the Egyptian sea; and the thickets of the forests with iron, and the Lebanon and will smite it into seven streams, and render it passable with shoes. 16 And there shall be a highway for the remnant of his people, which shall remain from Asshur, like as it was to Israel on the day that they came up out of the land of Egypt.

> 12 And thou shalt say on that day, "I will thank thee, O Lord, that thou wast angry with me: thy

2 Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust him; for is joined unto them shall fall by the sword. 16 And my strength and song is Yah the Eternal; and he is their babes shall be dashed to pieces before their become my salvation." 3 And ve shall draw water eves; spoiled shall be their houses, and their wives with gladness out of the springs of salvation, 4 And ravished, 17 Behold, I will stir up against them the ye shall say on that day, "Give thanks unto the Lord, Medes; who will not regard silver, and who will not call on his name, make known his deeds among the delight in gold. 18 And their bows will dash young men people, keep it in remembrance that exalted is his to pieces; and on the fruit of the womb will they have name. 5 Sing unto the Lord; for he hath wrought a no mercy; on children their eye will not look with pity. stupendous thing: known is this on all the earth." 6 19 And [thus] shall Babylon, the glory of kingdoms, Call aloud and shout, inhabitress of Zion; for great is the proud ornament of the Chaldeans, become like in the midst of thee the Holy One of Israel.

13 The doom of Babylon, which Isaiah Amoz' son foresaw. 2 Upon a high mountain lift ye up a banner, raise high your voice unto them, wave the hand, that they may enter into the gates of the princes. 3 I have charged my prepared ones, I have also called my heroes for my anger, those that rejoice in my highness. 4 There is a noise of tumult on the mountains, like that of a numerous people; a noise of shouting of kingdoms of nations assembled: the Lord of hosts mustereth a host of battle. 5 They are coming from a far-off country, from the end of the heavens, [here is] the Lord, with the weapons of his is the day of the Lord: like wasting from the Almighty shall it come. 7 Therefore all hands shall become weak, and every mortal's heart shall melt; 8 And they shall be affrighted, pangs and pains shall seize on them; they shall have throes as a woman that travaileth; one at the other shall they look amazed; red like flames shall their faces glow. 9 Behold, the day of the Lord cometh, direful, [laden] with wrath and the fierceness of anger, to render the earth desolate: and its sinners will he destroy out of it. 10 For the stars of the heavens and their constellations shall not give forth their light: the sun shall be darkened in his going forth, and the moon shall not shed abroad her light. 11 And I will visit on the world its evil, and on the wicked their iniquity; and I will stop the arrogance of the presumptuous, and the haughtiness of the tyrants will I humble. 12 I will make the mortal more precious than fine gold; and man, more than the valued metal of Ophir. 13 Therefore will I shake the heavens, and the earth shall start quaking out of her place, at the wrath of the Lord of hosts, and on the day of his fierce anger. 14 And the people shall be as the chased roe. and as flocks which no one gathereth up; every man to his own people shall they turn, and every man into his own land shall they flee. 15 Every one that (Sheol h7585) 10 They all will commence and sav unto

anger [now] is turned away, and thou comfortest me. is found shall be thrust through; and every one that the overthrow through God of Sodom and Gomorrah. 20 It shall not be inhabited for ever, and it shall not be dwelt in from generation to generation; nor shall the Arabian pitch there his tent; and shepherds shall not let their flocks rest there. 21 But there shall rest the wild beasts of the desert; and their houses shall be full of owls: and ostriches shall dwell there, and evil spirits shall dance there. 22 And jackals shall howl in her palaces, and monsters in the temples of pleasure; and near to come is her time, and her days shall not be extended.

1 1 For the Lord will have mercy on Jacob, and will again make choice of Israel, and replace them indignation, to destroy all the land. 6 Wail ye; for nigh in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined unto them, and they shall attach themselves to the house of Jacob. 2 And nations shall take them, and bring them to their own place; but the house of Israel shall obtain possession of them in the land of the Lord for men-servants and for maid-servants; and they shall take captive their captors, and they shall rule over their oppressors. 3 And it shall come to pass on the day when the Lord will give thee rest from thy trouble, and from thy vexation, and from the hard bondage wherein thou wast made to serve, 4 That thou wilt take up this parable against the king of Babylon, and say, How hath ceased the oppressor! ceased the exactress of gold! 5 Broken hath the Lord the staff of the wicked, the sceptre of rulers; 6 He who smote people in wrath, blows without intermission. he that ruled in anger nations, persecuting without restraint. 7 At rest, quiet is all the earth; men break forth into loud song. 8 Also, the fir-trees rejoice at thee, the cedars of Lebanon, "Since thou wast laid low, no feller is come up against us." 9 The nether world from below is in motion concerning thee to meet thee at thy coming: it stirreth up the departed for thee, all the chief ones of the earth; it hath caused to rise up from their thrones all the kings of nations.

similar unto us art thou become!" 11 Into the nether flying dragon. 30 And the first-born of the poor shall world is brought down thy pride, the clatter of thy feed, and the needy shall rest in safety; and I will kill psalteries; beneath thee is spread the worm, and with famine thy root, and men shall slav thy remnant. thy cover is the moth, (sheel h7585) 12 How art thou 31 Wail. O gate; cry out, O city; thou art dissolved. O fallen from heaven, O morning-star, son of the dawn! thou entire Palestine; for from the north a smoke is how art thou hewn down to the ground, crusher of coming, and there is no one solitary among those nations! 13 And thou—thou hadst said in thy heart, that are bidden to come, 32 And what will each one "Into heaven will I ascend, above the stars of God will of the messengers of the nation answer? That the I exalt my throne; and I will sit also upon the mount Lord hath founded Zion; and that therein shall find of the assembly, in the farthest end of the north; 14 protection the poor of his people. I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be equal to the Most High." 15 But into the nether world shalt thou be brought down, into the lowest depth. (Sheol h7585) 16 They that see thee will gaze at thee, will regard thee well, [saying, ] "Is this the man that caused the earth to tremble, that made kingdoms quake? 17 That rendered the world as a wilderness. and pulled down its cities: never opened the prisonhouse of his prisoners?" 18 All the kings of nations, all of them, lie in glory, every one in his own [eternal] house. 19 But thou—thou art cast out of thy grave like a discarded offshoot, as a garment of those that are slain, pierced by the sword, that go down to the stones of the pit, as a carcass trodden under foot. 20 Thou shalt not be united with them in burial; because thy land hast thou destroyed, thy people hast thou slain: to eternity shall not be called the seed of evildoers. 21 Prepare for his children the slaughter, for the iniquity of their fathers: that they may not rise, and possess the land, and fill the face of the world with enemies [of mankind]. 22 And I will rise up against them, saith the Lord of hosts; and I will cut off from Babylon name, and remnant, and son, and grandson, saith the Lord. 23 I will also make it a possession for the hedgehog, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the Lord of hosts. 24 Sworn hath the Lord of hosts, saving, Surely as I have purposed, so doth it come to pass; and as I have resolved, so shall it occur: 25 To break Asshur in my own land, and upon my mountains will I tread him under foot; then shall his yoke be removed from off them, and his burden from off their shoulders. 26 This is the resolve that is resolved over all the earth: and this is the hand that is stretched out over all the nations. 27 For the Lord of hosts hath resolved, and who shall frustrate it? and it is his hand which is stretched out, and who shall turn it back? 28 In the

thee. "Thou—thou also art become weak like us: root shall come forth an adder, and its fruit shall be a

 ${f 15}$  The doom of Moab. Truly in a night is 'Ar of Moab plundered, it is laid waste; truly in a night is Kir of Moab plundered, it is laid waste. 2 It goeth up to the [idol-]house, and Dibon [goeth] up to the highplaces to weep, on Nebo and on Medeba shall Moab wail: on all its heads there is baldness, and every beard is hewn off. 3 In its streets they are girded with sack-cloth, on its roofs, and in its public places every one shall wail, groan with weeping. 4 And loud crieth Cheshbon with El'aleh: as far as Yahaz is heard their voice: therefore the armed men of Moab shall howl: its soul is grieved for itself. 5 My heart will cry for Moab, whose fugitives are as far as Zo'ar, [and] the third 'Eglarth; for the ascent of Luchith-with weeping is it ascended; for on the way to Choronayim they let resound the cry of defeat [in battle]. 6 For the waters of Nimrim shall be desolate; for dry is the grass, gone are the herbs, and green things are no more. 7 Therefore the rest of their acquisitions and what they possess shall they carry away over the brook of the willows. 8 For the cry hath encompassed the boundary of Moab; up to Eglayim [is heard] its wail, and at Beer-elim [is heard] its wail. 9 For the waters of Dimon are filled with blood; for I will bring over Dimon armed bands; over the escaped of Moab [cometh] a lion, and over the remnant of the land.

16 Send ye the lambs of the ruler of the land from Sela', through the wilderness, unto the mount of the daughter of Zion. 2 For it shall be, that, as a fugitive bird, as a chased nest, so shall be the daughters of Moab at the fords of Arnon. 3 Bring counsel, execute justice; render like the night thy shadow in the midst of the noonday; conceal the outcasts; betray not the fugitive. 4 Let my outcasts sojourn with thee, Moab; be thou a covert to them from the face of the waster: till ceaseth the extortion, year king Achaz died was this prophecy [given]. 29 past be the wasting, and vanished be the oppressor Rejoice not, thou entire Palestine, because the rod of out of the land. 5 And there shall be founded through him that smote thee is broken; for out of the serpent's kindness a throne; and there shall sit upon it in

[aught]. 13 This is the word that the Lord hath spoken plunder us. concerning Moab in former times. 14 But now hath the Lord spoken, saving. Within three years, as the vears of a hired laborer, shall the glory of Moab be rendered mean with all this [his] great multitude; and the remnant shall be very small and inconsiderable.

is deprived of being a city, and it shall become decaying ruins. 2 Forsaken are the cities of 'Aro'er: they shall be [given up] to flocks, which shall lie down, and none shall make them afraid. 3 And there shall cease the fortress from Ephraim, and the kingdom from Damascus, and the remnant of Syria: like the glory of the children of Israel shall they be, saith the Lord of hosts. 4 And it shall come to pass on that day, that the glory of Jacob shall vanish, and the fatness of his flesh shall become lean. 5 And it shall be as when the harvestman gathereth the standing-corn, and reapeth the ears with his arm; and it shall be as when one gleaneth ears in the valley of Rephaim. 6 And there shall be left on it gleaning-fruit, as one shaketh an olive-tree, two or three berries on the top Israel. 7 On that day shall a man turn his regard up to terrible from their beginning and onward; a nation

truthfulness in the tent of David a judge who seeketh his Maker, and his eyes shall look toward the Holy justice, and is guick in righteousness. 6 We have One of Israel. 8 And he shall not turn his regard to the heard of the pride of Moab; [that] he is very proud: altars, the work of his hands; and he shall not look at of his haughtiness, and his pride, and his wrath, what his fingers have made, both the groves and the his groundless lies. 7 Therefore shall Moab wail for sun-images, 9 On that day shall his strong cities be Moab, every one shall wail; for the strong walls of Kir- as a forsaken ruin in a forest, and on a mountaincharesseth shall ye lament, deeply stricken. 8 For the peak, which they left because of the children of Israel: fields of Cheshbon are withered, the vine of Sibmah and the land shall be desolate. 10 Because thou hast —the lords of nations have beaten down its branches, forgotten the God of thy salvation, and the rock of thy they did reach as far as Ya'zer, into the wilderness strength thou hast not remembered; therefore wouldst did they wander; its tendrils were stretched forth, thou plant luxuriant plantings, and wouldst set out the they passed over the sea. 9 Therefore will I weep, shoots of the stranger therein. 11 [Already] on the when weeping for Ya'zer, for the vine of Sibmah: I day that thou plantedst thou causedst to grow, and in will moisten thee richly with my tears, O Cheshbon, the morning thou madest thy seed to blossom; but and El'aleh; for over [the gathering of] thy summer now fleeth the harvest on the day of disease and of fruits and over thy harvest the battle-cry is fallen. incurable pain. 12 Woe to the raging of many people, 10 And [thus] are taken away joy and gladness out who rage like the raging of the seas; and to the noise of the fruitful field: and in the vinevards shall be no of nations, that make a noise like the roar of mighty singing, shall be no joyful shout: in the presses shall waters! 13 The nations will make a noise like the the treader not tread out wine; I have stopped the roaring of many waters; but He will rebuke it, and it harvest-call. 11 Therefore my bowels shall groan for shall flee afar off, and shall be chased as the chaff of Moab like a harp, and my inward parts for Kir-charess. the mountains before the wind, and as thistle-down 12 And it shall come to pass, that it shall be seen that before the tempest. 14 At eveningtide, behold, there Moab is weary on the high-places; and he will come is trouble; before yet it is morning it is no more. This to his sanctuary to pray; but he shall not accomplish is the portion of our spoilers, and the lot of those that

18 Woe to the land with spreading wings, which is beyond the rivers of Cush, 2 That sendeth on the sea ambassadors, and in vessels of bulrushes messengers over the face of the waters. Go, ye swift messengers, to a nation pulled and torn, to a people 17 The doom of Damascus. Behold, Damascus terrible from their beginning and onward; a nation meted out and trodden down, whose land the rivers have spoiled! 3 All ve inhabitants of the world, and dwellers on the earth, when the ensign is lifted up on the mountains, see ye; and when the cornet is blown, hear ye. 4 For so hath said the Lord unto me, I will take my rest, and I will look down on my dwellingplace like a clear heat upon herbs, and like a cloud of dew in the heat of harvest. 5 For before the harvest, when the blossom is past, and the flower becometh a ripening grape, will he both cut off the tendrils with pruning-knives, and the sprigs will he remove and cut down. 6 They shall be left together unto the birds of prey of the mountains, and to the beasts of the earth: and the birds of prev shall summer upon them, and all the beasts of the earth shall winter upon them. 7 of the uppermost bough, four or five on the outmost At that time shall be brought as a present unto the branches of a fruitful tree, saith the Lord the God of Lord of hosts a people pulled and torn, and a people

meted out and trodden under foot, whose land the because of the counsel of the Lord of hosts, which he rivers have spoiled, to the place of the name of the hath resolved against it. 18 On that day shall be five Lord of hosts, the mount Zion.

1 Q The doom of Egypt. Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and is coming to Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved because of his presence, and the heart of Egypt shall melt in its inward parts. 2 And I will stir up Egyptians against Egyptians: and they shall fight every one against his brother, and every one against his fellow; city against city, kingdom against kingdom. 3 And the spirit of Egypt shall be emptied out in its inward parts. and its counsel will I frustrate; and they will inquire of the idols, and of the charmers, and of those that have familiar spirits, and of the wizards. 4 And I will surrender the Egyptians into the hand of a cruel lord: and a rigorous king shall rule over them, saith the Lord, the Eternal of hosts. 5 And the waters shall fail from the sea, and the river shall be wasted and dried up. 6 And the rivers shall become foul; and shallow and dried up shall become the deep streams; reeds and flags shall wither. 7 The well-rooted plants by the stream, by the mouth of the stream, and every thing sown by the stream, shall dry up, be scattered [by the wind, I and be no more. 8 The fishermen also shall lament, and all they that cast an angle into the stream shall mourn; and they that spread nets upon the face of the waters shall languish. 9 And ashamed shall be they that work in fine flax, and they that weave palm-branch or rush, may do. 16 On that day shall king of Assyria: and how shall we then escape? Egypt be like the women: and it shall tremble and be in dread because of the waving of the hand of the Lord of hosts, which he waveth over it. 17 And the land of Judah shall become unto Egypt a terror, every one that maketh mention thereof shall be in dread,

cities in the land of Egypt speaking the language of Canaan, and swearing by the Lord of hosts: "The city of destruction" shall one be called. 19 On that day shall there be all altar to the Lord in the midst of the land of Egypt, and a pillar at its border to the Lord. 20 And it shall be for a sign and for a testimony unto the Lord of hosts in the land of Egypt; for they shall cry unto the Lord because of the oppressors, and he will send them a helper, and a chief, and he shall deliver them. 21 And the Lord will be made known to the Egyptians, and the Egyptians shall know the Lord on that day, and will do service [with] sacrifice and oblation; yea, they will make yows unto the Lord and perform [them]. 22 And the Lord will thus strike Egypt, striking and healing it: and they will return unto the Lord, and he will be entreated of them, and heal them. 23 On that day there shall be a highway out of Egypt to Asshur, and Asshur shall come into Egypt, and the Egyptians into Asshur, and the Egyptians shall serve with Asshur [the Lord]. 24 On that day shall Israel be the third with Egypt and with Asshur, a blessing in the midst of the earth. 25 Whom the Lord of hosts will have blessed, saving, Blessed be my people Egypt, and Asshur the work of my hands, and my heritage Israel.

20 In the year that Tharthan came unto Ashdod, when Sargon the king of Assyria sent him, and white cloth. 10 And its foundations shall be beaten fought against Ashdod, and captured it; 2 At the same down, all that build sluices shall be grieved in soul. 11 time spoke the Lord by means of Isaiah the son of Surely fools are the princes of Zo'an! the wise of the Amoz, saving, Go and loosen the sackcloth from off counsellors of Pharaoh [impart] silly counsel: how can thy loins, and thy shoe shalt thou pull off from thy foot. ye say unto Pharaoh, I am a son of the wise, a son of And he did so, walking naked and barefoot. 3 And the ancient kings? 12 Where are they, these, thy wise the Lord said, Just as my servant Isaiah hath walked men? that they may tell thee now, that they know naked and barefoot three years as a sign and token what the Lord of hosts hath resolved on over Egypt. for Egypt and for Cush: 4 So shall the king of Assyria 13 The princes of Zo'an are become fools, deceived lead away the prisoners of Egypt, and the exiles of are the princes of Noph; and Egypt is led astray by Cush, young and old, naked and barefoot, even with the chiefs of its tribes. 14 The Lord hath poured out in uncovered buttocks, to the disgrace of Egypt. 5 And the midst thereof a spirit of perverseness: and they they shall be terrified, and ashamed of Cush their have led Egypt astray in all its work, as a drunkard trust, and of Egypt their vaunt. 6 And the inhabitant of reeleth astray in his vomit. 15 And there shall not be this isle shall say on that day, Behold, such is our for Egypt [successful] work, which the head or tail, trust, whither we fled for help to be delivered from the

> **21** The doom of the desert by the sea. As tempests in the south blow with fury: so doth it come from the desert, from a terrible land, 2 A hard vision hath been told unto me: the traitor dealeth treacherously. and the spoiler spoileth. "Go up. O 'Elam: besiege.

small: for the Lord the God of Israel hath spoken it.

22 The doom of the valley of vision. What aileth thee now, that thou art wholly gone up to the roofs? 2 O noiseful, tumultuous city, ioyous town? thy slain ones are not slain with the sword, and not those that die in battle. 3 All thy rulers are fled together, they are made prisoners by the bowmen: all that are found in thee are made prisoners together, who have run away from afar. 4 Therefore said I, Look away from me; I will weep bitterly; be not urgent to comfort me, because of the wasting of the daughter of my people. 5 For a day of confusion, and of treading down, and of perplexity hath the Lord Eternal of

O Media;" all sighing have I caused to cease. 3 hosts in the valley of vision; walls are broken, and Therefore are my loins filled with pain; pangs have crying is heard against the mountain. 6 And 'Elam seized me. like the pangs of a woman that travaileth: beareth the quiver. [cometh] with men in chariots and I am too much cramped to hear: I am too much horsemen, and Kir uncovereth the shield, 7 And it is dismayed to see. 4 My heart wandereth astray, dread so, that thy choicest valleys are full of charjots, and affrighteth me: the evening of my pleasure hath he the horsemen set themselves in array against the turned unto me into terror. 5 Prepare the table, put gate. 8 And he laid open the covering of Judah; and on the candlesticks, eat, drink: arise, ye princes, thou didst look on that day toward the armor of the and anoint the shield. 6 For thus hath said unto me house of the forest. 9 And the breaches of the city the Lord, Go, set the watchman, what he seeth let of David have ye seen, that they are many: and ye him tell. 7 And he will see chariots, horsemen in gathered together the waters of the lower pool. 10 couples, riders on asses, riders on camels; and he And the houses of Jerusalem have ye numbered, shall listen diligently with much heed: 8 And he calleth and ye have pulled down the houses to fortify the [like] a lion, Upon the watchtower, O Lord, do I stand wall. 11 And a tank have ye made between the two continually in the daytime, and on my ward am I set walls for the water of the old pool; but ve have not all the nights. 9 And, behold, here cometh a chariot looked at the Maker thereof, him that fashioned it with men, horsemen in couples, and he commenceth in distant times have ye not regarded. 12 And the and saith. Fallen, fallen is Babylon; and all the graven. Lord Eternal of hosts called on that day for weeping. images of her gods hath he shivered unto the ground. and for mourning, and for baldness, and for girding 10 O my down-trodden [people, ] and the son of my with sackcloth. 13 And behold [there are] gladness threshingfloor: that which I have heard from the Lord and joy, slaying of oxen, and killing of sheep, eating of hosts, the God of Israel, have I told unto you. 11 flesh, and drinking wine: "Let us eat and drink; for The doom of Dumah. Unto me one calleth out of Se'ir, tomorrow we must die." 14 And it was revealed in my Watchman, what of the night? Watchman, what of the ears by the Lord of hosts: Surely this iniquity shall not night? 12 The watchman said, The morning cometh, be forgiven unto you until ye die, said the Lord the and also the night; if ye will desire, desire ye; return. Eternal of hosts, 15 Thus hath said the Lord, Go, get come again. 13 The doom upon Arabia. In the forest thee unto this treasurer, even unto Shebna, who is in Arabia shall ve lodge, O ve caravans of Dedanim. [superintendent] over the house: 16 What hast thou 14 Toward him that is thirsty they bring water; the here? and whom hast thou here, that thou hast hewn inhabitants of the land of Thema meet with suitable out for thyself here a sepulchre, [the man] that hath bread the fugitive. 15 Because from the swords are hewn out on high his sepulchre, that holloweth out in they fled, from the drawn sword, and from the bent the rock a habitation for himself? 17 Behold, the Lord bow, and from the pressure of war, 16 For thus hath will thrust thee about with a mighty throw, O man! and said the Lord unto me, Within yet one year, like the will lay fast hold of thee; 18 He will roll thee up as a years of a hired laborer, shall all the glory of Kedar be bundle, and [toss thee] like a ball into a country of at an end: 17 And the residue of the number of bows ample space: there shall thou die, and there shall of the mighty men of the children of Kedar shall be [remain] the chariots of thy glory, thou disgrace of the house of thy lord. 19 And I will cast thee out from thy station, and from thy post shall he pull thee down. 20 And it shall come to pass on that day, that I will call my servant, for Elyakim the son of Chilkiyahu. 21 And I will clothe him with thy robe, and thy girdle will I fasten around him, and thy government will I place into his hand: and he shall be as a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and to the house of Judah. 22 And I will lay the key of the house of David upon his shoulder; so that he shall open, and none shall shut; and he shall shut, and none shall open. 23 And I will fasten him as a tent-nail in a sure place; and he shall be for a chair of honor to his father's house. 24 And they shall hang upon him all the glory of his

father's house, the shoots and offshoots, all the small will visit Tyre, and she shall return to her hire, and vessels, from the vessels of basins, even to all the shall have commerce with all the kingdoms of the vessels of flagons. 25 On that day, saith the Lord of world upon the face of the earth. 18 And her gain hosts, shall be removed the nail that is fastened in and her hire shall be holy to the Lord; it shall not be the sure place, and be cut down, and fall; and the treasured nor laid up; but for those that dwell before burden that is upon it shall be cut off; for the Lord the Lord shall her gain be, to eat to fulness, and for hath spoken it.

for it is laid waste, without house, without

magnificent clothing.

23 The doom of Tyre. Wail, ye ships of Tharshish; 24 Behold, the Lord maketh empty the land, and layeth it waste, marreth its surface, and entrance: from the land of Kittim hath it been revealed scattereth abroad its inhabitants. 2 And it shall be to them. 2 Be silent, ye inhabitants of the coast- with the people as with the priest; with the servant land: the merchants of Zidon, that pass over the sea as with his master; with the bondwoman as with her [formerly] filled thee. 3 And on mighty waters [came] mistress; with the buyer as with the seller; with the the seed of Shichor, the harvest of the stream, as lender as with the borrower; with the debtor as with her revenue; and she became the mart of nations. his creditor. 3 Empty, emptied out shall be the land. 4 Be ashamed, O Zion; for spoken hath the sea, and spoiled, utterly spoiled; for the Lord hath spoken the stronghold of the sea, saying, I travailed not, this word. 4 The land mourneth, withereth away, the nor brought forth children, neither did I nourish up world languishes, withereth away, the high ones of young men, nor bring up virgins. 5 As at the report the people of the land do languish. 5 For the land concerning Egypt, so shall they tremble at the report of was defiled under its inhabitants; because they had Tyre. 6 Pass ye over to Tharshish; wail, ye inhabitants transgressed the laws, neglected the statutes, broken of the coast-land. 7 Is this your fate, ye of the joyous the everlasting covenant. 6 Therefore hath the curse [city]? she whose antiquity is of ancient days—her devoured the land, and they that dwell therein suffer own feet shall carry her, afar off to sojourn. 8 Who for their quilt; therefore are the inhabitants of the land hath resolved this against Tyre, the crowning city, dried up, and but few men are left. 7 The new wine whose merchants are princes, whose traders are the mourneth, the vine languisheth, all the merry-hearted honorable of the earth? 9 The Lord hath resolved it, sigh, 8 At rest is the mirth of the tambourines: ceased to dishonor the pride of all ornament, to make of light hath the tumult of the joyful; at rest is the mirth of esteem all the honorable of the earth. 10 Pass through the harp. 9 Amidst singing shall they no [more] drink thy land as a stream, O daughter of Tharshish: there wine; bitter shall be the strong drink to those that drink is no more strength. 11 He hath stretched out his it. 10 Broken down is the city of desolation; shut up is hand over the sea, he hath shaken kingdoms; the every house that none can enter. 11 A [painful] cry for Lord hath given a command against Canaan, to wine is in the streets; darkened is all joy; banished is subvert its strongholds. 12 And he said. Thou shalt the mirth of the land. 12 Destruction is left in the city, no longer rejoice any more, O thou oppressed virgin, in ruins is beaten the gate. 13 For thus shall it be in daughter of Zidon: arise, pass over to the Kittim; also the midst of the land among the nations, as [at] the there shalt thou have no rest. 13 Behold the land of shaking of an olive-tree, as [at] the gleaning of grains the Chaldeans—this people which was not, Asshur when the vintage is done. 14 These shall lift up their founded it for the dwellers in the wilderness—they voice, they shall sing; because of the majesty of the have set up their watchtowers, have overthrown its Lord, they shout aloud from the sea. 15 Therefore in palaces, have rendered it a heap of ruins. 14 Wail, the valleys honor ye the Lord; in the isles of the sea, ye ships of Tharshish; your stronghold is laid waste. the name of the Lord the God of Israel. 16 From the 15 And it shall come to pass on that day, that Tyre edge of the earth have we heard songs, "Glory to shall be forgotten seventy years, like the days of one the righteous." But I said, "Evil is mine, evil is mine, king: at the end of seventy years shall it happen to woe is me! the treacherous have dealt treacherously; Tyre as in the song of the harlot. 16 "Take the harp, yea, the treacherous have dealt very treacherously." go round about the city, thou forgotten harlot; make 17 Fear, and the pit, and the snare are upon thee, sweet music, sing many songs, in order that thou O inhabitant of the land. 18 And it shall come to mayest be remembered." 17 And it shall come to pass, that he who fleeth from the call of the fear shall pass after the end of seventy years, that the Lord fall into the pit; and he that cometh up out of the

centre is the earth. 20 The earth reeleth to and fro casteth it to the ground, even to the dust. like a drunkard, and vibrateth like a watch-hut; and heavily lieth upon it its transgression; and it shall fall, and not rise again. 21 And it shall come to pass on that day, that the Lord will visit punishment on the host of heaven in heaven, and on the kings of the earth upon the earth. 22 And they shall be gathered in heaps, as prisoners, in the prison, and shall be shut up in the dungeon, and thus after many days shall they be punished. 23 And the moon shall be put to the blush, and the sun be made ashamed; for the Lord of hosts will reign on mount Zion, and in Jerusalem, and before his ancients in glory.

**25** O Lord, my God art thou; I will exalt thee, I will praise thy name; for thou hast done wonderful things, resolves of distant times [are become] faithful confirmation. 2 For thou hast made of a city a stoneheap; of a fortified town a falling ruin; the palace of barbarians ceaseth out of the city, to eternity shall it not be rebuilt. 3 Therefore shall a strong people honor thee; the town of the tyrannical nations shall fear thee. 4 For thou hast become a stronghold to the poor, a stronghold to the needy when he is distressed; a protection from the tempest, a shadow from the heat; for the [wrathful] breath of the tyrants is like the tempest against a wall. 5 Like heat in a dry land, wilt thou subdue the tumult of the barbarians; as the heat [is lessened] by the shadow of the cloud, so will he subdue the song of the tyrants. 6 And the Lord of hosts will make unto all the nations on this mountain a feast of fat things, a feast of wines on the lees, of fat things full of marrow, of wines on the lees well refined. 7 And he will destroy on this mountain the face of the covering which covereth all the people, and the vail that is spread over all the nations. 8 He will destroy death to eternity: and the Lord Eternal will wipe away the tear from off all faces; and the shame of his people will he remove from off all the earth; for the Lord hath spoken it. 9 And men will say on that day, Lo, this is our God, for whom we have waited that he would help us; this is the Lord for whom we have waited, we will be glad and we will rejoice in his salvation. 10 For the hand of the Lord will rest on this mountain, and Moab shall be trodden down on his own place, even as straw is trodden down upon the

midst of the pit shall be caught in the snare; for the midst thereof, as the swimmer spreadeth them forth windows from on high are opened, and there quaked to swim: and he will bring down his pride together the foundations of the earth. 19 Crushed entirely is with the joints of his hands. 12 And the fortress of the the earth, split in pieces is the earth, shaken to its stronghold of thy walls he bringeth down, layeth low,

 ${\bf 26}$  On that day shall this song be sung in the land of Judah: A strong city have we; his aid will he grant [us] as walls and defence. 2 Open ve the gates, that there may enter in the righteous nation which guardeth the truth. 3 The confiding mind wilt thou keep in perfect peace; because he trusteth in thee. 4 Trust ye in the Lord unto eternity; for in Yah the Lord is everlasting protection. 5 For he bendeth down the dwellers of the height; the lofty fortress—he layeth it low; he layeth it low, along the ground; he casteth it down to the dust. 6 The foot shall tread it down, the feet of the poor, the steps of the needy. 7 The path of the just is straight: thou, most upright. dost ever level the road of the just. 8 Yea, on the path of thy judgments, O Lord, have we waited for thee; for thy name, and for the remembrance of thee, was the longing of our soul. 9 In my soul have I longed for thee in the night; yea, with my spirit within me will I seek for thee; for when thy judgments are [sent] on the earth, the inhabitants of the world learn righteousness. 10 If favor be shown to the wicked, he will not learn righteousness; in the land of uprightness will he deal unjustly, and will not regard the majesty of the Lord. 11 Lord, thy hand was raised high, but they would not see: oh that they might see, and be ashamed, [thy] zeal for the people; yea, the fire which shall devour them—thy enemies. 12 Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us; for also all our works hast thou accomplished for us. 13 O Lord our God, lords have had dominion over us beside thee; [but] of thee only would we make mention, -of thy name. 14 [They are] dead, they will not live [again]; [they are] departed, they will not rise [again]; therefore hast thou visited and destroyed them, and made to perish every memorial of them. 15 Thou hast done more for the nation, O Lord, thou hast done more for the nation; thou hast glorified thyself: thou hast enlarged all the ends of the earth. 16 Lord, in trouble have they sought thee, they poured out earnest prayers when thy chastening was upon them. 17 Like as a pregnant woman, that is near giving birth, is in pain, [and] crieth out in her pangs: so have we been in thy presence. O Lord. 18 We have been pregnant and in pain, [but it was] as though we brought forth wind; we dunahill. 11 And he will spread forth his hands in the have not wrought any deliverance in the land; and the

shall live, my dead bodies shall arise. Awake and before the Lord on the holy mount at Jerusalem. sing ve. that dwell in the dust: for a dew on herbs is thy dew, and the earth shall cast out the departed. 20 Go, my people, enter thou into thy chambers, and shut thy door behind thee: hide thyself but for a little moment, until the indignation be passed away. 21 For, behold, the Lord cometh out of his place to visit the iniquity of the inhabitants of the earth on them: and the earth shall disclose her blood, and shall no more be a cover over her slain.

12 And it shall come to pass on that day, that the Lord will beat off [the fruit] from the channel of the River up to the brook of Egypt; but ve shall be gathered up one by one, ve children of Israel, 13 And it shall come to pass on that day, that the great cornet shall be blown, and then shall come those who are lost in the

inhabitants of the world have not fallen. 19 Thy dead land of Egypt, and they shall prostrate themselves

 ${f 28}$  Woe to the crown of pride, of the drunkards of Ephraim, and to the fading flower of his glorious ornament, which is on the eminence of the fat valley of those who are struck down by wine! 2 Behold, [it cometh] mighty and strong from the Lord, as a tempest of hail, a storm of destruction; as a tempest of mighty overflowing waters, will he cast it down to the earth with force. 3 Under feet shall be trodden the crown of pride of the drunkards of Ephraim: 4 And 27 On that day will the Lord punish with his heavy the fading flower of his glorious ornament, which is and great and strong sword leviathan the flying on the eminence of the fat valley, shall be as its early serpent, and leviathan the crooked servant; and he ripe fruit before the summer; which one, when he will slay the crocodile that is in the sea. 2 On that day just seeth it, while it is scarcely in his hand, hastily sing ye a song of the vineyard of excellent wine. 3 "I devoureth. 5 On that day will the Lord of hosts be for the Lord do keep it; every moment will I water it: that a crown of glory, and for a diadem of beauty, unto the no one shall hurt it, night and day will I keep it. 4 residue of his people, 6 And for a spirit of iudament Wrath have I not: who would set the briers and thorns to him that sitteth in judgment, and for strength to against me in battle? I would pass through them, and those that drive back the battle to the gate [of the I would burn them altogether, 5 If he but take hold of enemy]. 7 But these also are now stumbling through my strength, make peace with me; make peace with wine, and reeling through strong drink: priest and me." 6 In the future shall Jacob yet take root; Israel prophet are stumbling through strong drink, they are shall bud and blossom, and shall fill the face of the overpowered with wine, they reel through strong drink; world with fruit. 7 Hath he smitten him, as he smote they stumble in [divine] vision, they are unsteady in the one that smote him? or was he slain with the giving judgment. 8 For all tables are full of vomit of same slaughter as those of him that were slain? 8 In filthiness, there is no place [clean]. 9 Whom shall measure, by driving him forth, thou strivest with him: he teach knowledge? and whom shall he give to he removed him with his violent storm on the day understand doctrine? those that are weaned from the of the east wind. 9 Therefore by this [only] shall the milk, those that are taken from the breasts. 10 For iniquity of Jacob be atoned; and this shall be all the precept must be upon precept, precept upon precept. fruit of the taking away of his sin; when he maketh all line upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a the stones of the altar as limestones that are beaten little. 11 For [as] with stammering lips and a foreign in pieces, when there shall not arise again any groves tongue will he speak to this people; 12 When he said and sun-images. 10 For [by this] the fortified city shall unto them, This is the rest, cause ye the weary to rest; be desolate, the habitation be forsaken, and left like a and this is the refreshing; but they would not hear. 13 wilderness; there shall the calf feed, and there shall Therefore shall be unto them the word of the Lord. it lie down, and consume its branches. 11 When its precept upon precept, precept upon precept; line boughs are withered, they shall be broken off; women upon line, line upon line; here a little, and there a little; will come and set them on fire; for it is not a people of in order that they may go, and stumble backward, and understanding; therefore he that made it will not have be broken, and snared, and caught. 14 Therefore hear mercy on it, and he that formed it will show it no favor. the word of the Lord, ye scornful men, who rule this people that is in Jerusalem. 15 Because ye have said, "We have entered into a covenant with death, and with the nether world have we made an agreement; the overflowing scourge, when it passeth by, shall not come at us; for we have made lies our refuge, and under falsehood have we sought a hiding-place." land of Asshur, and those who are outcasts in the (Sheol h7585) 16 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I have laid in Zion as a foundation

he in counsel, and excellent in [his] wise deeds.

29 Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the town where David dwelt! add ye year to year; let the festivals come round in order: 2 Yet will I distress Ariel, and there shall be groaning and wailing: and it shall be unto me like Ariel. 3 And I will encamp against thee round about, and will lay siege against thee with hostile posts, and I will raise up entrenchments against thee. 4 And brought down low, shalt thou speak [as though] out of the earth, and out of the dust shall come forth thy speech; and like one of a familiar spirit out of the earth shall be thy voice, and out of the dust shalt thou

a stone, a tried stone, a costly corner-stone, well whisper forth thy speech. 5 And like the small dust founded: he that believeth will not make haste. 17 shall be the multitude of thy barbarian enemies, and And I will make of justice a measuring line, and of like the passing chaff the multitude of tyrants; and righteousness a plummet; and the hail shall sweep [this] shall be at unawares, suddenly, 6 From the off the refuge of lies, and the hiding-place against the Lord of hosts shall the visitation come with thunder, waters shall these flood away. 18 And your covenant and with earthquake, and great noise, with storm and with death shall be annulled, and your agreement tempest, and the devouring flame of fire. 7 And as a with the nether world shall not have permanence; dream of a night-vision shall be the multitude of all the overflowing scourge, when it passeth by—then the nations that go to war against Ariel, even all that shall ye be trodden down by it. (Sheol h7585) 19 As fight against her and raise towers against her, and often as it passeth by shall it take you; for morning by that distress her. 8 And it shall even be as when a morning shall it pass by, by day and by night; and the hungry man dreameth, that, behold, he eateth; but mere understanding of the report shall cause terror. he awaketh, and his soul is empty; or as when a 20 For the bed shall be too short for [a man] to stretch thirsty man dreameth, that, behold, he drinketh; but himself out [on it]: and the covering too narrow to he awaketh, and, behold, he is faint, and his soul wrap himself in. 21 For as on mount Perazim will the yet longeth: so shall it be with the multitude of all the Lord rise up, as in the valley of Gib'on will he be nations, that go to war against mount Zion. 9 Stay wroth, that he may do his work, his singular work; but still and wonder; turn your eyes away, and be and to accomplish his labor, his strange labor. 22 blinded; they are drunken, but not with wine; they And now be ye no longer scornful, lest your bonds stagger, but not with strong drink. 10 For the Lord be made strong; for as completed and fully decreed hath poured out over you the spirit of deep sleep, have I heard it from the Lord Eternal of hosts over and hath closed your eyes: [over] the prophets, and all the earth. 23 Give ye ear, and hear my voice; your chiefs, the seers, hath he cast a vail. 11 And the listen, and hear my speech. 24 Doth the ploughman vision of every thing is become unto you as the words plough all the time to sow? doth he open and harrow of a book that is sealed, which men deliver to one that his ground [continually]? 25 Is it not so? that, when can read, saying, Read this, I pray thee; and he saith, he hath made level its surface he scattereth fennel, I cannot; for it is sealed: 12 And the book is then and streweth about cumin, and planteth the wheat in delivered to one that cannot read, saving, Read this, I rows, and barley on its assigned [place], and millet on pray thee; and he saith, I cannot read. 13 And the its proper spot? 26 For his God instructed him rightly, Lord said, Forasmuch as this people draw near with taught him [so to do]. 27 Truly not with a threshing their mouth, and with their lips do honor me, but have instrument is fennel threshed, and a wagon-wheel is removed their heart far from me, and their fear toward not turned about upon cumin; but fennel is beaten out me is but the acquired precept of men; 14 Therefore, with a staff, and cumin with a stick. 28 Bread-corn is behold, I will do yet farther a marvelous work with this crushed; but not for ever doth [man] keep threshing it; people, doing wonder on wonder; so that the wisdom and though he drive over it the wheel of his wagon of their wise men shall be lost, and the understanding and his horses, he will not [thereby] crush it. 29 This of their prudent men shall be hidden. 15 Woe unto also cometh forth from the Lord of hosts: wonderful is those that seek to hide deeply their counsel from the Lord, so that their works may be in the dark, and they say, Who seeth us? and who knoweth us? 16 Oh your perverseness! shall the potter be esteemed as the clay? that the work shall say of its maker, He hath not made me? or shall the thing framed say of its framer, He had no understanding? 17 Lo! but yet a very little while more, and Lebanon shall be turned into a fruitful field, and the fruitful field shall be esteemed as a forest! 18 And on that day shall the deaf hear the words of the book, and out of obscurity. and out of darkness, shall the eyes of the blind see. 19 And the sufferers shall have abundant joy in the Lord, and the needy among men shall be glad in the

Holy One of Israel. 20 For the tyrant is no more, and wall, the fall of which will come unawares, suddenly, children, the work of my hands in the midst of him, how they sanctify my name: then will they sanctify the Holy One of Jacob, and the God of Israel will they reverence. 24 They also that were erring in spirit shall obtain instruction.

30 Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not from me; and that set themselves a ruler, but not by my spirit, in order that they may add sin to sin: 2 That travel to go down into Egypt, and have not asked my will: to strengthen themselves through the strength of Pharaoh, and to seek shelter in the shadow of Egypt! 3 Therefore shall the strength of Pharaoh become your shame, and the shelter in the shadow of Egypt your disgrace. 4 For his princes were at Zo'an, and his ambassadors had reached Chanes. 5 They all are ashamed because of a people that cannot profit them, neither be a help nor give profit; but [bringeth] shame, and also a reproach. 6 The doom of the beasts of the south: Through the land of trouble and anguish, whence come the lioness and the lion, the viper and flying dragons, they will carry upon the shoulders of young asses their riches, and upon the humps of camels their treasures, to a people that cannot profit. 7 And the Egyptians will help in vain, and to no purpose; therefore have I called this, Boasters they are in sitting still. 8 Now go, write it before them on a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the latest time to come. for ever, and to eternity: 9 For this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the Lord: 10 Who have said to the seers, Ye shall not see; and to the prophets, Reveal not unto us true things, speak unto us smooth things, reveal deceits: 11 Depart you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, remove from before us the Holy One of Israel. 12 Therefore thus hath said the Holy One of Israel, Because ye despise this word, and trust in oppression and perverseness, and lean thereon for aid: 13 Therefore shall this iniquity be to you as a threatening breach, swelling out in a high-towering

consumed is the scorner, and cut off are all that watch 14 And he will break it, as one breaketh a potter's for injustice: 21 That cause mankind to sin by [their] vessel, dashing it in pieces without sparing it; so that word: and lay a snare for him that reproveth [them] in there cannot be found among its fragments a sherd the gate; and pervert through fraud the cause of the to rake fire from a hearth and to draw water from just. 22 Therefore thus hath said the Lord unto the a pit. 15 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal, the house of Jacob, he who hath redeemed Abraham, Holy One of Israel, In repose and rest shall ye be Not now shall Jacob be ashamed, and not now shall helped; in quietness and in confidence shall be your his face be made pale. 23 For when he seeth his strength; and ve would not. 16 And ve said, "No; for upon horses will we flee;" therefore shall ye flee: and, "Upon swift beasts will we ride:" therefore shall your pursuers be swift. 17 One thousand [shall flee] at the threatening of one: at the threatening of five shall ve acquire understanding, and they that murmured shall [all] flee; till ve be left as a pole upon a mountain-top, and as an ensign on a hill. 18 And therefore will the Lord wait, to be gracious unto you, and therefore will he exalt himself, to have mercy upon you; for a God of justice is the Lord: happy are all those that wait for him. 19 For O people of Zion that shall dwell at Jerusalem! thou shalt indeed not weep: he will be surely gracious unto thee at the voice of thy cry; so soon as he heareth it, he answereth thee. 20 And the Lord will give you bread [in] adversity, and water [in] oppression; and thy teachers shall not have to hide themselves in a corner any more, but thy eves shall see thy teachers: 21 And thy ears shall hear the word behind thee, saying, "This is the way, walk ye in it," when ve turn to the right hand, and when ve turn to the left. 22 And ye will regard as unclean the covering of thy graven idols of silver, and the ornament of thy molten images of gold: thou wilt cast them away as a filthy thing; "Get thee hence," wilt thou say unto them. 23 Then will he give the rain for thy seed, that thou mayest sow in the ground; and bread—the produce of the ground—this shall be fat and nutritious: thy cattle shall feed on that day in extensive pastures. 24 The oxen likewise and the young asses that till the ground shall eat salted provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan. 25 And there shall be upon every high mountain, and upon every prominent hill, rivulets, streams of waters on the day of the great slaughter, when towers fall. 26 And 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 the seven days, on the day that the Lord bindeth up the broken [limbs] of his people. and healeth the bruise of their wound. 27 Behold, the name of the Lord cometh from afar, burning is his anger, and heavy the smoke; his lips are full of indignation, and his tongue is like a devouring fire: 28 And his breath, like an overflowing stream, shall

the van of falsehood: and [to place] a deceiving bridle the Lord, who hath a fire in Zion, and a furnace in on the jaws of the people. 29 [Then] shall ye have a Jerusalem. song, as in the night when a festival is ushered in. and joy of heart, as when one goeth with the flute to come unto the mountain of the Lord, to the Rock of Israel. 30 And the Lord will cause his majestic voice to be heard, and will show the stretching down of his arm, in the indignation of [his] anger, and in the flame of a devouring fire, in flood, and tempest, and stones of hail. 31 For because of the voice of the Lord shall be terrified Asshur, that smote [you] with the rod. 32 And at every passage of the appointed staff which the Lord will let fall on him, there shall be [music] on tambourine and harp; and in the tumult of battles will he fight with them. 33 For already of old is Topheth made ready; also this is prepared for the king—deep and wide: its pile hath fire and wood in plenty, the breath of the Lord, like a stream of sulfur, will kindle it into a flame.

reach to the midst of the neck, to toss the nations with princes shall be terrified because of the ensign, saith

32 Behold, a king shall reign in righteousness, and princes shall rule in justice. 2 And every one shall be as a hiding-place from the wind, and a covert from the tempest; as rivulets of water in a dry place. as the shadow of a large rock in a languishing land. 3 And the eyes of those that see shall not be blinded again, and the ears of those that hear shall hearken. 4 The heart also of the rash shall be attentive in order to know, and the tongue of the stammerers shall be ready to speak plainly. 5 The worthless person shall be no more called liberal, and the avaricious man shall not be said to be bountiful. 6 For the worthless person ever speaketh villany, and his heart will work injustice, to practise hypocrisy, and to speak error against the Lord, to leave empty the soul of the hungry, and the drink of the thirsty will he take away. 7 The instruments also of the avaricious man are evil: 31 Woe to those that go down to Egypt for help; he deviseth wicked resolves to destroy the poor with and depend for support on horses, and trust on words of falsehood, even when the needy speaketh chariots, because they are many; and on horsemen, what is right. 8 But the liberal deviseth liberal things; because they are very strong; but who turn not unto and he ever persisteth by liberal things. 9 Ye careless the Holy One of Israel, and seek not the Lord! 2 Yet women rise up, hear my voice; ye daughters that are he also is wise, and bringeth evil, and taketh not secure, give ear unto my speech. 10 After days and back his words; and riseth up against the house of years shall ye shudder, ye women that are secure; for evil-doers, and against the help of those that work ended is the vintage, the fruit gathering shall nowise injustice. 3 But the Egyptians are men, and not God; come. 11 Tremble, ye careless women; shudder, ye and their horses are flesh, and not spirit; and the that are secure, strip off your garments and make Lord will stretch out his hand, and there shall stumble yourselves bare, and gird [sackcloth] upon the loins, the helper, and he that is helped shall fall down, and 12 [They shall strike] on the breast, lamenting, for the they all shall perish together. 4 For thus hath said pleasant fields, for the fruitful vine. 13 Upon the soil the Lord unto me, Just as the lion or the young lion of my people thorns and briers shall come up; yea, growleth over his prey, against whom is called forth upon all the houses of joy of the gladsome town. 14 the company of shepherds, of whose voice he is Because the palace is abandoned, the tumult of the not afraid, and is not depressed because of their city is forsaken; the hill and watch-tower are become multitude: thus will the Lord come down, to fight on dens for a long time, a joyous haunt for wild asses, a mount Zion and on its hill. 5 As fluttering birds, so pasture for flocks. 15 Until a spirit be poured upon us will the Lord of hosts shield Jerusalem; shielding and from on high, and the wilderness be changed into a delivering; sparing and preserving. 6 Turn ye unto fruitful field, and the fruitful field be accounted as a him from whom the children of Israel have deeply forest. 16 Then shall justice dwell in the wilderness, revolted. 7 For on that day shall every man despise and righteousness abide in the fruitful field. 17 And his idols of silver, and his idols of gold, which your the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the own hands have made unto you for a sin. 8 Then effect of righteousness quietness and security for shall Asshur fall by the sword of one who is not a ever. 18 And then shall my people abide in peaceful man; and the sword of one who is not a son of earth dwellings, and secure abodes, and in undisturbed shall devour him; and he shall flee him from the resting-places. 19 And it shall spread itself out in the sword, and his young men shall become tributary. 9 declivity of the forest; and far down in the lowlands And his stronghold shall pass away for fear, and his shall the city descend. 20 Happy are ye that sow

beside all waters, freely sending forth the feet of the of a stammering tongue, without meaning. 20 Look on ox and the ass.

33 Woe to thee that wastest, while thou wast not wasted; and traitor, while men dealt not treacherously with thee! when thou shalt have made an end of wasting, thou shalt be wasted, and when thou shalt have finished to deal treacherously, men shall deal treacherously with thee. 2 O Lord, be gracious; we have waited for thee: be thou their support every morning, also our salvation in the time of trouble. 3 At the noise of [thy] thunder people fled; when thou liftedst thyself up nations were scattered. 4 And your spoil shall be gathered as the cricket gathereth: as locusts run about, so shall people hasten after it. 5 The Lord is exalted; for he dwelleth on high: he hath filled Zion with justice and righteousness. 6 And the stability of thy times and the strength of thy happiness shall be wisdom and knowledge; the fear of the Lord is his treasure. 7 Behold, their valiant ones cry without; the ambassadors of peace weep it; the world, and all things that spring forth of it. 2 bitterly. 8 The highways lie waste, ceased hath the For the indignation of the Lord is [enkindled] over wayfaring traveler: he hath broken the covenant, he all the nations, and his fury over all their army: he despiseth cities, he regardeth not man. 9 It mourneth, hath devoted them, he hath given them up to the it languisheth—the land: Lebanon is ashamed, it is slaughter: 3 And their slain also shall be cast out, withered away: Sharon is become like a wilderness: and as regardeth their carcasses their stench shall and bereft of their fruits are Bashan and Carmel. 10 ascend upward, and the mountains shall be melted Now will I arise, saith the Lord; now will I raise myself; through their blood. 4 And all the host of heaven now will I lift myself up. 11 Ye shall be pregnant with shall be dissolved, and the heavens shall be rolled hay, [and] ye shall bring forth stubble: your breath together like a book: and all their host shall wither, is a fire, which shall devour you, 12 And the people as the leaf withereth from the vine, and as withering shall be burnt as lime: as cut-off thorns shall they fruit from the fig-tree. 5 For my sword is sated in blaze up in fire. 13 Hear, ye distant ones, what I heaven: behold, it shall come down upon Edom, and have done; and acknowledge ye that are near my upon the people I have devoted to punishment. 6 might. 14 In Zion sinners are in dread; trembling The sword of the Lord is full of blood, it is enriched hath seized on hypocrites. "Who among us shall with fat, with the blood of lambs and goats, with abide with the devouring fire? who among us shall the fat of the kidneys of rams; for the Lord hath a abide with everlasting burnings?" 15 He that walketh sacrifice in Bozrah, and a great slaughter in the land in righteousness, and speaketh uprightly; he that of Edom. 7 And wild oxen shall sink down with them, despiseth the gain of oppressions, that shaketh his and steers with bullocks; and their land shall be sated hands against taking hold of bribes, that stoppeth his with blood, and their dust enriched with fat. 8 For it is ears against hearing of blood, and shutteth his eyes the day of vengeance unto the Lord, and the year against looking on evil; 16 He shall dwell on high; of recompense for the controversy of Zion. 9 And rocky strongholds shall be his refuge: his bread shall its brooks shall be changed into pitch, and its dust be given him; his water shall be sure. 17 The king into sulfur, and its land shall become burning pitch. in his beauty shall thy eyes behold: they shall see 10 Night and day shall it not be quenched; for ever a far-off land. 18 Thy heart shall meditate [on past] shall ascend the smoke thereof: from generation to terror. "Where is who wrote down? where is he that generation shall it lie waste; no one shall for ever and weighed? where is he that counted the towers?" 19 ever pass through it. 11 But pelican and hedgehog The barbarous people shalt thou not see any more, shall take possession of it; night-owl also and raven the people of a speech too obscure to be understood, shall dwell in it; and he shall stretch out over it the

Zion, the town of our solemn assemblies; thy eyes shall see Jerusalem as an undisturbed residence, a tent that shall not be struck for removal; not one of the stakes of which shall ever be moved, and all the cords of which shall never be torn loose. 21 But there will the Lord [show himself] mighty unto us, [in] a place of rivers and streams of ample breadth; wherein no oared galley shall go, and a gallant ship shall not pass thereby. 22 For the Lord is our judge, the Lord is our lawgiver, the Lord is our king; he will save us. 23 Loose hang thy tacklings; they cannot well uphold strongly their mast, they cannot spread the sail. Then are divided booty and spoil in abundance, [even] the lame take the booty. 24 And no inhabitant shall say. I am sick: the people that dwell therein shall be one whose iniquity is forgiven.

**3** Come near, ye nations, to hear; and ye people, hearken: let the earth hear, and all that filleth

line of destruction, and the weights of desolation. 12 36 And it came to pass in the fourteenth year of Their nobles—no one is there they could call [to] the dwell therein.

35 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad thereat; and the desert shall rejoice, and blossom as the lily. 2 It shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice, yea, with joy and singing; the glory of the Lebanon shall be given unto it, the elegance of Carmel and Sharon; they indeed shall see the glory of the Lord, and the excellency of our God. 3 Strengthen ve weak hands, and stumbling knees make ye firm. 4 Say to the timid of heart. Be strong, fear not; behold, your God, [with] vengeance will he come, with God's recompense; it is he who will come and save you. 5 Then shall the eyes of the blind be opened, and the ears of the deaf shall be unstopped. 6 Then shall the lame leap as a hart, and the tongue of the dumb shall sing; for in the wilderness shall waters break out, and brooks in the desert. 7 And the sandy waste shall be changed into a pool, and the thirsty land into springs of water: in the habitation of monsters, where each one used to lie, shall be a court for reeds and rushes. 8 And there shall be a highway and a way, and The holy way, shall it be called; no unclean one shall pass over it; but it shall be [only] theirs; the wayfaring man, and those unacquainted [therewith] shall not go astray. 9 No lion shall be there, and no ravenous beast shall go up thereon, shall not be found there; but there shall walk the redeemed: 10 And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with song, with everlasting joy upon their head; gladness and joy shall they obtain, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

king Hezekiah, that Sennacherib the king of kingdom, and all its princes shall be no more. 13 Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of And thorns shall spring up in its palaces, nettles and Judah, and seized on them. 2 And the king of Assyria brambles in its fortresses: and it shall be a habitation sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to king of monsters, and a court for ostriches. 14 And the Hezekiah with a strong army. And he halted by the martens shall meet with the jackals, and one goat agueduct of the upper pool on the highway of the shall call to his fellow; only the screech-owl shall rest washer's field. 3 Then came forth unto him Elyakim, there, and find for herself a place of repose. 15 There the son of Chilkiyahu, who was superintendent over shall nestle the arrow-snake, and lay eggs, and hatch, the house, and Shebna the scribe, and Yoach the son and gather its young under its shadow: only vultures of Assaph, the recorder. 4 And Rabshakeh said unto shall assemble there, every one with her mate. 16 them, —Say ye now to Hezekiah, Thus hath said Inquire out of the book of the Lord, and read: not the great king, the king of Assyria, What confidence one of these shall be absent, not one shall miss her is this wherewith thou hast trusted? 5 I have said, mate; for my mouth it is that hath ordained it, and its but it was only a word uttered with the lips, [I have] breath it is that hath gathered them. 17 And he hath counsel and strength for the war. Now, on whom didst cast the lot for them, and his hand hath divided it out thou trust, that thou rebelledst against me? 6 Behold, unto them by the measuring line; for ever shall they thou trustedst on you cracked reed-staff, on Egypt; possess it, from generation to generation shall they which, if a man lean on it, will enter into his hand, and pierce it: so is Pharaoh the king of Egypt to all that trust on him. 7 But if thou shouldst say to me, In the Lord our God have we trusted: is he not the one whose high-places and whose altars Hezekiah hath removed, when he said to Judah and to Jerusalem, Before this altar shall ye prostrate yourselves? 8 And now I pray thee, enter into a contest with 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 wilt thou turn back the face of a single chieftain of the least of my masters' servants, while thou hast put thy trust on Egypt for chariots and for horsemen? 10 And now am I come up without the Lord ['s will] against this land to destroy it? The Lord hath said unto me, Go up against this land, and destroy it. 11 Then said Elyakim and Shebna and Yoach unto Rabshakeh, Speak, we pray thee, unto thy servants in the Syrian language; for we understand it: and speak not to us in the Jewish language, before the ears of the people that are on the wall. 12 But Rabshakeh said, Hath my master then sent me to thy master and to thee to speak these words? is it not rather to the men who sit upon the wall, that they may eat their own excrements, and drink their own urine with you? 13 Then stood Rabshakeh up, and called out in a loud voice in the Jewish language, and said, Hear ye the words of the great king, the king of Assyria. 14 Thus hath said the king, Let not Hezekiah deceive you; for he will not be able to deliver you; 15 Neither let Hezekiah induce you to trust in the Lord, saying, The Lord will surely deliver us; this city shall not be given up into the hand

of the king of Assyria. 16 Hearken not to Hezekiah; for Thirhakah the king of Ethiopia. He is come out to thus hath said the king of Assyria, Make a treaty of fight with thee. And when he had heard it, he sent peace with me, and come out to me; and eat ve every messengers to Hezekjah, saving, 10 Thus shall ve sav one of his vine, and every one of his fig-tree, and to Hezekiah the king of Judah, as followeth. Let not drink ve every one the waters of his cistern: 17 Until thy God, in whom thou trustest, deceive thee, saving, I come and take you away to a land like your own Jerusalem shall not be given up into the hand of the land, a land of corn and wine, a land of bread and king of Assyria. 11 Behold, thou thyself hast heard vineyards. 18 So that Hezekiah may not mislead you, what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands saying, The Lord will deliver us. Have the gods of the by destroying them utterly: and thou alone shouldst nations delivered each his land out of the hand of the be delivered? 12 Have the gods of the nations which king of Assyria? 19 Where are the gods of Chamath my fathers destroyed delivered them, as Gozan, and and Arpad? where are the gods of Sepharvayim? and Charan, and Rezeph, and the children of 'Eden, who have they then delivered Samaria out of my hand? 20 were in Thelassar? 13 Where is the king of Chamath. Who are they among all the gods of these countries, and the king of Arpad, and the king of the city of that have delivered their country out of my hand, that Sepharvavim, of Hena', and 'Ivvah? 14 And Hezekiah the Lord should deliver Jerusalem out of my hand? took the letter out of the hand of the messengers, 21 But they remained silent, and answered him not a and read it: and Hezekiah went up unto the house of word; for it was the king's command, saving. Ye shall the Lord, and spread it out before the Lord, 15 And not answer him. 22 Then came Elyakim the son of Hezekiah prayed unto the Lord, saying, 16 O Lord of Chilkiyahu, that was superintendent over the house, hosts, the God of Israel, who dwellest between the the recorder, to Hezekiah with their clothes rent; and the kingdoms of the earth; [for] it is thou who hast they told him the words of Rabshakeh.

**27** 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 the Lord. 2 And he sent Elyakim, who was superintendent over the house, and Shebna the scribe, and the elders of the priests, covered with sackcloth, to Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet. 3 And they said unto him, Thus hath said Hezekiah, A day of trouble, and of rebuke, and of derision is this day; for the children are come to the birth, and there is not strength to bring forth. 4 Perhaps the Lord thy God will hear the words of Rabshakeh, whom the king of Assyria his master hath sent to blaspheme the living God, and who hath reproached with the words which the Lord thy God hath heard: wherefore lift up a prayer for the remnant that is still found here. 5 And the servants of king Hezekiah came to Isaiah. 6 And Isaiah said unto them. Thus shall ve say unto your master. Thus hath said the Lord, Be not afraid because of the words which thou hast heard, with which the boys of the king of Assyria have blasphemed me. 7 Behold, I will put an [other] spirit in him, and when he will hear a rumor, he shall return to his own land; and I will cause him to fall by the sword in his own land. 8 And Rabshakeh returned, and found the king of Assyria warring against Libnah; for he had heard that he was departed from Lachish. 9 And he heard it said of

and Shebna the scribe, and Yoach the son of Assaph, cherubim, thou art the [true] God, thou alone, for all made the heavens and earth. 17 Bend down. O Lord. thy ear, and hear; open, O Lord, thy eye, and see: and hear all the words of Sennacherib, which he hath sent to blaspheme the living God. 18 Truly, Lord, the kings of Assyria have devastated all the nations, and their land: 19 And they have placed their gods into the fire: for they are no gods, but the work of man's hands. wood and stone; and these have they destroyed. 20 And now, O Lord our God, save us out of his hand, that all the kingdoms of the earth may know that thou art the Lord, thou alone. 21 Then sent Isaiah the son of Amoz unto Hezekiah, saying, Thus hath said the Lord the God of Israel, Whereas thou hast prayed to me concerning Sennacherib the king of Assyria: 22 This is the word that the Lord hath spoken over him: She despiseth thee, she laugheth thee to scorn, the virgin daughter of Zion; behind she shaketh her head, the daughter of Jerusalem. 23 Whom hast thou blasphemed, and [whom] hast thou scorned? and against whom hast thou raised thy voice, and lifted up thy eyes on high? against the Holy One of Israel. 24 Through thy servants hast thou blasphemed the Lord, and hast said, With the multitude of my chariots am I indeed come up to the height of the mountains, to the sides of Lebanon; and I will cut down its tall cedars, the choice of its fir-trees; and I will enter into the height of its summit, the forest of its fruitful soil. 25 I have dug, and drunk water: and I will dry up with the sole of my feet all the streams of besieged places.

26 Hadst thou not heard, that in distant ages I had heart, and have done what is good in thy eyes. And chaddon his son became king in his stead.

38 In those days Hezekiah fell sick unto death; and there came unto him Isaiah the son of Amoz, the prophet, and said unto him, Thus hath said the Lord. Give thy charge to thy house: for thou shalt die. and not live. 2 Then did Hezekiah turn his face to the wall, and prayed unto the Lord. 3 And he said, O Lord, I beseech thee remember now that I have walked before thee in truth, and with an undivided

prepared this? in the times of antiquity when I formed Hezekiah wept aloud. 4 Then came the word of the it? now have I brought it along, and it came to pass to Lord to Isaiah, saying, 5 Go, and say to Hezekiah, desolate into ruinous heaps fortified cities. 27 And Thus hath said the Lord, the God of David thy father, I thus their inhabitants were of short power, they were have heard thy prayer, I have seen thy tears: behold, discouraged and confounded: they were as the herbs I will add unto thy days fifteen years. 6 And out of the of the field, and as the green grass; as the moss on hand of the king of Assyria will I deliver thee and this the housetops, and as corn blasted before the ear city; and I will shield this city. 7 And this shall be unto appeareth. 28 But thy abiding, and thy going out, and thee the sign from the Lord, that the Lord will do this thy coming in do I know, and thy raging against me. thing which he hath spoken: 8 Behold, I will cause 29 Because of thy raging against me, and thy tumult, the shadow of the degrees, which is gone down on that is come up into my ears, will I put my hook in the dial of Achaz by the sun, to return backward ten thy nose, and my bridle between thy lips, and I will degrees. So the sun returned ten degrees, by the cause thee to turn back on the way by which thou degrees which he was gone down. 9 The writing of camest. 30 And this shall be unto thee the sign. Ye Hezekiah the king of Judah, when he had been sick. shall eat this year what groweth of itself, and in the and was recovered of his sickness: 10 I had said, second year what springeth after the same; and in In the midst of my days, must I enter the gates of the third year sow, and reap, and plant vinevards, the nether world: I am deprived of the residue of my and eat their fruit. 31 And the remnant of the house of years. (Sheol h7585) 11 I had said, I shall not see the Judah that is escaped shall yet strike root downward, Lord, the Lord, in the land of the living: I shall not and bear fruit upward. 32 For out of Jerusalem shall behold man any more among the inhabitants of the go forth a remnant, and that which escapeth out of regions of death. 12 My dwelling is broken down, and Mount Zion: the zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this. is removed from me as a shepherd's tent: I have cut 33 Therefore thus hath said the Lord concerning the off, like a weaver, my life; with pining sickness will king of Assyria, He shall not come into this city, and he snatch me away: from day until night wilt thou he shall not shoot an arrow thereon, nor come before make an end of me. 13 I waited [with patience] till it with shields, nor cast up an embankment against it. morning, [whether] as a lion, so would he break all 34 On the way by which he came, by the same shall my bones; from day until night wilt thou make an end he return, and into this city shall he not come, saith of me. 14 Like a swallow or a crane, so did I chirp; I the Lord. 35 And I will shield this city to save it for my did moan like a dove; my eyes were lifted up on high: own sake, and for the sake of David my servant. 36 O Lord, I am oppressed; grant me ease. 15 What Then went out an angel of the Lord, and smote in shall I speak? he hath promised it unto me, and he the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty hath also accomplished it; I will make pilgrimages [to and five thousand men; and when people arose early God's house] all my years because of the bitterness in the morning, behold, they were all dead corpses. of my soul. 16 O Lord, by these [things men] will live, 37 And Sennacherib the king of Assyria departed, and in all these [things] is the life of my spirit: so wilt and went and returned, and dwelt at Nineveh. 38 thou give me health, and cause me to live. 17 Behold, And it came to pass, as he was prostrating himself for peace I had great bitterness; but thou hast, in in the house of Nisroch his god, that Adrammelech loving my soul, delivered it from the pit of corruption: and Sharezer his sons smote him with the sword; for thou hast cast behind thy back all my sins. 18 For and they escaped into the land of Ararat. And Essar- the nether world will not thank thee, death will not praise thee: they that go down into the pit will not hope for thy truth. (Sheol h7585) 19 The living, the living alone shall thank thee, like me this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth. 20 The Lord is there to help me; therefore we will play my hymns all the days of our life in the house of the Lord. 21 And Isaiah had said. Let them take a lump of figs. and lay it for a plaster upon the inflammation, and he shall recover. 22 And Hezekiah had said. What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord?

**20** At that time sent Merodach-baladan, the son tidings to Jerusalem; lift it up, be not afraid: sav unto present to Hezekiah; for he had heard that he had Behold, the Lord Eternal will come with might, and his been sick, and was become strong again. 2 And arm ruleth for him; behold, his reward is with him. Hezekiah was rejoiced on their account, and showed and his recompense before him. 11 Like a shepherd them his treasure-house, the silver, and the gold, will he feed his flock: with his arm will he gather the and the spices, and the precious oil, and the whole lambs, and in his bosom will he carry them, will he of his armor-house, and all that was found in his lead gently those that suckle their young, 12 Who hath treasures: there was nothing that Hezekiah showed measured in the hollow of his hand the waters, and them not, in his house, and in all his dominion. 3 meted out the heavens with the span, and comprised Then came Isaiah the prophet unto king Hezekiah, in a measure the dust of the earth, and weighed in the and said unto him, What did these men say? and scale-beam the mountains, and the hills in balances? whence did they come unto thee? And Hezekiah said. 13 Who hath meted out the Spirit of the Lord? and From a far-off country are they come unto me, from [who was] his counsellor that he could have given Babylon, 4 And he said. What did they see in thy him information? 14 With whom took he counsel, that house? And Hezekiah said, all that is in my house he gave him understanding, and taught him the path have they seen; there is nothing that I did not show of justice, and taught him knowledge, and caused them in my treasures, 5 And Isaiah said to Hezekiah, him to know the way of understanding? 15 Behold. Hear the word of the Lord of hosts. 6 Behold, days nations are as a drop out of a bucket, and as the are coming when all that is in thy house, and that small dust of the balance are they accounted: behold, which thy fathers have laid up in store until this day, isles are like the flying dust. 16 And Lebanon is not shall be carried to Babylon: nothing shall be left, saith sufficient for burning, and its beasts do not suffice for the Lord. 7 And of thy sons that will issue from thee, burnt-offering, 17 All the nations are as naught before whom thou wilt beget, shall they take; and they shall him; less than nothing, and vanity are they accounted be court-servants in the palace of the king of Babylon, to him, 18 To whom then will ve liken God? or what 8 Then said Hezekiah to Isaiah. Good is the word of likeness will ve compare unto him? 19 The graven the Lord which thou hast spoken. He said moreover, image the artificer hath cast and the goldsmith hath For there shall be peace and stability in my days.

**1** Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. 2 Speak ye [comfort] to the heart of Jerusalem, and call out unto her, that her time of sorrow is accomplished, that her iniquity is atoned for: for she hath received from the hand of the Lord double for all her sins. 3 A voice calleth out, In the wilderness make ye clear the way of the Lord, make straight in the desert a highway for God. 4 Every valley shall be raised, and every mountain and hill shall be made low; and the crooked shall be made a straight path, and the rough places a plain: 5 And the glory of the Lord shall be revealed; and all flesh shall see it together; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it. 6 A voice saith. Proclaim: and he saith. What shall I proclaim? all flesh is grass, and all its goodliness is as the flower of the field: 7 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; because the breath of the Lord hath blown upon it: surely the people is grass. 8 The grass withereth, the flower fadeth; but the word of our God will stand firm for ever. 9 Upon a high mountain get thee up, thou that bringest good tidings to Zion; lift up with strength thy voice, thou who bringest good

of Baladan, the king of Babylon, letters and a the cities of Judah, Behold, [here is] your God! 10 overspread it with gold, and fabricated [on it] silver chains. 20 He that is skilled in the choice chooseth a wood that will not rot; he seeketh unto himself a skilful workman to prepare a graven image, that shall not be moved. 21 Know ye not? hath it not been told you from the beginning? have ye not paid attention to the foundations of the earth? 22 [It is he] that dwelleth above the circle of the earth, while its inhabitants are as grasshoppers; that stretched out the heavens as a curtain, and spreadeth them out as a tent to dwell in: 23 That bringeth princes to naught; rendering the judges of the earth as vanity. 24 Yes, they were not yet planted; yea, they were not yet sown; yea, their stem had not yet taken root in the earth: when he but breathed upon them, and they withered, and the storm-wind carrieth them away as stubble. 25 To whom then will ve liken me, that I should be equal to? saith the Holy One. 26 Lift up your eyes on high, and see who hath created these? he that bringeth out their host by number; that calleth them all by name; from the Mighty One not one escapeth. 27 Why wilt thou say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, My way is hidden from the Lord, and my cause hath passed from the cognizance of my God? 28 Dost thou not

know? hast thou not heard? The God of everlasting and beat them small, and shalt render the hills as is the Lord, is the Creator of the ends of the earth; chaff. 16 Thou shalt scatter them, and the wind shall he will not be faint and weary; unsearchable is his carry them away, and the storm shall disperse them; understanding. 29 He giveth to the faint strength; and but thou shalt rejoice in the Lord, in the Holy One of to the powerless he imparteth much might. 30 Though Israel shalt thou glorify thyself. 17 The poor and the youths should grow faint and be weary, and young men should utterly stumble: 31 Yet they that wait upon the Lord shall acquire new strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk, and not become faint.

▲1 Keep silence before me, O islands; and let nations acquire new strength: let them approach, then let them speak, together let us come near to iudgment. 2 Who waked up from the east the man whom righteousness met in his steps? he giveth up nations before him, and maketh him rule over kings; that his sword may render them as the dust, as driven stubble, his bow. 3 He pursueth them, passeth along in safety, by a path which his feet have not gone over before. 4 Who hath wrought and done it? he who called the generations from the beginning; I the Lord, [who am] the first, and with the latest I am the same. 5 The isles saw it, and are afraid; the ends of the earth tremble; they draw near, and come. 6 They help one another; and each one saith to his brother, Be strong! 7 So the smith encouraged the melter, he that smootheth with the hammer him that striketh on the anvil; saving of the solder, It is good; and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved. 8 But thou, Israel, art 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 thee from the midst of its chiefs, 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; be not dismayed, for I am thy God; I strengthen thee, yea, I help thee, yea, I uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. 11 Behold, ashamed and confounded shall be all that were incensed against thee; they shall be as naught and perish—the men that strive with thee. 12 Thou wilt seek them, and shalt not find them, the men that contend with thee; they shall be as naught and as nothing, the men that make war against thee. 13 For I the Lord thy God lay hold of thy right hand; [I am he] who saith unto thee, Fear not, I help thee. 14 Fear not, thou worm Jacob, ye few men of Israel: I myself help thee, saith the Lord, and thy redeemer is the Holy One of Israel, 15 Behold, I have rendered thee a threshing instrument, sharp. new, having many teeth: thou shalt thresh mountains,

valleys fountains; I will change the wilderness into a pool of water, and the dry land into springs of water. 19 I will place in the wilderness the cedar, the acacia, and the myrtle, and the oil-tree; I will set in the desert the fir-tree, the pine and the box-tree together: 20 In order that they may see, and know and take lit to heart], and comprehend together, that the hand of the Lord hath done this, and the Holy One of Israel hath created it. 21 Produce your cause, saith the Lord: bring forward your strong reasons, saith the King of Jacob. 22 Let them bring them forward and tell us what shall happen: the former things—what are they?-tell us, that we may take it to heart, and know the result of them; or let us hear the things that are to come. 23 Tell the events that are to happen hereafter, that we may know that ye are gods: yea, do good, or do evil, that we may be astonished, and see it together. 24 Behold, ye are less than nothing, and your work less than a breath: [he that is] an abomination [alone] chooseth you. 25 I have waked up one from the north, and he cometh; from the rising of the sun one who will call on my name: and he shall [over-]come princes as mortar, and as the potter treadeth down the clay. 26 Who hath told it from the beginning, that we may know it? and aforetimes, that we may say, "it is right?" but indeed there is none that telleth, indeed there is none that letteth us hear, indeed there is none that heareth your words. 27 The first [was I to say] to Zion, Behold, there they are; and to Jerusalem will I give one that bringeth good tidings. 28 And I ever look, and there is no man; and among these there is no counsellor, that they could answer a word. 29 Behold, they all are naught; their works are nothing: wind and vanity are their molten images.

**42** Behold my servant, whom I will uphold; my elect, in whom my soul delighteth: I have put my spirit upon him, that he may bring forth justice to the nations. 2 He shall not cry, nor call out aloud, nor cause his voice to be heard in the street. 3 A cracked reed will he not break, and a dimly burning wick will he not quench: unto truth shall he bring forth justice.

have established justice on earth; and the isles shall prev, and none delivereth; for a spoil, and none saith, wait for his law. 5 Thus hath said God the Lord, he Restore, 23 Who among you will give ear to this? will that created the heavens, and stretched them out: hearken and listen, for the time to come? 24 Who he that spread forth the earth, and the things which gave up Jacob for a spoil, and Israel to plunderers? come out of it; he that giveth breath unto the people was it not the Lord? he it is against whom we have upon it, and spirit to those that walk thereon: 6 I the sinned; for they would not walk in his ways, neither Lord have called thee in righteousness, and will lay did they hearken unto his law. 25 Therefore hath he hold on thy hand, and will keep thee, and appoint poured out over him the fury of his anger, and the thee for a covenant of the people, for a light of the strength of battle; and it blazed all round about him. nations: 7 To open blind eyes, to bring out from the vet he regarded it not; and it burnt on him, yet he laid dungeon the prisoner, and out of the prison-house it not to heart. those that dwell in darkness. 8 I am the Everlasting One, that is my name; and my glory will I not give to any other, nor my praise to graven images. 9 The former things, behold, are come to pass; and new things do I announce; before they spring forth I let you hear of them. 10 Sing unto the Lord a new song. his praise from the end of the earth; ve that go down to the sea, and all that filleth it: the isles, and their inhabitants. 11 Let resound with song the wilderness and its cities, the villages which Kedar inhabiteth: let the inhabitants of the rocks sing, let them shout forth from the top of the mountains. 12 Let them give glory unto the Lord, and in the islands declare his praise. 13 The Lord—as a mighty one will he go forth, like a man of war will he arouse his vengeance: he will shout, yea, raise the war-cry; against his enemies will he show his strength. 14 I have a long time held my peace: I have been still, and refrained myself: [now] like a travailing woman will I cry; I will destroy and devour [all] together. 15 I will lay waste mountains and hills, and all their herbs will I dry up; and I will change the rivers into islands, and pools will I dry up. 16 And I will cause the blind to walk on a way that they have not known; on paths that they have not known will I lead them: I will change darkness before them into light, and crooked places into plains. These are the things which I will do, and not leave them [unfulfilled]. 17 They shall be turned back, they shall be ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to molten idols. Ye are our gods. 18 Ye deaf, hear; and ye blind, look up, that ye may see. 19 Who is blind, but my servant? or deaf, as my messenger whom I send? who is blind as he that is perfect, and blind as the servant of the Lord? 20 Thou seest many things. but observest not: the ears are open, but he heareth not. 21 The Lord willed [to do this] for the sake of his righteousness: [therefore] he magnifieth the law, and maketh it honorable. 22 But it is a people robbed and spoiled; they are all of them ensnared in holes, and in

4 He shall not become fatigued and not be faint, till he prison-houses are they hidden; they are become for a

43 But now thus hath said the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by thy name; mine art thou. 2 Whenever thou passest through the waters, I am with thee; and through the rivers. —they shall not overflow thee: whenever thou walkest through the fire, thou shalt not be scorched; neither shall the flame burn on thee. 3 For I am the Lord thy God, the Holy One of Israel, thy Saviour: I have given Egypt for thy ransom. Cush and Seba in place of thee. 4 Since thou art precious in my eyes, art honorable, and I indeed do love thee: therefore will I give men in place of thee, and nations instead of thy soul. 5 Fear not, for I am with thee: from the east will I bring thy seed, and from the west will I gather thee. 6 I will say to the north, Give up; and to the south, Withhold not: bring my sons from afar, and my daughters from the ends of the earth: 7 Every one that is called by my name, and whom I have created for my glory; whom I have formed; yea, whom I have made. 8 Bring forward the blind people that have eyes, and the deaf that have ears. 9 Let all the nations be gathered together, and let the people be assembled: who among them can announce this? and cause us to hear former things? let them bring forth their witnesses, that they may be justified: or let them hear, and say, It is truth. 10 Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen: in order that ye may know and believe me, and understand, that I am he; before me there was no god formed, and after me there will be none. 11 I, I am the Lord; and beside me there is no saviour. 12 I myself have announced it, and I have saved, and I have let it be heard, and there was no strange [god] among you; and ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord. and I am God. 13 Yea, from the [first] day am I he; and there is none that can deliver out of my hand: if I will work, is there one that can hinder it? 14 Thus hath

said the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, For your sake am the first, and I am the last; and beside me there is the curse, and Israel to reproaches.

11 Yet now hear, O Jacob my servant; and Israel, whom I have chosen: 2 Thus hath said the Lord thy Maker, and he that formed thee from the womb. who will help thee, Fear not, O my servant Jacob; and thou Jeshurun, whom I have chosen. 3 For [as] I pour water upon the thirsty [land], and rain-droppings upon the dry ground: [so] will I pour my spirit over thy seed, and my blessing over thy offspring. 4 After they shall spring up [as] among grass, like willows by the water-courses. 5 This one will say, I belong to the Lord; and the other will call himself by the name of Jacob; and the other will inscribe himself with his hand unto the Lord, and surname himself by the name of Israel. 6 Thus hath said the Lord, the king of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts, I

did I send to Babylon, and in swift vessels brought I no god. 7 And who, like me, will announce, and will them all down, and the Chaldeans, in the ships of tell it, and set it in order for me, since I appointed their joyful song. 15 I am the Lord, the Holy One, the people of ancient times? and the future things. the Creator of Israel, your King. 16 Thus hath said and those which are to happen, —let them foretell the Lord, who maketh a way in the sea, and a path unto them. 8 Have no dread, and do not despond; in the mighty waters; 17 Who bringeth forth chariot have I not long since informed thee, and have told and horse, army and power: together shall they lie it? and ye are my witnesses: Is there a god beside down, they shall not rise up again; they are extinct, me? yea, there is no rock, whom I know not. 9 The like a wick are they quenched. 18 Remember not the makers of graven images are all vanity; and their former things, and ancient events regard no more. 19 costly idols cannot profit; and they are their own Behold, I will do a new thing; now shall it spring forth; witnesses, that they see not and know not, in order will ye not acknowledge it? I will even make in the that they may be ashamed. 10 Who hath formed wilderness a way, and in the desert rivers. 20 The a god, or cast an image that profiteth nothing? 11 beasts of the field shall honor me, the monsters and Behold, all his associates shall be ashamed, for the the ostriches; because I give waters in the wilderness, workmen themselves are but men: let them all be rivers in the desert, to give drink to my people, my gathered, let them stand up, they shall be terrified, elect: 21 This people which I have formed for myself: they shall be ashamed together. 12 The iron-smith my praise shall they relate. 22 But on me hast thou [maketh] an axe and worketh it in the coals, and with not called, O Jacob; for thou art become weary of me, hammers he fashioneth it, and worketh it with his O Israel. 23 Thou hast not brought unto me the lamb powerful arm; he also, when he is hungry, loseth his of thy burnt-offerings; and with thy sacrifices hast strength: when he drinketh no water, he becometh thou not honored me: I have not troubled thee with faint. 13 The worker in wood stretcheth out the rule: meat-offerings, nor wearied thee with frankincense. he marketh it out with chalk; he fitteth it with planes, 24 Thou hast not bought for me sweet cane, and with and he marketh it out with the compass, and maketh the fat of thy sacrifices hast thou not satisfied me; it after the figure of a man, after the beauty of a child but thou hast troubled me with thy sins, thou hast of earth, that it may dwell in a house. 14 He felleth wearied me with thy iniquities, 25 l, it is I that blot out for himself cedars, and taketh cypress and oak, and thy transgressions for my own sake, and thy sins I he chooseth for himself the strongest among the will not remember. 26 Put me in remembrance; let us trees of the forest; he planteth an ash, and the rain plead together: relate thou, in order that thou mayest causeth it to grow. 15 Then doth it serve a man for be justified. 27 Thy first father did sin, and they that burning; and he taketh thereof, and warmeth himself; plead for thee transgressed against me. 28 Therefore he also heateth therewith, and baketh bread; he also do I profane the holy princes, and I give up Jacob to worketh out a god, and boweth himself; he maketh of it an image, and kneeleth down thereto. 16 The half thereof hath he burnt in fire; with the half thereof will he eat flesh; he will roast food, and be satisfied; he will also warm himself, and say, Aha, I am warm, I have felt the fire: 17 And the residue thereof hath he made into a god, his graven image; he kneeleth down unto it, and boweth himself, and prayeth unto it, and saith, Deliver me; for my god art thou. 18 They know not, they understand not; for their eyes are daubed over, that they cannot see; their hearts, that they cannot understand. 19 And he layeth it not to heart, and hath no knowledge, no understanding, to say. The half thereof have I burnt in fire; and I have also baked upon its coals bread: I [now] will roast flesh, and eat it: and shall I make of its residue an abomination, before a block of wood shall I kneel? 20 He pursueth ashes; a deceived heart hath turned him

aside; and he cannot deliver his soul, and will not [all] be fruitful of prosperity, and let righteousness be built; and the temple's foundation shall be laid.

15 Thus hath said the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom I have taken hold of by his right hand, to subdue nations before him, even the loins of kings will I ungird, to open before him [city-]doors, and gates that they shall not be shut: 2 I myself will go before thee, and proud eminences will I level: doors of brass will I break in pieces, and bolts of iron will I cut asunder. 3 And I will give unto thee the treasures of darkness, and riches hidden in secret places; in order that thou mayest know that I am the Lord, who call thee by thy name, the God of Israel; 4 For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my elect; and I have called thee by thy name: I have designated thee, though thou hast not known me. 5 I am the Lord, and there is none else, beside me there is no god; I assisted thee, though thou hast not known me. 6 In order that they may know from the rising of the sun, and from its setting, that there is nothing without me. I am the Lord, and there is no one else: 7 Forming the light, and creating darkness: making peace, and creating evil: I the Lord do all these things. 8 Drop down ye heavens, and let the skies distil blessing; let the earth open and let them

say, Is there not a lie in my right hand? 21 Remember spring up likewise: I the Lord have created it. 9 Woe these things. O Jacob: and Israel, for thou art my unto him that contendeth with the one who formed servant: I have formed thee to be my servant, thou him—a potsherd among the potsherds of the earth. fart this]: O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten by me. Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it. What 22 I have blotted out, as a vapor, thy transgressions, makest thou? or thy work, He hath no hands? 10 Woe and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have unto him that saith unto [his] father, What begettest redeemed thee. 23 Sing. O ve heavens: for the Lord thou? or to the woman. What bringest thou forth? 11 hath done it; shout, ye lowest depths of the earth; Thus hath said the Lord, the Holy One of Israel, and break forth into singing, ye mountains, O forest, and he who hath formed him, About events to come will every tree therein; for the Lord hath redeemed Jacob, you ask me? concerning my sons, and concerning and on Israel will he glorify himself. 24 Thus hath said the work of my hands will ye command me? 12 the Lord, thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee [When] I myself have made the earth, and created from the womb. I am the Lord that hath made all man upon it; [when] I, even my hands, have stretched things; that hath stretched forth the heavens by myself out the heavens, and I have ordained all their host. alone; that hath spread abroad the earth from my 13 I myself have waked him up in righteousness, and own self; 25 That frustrate the tokens of the liars, and all his ways will I make straight: he shall build my city, confuseth diviners; that turneth the wise backward, and my exiles shall he dismiss free, not for purchaseand maketh their knowledge foolish; 26 That fulfilleth money nor for presents, saith the Lord of hosts. 14 the word of his servant, and performeth the counsel Thus hath said the Lord, The labor of Egypt, and the of his messengers; that saith of Jerusalem, It shall be merchandise of Ethiopia, and of the Sabeans, men inhabited; and of the cities of Judah, They shall be of high stature, shall pass over unto thee, and thine built, and their ruins will I raise up. 27 That saith to the shall they be; behind thee shall they walk; in chains deep, Be dry, and thy rivers will I dry up; 28 That saith shall they pass along, and unto thee shall they bow, of Cyrus, [He is] my shepherd, and all my pleasure unto thee shall they pray, [sayinq] Yea, only among shall be perform; even saving of Jerusalem. It shall thee is God; and there is no one else beside God. 15 Verily thou art a God that hidest thyself, O God of Israel, the Saviour, 16 They are ashamed, and also confounded, all of them: together shall they go to confusion that are makers of idols. 17 [But] Israel shall be helped by the Lord with an everlasting salvation: ve shall not be ashamed and not be confounded unto all eternity. 18 For thus hath said the Lord the creator of the heavens: he, the God that formed the earth and made it; he that hath established it, -not for naught did he create it, to be inhabited did he form it: I am the Lord; and there is no one else. 19 Not on a secret spot have I spoken, in a dark place of the earth: I said not unto the seed of Jacob. Seek ve me for naught; [but] I the Lord speak righteousness, I declare things that are right. 20 Assemble yourselves and come; draw near together, ye escaped fugitives of the nations! They have no knowledge that carry the wood of their graven image, and pray unto a god that cannot save. 21 Tell ye, and bring them near; yea, let them take counsel together: Who hath announced this in ancient times? told it from the beginning? is it not I the Lord? and there is no other god without me. a just god and a savjour; there is none beside me. 22 Turn unto me, so that ve may be helped, all ve ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no one else.

23 By myself have I sworn, righteousness is gone out train, uncover the thigh, pass over the rivers. 3 Thy of my mouth, a word [which] shall not return, That nakedness shall be uncovered, yea, thy shame shall unto me every knee shall bend, every tongue shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not regard swear. 24 Only in the Lord, —shall men say of me, any man. 4 Our redeemer—the Lord of hosts is his —there are righteousness and strength. Unto him name, the Holy One of Israel. 5 Sit thou silent, and shall come and be ashamed all that are incensed enter into darkness, O daughter of the Chaldeans; against him. 25 In the Lord shall be justified, and shall for men shall never more call thee, The mistress of glory themselves all the seed of Israel.

**16** Bel is bowed down, Nebo sinketh, their idols are [delivered] unto the beasts, and unto the cattle: those which were once carried by you are now laden up a burden to the weary beasts. 2 They are sunk, they are bowed down together; they could not deliver the burden, but they themselves are gone into captivity. 3 Hearken unto me, O house of Jacob, and all the remnant of the house of Israel, who are borne Iby mel from their birth, who are carried from the womb; 4 And even unto old age I am the same; and even unto the time of hoary hairs will I bear: I have done it, and I will carry [you]; even I will bear, and deliver you. 5 To whom will ye liken and assimilate me, and compare me, that we may be like? 6 [There are those] that lavish gold out of the bag, and weigh silver in the balance; that hire a melter, that he may make of it a god; they [then] bend the knee, yea, they bow themselves down; 7 They carry him, upon the shoulder they bear him, and set up him in his spot, and he remaineth standing, from his place he doth not move: yea, though one should cry unto him, he cannot answer, out of his trouble he cannot help him. 8 Remember this, and take courage: take it again to heart, O ye transgressors. 9 Remember the former things of olden times; for I am God, and there is no one else; I am God, and there is nothing like me. 10 Declaring from the beginning the end, and from the earliest days the things that have not yet been done, saying, My counsel shall stand firm, and all my pleasure will I do: 11 Calling from the east the eagle, from a far-off country the man of my counsel; yea, I have spoken it, I will also bring it to pass; I have purposed it. I will also execute it. 12 Hearken unto me, ye stout of heart, that are far from righteousness: 13 I have brought near my righteousness; it shall not be far off, and my salvation shall not tarry: and I will grant unto Zion salvation, unto Israel my glory.

47 Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of Babylon; sit on the ground, there is no throne, O daughter of the Chaldeans; for men shall nevermore call thee, Tender and delicate. 2 Take the mill, and grind meal: uncover thy locks, lift up the

kingdoms. 6 I was wroth over my people, I defiled my inheritance, and gave them into thy hand: [yet] thou didst grant them no mercy; upon the aged hast thou laid very heavily thy yoke. 7 And thou saidst, For ever shall I be mistress; until that thou didst not lay these things to thy heart, thou didst not call to mind the result thereof. 8 And now hear this. luxurious one. that dwellest in security, that savest in thy heart, I am. and there is nothing else beside me; I shall not sit as a widow, neither shall I know the loss of children: 9 Yet both these 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, despite of the multitude of thy sorceries, despite of the very great abundance of thy enchantments. 10 And thou didst trust in thy wickedness: thou saidst. No one seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, —these were they that seduced thee; and thou saidst in thy heart, I am, and there is nothing else beside me. 11 And there shall come upon thee an evil, which thou shalt not know how to remove it by prayer; and there shall fall upon thee mischief, which thou shalt not be able to atone for; and there shall come upon thee suddenly desolation, which thou shalt not know. 12 Stand now with thy enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast labored from thy youth; peradventure thou mayest be able to profit, peradventure thou mayest withstand. 13 Thou art wearied with the multitude of thy counsels. Do let now those that divide off the heavens, that look at the stars, that announce [coming] events at new moons, stand up, and save thee from the things that are to come over thee. 14 Behold, they are become as stubble; the fire burneth them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: not a coal shall be left to warm at, no blaze to sit before it. 15 Thus are they become unto thee with whom thou hast labored; those that had commerce with thee from thy youth, wander away every one on his road: there is no one 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 spring of Judah, who swear by the name of

—not in truth, nor in righteousness. 2 For of the sand thy seed, and the offspring of thy body like the holy city they call themselves, and upon the God of pebbles of the sea-shore; yet shall his name not be Israel they stay themselves, —The Lord of hosts is cut off nor destroyed from before me. 20 Go forth out his name. 3 The former things have I declared from of Babylon, flee away from the Chaldeans, with the the beginning; and out of my mouth went they forth, voice of singing declare, announce this, carry it forth and I announced them: suddenly did I accomplish as far as the end of the earth; say, The Lord hath them, and they came to pass: 4 Because I knew redeemed his servant Jacob, 21 And they thirsted not that thou art obstinate, that like an iron sinew is thy when he led them through the deserts; waters out of neck, and thy brow of copper: 5 And I declared it to the rock he let drop down for them; and he cleaved thee from the beginning; before yet it came to pass, the rock, and the waters gushed out, 22 There is no did I let thee hear it: lest thou should say. My idol peace, saith the Lord, unto the wicked. hath done these things, and my graven image, and my molten image, have ordained them, 6 Thou hast heard it: see it all now: and vou-will vou not declare it? I caused thee to hear new things, from this time, even hidden things which thou hadst not known. 7 Now are they created, and not from the beginning: and before the day [that I announced them] thou heardest them not: lest thou shouldest say. Behold, I knew them. 8 But neither hadst thou heard it; nor didst thou know: nor had in ancient times thy ear been opened; for I knew that thou wouldst deal very treacherously, and a transgressor wast thou called from thy birth. 9 For the sake of my name will I defer my anger, and because of my praise will I restrain it toward thee, so that I may not cut thee off. 10 Behold, I have refined thee, though not into silver: I have approved thee in the crucible of affliction. 11 For my own sake will I do it: for how would [my name] be dishonored? and my glory will I not give unto another. 12 Hearken unto me, O Jacob, and Israel, my called one: I am he: I am the first, I also am the last, 13 My hand also hath laid the foundation of the earth, and my right hand hath spanned out the heavens: I call unto them, they stand forward together. 14 Assemble vourselves, all of you, and hear: Who among them hath told these things? He whom the Lord loveth, will do his pleasure on Babylon, and [display] his arm [on] the Chaldeans. 15 I, even I, have spoken it, I have also called him: I have brought him, and he shall be prosperous on his way. 16 Come ve near unto me, hear ve this; never from the beginning have I spoken in secret: from the time that it occurred, was I there. And now the Lord Eternal hath sent me, and his Spirit. 17 Thus hath said the Lord, thy Redeemer. the Holy One of Israel. I am the Lord thy God who teach thee for thy profit, who lead thee by the way thou shouldst go. 18 Oh that thou hadst but listened to my commandments! then would have been as a river thy peace, and thy prosperity as the waves

the Lord, and make mention of the God of Israel, of the sea: 19 And then would have been as the

49 Hearken, O isles, unto me; and listen, ve people. from afar: The Lord hath called me from my birth: from my mother's womb hath he made mention of my name. 2 And he hath rendered my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand hath he hidden me: and he hath rendered me as a polished arrow; in his guiver hath he concealed me; 3 And said unto me. My servant art thou. O Israel, thou on whom I will be glorified. 4 But I had indeed said. For no purpose have I labored, for naught and vanity have I spent my strength; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and the recompense of my work with my God. 5 And now hath said the Lord that formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob again to him, that Israel may be gathered unto him, that I should be honored in the eyes of the Lord, while my God was my strength, — 6 And he said. It is too light a thing that thou shouldst be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob, and to bring back the preserved of Israel! but I will [also] appoint thee for a light to the nations. that my salvation may reach as far as the end of the earth. 7 Thus hath said the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel, his Holy One, to him who is despised by men. to him who is abhorred by nations, to the servant of rulers, Kings shall see it and rise up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, for the sake of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who hath made choice of thee. 8 Thus hath said the Lord, In the time of favor have I answered thee, and on the day of salvation have I helped thee; and I will preserve thee. and I will appoint thee as a people of my covenant to raise up the land, to divide out desolate heritages: 9 When I say to the prisoners. Go forth: to those that are in darkness. Show yourselves. On the roads shall they feed, and on all mountain-peaks shall be their pasture. 10 They shall not be hungry nor thirsty, and neither heat nor sun shall smite them; for he that hath mercy on them will lead them, and by springs

my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be face toward the earth shall they bow down to thee, on you; in pain shall ve lie down. and the dust of thy feet shall they lick up; and thou shalt know that I am the Lord, who will not suffer those who hope in me to be ashamed. 24 Shall the prey be taken from the mighty, or shall the captive of the victor escape? 25 For thus hath said the Lord. Also the captive of the mighty shall be taken away, and the prey of the powerful shall escape; and with those who contend against thee will I contend, and thy children will I indeed save. 26 And I will feed thy oppressors with their own flesh; and as with new wine shall they be made drunken with their own blood; and all flesh shall know that I the Eternal am thy Saviour. and thy Redeemer the Mighty One of Jacob.

of water will he guide them. 11 And I will change all 50 Thus hath said the Lord, Where is your mother's bill of divorcement, wherewith I have sent her lifted up. 12 Behold, these shall come from afar; and, away? or who of my creditors is it to whom I have lo, these from the north and from the west; and these sold you? behold, for your iniquities were ve sold. from the land of Sinim. 13 Sing. O heavens; and be and for your transgressions was your mother sent joyful, O earth; and break forth, O mountains, into away. 2 Why did I come and no man was there, did I song; for the Lord hath comforted his people, and call, with none to answer? hath my hand become too upon his oppressed will he have mercy. 14 Yet Zion short for redeeming? or is there no power in me to said, the Eternal hath forsaken me, and the Lord hath deliver? behold, through my threatening I can dry up forgotten me. 15 Can a woman forget her sucking the sea, I can change the rivers into a wilderness: child, not to have mercy on the son of her body? their fish stink for want of water, and die for thirst. 3 l yea, should these even forget, yet would I not forget can clothe the heavens with blackness, and I can thee, 16 Behold, upon the palms of my hands have I make sackcloth their garment, 4 The Lord Eternal engraved thee; thy walls are continually before me. hath given me a tongue for teaching, that I should 17 Thy children come in haste: thy destroyers and know how to strengthen the weary with the word: they that laid thee waste shall go away from thee. 18 he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth my Lift up thy eyes round about, and see; they all are ear to listen like those who are well taught. 5 The assembled together, they come to thee: as I live. Lord Eternal hath opened me my ear, and I resisted saith the Lord, thou shalt surely clothe thyself with not: I turned not backward. 6 My back I gave up to them all, as with an ornament, and bind them on the smiters, and my cheeks to those that plucked off thee, as a bride. 19 For thy ruins and thy desolate the hair: my face I hid not from abuse and spitting. places, and thy wasted land, —yea, now shall it be 7 But the Lord Eternal ever helpeth me; therefore too narrow for thee by reason of the inhabitants, and was I not confounded; therefore have I rendered my thy destroyers shall be far away. 20 Yet again will face like a flint, and I knew that I should not be made say before thy ears the children of whom thou wast ashamed. 8 He that justifieth me is near; who will deprived. The place is too narrow for me: make room, contend with me? let us stand forward together: who for me that I may dwell. 21 And thou wilt say in thy hath a dispute with me? let him come near to me. 9 heart. Who hath born me these, seeing I was bereft of Behold, the Lord Eternal will help me; who is the man my children, and was solitary, an exile, and outcast? that will condemn me? lo, they all shall wear out as and who hath brought up these? Behold, I was left a garment: the moth shall eat them up. 10 Who is entirely alone; these, where have they been? 22 Thus among you that feareth the Lord, that hearkeneth to hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will lift up to the the voice of his servant? though he have walked in nations my hand, and to the people will I raise up darkness, and had no light; let him trust in the name high my standard; and they shall bring thy sons in of the Lord, and lean for support upon his God. 11 [their] arms, and thy daughters shall be carried upon Behold, all ye that kindle fire, that urge on the brands: shoulders. 23 And kings shall be thy nursing-fathers, walk by the blaze of your fire, and by the brands ye and their princesses thy nursing-mothers; with the have kindled; from my hand hath this been bestowed

> **51** Hearken to me, ye that pursue righteousness, that seek the Lord: look unto the rock whence ye were hewn, and to the hole of the pit whence ve were dug up. 2 Look unto Abraham your father, and unto Sarah that bore you; for he was one when I called him, and I blessed him, and I increased him. 3 Yea, the Lord hath comforted Zion; he hath comforted all her ruins; and he hath made her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord: gladness and joy shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of song. 4 Listen unto me, my people; and O my nation, give ear unto me; for a law shall

light of the people. 5 My righteousness is near; my and sword—with whom shall I comfort thee? 20 Thy salvation goeth forth, and my arms shall judge the children have fainted, they lie at the entrance of all people; on me the isles shall wait, and for my arm streets, as a wild bull caught in a net. [they are those] shall they hope. 6 Lift up your eyes to the heavens, who are full of the fury of the Lord, the threatening of and look upon the earth beneath; for the heavens thy God. 21 Therefore hear now this, O thou afflicted, shall vanish away like smoke, and the earth shall and drunken, but not with wine. 22 Thus hath said thy wear out like a garment, and they that dwell thereon Lord, the Eternal, and thy God, who will ever plead shall die in like manner; but my salvation shall exist for his people, Behold, I have taken out of thy hand for ever, and my righteousness shall not be delayed. the cup of confusion, the deep cup of my fury: thou 7 Hearken unto me, ye that know righteousness, O shalt never more drink it again. 23 And I will place people in whose heart my law is: ye must not fear the it in the hand of those who have tortured thee, that reproach of men, and of their revilings shall ye not be have said to thy soul, Bend thee down, that we may in dread. 8 For like a garment shall the moth eat them pass over; and thou madest like the earth thy back. up, and like wool shall the worm eat them; but my and like the street for those that passed over. righteousness shall exist for ever, and my salvation from generation to generation. 9 Awake, awake, put on strength. O arm of the Lord: awake, as in the ancient days, in the generations of olden times. Art thou not it that struck down Rahab, that pierced the crocodile? 10 Art thou not it that dried up the sea, the waters of the great deep; that rendered the depths of the sea a road for the redeemed to pass through? 11 And [so] shall the ransomed of the Lord return, and come to Zion with song, with everlasting joy upon their head; gladness and joy shall they obtain, while sorrow and sighing shall have fled away. 12 I. I am he that comforteth you: who art thou, that thou shouldst be afraid of a mortal that must die, and of a son of man who will wither as the grass? 13 And thou forgettest the Lord, thy Maker, who hath spread out the heavens, and laid the foundations of the earth; and thou dreadest continually, all the day, because of the fury of the oppressor, whenever he aimeth to destroy: and where is [now] the fury of the oppressor? 14 The exile will be speedily set free; and he shall not die in the dungeon, and his bread shall not fail. 15 For I am the Lord thy God, who stirreth up the sea that its waves roar: the Lord of hosts is his name. 16 And I have placed my words in thy mouth, and with the shadow of my hand have I covered thee: to plant the heavens, and to lay the foundations of the earth, and to say to Zion, Thou art my people. 17 Rouse up, rouse up, arise, O Jerusalem, thou who hast drunk from the hand of the Lord the cup of his fury: the deep cup of confusion hast thou drunk, hast thou drained. 18 There is none to lead her, from all the children whom she hath born; and there is none that taketh her by the hand, from all the children whom she hath brought up. 19 Two things are these which have befallen thee: who will have compassion

proceed from me, and my justice will I establish as a for thee? desolation and destruction, and famine

**52** Awake, awake, put on thy strength, O Zion; put on thy beautiful garments, O Jerusalem, thou holy city: for no more shall enter into thee henceforth the uncircumcised and the unclean. 2 Shake thyself free from the dust, arise, sit down, O Jerusalem: loosen thyself from the bands of thy neck, O captive, daughter of Zion. 3 For thus hath said the Lord, For naught were you sold, and without silver shall ve be redeemed. 4 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Into Egypt went my people down aforetimes, to sojourn there, and Asshur hath oppressed it without cause. 5 And now what have I here, saith the Lord, since my people hath been taken away for naught? its rulers vaunt aloud, saith the Lord, and continually, all the day, is my name blasphemed. 6 Therefore shall my people know my name, therefore on that day, that I am he that speaketh it: here am I. 7 How beautiful are upon the mountains the feet of the messenger of good tidings, that publisheth peace, that announceth tidings of happiness, that publisheth salvation, that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth. 8 The voice of thy watchmen, —they raise their voice, together shall they shout; for eye to eye shall they see, when the Lord returneth unto Zion. 9 Break forth [in song]. shout together, ye ruins of Jerusalem; the Lord hath comforted his people, he hath redeemed Jerusalem. 10 The Lord hath made bare his holy arm before the eves of all the nations: and all the ends of the earth shall see the salvation of our God. 11 Depart ye, depart ye, go out from there, touch no unclean thing; go ve out from the midst of it; cleanse yourselves, ve bearers of the vessels of the Lord. 12 Not in haste shall ve go out, and not in flight shall ve go; for before you goeth the Lord, and your rereward is the God of Israel. 13 Behold, my servant shall be prosperous,

high. 14 Just as many were astonished at thee, so befall him. greatly was his countenance marred more than any lotherl man's, and his form more than Ithat ofl the sons of men, — 15 Thus will he cause many nations to jump up in [astonishment]; at him will kings shut their mouth; for what had not been told unto them shall they see, and what they had never heard shall they understand.

revealed? 2 Yea, he grew up like a small shoot before was despised and shunned by men; a man of pains, him not. 4 But only our diseases did he bear himself,

he shall be exalted and extolled, and be placed very the sin of many, and for the transgressors he let [evil]

**54** Sing, O barren one, that thou hast not born: break forth into song, and rejoice aloud, that thou hast not travailed: for more are the children of the desolate than the children of the married wife, saith the Lord. 2 Enlarge the space of thy tent, and let them stretch forth the curtains of thy habitations, —spare not: lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes; 53 Who would have believed our report? and 3 For to the right and to the left shalt thou spread the arm of the Lord—over whom hath it been forth; and thy seed shall drive out nations, desolate cities shall they repeople. 4 Fear not, for thou shalt him, and as a root out of a dry land: he had no form not be made ashamed; and be not confounded. for nor comeliness, so that we should look at him; and thou shalt not be put to the blush; for the shame of no countenance, so that we should desire him. 3 He thy youth shalt thou forget, and the reproach of thy widowhood shalt thou not remember any more. 5 For and acquainted with disease; and as one who hid his thy husband is thy Maker, the Lord of hosts is his face from us was he despised, and we esteemed name; and thy Redeemer is the Holv One of Israel. "The God of all the earth," shall he be called. 6 For and our pains he carried: while we indeed esteemed as a woman forsaken and grieved in spirit did the him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. 5 Yet he Lord call thee back, and as a wife of youth, that was was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised rejected, saith thy God. 7 But for a brief moment have for our iniquities: the chastisement for our peace I forsaken thee; but with great mercies will I again was upon him; and through his bruises was healing receive thee. 8 In a little wrath did I hide my face for granted to us. 6 We all like sheep went astray; every a moment from thee; but with everlasting kindness one to his own way did we turn; and the Lord let will I have mercy on thee, saith thy Redeemer the befall him the guilt of us all. 7 He was oppressed, Lord. 9 For as the waters of Noah is this unto me; and he was also taunted, yet he opened not his as I have sworn that the waters of Noah should no mouth; like the lamb which is led to the slaughter, more pass over the earth: so have I sworn that I and like an ewe before her shearers is dumb; and he would not be wroth with thee, nor rebuke thee. 10 opened not his mouth. 8 Through oppression and For the mountains may depart, and the hills may be through judicial punishment was he taken away; but removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee. his generation—who could tell, that he was cut away neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, out of the land of life, [that] for the transgressions saith he that hath mercy on thee, the Lord. 11 O thou of my people the plague was laid on him? 9 And afflicted, tossed by the tempest, and not comforted. he let his grave be made with the wicked, and with behold, I will lay thy stones with fair colors, and lav the [godless] rich at his death; although he had thy foundations with sapphires. 12 And I will make of done no violence, and there was no deceit in his rubies thy battlements, and thy gates into carbunclemouth. 10 But the Lord was pleased to crush him stones, and all thy borders into precious stones. 13 through disease: when [now] his soul hath brought And all thy children shall be disciples of the Lord: the trespass-offering, then shall he see [his] seed, and great shall be the peace of thy children. 14 In live many days, and the pleasure of the Lord shall righteousness shalt thou be established: keep far prosper in his hand. 11 [Freed] from the trouble of from oppression, for thou shalt not fear; and from his soul shall he see [the good] and be satisfied: terror, for it shall not come near unto thee. 15 Behold, through his knowledge shall my righteous servant they that assemble together, are nothing without me: bring the many to righteousness, while he will bear whatsoever assembleth together against thee shall their iniquities. 12 Therefore will I divide him [a portion] fall under thy power. 16 Behold, I have created the with the many, and with the strong shall he divide the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that spoil; because he poured out his soul unto death, and bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have with transgressors was he numbered: while he bore also created the waster to destroy. 17 No weapon

that is formed against thee shall prosper; and every not violating it, and keepeth his hand from doing any Lord.

**55** Ho, every one of ye that thirsteth, come ye to the water, and he too that hath no money: come ve. buy, and eat; vea, come, buy without money and without price wine and milk. 2 Wherefore will ye spend money for what is not bread? and your labor for what satisfieth not? hearken then unto me, and eat what 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 with you an everlasting covenant, the promised mercies of David, which are sure. 4 Behold, for a lawgiver unto the people have I appointed him, a prince and commander to the people. 5 Behold, a nation thou knowest not shalt thou call, and a nation that knew thee not shall run unto thee: for the sake of the Lord thy God, and for the Holy One of Israel, for he hath glorified thee. 6 Seek ye the Lord, while he may be found, call ye on him, while he is near. 7 Let the wicked forsake his way. and the man of unrighteousness his thoughts; and let him return unto the Lord, and he will have mercy upon him, and unto our God, for he will abundantly pardon. 8 For not my thoughts are your thoughts, and not your ways are my ways, saith the Lord, 9 For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways, and my thoughts above your thoughts. 10 For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and return not thither, but water the earth, and render it fruitful, and cause it to bring forth plants: and give seed to the sower and bread to him that eateth: 11 So shall ever be my word which goeth forth from my mouth, it shall not return unto me without effect; but it accomplisheth what I desire, and it prospereth in that whereto I have sent it. 12 For in iov shall ve go out, and in peace shall ve be brought home: the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the fir-tree, and instead of the nettle shall come up the myrtle: and it shall be unto the Lord for a name. for a sign of everlasting that shall not be cut off.

56 Thus hath said the Lord, Keep ye justice, and do equity: for near is my salvation to come, and my righteousness to be revealed. 2 Happy is the mortal that ever doth this, and the son of man that ever layeth hold on it: that keepeth the sabbath by

tongue that will rise against thee in judgment thou evil. 3 And let not say the son of the stranger, that shalt condemn. This is the heritage of the servants of joineth himself unto the Lord, saving, Surely the Lord the Lord, and their due reward from me, saith the will exclude me from his people; nor let the eunuch say. Behold, I am a dry tree. 4 For thus hath said the Lord concerning the eunuchs that keep my sabbaths, and make choice of what pleaseth me, and take hold of my covenant. 5 I will indeed give unto them in my house and within my walls a place and a name. better than sons and daughters: an everlasting name will I give them, that shall not be cut off. 6 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves unto the Lord, to serve him, and to love the name of the Lord. to be unto him as servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath by not violating it, and those who take hold of my covenant: 7 Even these will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices shall be accepted upon my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations. 8 Thus saith the Lord Eternal who gathereth the outcasts of Israel, I will yet gather [others] to him, beside his own gathered [outcasts]. 9 All ve beasts of the field. come to devour, [yea, ] all ye beasts in the forest. 10 His watchmen are all of them blind, they know nothing: they all are dumb dogs, they cannot bark: dreamers, lying down, loving to slumber. 11 But the dogs are of a greedy disposition, they know not how to be satisfied; and those are shepherds that know how to understand: they all turn to their own way. every one after his gain, from all guarters. 12 Come ye, I will fetch wine, and let us swallow abundantly of strong drink; and like this day shall it be tomorrow. excellent and in very great abundance.

> **57** The righteous perisheth, and no man layeth it to heart: and pious men are taken away, without one considering that before the evil the righteous is taken away. 2 He shall come [to his fathers] in peace: they shall repose in their resting-place, every one that walketh in his uprightness. 3 But ye draw near hither, sons of the sorceress, the seed of the adulterer and the harlot. 4 Over whom will you make vourselves merry? concerning whom will you open wide your mouth, stretch out your tongue? are ye not children of transgression, a seed of falsehood, 5 That are inflamed after the idols under every green tree; that slaughter the children in the valleys under the clefts of the rocks? 6 Of the smooth stones of the valley is thy portion; they, they are thy lot; even to them hast thou poured out a drink-offering, hast thou offered a

art gone up, —hast enlarged thy couch, and made draw nigh unto God. 3 "Wherefore have we fasted, thee a covenant with some of them; thou hast loved and thou seest it not? have we afflicted our soul, and and didst not remember me, nor lay it to thy heart? is [rather] the fast that I will choose? to open the snares thee [what deeds would be] thy righteousness; but asunder every yoke? 7 Is it not to distribute thy bread spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the to the hungry thy soul, and satisfy the afflicted soul: wroth: while he went on frowardly in the way of his spring of water, the waters of which will never deceive. There is no peace, saith my God, to the wicked.

**58** Cry with a full throat, spare not, like the cornet lift up thy voice, and declare unto my people

meat-offering. Shall I for these things repent me [of their transgression, and to the house of Jacob their the evil ? 7 Upon a high and lofty mountain hast thou sins. 2 Yet me do they ever seek day by day, and to placed thy couch: even thither wentest thou up to know my ways do they always desire; as a nation offer sacrifice. 8 And behind the doors and the door- that hath done righteousness, and hath not forsaken posts hast thou placed thy [mark of] remembrance: the ordinance of their God; continually do they ask for [departing] from me, thou hast laid open, and of me the ordinances of justice—do they desire to their lying with thee, hast selected a fitting place. 9 thou regardest it not?" Behold, on the day of your And thou didst show thyself unto the king without fasting ye follow your business, and all your acquired ointment, and thou didst multiply thy perfumes, and gains do ye exact. 4 Behold, for contention and strife thou didst send out thy messengers even into the do ye fast, and to smite with the fist of wickedness: far-off distance, and didst debase thyself even down ye fast not so at this day, to cause your voice to be to the nether world. (Sheol h7585) 10 Though thou art heard on high. 5 Is such then the fast which I can wearied by the length of thy way, yet saidst thou not, choose? a day that a man afflicteth his soul? to bend It is useless: thou hadst found enough for thy hand; his head as a bulrush, and to spread sackcloth and therefore didst thou feel no care. 11 And of whom ashes for his couch? wilt thou call this a fast, and hadst thou dread or fear, that thou becamest false, a day of acceptability unto the Lord? 6 Is not this it not so? I kept silence, and this from earliest times, of wickedness, to undo the bands of the yoke, and to and therefore thou fearest me not! 12 I, I ever tell let the oppressed go free, and that ye should break thy works—these indeed will not profit thee. 13 When to the hungry, and that thou bring the afflicted poor thou criest, let thy masses of idols deliver thee; but into thy house! when thou seest the naked, that thou all of them will the wind carry away, a breath will clothe him; and that thou hide not thyself from thy take them off: but he that putteth his trust in me shall own flesh? 8 Then shall break forth as the morningpossess the land, and shall inherit my holy mountain. dawn thy light, and thy healing shall speedily spring 14 And he will say, Cast ve up, cast ve up, clear out forth; and before thee shall go thy righteousness. the way, lift up every stumbling block out of the way the glory of the Lord shall be thy rereward. 9 Then of my people. 15 For thus hath said the high and shalt thou call, and the Lord will answer; thou shalt lofty One, who inhabiteth eternity, whose name is cry, and he will say, Here am I. If thou remove from Holy, In the high and holy place do I dwell, yet also the midst of thee the yoke, the stretching out of the with the contrite and humble of spirit, to revive the finger, and speaking wickedly; 10 And if thou pour out contrite. 16 For not to eternity will I contend, neither then shall shine forth in the darkness thy light, and will I be for ever wroth: when the spirit from before me thy obscurity be as the noonday; 11 And the Lord is overwhelmed, and the souls which I have made. will guide thee continually, and will satisfy thy soul in 17 Because of the iniquity of his covetousness was times of famine, and will strengthen thy bones; and I wroth, and I smote him, hiding my face, and was thou shalt be like a well-watered garden, and like a own heart. 18 I [now] see his ways, and I will heal 12 And they that spring from thee shall build up the him; and I will guide him, and bestow full comforts on ancient ruins; the foundations of many generations him and on his mourners; 19 Creating the fruit of the shalt thou raise up again: and thou shalt be called, lips: Peace, peace to him that is afar off, and to him. The repairer of the breaches, The restorer of paths that is near, saith the Lord; and I will heal him. 20 But to the dwelling-place. 13 If thou restrain thy foot for the wicked are like the troubled sea; for it can never the sake of the sabbath, not doing thy business on be at rest, but its waters cast up mire and dirt. 21 my holy day; and if thou call the sabbath a delight, the holy day of the Lord, honorable; and honor it by not doing thy usual pursuits, by not following thy own business, and speaking [vain] words: 14 Then shalt thou find delight in the Lord; and I will cause

father; for the mouth of the Lord hath spoken it.

**50** Behold, the Lord's hand is not too short to save; neither his ear too heavy for hearing; 2 But your iniquities have ever made a separation between you and your God, and your sins have caused him to hide his face from you, so that he would not hear, 3 For vour hands are defiled with blood, and your fingers with iniquity: your lips have spoken falsehood, your tongue uttereth deception. 4 No one admonisheth with righteousness, and no one executeth justice in truth; men trust in naught, and speak lies; they have conceived mischief, and bring forth wickedness. 5 Basilisk's eggs do they hatch, and spider's webs do they weave: he that eateth of their eggs must die. and if one be crushed, a viper will break forth. 6 Their webs cannot serve for garments, and they cannot clothe themselves with their works: their works are works of wickedness, and the deed of violence is in their hands. 7 Their feet run to what is evil, and they make haste to shed innocent blood: their thoughts are thoughts of wickedness; wasting and destruction are on their highways. 8 The way of peace they know not; and there is no justice on their tracks: their paths they have made unto themselves crooked: whosoever walketh therein knoweth not peace. 9 Therefore is justice far from us, nor will happiness overtake us: we ever hope for light, but behold there is darkness; for brightness, but in obscurity must we walk. 10 We grope like the blind on the wall, and as if we had no eyes do we grope: we stumble at noonday as in the twilight; we are in complete darkness like the dead. 11 We growl all of us like bears, and like doves do we moan sorely; we ever hope for justice, but there is none; for aid, but it is far from us. 12 For our transgressions are numerous in thy presence, and our sins testify against us; for of our transgressions are we aware; and our iniquities—we know them; 13 We transgressed and denied the Lord, and departed away from our God; we spoke oppression and revolt, conceived and brought forth in our heart words of falsehood. 14 And justice is forced to turn backward, and righteousness standeth afar off; for truth stumbled in the street, and equity is not able to enter. 15 And thus is the truth missing; and he that departeth from evil is regarded as foolish: and the Lord saw it, and it was displeasing in his eyes that there was no justice. 16 And he saw that to the Holy One of Israel; because he hath glorified

thee to tread upon the high places of the earth, and I no intercessor; therefore his arm brought him aid, will cause thee to enjoy the inheritance of Jacob thy and his righteousness, —yea, this sustained him. 17 And he put on righteousness as a coat of mail, and [placed] the helmet of salvation upon his head; and he put on the garments of vengeance as raiment. and wrapped himself with zeal as with a cloak. 18 According to the demerits, so will he repay [all], fury to his adversaries, recompense to his enemies; to the islands will he repay what they have merited. 19 And they shall fear from the west the name of the Lord, and from the rising of the sun his glory; for there shall come distress like the stream which the Spirit of the Lord urgeth forward. 20 But unto Zion shall come the redeemer, and unto those who return from transgression in Jacob, saith the Lord, 21 And as for me, this is my covenant with them, saith the Lord, 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 children, nor out of the mouth of thy children's children, saith the Lord, from henceforth and unto all eternity.

60 Arise, give light, for thy light is come; and the glory of the Lord is shining forth over thee. 2 For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth. and a gross darkness the people; but over thee will shine forth the Lord, and his glory will be seen over thee. 3 And nations shall walk by thy light, and kings by the brightness of thy shining. 4 Lift up thy eyes round about and see, they all are assembled, they come to thee, thy sons are coming from afar, and thy daughters are brought along in arms. 5 Then wilt thou see and be filled with light, and thy heart will dread and be enlarged; because unto thee shall be turned the abundance of the sea, the riches of nations shall come unto thee. 6 The multitude of camels shall cover thee, the dromedaries of Midian and 'Ephah; they all from Sheba shall come: gold and frankincense shall they carry, and the praises of the Lord shall they announce. 7 All the flocks of Kedar shall be assembled unto thee, the rams of Nebayoth shall minister unto thee: they shall come for a favorable acceptance [unto me] upon my altar, and the house of my glory will I glorify. 8 Who are these that fly like a cloud, and like the doves, to their windows? 9 Yea, unto me [the inhabitants of] the isles shall hasten, and the ships of Tharshish at first, to bring thy sons from afar, their silver and their gold with them, unto the name of the Lord thy God, and there was no man, and wondered that there was thee. 10 And the sons of the stranger shall build up

shall not be withdrawn; for the Lord will be unto thee nations. for a light of everlasting, and ended shall be the days of thy mourning, 21 And thy people—they all will be righteous, for ever shall they possess the land, the sprout of my planting, the work of my hands, that I may glorify myself. 22 The little one shall become a thousand, and the small, a mighty nation: I the Lord will hasten it in its time.

because the Lord hath anointed me to announce up the broken-hearted, to proclaim to captives Liberty. mourners of Zion, —to give unto them ornament in as a young man espouseth a virgin, so shall thy sons

thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee; for the place of ashes, oil of gladness in the place of in my wrath did I smite thee, but in my favor have I mourning, garments of praise in the place of a grieved had mercy on thee. 11 And thy gates shall stand open spirit; that they may be called, Oaks of righteousness, continually, day and night shall they not be closed, the planting of the Lord, that he may be glorified. 4 to bring unto thee the wealth of nations, and their And they shall build up the ancient ruins, desolate kings led [captive]. 12 For the nation and the kingdom places of former times shall they raise up, and they that will not serve thee shall perish; and the nations shall renew ruined cities, the desolate places of many shall be utterly destroyed. 13 The glory of Lebanon generations. 5 And strangers shall stand and feed shall come unto thee, the fir, the cypress, and the box your flocks, and the sons of the alien shall be your together, to adorn the place of my sanctuary, and the ploughmen and your vintners. 6 But ye, ye shall [resting] place of my feet will I glorify. 14 And then be called, Priests of the Lord; Ministers of our God, shall come unto thee bent down the sons of those shall be said unto you: the wealth of nations shall ye who afflicted thee, and there shall bow themselves consume, and in their glory shall ye be placed as down at the soles of thy feet all thy revilers; and they possessors. 7 In the place of your twofold shame, shall call thee. The city of the Lord, Zion of the Holy —and the confusion of which they loudly complained One of Israel. 15 Instead that thou wast forsaken as their portion: therefore in their land shall they and hated, without one to pass through [thee], will possess a twofold [portion]; everlasting joy shall be I render thee an excellency of everlasting, a joy of granted unto them, 8 For I the Lord love justice. I all generations. 16 And thou shalt suck the milk of hate robbery with burnt-offering: therefore will I give nations, and the breast of kings shalt thou suck; and them the recompense of their work in truth, and an thou shalt know that I the Lord am thy Saviour, and everlasting covenant will I make with them. 9 And thy Redeemer, the Mighty One of Jacob. 17 Instead among the nations shall their seed be known, and of the copper will I bring gold, and instead of the iron their offspring in the midst of the people: all that see will I bring silver, and instead of wood copper, and them shall acknowledge them, that they are the seed instead of the stones iron; and I will set peace as thy whom the Lord hath blessed. 10 I will be greatly glad authorities, and righteousness as thy taskmasters. 18 in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for he There shall not be heard any wore violence in thy hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, with land, wasting and destruction within thy boundaries: the mantle of righteousness hath he enveloped me. but thou shalt call. Salvation, thy walls, and thy gates, as a bridgeroom decketh himself with elegant attire. Praise. 19 The sun shall not be unto thee any more and as a bride adorneth herself with her bridal array. for a light by day, and for brightness shall the moon 11 For, as the earth bringeth forth her growth, and not give light unto thee; but the Lord will be unto thee as a garden causeth what is sown therein to spring for a light of everlasting, and thy God as thy glory. 20 forth: thus will the Lord Eternal cause righteousness Thy sun shall not go down any more, and thy moon and praise to spring forth in the presence of all the

**62** For the sake of Zion will I not be silent, and for the sake of Jerusalem will I not be quiet; until its righteousness go forth as the brightness [of light], and its salvation as a burning torch. 2 And nations shall see thy righteousness, and all kings thy glory; and men shall call thee by a new name, which the mouth of the Lord shall pronounce. 3 And thou shalt be a 61 The Spirit of the Lord Eternal is upon me; crown of ornament in the hand of the Lord, and a royal diadem in the hand of thy God. 4 Thou shalt not good tidings unto the meek: he hath sent me to bind be termed any more "Forsaken," and thy land shall not be termed any more "Desolate;" for thou shalt be and to prisoners Release; 2 To proclaim a year of called "My delight in her" [[Chephzi-bah]], and thy favor of the Lord, and the day of vengeance of our land "Espoused" [[Be'ulah]]; for the Lord will have God, to comfort all mourners; 3 To grant unto the delight in thee, and thy land shall be espoused. 5 For

espouse thee; and as the bridegroom is glad over their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his the bride, so will be glad over thee thy God. 6 Over presence saved them; in his love and in his pity he thy walls. O Jerusalem, have I appointed watchmen, redeemed them; and he bore them, and he carried all the day and all the night, continually, shall they them all the days of old. 10 But they rebelled, and not be silent; ye that make mention of the Lord, take grieved his holy Spirit; and he changed himself to ye no rest. 7 And give him no rest, until he have become their enemy, and he fought against them. established, and until he have set up Jerusalem as a 11 Then remembered his people the ancient days praise on the earth. 8 Sworn hath the Lord by his right of Moses. Where is he that brought them up out of hand, and by the arm of his strength, I will not give the sea with the shepherd of his flock? where is he thy corn any more as food for thy enemies, and the that put within him his holy Spirit? 12 That displayed sons of the stranger shall not drink thy young wine for by the right hand of Moses his glorious arm; that which thou hast labored; 9 But they who gather it divided the water before them, to make unto himself shall eat it, and praise the Lord; and they who bring it an everlasting name? 13 That led them through the together shall drink it in the courts of my sanctuary. deeps, as a horse through the wilderness, that they 10 Pass, pass through the gates, make clear the way should not stumble? 14 As a beast goeth down into of the people, cast up, cast up the highway, remove the valley, so did the spirit of the Lord bring them to away the stones, lift up a banner over the nations. 11 rest; thus didst thou guide thy people, to make unto Behold, the Lord hath caused to be heard unto the thyself a glorious name. 15 Look down from heaven. ends of the earth, "Say ye to the daughter of Zion," and behold, from the habitation of thy holiness and Behold, thy salvation cometh; behold his reward is of thy glory: where are thy zeal and thy mights, with him, and his recompense before him." 12 And the yearning of thy bowels and of thy mercy which they shall call them, The holy people, The redeemed are now restrained from me? 16 For thou art our of the Lord; and thou shalt be called. Sought for, father; for Abraham knoweth nothing of us, and Israel [[Derusha, ]] The city never forsaken.

**63** Who is this that cometh from Edom, dyed red in his garments from Bozrah? this-glorious in his apparel, moving along in the greatness of his strength? "I who speak in righteousness, mighty to save." 2 Why is redness on thy apparel, and [why are] thy garments as of one that treadeth the winepress? 3 "I have trodden the vat alone, and of the nations there was no man with me; and I trod them down in my anger, and I trampled on them in my fury: and their blood was sprinkled on my garments. and all my raiments have I stained. 4 For the day no one to help, and I was astonished, and there was no one to support; and then my own arm aided I stamped down nations in my anger, and I made

recogniseth us not: thou. O Lord, art our father, our Redeemer from everlasting is thy name. 17 Why hast thou let us go astray. O Lord, from thy ways, suffered our heart to be hardened against thy fear? Return for the sake of thy servants, the tribes of thy heritage. 18 But a brief space were thy holy people in possession, when our adversaries trod down thy sanctuary. 19 We are become as though we are those over whom thou hast never ruled, over whom thy name hath not been called.

64 Oh that thou mightest rend the heavens, come down: at thy presence would mountains [then] of vengeance was in my heart, and the year of my melt away. 2 As fire is kindled on brushwood, as redeemed was come. 5 And I looked, and there was water is made to bubble up by fire—to make thy name known to thy adversaries, that at thy presence nations might tremble! 3 [As] when thou didst fearful deeds me, and my fury—this it was that upheld me. 6 And which we had not looked for, thou camest down, [while] at thy presence mountains melted away: 4 them drunken with my fury, and brought down to the Yea! what from the beginning of the world men had earth their victorious strength." 7 The kindnesses of not heard, not perceived by their hearing; no eye the Lord will I mention, the praises of the Lord, in [also] had seen a god beside thee, who could do [the accordance with all that the Lord hath bestowed on likel for the one that waiteth for him. 5 Thou acceptest us, and the abundant goodness toward the house of him that rejoiceth and worketh righteousness, those Israel, which he hath bestowed on them according to that remember thee in thy ways: behold, thou wast his mercies, and the abundance of his kindnesses. 8 wroth, for we had sinned on them continually; and And he said. Surely they are my people, children that can we thus be saved? 6 And we are become like will not lie; and he became to them a Saviour. 9 In all an unclean man all of us, and like a soiled garment,

very greatly?

65 I allowed myself to be sought by those that asked not; I let myself be found by those that sought me not: I said. Here am I, here am I, unto a nation that called itself not by my name. 2 I spread out my hands all the time unto a rebellious people, that walk in the way which is not good, after their own thoughts; 3 [To] the people that provoke me to anger to my face continually; that sacrifice in gardens and burn incense upon [altars of] brick, 4 That sit about among the graves, and lodge in the vaults, that eat the flesh of the swine, and [have] broth of abominations [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 time. 6 Behold, it is written before me; I will not keep silence, till I have recompensed, yea, recompensed into their bosom.— 7 Your iniquities and the iniquities of your fathers together, saith the Lord, who have burnt incense upon the mountains, and upon the hills have blasphemed me: and I will measure out their work at first into their bosom. 8 Thus hath said the Lord, As the new wine is found in the cluster of grapes, and one saith, Destroy it not, for a blessing is in it; so will I do for the sake of my servants, that I will not destroy the whole; 9 And I let come forth out of Jacob a seed, and out of Judah an inheritor of my mountains; and my elect shall inherit it, and my servants shall dwell there. 10 And Sharon shall become a fold of flocks, and the valley of 'Achor a resting-place for herds, for my people that have sought me. 11 But ye who forsake the Lord, who forget my holy mountain, that set out a table for the there a house that ye can build unto me? and where

all our righteousness; and we wither like a leaf all god of Fortune, and that fill for Destiny the drinkof us; and our iniquities, like the wind, will bear us offering.— 12 Yea, I will destine you to the sword, and away. 7 And there is none that calleth upon thy name, all of you shall kneel down to the slaughter; because that stirreth himself up to lay hold of thee; for thou when I called, ye did not answer; when I spoke, ye did hast hidden thy face from us, and hast let us melt not hear; but ye did what is evil in my eyes, and that away, through the force of our iniquities. 8 But now, O wherein I had no delight did ye choose. 13 Therefore Lord, our father art thou; we are the clay, and thou thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, my servants our fashioner; and the work of thy hand are we all. shall eat, but ye shall be hungry; behold, my servants 9 Be not wroth, O Lord, so very greatly, and do not shall drink, but ye shall be thirsty; behold, my servants for ever remember [our] iniquity: behold, look, we shall rejoice, but ye shall be made ashamed; 14 beseech thee, thy people are we all. 10 Thy holy Behold, my servants shall sing for joy of heart, but ye cities are become a wilderness, Zion is become a shall cry out from pain of heart, and from a broken wilderness, Jerusalem, a desolate place. 11 Our holy spirit shall ye howl; 15 And ye shall leave behind and beautiful house where our fathers praised thee, your name for an oath unto my elect ones, when is burnt up with fire; and all our costly things are the Lord Eternal will slay thee; but his servants will become ruins. 12 Wilt thou for these things refrain he call by another name. 16 Whoever there be that thyself, O Lord? wilt thou be silent, and afflict us so blesseth himself on the earth shall bless himself by the true God; and that sweareth on the earth shall swear by the true God; because the former troubles are forgotten, and because they are hidden from my eyes. 17 For, behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth; and the former shall not be remembered, nor come into mind; 18 But be ye glad and rejoice unto all eternity in what I create; for, behold, I will create Jerusalem for rejoicing, and her people for gladness. 19 And I will rejoice over Jerusalem, and be glad in my people: and there shall not be heard in her any more the voice of weeping, nor the voice of complaint. 20 There shall no more come thence an infant of few days, nor an old man that shall not have the full length of his days; for as a lad shall one die a hundred years old; and as a sinner shall be accursed he who [dieth] at a hundred years old. 21 And they shall build houses, and inhabit them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat their fruit. 22 They shall not build, and another inhabit; they shall not plant, and another eat; for as the days of a tree are the days of my people, and the work of their hands shall my elect wear out. 23 They shall not toil in vain, nor bring forth unto an early death; for the seed of the blessed of the Lord are they, and their offspring with them. 24 And it shall come to pass, that before yet they call will I answer; and while they are still speaking will I hear. 25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall like the bullock eat straw: and the serpent—dust shall be his food. They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain, saith the Lord.

> 66 Thus hath said the Lord, The heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool: where is

Jerusalem, and be delighted over her, all ye that love and they shall be an abhorrence unto all flesh. her; be highly glad with her, all ve that mourn for her. 11 In order that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breast of her consolations; in order that ye may sip, and find pleasure from the abundance of her glory. 12 For thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will extend to her peace like a river, and like a rapid stream the glory of nations, that ye may suck; upon the arm shall ye be borne, and upon knees shall ye be dandled. 13 As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and in Jerusalem shall ye be comforted. 14 And ye shall see this, and your heart shall be glad, and your bones shall flourish like the grass; and then will be known the hand of the Lord on his servants, and he will be indignant toward his enemies. 15 For, behold, the Lord will come with fire, and his chariots will be like the storm-wind, to send forth his anger with fury, and his threatening with flames of fire. 16 For by fire will the Lord judge, and by his sword against all flesh: and many shall be the

is the place of my rest? 2 For all these things hath slain of the Lord. 17 They that sanctify themselves, my hand made, that all these things came into being, and purify themselves for the gardens, behind one saith the Lord; but upon such a one will I look, upon tree in the midst, they who eat the flesh of the swine, the poor, and him who is of a contrite spirit, and who and the abomination, and the mouse, together shall trembleth at my word. 3 He that slaughtereth the ox. they perish, saith the Lord. 18 And I, because of their slayeth a man; he that sacrificeth a lamb, breaketh works and their thoughts, will let it come to pass to the neck of a dog; he that offereth a meat-offering, gather all the nations and tongues; and they shall [offereth] swine's blood; he that burneth incense, come, and shall see my glory, 19 And I will display blesseth an idol: yea, they have made choice of a sign on them, and I will send from them those their own ways, and in their abominations doth their that escape unto the nations, Tharshish, Pul, and soul delight. 4 So will I also make choice of their Lud, that draw the bow, Thubal, and Javan, the isles misfortune, and what they dread will I bring upon afar off, that have not heard my fame, and have them; because I called, and none did answer; I spoke, not seen my glory; and they shall proclaim my glory and they did not hear; and they did what is evil in among the nations. 20 And they shall bring all your my eyes, and that in which I delighted not did they brethren out of all nations as an offering unto the choose. 5 Hear the word of the Lord, ye that tremble Lord, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, at his word: Your brethren that hated you, that cast and upon mules, and upon dromedaries, to my holy you out for the sake of my name, said. "Let the Lord mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children be glorified;" but he will appear to your joy, and they of Israel bring the offering in a clean vessel into the shall be made ashamed. 6 [There is] a voice of tumult house of the Lord. 21 And of them also will I take for from the city, a voice from the temple, the voice of the priests and for Levites, saith the Lord. 22 For as the Lord who rendereth recompense to his enemies. 7 new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, Before she had travailed she brought forth; before shall have permanence before me, saith the Lord, so yet her pain was come, she was delivered of a man-shall exist permanently your seed and your name. 23 child. 8 Who hath heard the like? who hath seen And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon such things? shall a land be made to travail in one to the other new moon, and from one sabbath to day? or shall a nation be born at once? that Zion hath the other sabbath, shall all flesh come to prostrate travailed, also brought forth her children? 9 Shall themselves before me, saith the Lord, 24 And they I bring to the birth, and not cause to bring forth? shall go forth, and look upon the carcasses of the saith the Lord; or shall I who cause to bring forth, men that have transgressed against me; for their now prevent it? saith thy God. 10 Rejoice ye with worm shall not die, nor shall their fire be guenched;

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1 The words of Jeremiah the son of Chilkiyahu, one of the priests that were in 'Anathoth in the land of Benjamin: 2 To whom the word of the Lord came in the days of Josiah the son of Amon the king of Judah, in the thirteenth year of his reign, 3 And who continued [prophet] in the days of Jehoyakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah, until the end the king of Judah, until the carrying away into exile of Jerusalem in the fifth month. 4 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 5 Before yet I had formed thee in thy mother's body I knew thee; and before thou wast vet come forth out of the womb I sanctified thee: a prophet unto the nations did I Be not afraid because of them; for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord. 9 And the Lord stretched forth his hand, and touched [me] therewith on my mouth; and the Lord said unto me, Behold, I have put thee this day over the nations and over the kingdoms, throw down: to build up, and to plant. 11 And the word Jeremiah? And I said, A staff of all almond-tree do I see. 12 And the Lord said unto me, Thou hast well seen; for I am watching over my word to perform it. 13 And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time, saying, What seest thou? And I said, A seething pot do I see; and the front thereof is turned from the north. 14 And the Lord said unto me. Out of the north shall the evil break forth over all the inhabitants of the land, 15 For, lo, I will call unto all the families of the kingdoms of the north, saith the Lord; and they shall come, and they shall set every one his throne at the walls round about, and upon [those of] all the cities of Judah. 16 And I will call them to account touching all their wickedness, in that they have forsaken me, and have burnt incense unto other gods, and have bowed down unto the works of their own hands. 17 But do thou gird up thy loins, and arise, and speak unto them

But I, behold, I have made of thee this day a fortified city, and an iron pillar, and brazen walls over the whole land, against the kings of Judah, against its princes, against its priests, and against the people of the land. 19 And [although] they fight against thee, they shall not prevail against thee; for with thee am I saith the Lord, to deliver thee.

2 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 2 Go and call out before the ears of Jerusalem, saying, of the eleventh year of Zedekiah the son of Josiah Thus hath said the Lord. I remember unto thee, the kindness of thy youth, the love of thy espousals, thy going after me in the wilderness, through a land that is not sown. 3 A holy thing is Israel unto the Lord, the first of his fruits: all that devour him shall incur guilt; evil shall come over them, saith the Lord, 4 Hear ve the word of the Lord. O house of Jacob, and all ve ordain thee. 6 And I said, Ah, Lord Eternal! behold, I families of the house of Israel. 5 Thus hath said the know not how to speak; for I am [but] a lad. 7 And Lord, What fault did your fathers find in me, that they the Lord said unto me, Say not, I am [but] a lad; but went away far from me, and walked after vanity, and to whomsoever I may send thee shalt thou go, and became vain? 6 That they said not, Where is the Lord whatsoever I may command thee shalt thou speak. 8 that brought us up out of the land of Egypt, that led us through the wilderness, through a land of deserts and of wildness, through a land of drought, and of the shadow of death, through a land through which no one had passed, and where no man had dwelt? 7 my words in thy mouth. 10 See, I have appointed And I brought you into the land of fruitful fields, to eat its fruit and its goodly products; but ve came and ve to root out, and to pull down, and to destroy, and to made unclean my land, and my heritage ye rendered an abomination. 8 The priests said not, Where is the of the Lord came unto me, saying, What seest thou, Lord? and they that handle the law knew me not; and the shepherds transgressed against me, and the prophets prophesied in the name of Ba'al, and after things that cannot profit did they walk. 9 Therefore will I contend yet farther with you, saith the Lord, and with your children's children will I contend. 10 For pass over to the isles of the Chittites, and see; and unto Kedar send, and consider well and see if any thing like this hath happened. 11 Hath a nation exchanged its gods, which are yet no gods? and [still] my people hath exchanged its glory for that which can not profit. 12 Be astonished, O ye heavens, at entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and upon all its this, and let your hair stand at an end, be ye greatly terrified, saith the Lord. 13 For two evils have my people committed: me have they forsaken, the source of living waters, to hew out for themselves cisterns. broken cisterns, that cannot hold water. 14 Is Israel a servant? or one born [to servitude] in the house? why hath he been given up to plunder? 15 [That] all that I may command thee; be not discouraged over him young lions roared, let their voice resound, because of them, lest I humble thee before them. 18 and changed his land into a waste, that his cities children of Noph and Thachpanches have crushed wander about; we cannot come any more unto thee? the crown of thy head. 17 Hast thou not procured this 32 Can a virgin forget her ornament, or a bride her unto thyself, through thy forsaking the Lord thy God, decorations? yet my people have forgotten me days while he was leading thee on the [right] way? 18 And without number. 33 Why ornamentest thou thy way to now what hast thou to do on the way of Egypt, to seek for love? truly even the worst hast thou used drink the waters of Shichor? and what hast thou to do thyself as thy ways. 34 Also on thy skirts is found the on the way of Asshur, to drink the waters of the river? blood of the souls of the innocent needy ones; not 19 Thy own wickedness shall chastise thee, and thy while breaking in [thy house] didst thou find them; but backslidings shall correct thee; and thou shalt know for all these things, 35 Yet thou sayest, Yea, I am and see that evil and bitter was thy forsaking the innocent, surely his anger is already turned away from Lord thy God, while the dread of me was not upon me. Behold, I will hold judgment with thee, because thee, saith the Lord Eternal of hosts. 20 Because thou savest, I have not sinned. 36 Why makest thou from yore did I break thy yoke, did I burst asunder thyself so very low to change thy way? also because thy bands; and thou saidst. I will not transgress; of Egypt shalt thou be made ashamed, as thou wast nevertheless upon every high hill and under every put to shame because of Assyria. 37 Also from this green tree thou makest thy bed, as harlot. 21 Yet I one shalt thou go forth, with thy hands [clasped] over had planted thee as a branch of a noble vine, wholly thy head; for the Lord hath rejected those on whom of the proper seed; but how art thou changed unto thou trustest and thou shalt not prosper with them. me into a degenerate plant of an ignoble vine? 22 For though thou wash thyself with natron, and take for thyself much soap: yet would the stain of thy iniquity remain before me, saith the Lord Eternal, 23 How canst thou say. I am not become unclean, after the Be'alim have I not gone? see thy way in the valley. know what thou hast done: [like] a swift dromedary bound fast to her ways; 24 [Like] a wild ass used to the wilderness, that at her pleasure snuffeth up the wind: her lust-who can turn this away? all they that seek her will not weary themselves: in her month will they find her. 25 "Prevent thy foot from being unshod. and thy throat from being thirsty;" but thou saidst, It is useless: no. for I have loved strangers, and after them will Lgo. 26 As the thief is ashamed when he is found. so have the house of Israel been made ashamed. they, their kings, their princes, and their priests, and their prophets. 27 Who say to the wood. Thou art my father; and to the stone. Thou hast brought us forth: for they have turned their back unto me, and not their face: but in the time of their misfortune will they say, Arise, and save us. 28 But where are then thy gods that thou hast made for thyself? let them arise, if they can save thee in the time of thy misfortune: for equal to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah. 29 Wherefore will ve contend with me? all of you have transgressed against me. saith the Lord. 30 To no purpose have I smitten your children: correction they accepted not: your sword hath devoured your prophets, like a destroying lion. 31 O [present] generation, regard ve the word of the Lord, Have I been a wilderness unto Israel? a land

are burnt, left without an inhabitant? 16 Even the of deep darkness? wherefore say my people. We

3 One could say, Behold, if a man send away his wife, and she go from him, and become another man's, can he return unto her again? would not that land be greatly polluted? and thou hast played the harlot with many companions, and wilt yet return to me, saith the Lord. 2 Lift up thy eyes unto the mountain-tops, and see where thou hast not been lain with. On public roads hast thou sat for them, as the Arab in the wilderness; and thou hast polluted the land with thy incests and with thy wickedness. 3 And [though] the early showers were withholden, and the latter rain came not: yet hadst thou a forehead of an incestuous wife, thou refusedst to feel shame. 4 Wilt thou not from this time call out unto mem Mv father, the guide of my youth art thou? 5 Will he bear grudge for ever? will he keep it to eternity? Behold. thou hast spoken [this], and yet hast done the things that are evil as much as thou wast able. 6 And the Lord said unto me in the days of Josiah the king, Hast thou seen what backsliding Israel hath done? she is gone upon every high mountain and under every green tree, and hath played the harlot there. 7 And I thought that after she had done all these things, she would return unto me. But she returned not. And this saw her treacherous sister Judah. 8 And I saw. that. although because backsliding Israel had committed adultery, I had sent her away, and given her bill of divorce unto her, still treacherous Judah her sister feared not, but went and played herself the harlot also. 9 And it came to pass through her giddy incest, that she defiled the land, and committed adultery with

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stone and with wood. 10 And yet with all this her their sons and their daughters. 25 We lie down in our

▲ If thou wilt return, O Israel, saith the Lord, unto me must thou return; and if thou wilt put away thy abominations out of my sight, then shalt thou not wander about [any more]. 2 And if thou wilt swear, As the Lord liveth, in truth, in justice, and in righteousness: then shall nations bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glorify themselves. 3 For thus hath said the Lord to the men of Judah and to Jerusalem, Plough up your fallow ground, that ye may not sow among thorns. 4 Circumcise yourselves to the Lord, and remove the obduracy of your heart, O ye men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem: lest my fury come forth like fire, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the evil of your doings. 5 Tell ye in Judah, and publish in Jerusalem, and say. Blow ye the cornet in the land: call out, gather together, and say, Assemble yourselves, and let us go into the fortified cities. 6 Set up the standard toward Zion: save yourselves by flight, stay not; for evil do I bring from the north, and a great destruction. 7 The lion is come up from his thicket, and the destroyer of nations hath commenced his march, he is gone forth from his place, to make thy land desolate; and thy cities shall be laid waste, left without an inhabitant, 8 For this gird yourselves with sackcloths, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of the Lord is not turned away from us. 9 And it shall come to pass on that day, saith the Lord, that the heart of the king and the heart of the princes shall fail; and the priests shall be astonished, and the prophets shall wonder. 10 Then said I, Ah, Lord Eternal! 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 be announced to this people and to Jerusalem a dry wind from the mountain-peaks in the wilderness. [coming] on the road to the daughter of my people; not to winnow, nor to cleanse [the corn], 12 A strong wind from these places shall come unto me: now also will I myself pronounce judgment against them. 13 Behold, like clouds shall he come up, and like a whirlwind shall be his chariots: swifter than eagles are his horses. "Woe unto us! for we are wasted." 14 Wash from wrong doing thy heart, O Jerusalem, in order that thou mayest be saved. How long wilt thou let lodge within thee the thoughts of thy wickedness? 15 For a voice declareth from Dan, and publisheth 5 Roam about through the streets of Jerusalem, unhappiness from the mountain of Ephraim. 16 Make ve mention of it to the nations: behold, let it be heard places, if ve can find one man, if there be one that against Jerusalem, that beleaguerers come from a executeth justice, that searcheth for truth; and I will far-off country, and send forth their voice against the pardon it. 2 And though they say, "As the Lord liveth!" cities of Judah. 17 As keepers of a field are they surely they only swear to a falsehood. 3 O Lord, are against her round about; because against me hath not thy eyes [directed] to the truth? thou didst strike she been rebellious, saith the Lord. 18 Thy way and them, but they felt it not; thou didst make an end of thy doings have procured these things unto thee: them, [yet] they refused to accept correction: they this is thy wickedness, which is so bitter, which so made their faces harder than a rock, they refused to reacheth unto thy heart. 19 My bowels, my bowels! I return. 4 Yet I myself thought, Oh these are but poor; am shaken, at the very chambers of my heart; my they are foolish; for they knew not the way of the Lord, heart beateth tumultuously in me; I cannot remain the ordinance of their God. 5 I had better go unto the silent; because the sound of the cornet hast thou great men, and let me speak with them; for these heard. O my soul, the alarm of war, 20 Ruin upon ruin surely know the way of the Lord, the ordinance of is called out; for the whole land is wasted: suddenly their God; but these altogether have broken the yoke, are my tents wasted, and in a moment, my curtains. burst the bands. 6 Therefore slayeth them the lion out 21 How long shall I see the standard, hear the sound of the forest, the wolf of the deserts wasteth them, the of the cornet? 22 "Because my people is foolish, me leopard lieth in wait against their cities: every one that have they not known; sottish children are they, and cometh out thence shall be torn in pieces; because they have not any understanding: wise are they to do many are their transgressions, very numerous are evil, but how to do good they do not know." 23 I look their backslidings. 7 How shall I for this pardon thee? at the earth, and, lo, it is without form and void; and thy children have forsaken me, and sworn by those toward the heavens, and their light is gone. 24 I look that are not gods: when I had fed them to the full, they at the mountains, and, lo, they tremble, and all the then committed adultery, and assembled themselves hills are moved. 25 I look, and, lo, there is no man, by troops in the harlot's house, 8 As robust horses and all the birds of the heavens are fled. 26 I look, they rose by times in the morning: every one neighed and, lo, the fruitful country is a wilderness, and all after the wife of his neighbor. 9 Shall I not for these its cities are laid waste at the presence of the Lord, things inflict punishment? saith the Lord; and shall because of the fierceness of his anger. 27 For thus on a nation such as this my soul not be avenged? hath said the Lord, Desolate shall be the whole land; 10 Scale ye her walls, and destroy; but make not a yet a full end will I not make. 28 For this shall mourn full end: remove her young shoots; for they are not the earth, and black shall be the heavens above: the Lord's, 11 For the house of Israel and the house because I have spoken it. I have purposed it, and I of Judah have dealt very treacherously against me. will not repent, and I will not turn back from it. 29 From saith the Lord. 12 They have denied the Lord, and the noise of horsemen and those that shoot with the said, "He existeth not; nor will evil come over us; and bow fleeth the whole city; they go into thickets, and the sword and famine shall we not see. 13 And the climb up upon the rocks; every city is forsaken, and prophets shall become wind, and the word is not in not a man dwelleth therein. 30 And thou, O wasted them:" thus shall it be done unto them. 14 Therefore one, what wilt thou do? Though thou clothe thyself thus hath said the Lord the God of hosts, Because ye with scarlet, though thou adorn thyself with ornaments speak this word, behold, I will make my words in thy of gold, though thou encircle with paint thy eyes: in mouth to be a fire, and this people wood, and it shall vain shalt thou make thyself beautiful; the adulterers devour them. 15 Lo, I will bring over you a nation will despise thee, thy life will they seek. 31 For a voice from afar, O house of Israel, saith the Lord: it is a as of a woman in travail have I heard, the anguish as mighty nation, it is a most ancient nation, a nation of one that bringeth forth her first child, the voice of whose language thou wilt not know, and thou wilt not the daughter of Zion, that groaneth, that spreadeth understand what they speak. 16 Their guiver is as out her hands, [saving, ] "Woe is me now! for my soul an open sepulchre; they are all mighty men. 17 And succumbeth to the murderers."

and see now, and notice, and search in its broad they shall consume thy harvest, and thy bread: they shall consume thy sons and thy daughters: they shall consume thy flocks and thy herds; they shall consume

the end thereof?

Assemble, O ye children of Benjamin, to flee out of the midst of Jerusalem, and in Tekoa, blow the cornet, and on Beth-hakkerem set up a fire signal: for evil is seen [coming] out of the north, and great havoc. 2 The comely and the delicate, the daughter of Zion do I destroy. 3 Unto her shall come shepherds with their flocks; they shall pitch their tents against

thy vines and thy fig-trees; they shall depopulate thy her round about; they shall feed off every one his fortified cities, those wherein thou trustedst, with the own place. 4 Prepare ye war against her! "Arise, sword. 18 Nevertheless even in those days, saith the and let us go up at noon. Woe unto us! for the day Lord, will I not make a full end of you. 19 And it shall waneth, for the shadows of the evening are stretched come to pass, when ve will say. For what reason out, 5 Arise, and let us go up by night, and let us hath the Lord our God done all these things unto us? destroy her palaces." 6 For thus hath said the Lord that thou shalt say unto them, In the same manner of hosts, Cut ye down trees, and cast up a mound as ye have forsaken me, and served strange gods against Jerusalem: this is the city whose time of in your land, so shall ye serve strangers in a land punishment is come; she is full of oppression in her that is not yours. 20 Announce this in the house of midst. 7 As a well sendeth forth its waters, so doth she Jacob, and publish it in Judah, saying, 21 Do now cause her wickedness to spring forth: violence and hear this, O sottish people, who have no heart; who robbery are heard in her; in my presence there are have eyes, and see not; who have ears, and hear continually disease and wounds. 8 Be thou instructed, not; 22 Will ye not fear me? saith the Lord; will ye O Jerusalem, that my soul tear itself not away from not tremble at my presence, who have placed the thee: that I render thee not desolate, a land which is sand as a bound for the sea by an everlasting law, not inhabited. 9 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, which it can never pass over? and though the waves They shall thoroughly glean like a vine the remnant thereof be upheaved, yet can they not prevail: though of Israel: carry back thy hand as a grape-gatherer they roar, yet can they not pass over it. 23 But this frequently to the baskets. 10 To whom shall I speak, people hath a stubborn and a rebellious heart: they and give warning, that they may hear? behold, their have departed [from the right] and have gone their ear is uncircumcised, and they cannot be attentive: way. 24 And they have not said in their heart, Let behold, the word of the Lord is become unto them a us now fear the Lord our God, that giveth rain, the reproach; they have no delight in it. 11 And I am full early and the latter rain, in its season: the appointed of the fury of the Lord; I am weary with sustaining it: [I weeks of the harvest doth he ever preserve for us. 25 must] pour it out over the child in the street, and over Your iniquities have turned away these things, and the assembly of young men together; for even the your sins have withholden what is good from you. 26 husband with the wife shall be seized, the aged with For there are found among my people wicked men: him that is full of days. 12 And their houses shall be they lie in wait, as he that layeth snares; they set a transferred unto others, fields and wives together; for trap, they catch men. 27 As a coop is full of birds, I will stretch out my hand over the inhabitants of the so are their houses full of deceit: therefore are they land, saith the Lord. 13 For from their least even unto become great, and grown rich. 28 They are grown fat, their greatest, every one is given to covetousness; they are stout; yea, they surpass even the deeds of and from the prophet even unto the priest every one the wicked: they pronounce no [just] sentence, the practiseth falsehood. 14 And they heal the breach of sentence of the fatherless, that they might prosper; the daughter of my people very lightly, saying, Peace, and the cause of the needy do they not judge. 29 peace: when there is no peace. 15 They should have shall I not for these things inflict punishment? saith been ashamed, because they had committed an the Lord; or shall on a nation such as this my soul not abomination; but they neither felt the least shame. be avenged? 30 An astonishing and horrible thing nor did they know how to blush; therefore shall they is committed in the land; 31 The prophets prophesy fall among those that fall; at the time that I punish falsely, and the priests bear rule by their means; and their sin shall they stumble, saith the Lord. 16 Thus my people love to have it so; but what will ye do in hath said the Lord, Place yourselves on the ways, and see, and ask after the ancient paths, where is the way which is good, that ye may walk thereon, and find rest for your soul. But they said, We will not walk [thereon]. 17 Then did I set watchmen over you, [saying, ] Listen to the sound of the cornet. But they said, We will not listen. 18 Therefore hear, ye nations, and know, O assembly, what [guilt] is among them. 19 Hear, O earth! behold, I will bring evil upon this people, the fruit of their thoughts; because unto my words have they not been attentive, and as dwell in this place, in the land that I have given to regardeth my law, —that have they despised. 20 To your fathers, from eternity to eternity. 8 Behold, ye what purpose serveth me the frankincense which rely on the words of falsehood, that cannot profit. 9 cometh from Sheba, and the sweet cane from a far- How? will ve steal, murder, and commit adultery, and off country? your burnt-offerings are not acceptable, swear falsely, and burn incense unto Ba'al, and walk and your sacrifices are not agreeable unto me. 21 after other gods of which ye have no knowledge; 10 Therefore thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will place And [then] come and stand before my presence in before this people stumbling-blocks, and thereon this house, which is called by my name, and say, "We shall stumble the fathers and the sons together, the are delivered;" in order to do all these abominations? neighbor and his friend, and they shall perish. 22 11 Is then this house, which is called by my name, Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, a people is coming become a den of robbers in your eyes? [But] I also, from the north country, and a great nation shall wake behold, I have seen it, saith the Lord. 12 For go ye up from the farthest ends of the earth. 23 Bow and now unto my place which was in Shiloh, where I spear shall they firmly grasp; cruel are they, and will caused my name to dwell at the first, and see what I have no mercy; their voice roareth like the sea; and did unto it because of the wickedness of my people upon horses do they ride; set in array as one man Israel. 13 And now, whereas ye have done all these for the war, against thee, O daughter of Zion. 24 We acts, saith the Lord, and I spoke unto you, causing have heard the fame of him—our hands grow feeble: [the prophets] to rise up early and speaking, while anguish hath taken hold of us, pain, as of a woman ye would not hear; and I called you, but ye would in giving birth. 25 Go not forth into the field, on the not answer: 14 Therefore will I do unto this house, road must ye not walk; for [there is] the sword of the which is called by my name, whereon ye rely, and enemy, terror on every side. 26 O daughter of my unto the place which I have given to you and to your people, gird thyself with sackcloth, and roll thyself in fathers, as I have done to Shiloh. 15 And I will cast the ashes: a mourning as for an only son prepare you out of my presence, as I have cast out all your unto thee, a most bitter lamentation; for suddenly brethren, all the seed of Ephraim. 16 But thou-pray will the destroyer come over us. 27 I have set thee not thou in behalf of this people, nor lift up in their for a tower and a fortress among my people, that behalf entreaty or prayer, nor make intercession to thou mayest know and probe their way. 28 They all me: for I will not hear thee. 17 Dost thou not see are grievous revolters, going about as talebearers, what they are doing in the cities of Judah and in the copper and iron: they all are corrupt. 29 The bellows streets of Jerusalem? 18 The children gather wood, are burnt, by the fire the lead is consumed: in vain and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead the melter refineth; for the wicked are not separated dough, to make cakes for the gueen of heaven, and away. 30 Refuse silver men call them; because the they pour out drink-offerings unto other gods, in order Lord hath rejected them.

**7** The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 2 Place thyself in the gate of the house of the Lord, and proclaim there this word, and say, Hear the word of the Lord, all ye of Judah, that enter in by these gates to bow down before the Lord. 3 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Amend your ways and your deeds, and I will permit you to dwell in this place. 4 [But] do not rely on the words of falsehood, saying, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, The temple of the Lord, [as] they Isavl. 5 For if ve thoroughly amend your ways and your deeds; if ye thoroughly execute justice between a man and his neighbor; 6 If ye oppress not the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow, and shed not innocent blood in this place, and walk not after other gods to your own hurt: 7 Then will I permit you to

to provoke me to anger. 19 Do they provoke me to anger? saith the Lord, [and] not themselves, to the shame of their own faces? 20 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold my anger and my fury shall be poured out upon this place, over man, and over beast, and over the trees of the field, and over the fruit of the ground; and it shall burn, and it shall not be guenched. 21 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Add your burntofferings unto your peace-sacrifices, and eat the flesh thereof. 22 For I spoke not with your fathers, and I commanded them not on the day of my bringing them out of the land of Egypt, concerning burnt-offering or sacrifice; 23 But this thing did I command them, saving. Hearken to my voice, and I will be unto you for a God, and ye shall be unto me for a people; and walk ve altogether on the way which I may command you, in order that it may be well unto you. 24 Yet they

shall the land become.

At that time, saith the Lord, shall they 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 out 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 to which they have prostrated themselves: they shall not be gathered up, and they shall not be buried; dung upon the face of the ground shall they become. 3 And death shall be preferable to life, for all the residue

hearkened not, and inclined not their ear; but they of those that are left of this evil family, who are left walked in the counsels, in the stubbornness of their in all the places whither I shall have driven them, evil heart; and they went backward, and not forward: saith the Lord of hosts. 4 And thou shalt say unto 25 Since the day that your fathers came forth out of them. Thus hath said the Lord. Shall they fall, and the land of Egypt until this day; and I sent unto you not arise? will he turn away, and not return? 5 Why all my servants the prophets, sending them daily in then remaineth this people, Jerusalem, rebellious by the morning early; 26 Yet they hearkened not unto a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast on deceit, me, and inclined not their ear; but they hardened they refuse to return. 6 I listened and heard, but their neck; they did worse than their fathers. 27 And they would not speak aright; no man repented him of if thou speak unto them all these words, and they his wickedness, saying, What have I done? every will not hearken to thee; and if thou call unto them, one turned again to his course, as the impetuous and they will not answer thee: 28 Then shalt thou horse in the battle. 7 Yea, the stork in the heavens say unto them, This is the nation that hearken not knoweth her appointed times; and the turtle, and the to the voice of the Lord their God, and accept not swallow, atad the crane observe the time of their correction; lost is the truth, and is obliterated from coming home; but my people know not the ordinance their mouth. 29 Cut off thy flowing hair, and cast it of the Lord. 8 How can ye say, We are wise, and away, and take up on mountain-tops a lamentation; the law of the Lord is with us? Truly, behold in vain for rejected hath the Lord and forsaken the generation wrought the pen, in vain the writers. 9 The wise men of his wrath. 30 For the children of Judah have done are ashamed, they are discouraged and caught, lo, what is evil in my eyes, saith the Lord: they have set the word of the Lord have they rejected; and what up their abominations in the house which is called by wisdom have they [now]? 10 Therefore will I give their my name, to pollute it. 31 And they have built the wives unto others, their fields to conquerors; for from high-places of Thophet, which is in the valley of Ben- the least even unto the greatest, every one is seeking hinnom, to burn their sons and their daughters in the his own gain: from the prophet even unto the priest fire; which I had not commanded, and which never every one practiseth falsehood. 11 And they heal came into my mind. 32 Therefore, behold days are the breach of the daughter of my people very lightly, coming, saith the Lord, that it shall not be called any saying, Peace, peace: when there is no peace. 12 more Thophet, or The valley of Ben-hinnom, but The They should have been ashamed, because they had valley of slaughter: and they shall bury in Thophet, for committed abomination; but they neither felt the least want of room. 33 And the carcasses of this people shame, nor did they know how to blush: therefore shall become food unto the fowls of the heavens, and shall they fall among those that fall; at the time of their unto the beasts of the earth, with none to chase them punishment shall they stumble, saith the Lord. 13 I away, 34 And I will cause to cease from the cities of will surely make an end of them, saith the Lord: [there Judah, and from the streets of Jerusalem, the voice shall be left] no grapes on the vine, and no figs on of gladness, and the voice of joy, the voice of the the fig-tree, and the leaf shall wither; and the things bridegroom, and the voice of the bride; for a desert 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 the Lord our God hath put us to silence. and given us poison-water to drink; because we have sinned against the Lord. 15 We hoped for peace, but no happiness is here; for a time of cure, and behold here is terror." 16 From Dan was heard the snorting of his horses; at the sound of the neighing of his war-steeds trembleth the whole land: and they are come, and devour the land, and all that filleth it; the city, and those that dwell therein. 17 For, behold, I will send out against you serpents, basilisks, for which there is no charm, and they shall bite you, saith the Lord. 18 When I would cheer myself up against sorrow, my heart within me is pained. 19 Behold [I hear] the voice of the complaint of the daughter of my that he may declare it: for what is the land destroyed, people [coming] out of a far-off land: "Is the Lord not burnt up like the wilderness, without one that passeth daughter of my people?

Oh that one would make my head water, and my eves a fountain of tears, that I might weep day and night for the slain of the daughters of my people! 2 Oh that one would place me in the wilderness in a lodging-place of wayfaring men. that I might leave my people, and go from them! for all of them are adulterers, a band of traitors. 3 And they bend their tongues, their bow of falsehood, and not for the truth are they valiant in the land: for from evil to evil do they proceed, and me they know not, saith the Lord. 4 Take ye heed every one of his neighbor, and on any brother place ve no reliance; for every brother will surely supplant, and every neighbor will go about as a talebearer. 5 And they will deceive every one his neighbor, and the truth will they not speak: they have taught their tongue to speak falsehood, they weary themselves to commit iniquity. 6 Thy habitation is in the midst of deceit: through deceit they refuse to know me, saith the Lord. 7 Therefore thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Behold, I will melt them, and probe them; for how [else] shall I do because of the daughter of my people? 8 A murderous arrow is their tongue: [every one] speaketh deceit: with his mouth speaketh he peaceably to his neighbor, but in his heart he layeth wait for him. 9 Shall I not for these things inflict punishment on them? saith the Lord: or shall not on a nation such as this my soul be avenged? 10 For the mountains will I take up a weeping and wailing, and for the habitations of the wilderness a lamentation; because they are burnt up, so that no man can pass through them; and they hear not the voice of the cattle: both the fowls of the heavens and the beasts are fled; they are gone away. 11 And I will change Jerusalem into heaps of ruins, a dwelling for monsters: and the cities of Judah will I make desolate, without an inhabitant. 12 Who is the wise man, that may understand this? and who is he to whom the mouth of the Lord hath spoken.

in Zion? is her king no more in her?" "Why have they through? 13 And the Lord said. Because they forsook provoked me to anger with their graven images, and my law which I had set before them, and hearkened with the vanities of the stranger?" 20 "The harvest not to my voice, and walked not therein: 14 But have is past, the summer is ended, and we are not yet walked after the stubbornness of their own heart, and helped." 21 Because of the breach of the daughter of after the Be'alim, which their fathers had taught them. my people am I broken; I am grieved; astonishment 15 Therefore thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the hath taken fast hold on me. 22 Is there no [more] God of Israel, Behold, I will feed them—this people, balm in Gil'ad? or is no physician there? why then with wormwood, and give them poison-water to drink. is there not placed a plaster [on the wound of] the 16 And I will scatter them among the nations, whom neither they nor their fathers have known: and I will send out after them the sword, till I have consumed them. 17 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Consider it well, and call for the mourning women, that they may come: and send for the women skilled in lament, that they may come; 18 And let them make haste, and take up for us a lamentation, that our eyes may run down with tears, and our evelids drop down water. 19 For a voice of wailing is heard out of Zion, How are we wasted! we are greatly ashamed; because we have forsaken the land, because they have cast down our dwellings. 20 For hear, O ye women, the word of the Lord, and let your ear perceive the word of his mouth, and teach your daughters wailing, and every one her neighbor lamentation. 21 For death is come up through our windows, is entered into our palaces; to cut off the children from the street, the young men from the open places. 22 Speak. Thus saith the Lord. Yea, the carcasses of men shall lie as dung upon the open field, and as the sheaves [left] after the harvestman, with none to gather them. 23 Thus hath said the Lord. Let not the wise glorify himself in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glorify himself in his might, let not the rich glorify himself in his riches; 24 But let him that glorifieth himself glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord who exercise kindness, justice, and righteousness. on the earth; for in these things I delight, saith the Lord. 25 Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, that I will send punishment on all the circumcised who are [yet] uncircumcised; 26 On Egypt, and on Judah, and on Edom, and on the children of 'Ammon, and on Moab, and all who have the locks of their hair cut off round that dwell in the wilderness: for all these nations are uncircumcised, and all the house of Israel are uncircumcised in the heart.

> 1 N Hear ye the word which the Lord hath spoken concerning you, O house of Israel: 2 Thus hath said the Lord, Do not habituate yourselves on the

be ye not dismayed; although the nations should be now] my tent is laid waste, and all my cords are torn concern what is vanity; for it is but a tree which a man they are not [here]; there is no one to stretch forth hath cut out of a forest, the work of the hands of the my tent any more, and to set up my curtains. 21 For do they ornament it; with nails and with hammers not sought; therefore have they not prospered, and As a wrought-out palm-like column are they, and the report is come, and a great commotion out of the cannot speak; they must needs be borne, because north country, to render the cities of Judah desolate, they cannot do any harm, so also to do any good way of man is not in his own power: it is not in man because among all the wise men of the nations, and that have not called on thy name; for they have eaten thee. 8 But at once shall they be shown to be brutish and have made his dwelling desolate. and foolish: it is a doctrine of vanities, it concerneth but wood. 9 The beaten out silver is brought from 11 The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, Tharshish, and gold from Uphaz, the work of the workman, and of the hands of the goldsmith; blue and purple is their clothing; the work of skilful men are they all. 10 But the Lord God is the truth, he is the living God, and the everlasting king; at his wrath the earth shall quake, and nations cannot endure his indignation. 11 Thus shall ve say unto them. The gods that have not made the heavens and the earth, shall perish away from the earth, and from under these heavens. 12 He made the earth by his power, he established the world by his wisdom, and by his understanding he stretched out the heavens. 13 At the sound when he giveth a multitude of waters in the heavens, and causeth clouds to ascend from the ends of the earth; when he maketh lightnings with rain, and bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures: 14 Then standeth every man as brutish without knowledge: ashamed is every goldsmith because of the graven image; for falsehood is his molten work, and there is no breath therein. 15 They are vanity, the work of deception; in the time of their punishment shall they vanish. 16 Not like these is the portion of Jacob; for he is the former of all things; and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: The Lord of hosts is his name. Gather up thy wares from the ground, O inhabitress of the beleaquered city. 18 For thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will cast forth as with a sling the inhabitants of the land at this time, and I will enclose them, in order that they may find them. 19 Woe is me for my breach! my wound is painful; but I thought,

way of the nations, and at the signs of the heavens This is but pain, and I shall be able to bear it. 20 [But dismayed at them. 3 For the statutes of these people as under: my children are gone away from me, and workman, with the axe. 4 With silver and with gold the shepherds were brutish, and the Lord had they do they fasten it, that it move not from its place, 5 all their flocks are scattered, 22 Behold, the noise of they cannot step along. Be not afraid of them; for a dwelling for monsters. 23 I know, O Lord, that the is not in them. 6 Forasmuch as there is none like that passeth away to direct his own steps. 24 Correct unto thee, O Lord; thou [alone] art great, and great me, O Lord, but with justice; not in thy anger, lest is thy name in might, 7 Who would not fear thee, thou bring me to nothing, 25 Pour out thy fury over O King of the nations? for to thee doth it appertain; the nations that know thee not, and over the families in all their kingdoms, [they say] there is none like unto up Jacob, and devoured him, and consumed him,

> saying, 2 Hear ye the words of this covenant, and speak unto the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem; 3 And say thou unto them, Thus hath said the Lord God of Israel, Cursed be the man that hearkeneth not to the words of this covenant, 4 Which commanded your fathers on the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the iron furnace, saying, Hearken to my voice, and do the same, in accordance with all which I may command you; and so shall ye be to me for a people. and I will be to you for a God; 5 In order that I may fulfill the oath which I have sworn unto your fathers, to give unto them a land flowing with milk and honey. as it is this day. And I answered, and said, So be it, O Lord. 6 Then said the Lord 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 warned your fathers on the day that I brought them up out of the land of Egypt even until this day, sending out early and warning, saying, Hearken to my voice; 8 Yet they hearkened not, and inclined not their ear, but walked every one in the stubbornness of their evil heart: therefore did I bring over them all the words of this covenant, which I commanded them to do; but which they did not. 9 And the Lord said unto me, A conspiracy hath been found among the men of Judah, and among the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 10 They are returned again to the iniquities of their earlier forefathers, who had refused to hearken to

my words; and they themselves are [also] gone after 12 [Too] righteous art thou, O Lord, that I could other gods to serve them: the house of Israel and the house of Judah have broken my covenant which I principles ofl justice with thee: Wherefore is the way made with their fathers. 11 Therefore thus hath said of the wicked happy? do all those prosper that deal the Lord. Behold. I will bring an evil upon them, from treacherously? 2 Thou hast planted them; they have which they shall not be able to rid themselves; and also taken root; they grow; they also bring forth fruit: they will cry unto me, but I will not hearken unto them. thou art near, in their mouth, and far from their mind. 12 Then let the cities of Judah and the inhabitants 3 But thou. O Lord, knowest me: thou seest me, and of Jerusalem go, and cry unto the gods unto whom probest my heart toward thee; set them apart like they offer incense; but they shall not save them in sheep for the slaughter, and destine them for the the least in the time of their distress. 13 For equal day of slaying. 4 How long shall the land mourn, to the number of thy cities were thy gods, O Judah; and the herb of all the field wither? Because of the and equal to the number of the streets of Jerusalem wickedness of those that dwell therein are wholly have ve set up altars to the disgraceful idol, altars, to removed the beasts and the birds; because they said, burn incense unto Ba'al. 14 But thou—thou must not He will not see our last end. 5 If thou hast run with pray in behalf of this people, neither lift up in their the footmen, and they have wearied thee, how then behalf entreaty or prayer; for I will not hear at the canst thou contend with the horses? and if in the time that they call unto me, because of their distress. land of peace, [wherein] thou trustedst, [they wearied 15 What hath my beloved to do in my house, while thee, I how then wilt thou do in the swelling of the she executeth the evil counsel of so many [sinners]? Jordan? 6 For even thy brethren, and the house of Yea, the holy flesh passeth away from thee; for even thy father, even they have dealt treacherously with with thy wickedness, thou rejoicest still. 16 An ever- thee; yea, even they have called forth a crowd of green olive-tree, beautiful in fruit and form, did the men after thee; believe them not, though they speak Lord call thy name: with the noise of a great tumult kindly unto thee. 7 I have forsaken my house, I hath he kindled fire around it, and they break off its have abandoned my heritage; I have given up the branches. 17 And the Lord of hosts, that planted thee, most dearly beloved of my soul into the hand of her hath decreed evil against thee; on account of the enemies. 8 My heritage is become unto me as a wickedness of the house of Israel and of the house of Ilion in the forest; it sent forth its voice against me: Judah, which they have done against themselves, to therefore do I hate it. 9 Is my heritage become unto provoke me to anger in offering incense unto Ba'al. me as a bird of prey stained with blood? so that the 18 And the Lord hath given me knowledge of it, and I birds of prey are all around it? Come ye, assemble all know it: then didst thou let me see their doings. 19 the beasts of the field, bring them hither to devour. 10 But I was like a sheep or an ox that is brought to Many shepherds have destroyed my vineyard, they the slaughter; and I knew not that they had devised have trodden under foot my field, they have rendered devices against me, [saying, ] "Let us destroy the tree my pleasant field a desolate wilderness. 11 They have with its fruit, and let us cut him off from the land of made it a desert, and being desolate it mourneth the living, that his name may not be remembered before me; the whole land is made desolate, because any more." 20 But. O Lord of hosts, that judgest no man laid it to heart. 12 Over all the mountainrighteously, that triest the reins and the heart, let me peaks in the wilderness did the destroyers come; for see thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I the sword of the Lord devoureth from the one end of entrusted my cause. 21 Therefore thus hath said the the land even to the other end of the land: there is no Lord concerning the men of 'Anathoth, that seek thy peace to any flesh. 13 They have sown wheat, but life, saying, "Thou shalt not prophesy in the name of they reap thorns; they have put themselves to pain the Lord, that thou mayest not die by our hand:" 22 [but] have no profit; be therefore ashamed of your Therefore thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Behold, I products, because of the fierce anger of the Lord. 14 will inflict punishment on them: the young men shall Thus hath said the Lord against all my bad neighbors, die by the sword; their sons and their daughters shall that touch the inheritance which I have caused my die by the famine: 23 And no remnant shall remain of people Israel to inherit. Behold, I will pluck them out them; for I will bring evil upon the men of 'Anathoth, of their land, and the house of Judah will I pluck out in the year of their punishment.

plead with thee; yet must I speak of [the from the midst of them. 15 And it shall come to pass. that, after I have plucked them out, and I will again

have mercy on them, and will restore them, every ye, and bend your ear: be not proud; for the Lord [them], saith the Lord.

13 Thus said the Lord unto me, Go and buy thee a linen girdle, and put it around thy loins, and lay it not in water. 2 So I bought the girdle, according to the word of the Lord, and put it around my loins, 3 And the word of the Lord came unto me the second time. saying, 4 Take the girdle that thou hast bought, which is around thy loins; and arise, go to the Euphrates, and hide it there in a cleft of the rock. 5 So I went, and hid it by the Euphrates, as the Lord has commanded me. 6 And it came to pass at the end of many days, that the Lord said unto me, Arise, go to the Euphrates, and take from there the girdle, which I commanded thee to hide there. 7 And I went to the Euphrates, and dug, and took the girdle from the place where I had hidden it; and, behold, the girdle was spoiled. it was useful for nothing. 8 Then came the word of the Lord unto me, saying, 9 Thus hath said the Lord, After this manner will I destroy the pride of Judah. and the pride of Jerusalem, which is great. 10 And this bad people, who refuse to hearken to my words, who walk in the stubbornness of their heart, and have followed other gods, to serve them, and to bow down to them, shall even be as this girdle which is useful for nothing. 11 For as the girdle cleaveth to the loins of a man, so had I caused to cleave unto me all the house of Israel and all the house of Judah, saith the Lord, —to become unto me a people, and [to be] for a name, and for praise, and for honor; but they would not hear. 12 Therefore shalt thou say unto them this word, Thus hath said the Lord the God

man to his heritage, and every man to his land. 16 hath spoken. 16 Give unto the Lord your God glory, And it shall come to pass, if they will truly learn the before he cause darkness, and before your feet strike ways of my people, to swear by my name. As the upon the mountains of twilight, and [where], while ye Lord liveth; as they had taught my people to swear by look for light, he turn it into the shadow of death, and Ba'al: that they shall then be built up in the midst of change it into gross darkness. 17 But if ye will not my people. 17 But if they will not hearken, then will I hear it, my soul shall weep in secret places because pluck out that nation, plucking out and exterminating of [your] pride; and my eye shall weep sorely, and run down with tears, because the flock of the Lord is driven away captive. 18 Say unto the king and to the queen-mother, Sit down very lowly; for sunk down are your head-attires, the crown of your ornament. 19 The cities of the south are shut up, and there is no one to open them: Judah is carried away into exile altogether, it is carried into exile completely. 20 Lift up your eyes, and see those that are coming from the north: where is the flock that was given thee, thy splendid flock? 21 What wilt thou say when he will punish thee? since thou hast accustomed them to be over thee captains, and chiefs? shall not pangs seize upon thee, as on a woman in travail? 22 And if thou wilt say in thy heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thy iniquity are thy skirts laid open, thy heels are made bare violently. 23 Can the Ethiopian change his skin, or the leopard his spots? [then] may ye also do good, that are accustomed to do evil. 24 Therefore will I scatter them as the stubble that passeth away before the wind of the wilderness. 25 This is thy lot, the portion of thy measures from me, saith the Lord; because thou hast forgotten me, and trusted in falsehood. 26 Therefore do I also strip up thy skirts over thy face, that thy shame may be seen. 27 Thy adulteries and thy loud shoutings, the lewdness of thy incest, thy abominations on the hills in the fields have I seen. Woe unto thee, O Jerusalem! thou wilt not be made clean after ever so long a time.

1 1 The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah concerning the drought. 2 Judah mourneth, and of Israel, Every bottle shall be filled with wine; and her gates languish; they lie grieved on the ground; and when they will say unto thee, Do we not know full well the distressed cry of Jerusalem ascendeth upward. 3 that every bottle shall be filled with wine? 13 Then And their nobles have sent out their subordinates for shalt thou say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord, water: they come to the pits, they find no water; they Behold, I will fill all the inhabitants of this land, even return with their vessels empty; they are ashamed and the kings that sit after David upon his throne, and confounded, and cover their head. 4 Because of the the priests, and the prophets, and all the inhabitants ground which is cracked open, since there hath been of Jerusalem, with drunkenness. 14 And I will dash no rain in the land, are the ploughmen ashamed, they them one against the other, even the fathers and the cover their head. 5 Yea, the hind also bringeth forth sons together, saith the Lord: I will not pity, nor spare, her young in the field, and forsaketh [them], because nor have mercy, so as not to destroy them. 15 Hear there is no grass. 6 And the wild asses stand on the their eyes fail, because there are no herbs. 7 If our and behold, there is terror! 20 We know, O Lord, our iniquities testify against us. O Lord, do thou act for wickedness, the iniquity of our fathers; for we have the sake of thy name; for our backslidings are many; sinned against thee. 21 Do not cast us off, for the against thee have we sinned. 8 O thou hope of Israel, sake of thy name, do not disgrace the throne of thy his saviour in time of trouble, why shouldst thou be as glory: remember, break not thy covenant with us. a stranger in the land, and as a wayfarer that turneth 22 Are there any among the vanities of the nations aside to lodge for a night? 9 Why shouldst thou be as those that bestow rain? or can the heavens give forth a man that is surprised, as a mighty man that cannot showers? Behold, thou art this, O Lord our God, and save? yet thou art in the midst of us, O Lord, and we we will hope in thee; for thou hast done all these are called by thy name; abandon us not. 10 Thus hath things. said the Lord unto this people. Thus have they loved to wander about, their feet have they not restrained: therefore the Lord doth not receive them in favor: now will he remember their iniquity, and will punish their sins. 11 Then said the Lord unto me, Pray not in behalf of this people for their good. 12 When they fast, I will not hear their entreaty: and when they offer burnt-offering and meat-offering. I will not receive them in favor; but by the sword, and by the famine, and by the pestilence, will I make an end of them. 13 Then said I, Ah, Lord Eternal! behold, the prophets say unto them. Ye shall not see the sword, neither shall ve have famine: but a permanent peace will I give you in this place. 14 Then said the Lord unto me. Falsehood do the prophets prophesy in my name: I have not sent them, neither have I commanded them, neither have I spoken unto them; a vision of falsehood, and divination, and idolatrous folly, and the deceit of their heart do they prophesy unto you. 15 Therefore thus hath said the Lord concerning the prophets that prophesy in my name, when I have not sent them, while they say, Sword and famine shall not come in this land: By the sword and by the famine shall these prophets come to their end. 16 And the people to whom they prophesy shall lie cast down in the streets of Jerusalem by means of the famine and the sword; and they shall have none to bury them. them, their wives, and their sons, and their daughters: for I will pour out their wickedness over them. 17 But thou shalt say unto them this word. My eyes shall run down with tears night and day, and they shall not cease; for with a great breach is the virgin-daughter of my people broken, with a very painful blow. 18 If I go forth into the field, behold, there are the slain with the sword! and if I enter into the city, behold, there are those that are sick with famine! for both the prophet and the priest travel round into a land that they know not. 19 Hast thou entirely rejected Judah? or hath thy soul loathing on Zion? why hast thou smitten us, so that there is no healing for us? we hoped for peace,

mountain-tops, they snuff up the wind like serpents; and there is no good; and for the time of healing.

 ${f 15}$  And the Lord said unto me, If Moses and Samuel were to stand before me, my favor would [still] not be toward this people; send them away out of my sight, that they may go forth. 2 And it shall come to pass, if they should say unto thee, Whither shall we go forth, that thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord, Such as are destined to death, to death; and such as are destined to the sword, to the sword: and such as are destined to famine, to famine; and such as are destined to captivity, to captivity, 3 And I will appoint over them four species, saith the Lord: The sword to slay, and the dogs to drag away, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the earth. to devour and to destroy. 4 And I will cause them to become a horror unto all the kingdoms of the earth, on account of Menasseh the son of Hezekiah the king of Judah, because of what he did in Jerusalem. 5 For who will have pity upon thee. O Jerusalem? or who will condole with thee? or who will go aside to ask after thy welfare? 6 Thou hast indeed forsaken me, saith the Lord, thou art gone backward; therefore do I stretch out my hand against thee, and destroy thee: I am weary with repenting. 7 And I winnow them with a fan in the gates of the land: I make childless, I annihilate my people, [since] from their ways they have not turned away. 8 Their widows are more numerous before me than the sand of the seas: I bring unto them, over the mothers of the young men, a waster at noonday: I cause to fall upon her suddenly the enemy with [his] terrors. 9 She that had born seven children fadeth away; she breatheth out her soul, her sun is set while it is yet day; she is made ashamed and put to the blush: —and their residue will I give up to the sword before their enemies, saith the Lord. 10 Woe is me, my mother, that thou hast born me, a man of contention and a man of strife to the whole land! I have not lent, nor have men lent to me: [yet] every one of them curseth me. 11 The Lord said, Truly I will release thee for [thy] good; truly I will cause

the enemy to meet thee in the time of distress and in this land, — they shall not be buried, and men in the time of affliction. 12 Can iron break in pieces shall not lament for them, nor cut themselves, nor the northern iron and copper? 13 Thy wealth and thy make themselves bald for them: 7 Nor shall they treasures will I give up as spoil without price, and this break bread for them at their mourning, to comfort for all thy sins, even in all thy borders. 14 And I will them for the dead; nor shall they give them to drink cause them to pass over with thy enemies into a land the cup of consolation for their father and for their which thou knowest not; for a fire is kindled in my mother. 8 And into the house of feasting shalt thou anger, over you shall it burn. 15 Thou well knowest it, not enter, to sit with them, to eat and to drink, 9 For O Lord! remember me and think of me, and avenge thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, me on my persecutors; not according to thy long- Behold, I will cause to cease out of this place before suffering act thou for me: know, that for thy sake I your eyes, and in your days, the voice of gladness, have borne shame. 16 When thy words were made and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom, and manifest to me, then I greedily received them; and the voice of the bride, 10 And it shall come to pass. thy word became unto me the gladness and joy of when thou shalt tell this people all these words, and my heart: for thy name is called upon me. O Lord of they should say unto thee. Wherefore hath the Lord hosts. 17 I sat not in the assembly of the mirthful, spoken against us all this great evil? and what is our and was rejoiced; because of thy inspiration I sat iniquity? and what is our sin that we have committed solitary; for thou hadst filled me with indignation. 18 against the Lord our God? 11 That thou shalt say unto Why is my pain perpetual, and my wound incurable? them, Because your fathers forsook me, saith the it refuseth to be healed; it is truly become unto me as Lord, and walked after other gods, and served them, a deceptive spring, as waters that are not reliable. 19 and bowed down unto them, and me they forsook, Therefore thus hath said the Lord, If thou return, and and my law they kept not; 12 And ye act worse than I bring thee back again, then shalt thou stand before your fathers; for, behold, ye walk every one after the me; and if thou bring forth the precious from the vile, stubbornness of his evil heart, so as not to hearken thou shalt be as my mouth: these shall return unto unto me; 13 Therefore will I hurl you out of this land thee; but thou shalt not return unto them. 20 And L into the land of which ve had no knowledge, neither will make thee unto this people as a fortified brazen ye nor your fathers; and ye will serve there other gods wall; and they will fight against thee, but they shall by day and by night; so that I will not grant you any not prevail against thee; for I am with thee to save favor. 14 Therefore, behold, days are coming, saith thee and to deliver thee, saith the Lord. 21 And I will the Lord, when it shall not he said any more, As the deliver thee out of the hand of the wicked, and I will Lord liveth, who hath brought up the children of Israel redeem thee out of the grasp of the tyrants.

16 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Thou shalt not take thyself a wife, neither shalt thou have sons or daughters in this place. 3 For thus hath said the Lord concerning the sons and concerning the daughters that are born in this place. and concerning their mothers that bear them, and concerning their fathers that beget them in this land: 4 A death through diseases of famine shall they die: they shall not be lamented for: nor shall they be buried; for dung upon the face of the earth shall they be: and by the sword and by famine shall they come to their end; and their carcasses shall be for food unto the fowls of heaven, and unto the beasts of the earth. 5 For thus hath said the Lord, Enter not into the house of mourning, neither go to lament nor to condole with them; for I have taken away my peace from this people, saith the Lord, yea, kindness and mercy. 6 And both the great and the small shall die

out of the land of Egypt; 15 But, As the Lord liveth, who hath 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 cause them to return unto their land which I have given unto their fathers. 16 Behold, I will send for many fishermen, saith the Lord, and they shall fish them; and after that will I 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 my eyes are directed upon all their ways, they are not hidden from my face, nor is their iniquity concealed from my eyes. 18 And [thus] will I pay them at the first their two-fold iniquity and their sin; because they have defiled my land, filling my heritage with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable idols. 19 O Lord, my strength, and my fortress, and my refuge on the day of trouble. unto thee shall nations come from the ends of the earth, and say, Nothing but falsehood had our fathers inherited, vanity, wherein there is no profit. 20 How? can a man make unto himself gods, which are yet before thee. 17 Be not a terror unto me: thou art my no gods? 21 Therefore, behold, I will cause them to protection on the day of evil. 18 Let those be made know, at this time will I cause them to know, my hand ashamed that persecute me, but let not me be made and my might: and they shall know that my name is ashamed: let them be dismayed, but let me not be the ternal.

The sin of Judah is written down with a pen of iron, with the point of a diamond: it is engraved upon the table of their heart, and on the horns of your altars. 2 Like their remembrance of their children, so are [to them] their altars and their groves by [every] green tree upon the high hills. 3 O my mountain in the field, thy substance, all thy treasures will I give up for spoil, thy high-places [reared] with sin, throughout all thy borders. 4 And thou shalt be cast out, vea through thy own quilt, from thy heritage which I have given thee; and I will cause thee to serve thy enemies in a land which thou knowest not; for a fire have ye kindled in my anger, for ever shall it burn, 5 Thus hath said the Lord, Cursed is the man that trusteth in man, and placeth on flesh his dependence, while from the Lord his heart departeth. 6 And he shall be like a lonely tree in the desert, which feeleth not when the good cometh; but abideth in the parched places in the wilderness, in a salty land which cannot be inhabited. 7 Blessed is the man that trusteth in the Lord, and the Lord will be his trust. 8 And he shall be like a tree that is planted by the waters, and by a stream spreadeth out its roots, which feeleth not when heat cometh, but its leaf remaineth green; and in a year of drought it is undisturbed by care, and ceaseth not from yielding fruit. 9 Deceitful is the heart above all things, and sick: who can know it? 10 I the Lord search the heart, probe the reins; yea, to give unto every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds. 11 As a cuckoo that sitteth on eggs which he hath not laid, so is he that get the riches, and not by right; in the midst of his days shall he leave them, and at his end shall be called wicked. 12 A throne of glory, exalted from the beginning, is the place of our sanctuary! 13 Hope of Israel, O Lord, all that forsake thee shall be made ashamed, and the backsliders among me shall be written down on the earth; because they have forsaken the fountain of living waters, the Lord. 14 Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed: save me, and I shall be saved: for my praise art thou. 15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the Lord? let it come now. 16 As for me. I have not hastened to be a shepherd to

protection on the day of evil. 18 Let those be made ashamed that persecute me, but let not me be made ashamed: let them be dismaved, but let me not be dismayed: bring upon them the day of evil, and strike them with a double breach. 19 Thus said the Lord unto me, Go and stand in the gate of the children of the people, whereby the kings of Judah usually enter. and by which they usually go out, and in all the gates of Jerusalem; 20 And say unto them, Hear ye the word of the Lord, ye kings of Judah, and all Judah, and all inhabitants of Jerusalem, that enter in by these gates. 21 Thus hath said the Lord. Take heed for your souls, and bear no burden on the sabbath-day, nor bring it in through the gates of Jerusalem: 22 Nor shall you carry forth a burden out of your houses on the sabbath-day, and no manner of work shall ye do, but hallow ve the sabbath-day, as I have commanded your fathers; 23 But they hearkened not, and inclined not their ear; and they made their neck stiff, so as not to hearken, and not to receive instruction. 24 And it shall come to pass, if ye will diligently hearken unto me, saith the Lord, so as to bring in no burden through the gates of this city on the sabbath-day, and to hallow the sabbath-day, so as to do no work thereon: 25 Then shall there enter through 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 be inhabited for ever. 26 And there shall come from the cities of Judah, and from the environs of Jerusalem, and from the land of Benjamin, and from the lowlands, and from the mountain, and from the south, those that bring burnt-offerings, and sacrifices, and meat-offerings, and frankincense, and those that bring thanksgivingofferings, unto the house of the Lord, 27 But if ve will not hearken unto me to hallow the sabbath-day, and not to bear a burden, and to enter in at the gates of Jerusalem on the sabbath-day: then will I kindle a fire in its gates, and it shall devour the palaces of Jerusalem, and it shall not be quenched.

earth; because they have forsaken the fountain of living waters, the Lord. 14 Heal me, O Lord, and I Lord, saying, 2 Arise, and go down to the shall be healed: save me, and I shall be saved; for my praise art thou. 15 Behold, they say unto me, Where is the word of the Lord? let it come now. 16 he was doing work on the wheels. 4 And the vessel As for me, I have not hastened to be a shepherd to follow thee; and the woeful day have I not longed for; with the clay in the hand of the potter; and he made thou knowest it: what came out of my lips was known again thereof another vessel, as it seemed good in

word of the Lord to me, saying, 6 Shall I not be able heard from their houses, when thou bringest a troop to do unto you as this potter, O house of Israel? saith over them suddenly; for they have dug a pit to catch the Lord. Behold, as the clay is in the potter's hand, me, and laid concealed snares for my feet. 23 Yet so are ye in my hand, O house of Israel. 7 At one thou, Lord, knowest well all their counsel against me instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning to [procure my] death: forgive not their iniquity, and a kingdom, to root out, and to pull down, and to let their sin not be blotted out from before thee; but destroy it; 8 But should that nation, against whom let them be brought to stumbling before thee; in the I have spoken, return from their wrong-doing: then time of thy anger deal thus with them. will I bethink me of the evil that I had thought to do unto them. 9 And at one instant I speak concerning a nation, and concerning a kingdom, to build and to plant it; 10 But should it do what is evil in my eyes, so as not to hearken to my voice: then will I bethink me of the good, wherewith I had thought to benefit the same. 11 And now do say to the men of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, as followeth, Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I form against you evil, and devise against you a device: do but return now every one from his evil way, and amend your ways and your deeds. 12 And they said, It is useless: for after our own thoughts will we walk, and we will every one do after the stubbornness of his evil heart. 13 Therefore thus hath said the Lord, Only ask among the nations, Who hath heard the like things? a very horrible act hath the virgin of Israel committed. 14 Doth the snow of Lebanon ever guit the rock of the field? or do the far-coming, cold, flowing waters ever fail? 15 That my people have forgotten me, that they have burnt incense to false gods, and are made to stumble on their ways, the ancient beaten tracks, to walk in paths, on a road which is not leveled? 16 To make their land desolate, a perpetual derision: every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished, and shake his head. 17 Like an east wind will I scatter them before the enemy; with the back, and not the face, will I regard them on the day of their calamity. 18 And they said, Come, and let us contrive devices against Jeremiah; for the law will not be lost 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 listen to any of his words. 19 Listen to me, O Lord, and hearken to the voice of those that contend with me. 20 Shall evil be recompensed instead of good, that they have dug a pit for my life? Remember my standing before thee to speak good concerning them, to cause thy wrath to turn away from them. 21 Therefore give up their children to the famine, and let their life ebb out by means of the sword; and let their wives be bereaved of their children, and widows; and let their men be slain by death; their young men

the eyes of the potter to make it. 5 Then came the smitten by the sword in the battle. 22 Let a cry be

19 Thus said the Lord, Go and buy a bottle from a maker of earthenware, and [take] some 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 the gate Charsith, and proclaim there the words that I will speak unto thee. 3 And say, Hear ye the word of the Lord, O kings of Judah, and inhabitants of Jerusalem, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring evil over this place, so that the ears of every one that heareth it shall tingle. 4 For the reason that they have forsaken me, and have defiled this place, and have burnt incense in it unto other gods, which they had not known, either they or their fathers, or the kings of Judah, and have filled this place with the blood of innocents; 5 And they have built the highplaces of Ba'al, to burn their sons with fire as burntofferings unto Ba'al, which I had not commanded, nor spoken, and which had not come into my mind: 6 Therefore, behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, that this place shall no more be called The Thopheth, nor The valley of the son of Hinnom, but, The valley of slaughter. 7 And I will make void the counsel of Judah and Jerusalem in this place; and I will cause them to fall by the sword before their enemies, and by the hand of those that seek their life: and I will give their carcasses as food unto the fowls of the heaven, and unto the beasts of the earth. 8 And I will render this city desolate, and an [object of] derision: every one that passeth thereby shall be astonished and hiss because of all its plagues. 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 associate, in the siege and straitness, wherewith their enemies, and those that seek their life, shall distress them. 10 Then shalt thou break the bottle before the eyes of the men that are going with thee. 11 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, In this manner will I break this people and this city, as one breaketh a potter's vessel, that cannot be restored again; and in Thopheth shall they bury, for want of room to bury, 12 Thus will I do unto. But it became in my heart as a burning fire enclosed to make this city as Thopheth: 13 And the houses of I could not overcome it. 10 For I heard the defaming they have burnt incense to all the host of heaven, may be enticed, and we shall prevail against him, and 14 Then came Jeremiah from the Thopheth, whither Lord is with me as a mighty powerful one; therefore the Lord had sent him to prophesy; and he placed my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail: himself in the court of the house of the Lord; and said they will be greatly ashamed, for they will not prosper; against it: because they have hardened their neck, so thy vengeance on them; for unto thee have I laid as not to hear my words.

20 But when Pashchur the son of Immer the priest, who was chief superintendent in the house of the Lord, heard Jeremiah prophesving these words: 2 Then smote Pashchur Jeremiah the prophet, and put him in the stocks that were in the upper gate of Benjamin, which was in the house of the Lord. 3 And it came to pass on the morrow, that Pashchur brought forth Jeremiah out of the stocks. And Jeremiah said unto him, Not Pashchur [Fulness of Freedom] hath the Lord called thy name, but Magor-missabib [Terror all around]]. 4 For thus hath said the Lord, 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 thy eyes shall see it; and all Judah will I give into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall lead them into exile to Babylon, and shall smite them with the sword. 5 And I will give up all the wealth of this city, and all its acquisitions, and all its precious things; and all the treasures of the kings of Judah will I give into the hand of their enemies, who shall plunder them, and take them and carry them away to Babylon. 6 And thou, Pashchur, and all the inhabitants of thy house, shall go into captivity; and to Babylon shalt thou come, and there thou shalt die, and there shalt thou be buried, thou, and all thy friends, to whom thou hast prophesied with falsehood. 7 Thou didst persuade me, O Lord, and I was persuaded; thou laidst thy [hand] strongly on me, and didst prevail: I am laughed at all the time, every one mocketh me. For as often as I speak must I cry out, violence and wasting must I proclaim; because the word of the Lord is become unto me a disgrace, and a derision, all the time. 9 And I thought, I will not make mention of him, and I will not speak any more in his name.

this place, saith the Lord, and to its inhabitants, and within my bones, and I was weary with enduring, and Jerusalem, and the houses of the kings of Judah, of many angry assemblies on every side, "Tell, and which are unclean, shall become as the place of the we will tell of him." All the men who ought to seek my Thopheth, with all the houses upon the roofs of which welfare, watch for my fall; saying, "Peradventure he and have poured out drink-offerings to other gods, we will then take our revenge on him." 11 But the to all the people, 15 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, [it is] an everlasting confusion which will never be the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring upon this city forgotten, 12 But, O Lord of hosts, that probest the and upon all its towns all the evil that I have spoken righteous, seest the reins and the heart, let me see open my cause. 13 Sing unto the Lord, praise ye the Lord; for he hath delivered the soul of the needy from the hand of evil-doers. 14 Cursed be the day whereon I was born: the day on which my mother bore me shall not be blessed. 15 Cursed be the man who brought tidings to my father, saying, A man-child is born unto thee. How very glad did he make him! 16 And may that same man become like the cities which the Lord overthrew, and bethought himself not: and may he hear a cry of anguish in the morning, and a tumultuous noise at noontide: 17 Because I was not slain [as I escaped] from the womb; or that my mother might have become unto me my grave. and her womb have been affected with a perpetual pregnancy. 18 Wherefore was this that I came forth out of the womb to see trouble and sorrow, that my days should pass away in shame?

> 21 The word which came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, when king Zedekiah sent unto him Pashchur the son of Malkiyah, and Zephanyah the son of Ma'asseyah the priest, saying, 2 Inquire, I pray thee, in our behalf of the Lord; for Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon maketh war against us; peradventure the Lord will deal with us according to all his wondrous deeds, so that he may withdraw from us. 3 Then said Jeremiah unto them. Thus shall ve sav to Zedekiah: 4 Thus hath said the Lord 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, who besiege you without the walls, and I will assemble them into the midst of this city. 5 And I myself will fight against you with an outstretched hand and with a strong arm. and in anger, and in fury, and in great wrath. 6 And I will smite the inhabitants of this city, both man and

beast: of a great pestilence shall they die. 7 And [though] thou art unto me, a summit of the Lebanon: fire in its forest, and it shall devour all its environs.

**72** Thus said the Lord, Go down to the house of the king of Judah, and speak there this word; 2 And thou shalt say. Hear the word of the Lord. 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 hath said the Lord, Execute ve justice and righteousness, and deliver him that is robbed out of the hand of the oppressor; and the stranger, the fatherless, and the widow shall ve not oppress, and do them no violence, and shed no innocent blood in this place. 4 For if ye indeed will do this thing, then shall enter in through the gates of this house kings sitting after David upon his throne, riding in chariots and on horses, he, and his servants, and his people. 5 But if ye will not hear these words, then do I swear by myself, saith the Lord, that this house shall become a ruin. 6 For thus hath said the Lord concerning the house of the king of Judah, A Gil'ad

afterward, saith the Lord, will I give up Zedekiah the yet I will surely change thee into a wilderness, cities king of Judah, and his servants, and the people, and which are not inhabited. 7 And I will make ready those that are left in this city from the pestilence, against thee destroyers, every one with his weapons; from the sword, and from the famine, into the hand of and they shall cut down the choice of thy cedars, and Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, and into the cast them into the fire. 8 And [when] many nations hand of their enemies, and into the hand of those that [then] pass by this city, they will say every man to seek their life; and he shall smite them with the edge his neighbor. Wherefore hath the Lord done the like of the sword; he will not spare them, nor have pity, nor unto this great city? 9 Then shall they say, Because have mercy. 8 And unto this people shalt thou say, they had forsaken the covenant of the Lord their God, Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I set before you the and bowed down unto other gods, and served them. way of life, and the way of death. 9 He that remaineth 10 Weep not for the dead, and do not bemoan him: in this city shall die by the sword, or by the famine, or weep sorely for him that goeth away; for he shall by the pestilence; but he that goeth out, and runneth never return any more, and see the land of his birth. away to the Chaldeans that besiege you, shall remain 11 For thus hath said the Lord respecting Shallum the alive, and his life shall be unto him as a booty. 10 For son of Josiah the king of Judah, who reigneth in the I have set my face against this city for evil, and not place of Josiah his father, who is gone forth out of for good, saith the Lord; into the hand of the king of this place. He shall never return thither any more; Babylon shall it be given up, and he will burn it with 12 But in the place whither they have led him into fire. 11 And to the house of the king of Judah [say], exile, there shall he die; but this land shall he not see Hear ye the word of the Lord: 12 O house of David, any more. 13 Woe unto him that buildeth his house thus hath said the Lord, Exercise justice on [every] by unrighteousness, and his chambers by injustice; morning, and deliver him that is robbed out of the that maketh his neighbor work without wages, and hand of the oppressor; lest my fury go forth like fire, giveth him not the reward for his labor; 14 That saith, and burn so that none can quench it, because of the I will build me a roomy house, and ample chambers, evil of your doings. 13 Behold, I am against thee, O and cutteth himself out windows, and ceileth it with inhabitress of the valley, [about] the rock of the plain, cedar, and painteth it with colors. 15 Shalt thou reign, saith the Lord: who say. Who shall descend down because thou strivest to excel with cedar buildings? against us? or who shall enter into our habitations? behold, thy father ate and drank, but he executed 14 But I will inflict punishment on you according to the justice and righteousness: then was it well with him! fruit of your doings, saith the Lord: and I will kindle a 16 He judged the cause of the poor and needy; then was it well: is not this the proper knowledge of me? saith the Lord. 17 But thy eyes and thy heart are directed on nothing but upon thy own gain, and upon innocent blood to shed it, and upon oppression, and upon extortion, to practise them. 18 Therefore thus hath said the Lord concerning Jehoyakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah. They shall not lament for him, with, "Woe, my brother!" and, "Woe, sister!" they shall not lament for him, with "Woe, lord!" and, "Woe, to his glory!" 19 With the burial of an ass shall he be buried, dragged about and cast forth beyond the gates of Jerusalem. 20 Ascend the Lebanon, and crv aloud; and let thy voice resound in Bashan; and cry aloud from 'Aharim; for crushed are all thy lovers. 21 I spoke unto thee in thy prosperity; but thou saidst, I will not hear. This hath been thy manner from thy very youth, that thou didst not hearken to my voice. 22 The wind shall scatter abroad all thy shepherds. and thy lovers shall go into captivity; surely then shalt thou be ashamed and confounded because of all thy wickedness. 23 O inhabitress of Lebanon, that country, and out of all countries whither I had driven makest thy nest in the cedars, how full of grace wilt them: and they shall dwell in their own land. 9 To the thou be! when pangs come upon thee, the pain as prophets—Broken is my heart within me; all my bones of a woman in travail! 24 As I live, saith the Lord, shake; I am like a drunken man, and like a person though Convahu the son of Jehovakim the king of whom wine hath overcome, because of the Lord, and Judah were a signet upon my right hand, yet for a because of his holy words. 10 For of adulterers is surety would I thence pluck thee; 25 And I will give the land full; for because of false swearing mourneth thee into the hand of those that seek thy life, and into the land, dried up are the pastures in the wilderness: the hand of those of whom thou art afraid, and into because their course was for evil, and their strength the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, and was for injustice. 11 For both prophet and priest are into the hand of the Chaldeans. 26 And I will hurl thee hypocrites: yea, in my own house have I found their out, and thy mother that hath born thee, into another wickedness, saith the Lord, 12 Therefore shall their country, where ve were not born; and there shall ve way be unto them as slippery ways in the darkness; die, 27 But to the land whitherward they direct their they shall be pushed forward, and fall thereon; for I soul to return, thither shall they not return, 28 Is this will bring upon them evil, the year of their punishment. man Conyahu a despised broken image? or a vessel saith the Lord. 13 And on the prophets of Samaria without value? wherefore are they hurled out, he and have I seen absurdity: they prophesied by Ba'al, and his seed, and are cast forth into a land which they misled my people Israel. 14 But on the prophets of know not? 29 O land, land, land! hear the word of the Jerusalem have I seen a horrible thing; they commit Lord. 30 Thus hath said the Lord, Write ye down this adultery, and walk in falsehood; and they strengthen man as childless, as a man that shall not prosper in the hands of evil-doers, so that not one of these his days; for no man of his seed shall succeed to sit doth return from his wickedness: they are become upon the throne of David, and to rule any more in unto me all of them as Sodom, and its inhabitants as Judah.

23 Woe unto the shepherds that destroy and scatter the flocks of my pasture! saith the Lord. 2 Therefore thus hath said the Lord the God of Israel concerning the shepherds that feed my people. Ye have scattered my flocks, and driven them away, and have not taken care of them: now, behold. I will visit upon you the evil of your doings, saith the Lord. 3 And I will indeed gather the remnant of my flock together out of all the countries whither I have driven them: and I will bring them back again to their folds: and they shall be fruitful and multiply. 4 And I will raise up over them shepherds who shall feed them: and they shall fear no more, nor be dismayed, and none of them shall be missing, saith the Lord, 5 Behold days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will raise up unto David a righteous sprout, and he shall reign as king, and prosper, and he shall execute justice and righteousness on the earth. 6 In his days shall Judah be helped, and Israel shall dwell in safety: and this is his name whereby he shall be called. The Lord is our righteousness, 7 Therefore, behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when they shall no more say. As the Lord liveth, who hath brought up the children of Israel out of the land of Egypt: 8 But. As the Lord liveth, who hath brought up and who hath led forth the seed of the house of Israel out of the north

Gomorrah, 15 Therefore thus hath said the Lord of hosts concerning the prophets, Behold, I will feed them with wormwood, and make them drink poisonwater; for from the prophets of Jerusalem is hypocrisy gone forth over all the land. 16 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you, they bring you unto vanity: a vision of their own heart do they ever speak, not out of the mouth of the Lord. 17 They say indeed unto those that incense me. The Lord hath spoken. Peace shall ve have: and unto every one that walketh in the stubbornness of his own heart, they said. There shall come no evil upon you. 18 For who hath stood in the secret counsel of the Lord, that he could perceive and hear his word? who hath listened to his word and heard it? 19 Behold, the storm-wind of the Lord is gone forth in fury, yea, a whirling storm: upon the head of the wicked shall it fall grievously. 20 The anger of the Lord will not return, until he have executed, and until he have fulfilled the purposes of his heart: in the end of days shall ve understand this fully. 21 I had not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I had not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. 22 But if they had stood in my secret counsel, they should have announced my words to my people, and have caused them to turn back from their evil way, and from the wrongfulness of their doings. 23 Am I a God for those near at hand, saith the Lord, and not a God

himself in secret places should I not then see him? shame, which shall not be forgotten. saith the Lord. Do I not fill the heavens and the earth? saith the Lord. 25 I have heard what the prophets have said, that prophesy falsely in my name, saying, I have dreamt, I have dreamt. 26 How long shall it be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy falsehood? yea, the prophets of the deceit of their own heart, -27 [How long] do they think to cause my people to forget my name by their dreams which they relate every man to his neighbor, as their fathers forgot my name for the sake of Ba'al? 28 The prophet that hath had a dream, let him relate his dream; and he that hath received my word, let him speak my word of truth. What hath the straw to do with the corn? saith the Lord. 29 Is not thus my word, like the fire? saith the Lord, and like a hammer that shivereth the rock? 30 Therefore, behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that steal my words every one from his neighbor. 31 Behold, I am against the prophets, saith the Lord, that use their own word, and say, [The Lord] saith. 32 Behold, I am against those that prophesy with false dreams, saith the Lord, and do relate them, and mislead my people by their falsehoods, and by their vain boasting: while I have not sent them, nor commanded them; and they cannot bring the least profit to this people, saith the Lord. 33 And if this people, or the prophet, or a priest, should ask thee. saying, What is the message of the Lord? then shalt thou say unto them, Because of this "What is the message?" will I even cast you off, saith the Lord. 34 And as for the prophet, and the priest, and the people, that will say, "A message of the Lord," I will even inflict punishment on that man and on his house. 35 Thus shall ye say every one to his neighbor, and every one to his brother, What hath the Lord answered? and, What hath the Lord spoken? 36 But "A message of the Lord" shall ye not mention any more; for the message cometh indeed to the man of his [prophetic] word; but ye pervert the words of the living God, of the Lord of hosts our God. 37 Thus shalt thou say to the prophet, What hath the Lord answered thee? and, What hath the Lord spoken? 38 But if ye will say, "A message of the Lord," then thus saith the Lord, Because ye say this word, "A message of the Lord," and I have sent unto you, saying, Ye shall not say, "A message of the Lord:" 39 Therefore, behold, I am here, and I will tear you completely away, and I will cast you off, and the city that I have given to you and

for those who are afar off? 24 If a man should hide upon you an everlasting disgrace, and a perpetual

**24** The Lord caused me to see, and, behold, there were two baskets of figs placed before the temple of the Lord, after Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon had carried away into exile Yechonyahu the son of Yehoyakim the king of Judah, and the princes of Judah, with the carpenters and the locksmiths, from Jerusalem, and had brought them to Babylon. 2 The 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, from being so bad. 3 Then said the Lord unto me, What seest thou, Jeremiah? And I said, Figs: the good figs, are very good; and the bad ones, are very bad, which cannot be eaten, from being so bad. 4 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 5 Thus hath said the Lord, the God of Israel, Like these good figs, so will I acknowledge the exiles of Judah, whom I have sent away from this place into the land of the Chaldeans. for good. 6 And I will set my eye upon them for good, and I will cause them to return again to this land; and I will build them up, and not pull them down; and I will plant them, and not pluck them up. 7 And I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord: and they shall be unto me for a people, and I will be unto them for God! for they will return unto me with all their heart. 8 And like the bad figs, which cannot be eaten, from being so bad, surely thus hath said the Lord. So I will render Zedekiah the king of Judah. and his princes, and the residue of Jerusalem, that remain in this land, and those that dwell in the land of Egypt: 9 And I will make them a horror because of [their] mishaps unto all the kingdoms of the earth, a disgrace and a proverb, a byword and a curse, in all the places whither I will drive them. 10 And I will send out against them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence, till they be destroyed from off the land that I had given unto them and to their fathers.

25 The word that came to Jeremiah concerning all the people of Judah, in the fourth year of Jehoyakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah, which is the first year of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon; 2 Which Jeremiah the prophet spoke concerning all the people of Judah, and to all the inhabitants of Jerusalem, saying, 3 From the thirteenth year of Josiah the son of Amon the king of Judah, even until this day, that is now three and twenty years, to your fathers, out of my presence; 40 And I will lay the word of the Lord hath come unto me, and I have spoken unto you, rising early and speaking; but ye have not hearkened. 4 And the Lord hath sent unto 20 And all the confederated nations, and all the kings you all his servants the prophets, making [them] rise of the land of 'Uz, and all the kings of the land of the early and sending [them]; but we have not hearkened. Philistines, and Ashkelon, and Gazzah, and 'Ekron, and have not inclined your ear to hear, 5 They said, and the remnant of Ashdod: 21 Edom, and Moab, O do turn away every one from his evil way, and and the children of 'Ammon: 22 And all the kings of from the wrongfulness of your doings; and ye shall Tyre, and all the kings of Zidon, and the kings of the remain in the land that the Lord hath given unto you isle which is beyond the sea; 23 Dedan, and Thema, and to your fathers, for from eternity to eternity; 6 and Buz, and all those that have their hair cut round: And go not after other gods to serve them, and to 24 And all the kings of Arabia, and all the kings of the bow down to them, and provoke me not to anger confederated nations that dwell in the wilderness; 25 with the works of your hands; and I will not injure And all the kings of Zimri, and all the kings of 'Elam, you. 7 Yet have ye not hearkened unto me, saith the and all the kings of Media; 26 And all the kings of the Lord; in order that we might provoke me to anger with north, that are far and that are near, one with another. the works of your own hands to your own injury, 8 and all the kingdoms of the world, which are upon Therefore thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Because the face of the earth; and the king of Sheshach shall ye have not hearkened to my words: 9 Behold, I will drink after them. 27 And thou shalt say unto them, send and take all the families of the north, saith the Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Lord, and to Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon. Drink ve. and become drunken, and vomit, and fall, my servant, and I will bring them over this land, and and rise no more, because of the sword, which I am over its inhabitants, and over all these nations round sending among you. 28 And it shall be, if they refuse about, and I will utterly destroy them, and make them to take the cup of thy hand to drink, that thou shalt an astonishment, and a derision, and perpetual ruins. say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, 10 And I will banish from them the voice of gladness. Ye must certainly drink: 29 For Io. on the city which and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom, and is called by my name, I begin to inflict evil, and ye the voice of the bride, the sound of the mill, and the will remain utterly unpunished? Ye shall not remain light of the lamp. 11 And this whole land shall become unpunished; for a sword am I calling up over all the a ruin and an [object of] astonishment; and these inhabitants of the earth, saith the Lord of hosts. 30 nations shall serve the king of Babylon seventy years. But thou, do thou prophesy concerning them all these 12 And it shall come to pass, when seventy years are words, and say unto them, The Lord will cry aloud completed, that I will visit on the king of Babylon, and from on high, and from his holy habitation will he on that nation, saith the Lord, their iniquity, and on send forth his voice; he will cry out very loudly over the land of the Chaldeans, and will change it into his habitation; the vintner's call, as they that tread out perpetual desolations. 13 And I will bring over that the grapes, will he lift up against all the inhabitants of land all my words which I have spoken concerning it, the earth, 31 A tumultuous noise cometh even to the all that is written in this book, which Jeremiah hath ends of the earth; for the Lord hath a controversy with prophesied concerning all the nations. 14 For when the nations, he holdeth judgment over all flesh: the many nations and great kings shall have made them wicked, —these he giveth up to the sword, saith the also serve: I will then recompense them according to Lord, 32 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Behold, their deeds, and according to the work of their own evil goeth forth from nation to nation, and a great hands. 15 For thus hath said the Lord the God of storm-wind waketh up from the farthest ends of the Israel unto me, Take the cup of the wine of this fury earth. 33 And the slain of the Lord shall be on that out of my hand, and cause all the nations to whom I day from one end of the earth even unto the other send thee to drink it. 16 And they shall drink, and reel end of the earth: they shall not be lamented, nor about, and be mad, because of the sword that I will gathered up, nor buried; they shall be as dung upon send among them. 17 And I took the cup out of the surface of the ground. 34 Wail, ye shepherds, hand of the Lord, and caused to drink all the nations, and cry; and roll yourselves about [in the dust], ye unto whom the Lord had sent me: 18 Jerusalem, and leaders of the flocks; for full are your days for you the cities of Judah, and its kings, and its princes, to to be slaughtered, and I will scatter you; and you make them a ruin, an astonishment, a derision, and a shall fall like a costly vessel. 35 And lost shall be the curse; as it is this day; 19 Pharaoh the king of Egypt, place of refuge for the shepherds, and the escape

and his servants, and his princes, and all his people; for the leaders of the flocks to escape. 36 There is

the voice of the cry of anguish of the shepherds, the words that ye have heard. 13 But now amend anger.

**26** In the beginning of the reign of Jehoyakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah came this word from the Lord, saving, 2 Thus hath said the Lord, Place thyself in the court of the house of the Lord, and speak against all of the cities of Judah, who come to prostrate themselves in the house of the Lord, all the words that I have commanded thee to speak unto them: omit not a word [thereof]; 3 Perhaps it be that they will hearken, and return every man from his evil way, that I may bethink me of the evil, which I purpose to do unto them, because of the wrongfulness of their doings. 4 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord, if ye will not hearken unto me, to walk in my law, which I have set before you, 5 To hearken unto the words of my servants the prophets, whom I send unto you, yea, making them rise up early, and sending them, while ye have not hearkened: 6 Then will I render this house like Shiloh, and this city will I render a curse unto 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 the Lord: 8 And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had finished speaking all that the Lord had commanded [him] to speak unto all the people, that the priests and the prophets and all the people seized on him, saying, Thou shalt surely die. 9 Why hast thou prophesied in the name of the Lord, saying, Like Shiloh shall this house be, and this city shall be ruined, [left] without an inhabitant? And all the people assembled themselves against Jeremiah in the house of the Lord. 10 But when the princes of Judah heard these things, they came up from the king's house unto the house of the Lord, and sat down at the entrance of the new gate of the Lord's house. 11 Then said the priests and the prophets unto the princes and unto all the people, as followeth. This man deserveth the punishment of death; for he hath prophesied against this city, as ye have heard with your own ears. 12 Then said Jeremiah unto all the princes and unto all the people, as followeth, The Lord hath sent me to

and the wailing of the leaders of the flocks; for the your ways and your doings, and hearken to the voice Lord hath devastated their pasture. 37 And in silent of the Lord your God: and the Lord will bethink him desolation lie the pasture-lands of peace, because of of the evil that he hath spoken against you. 14 As the fierceness of the anger of the Lord. 38 He hath for me, behold, I am in your hand: do with me as forsaken his covert, like the young lion; for their land seemeth good and just in your eyes. 15 But know ye is become desolate, because of the fierceness of the for certain, that if ye put me to death, ye will surely wasting [sword], and because of the fierceness of his place [the quilt of] innocent blood upon yourselves, and upon this city, and upon its inhabitants; for in truth hath the Lord sent me unto you to speak in your ears all these words. 16 Then said the princes and all the people unto the priests and to the prophets, This man is not deserving the punishment of death; for in the name of the Lord our God hath he spoken unto us. 17 And then rose up certain men of the elders of the land, and said to all the assembly of the people, as followeth, 18 Michah the Morashthite prophesied in the days of Hezekiah the king of Judah, and said to all the people of Judah, as followeth, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Zion shall be ploughed up like a field, and Jerusalem shall become heaps of ruins, and the mountain of the house, woody high-places. 19 Did Hezekiah the king of Judah and all Judah attempt to put him to death? behold, he did fear the Lord, and besought the Lord, and the Lord bethought him of the evil which he had spoken against them. And shall we bring a great wickedness on our souls? 20 And there was also a man that prophesied in the name of the Lord, Uriyah the son of Shema'yahu of Kiryath-ye'arim, who prophesied against this city and against this land in accordance with all the words of Jeremiah; 21 And when king Jehoyakim, with all his mighty men, and all the princes, heard his words, the king sought to put him to death; but when Uriyahu heard it, he was afraid, and fled, and arrived in Egypt; 22 But king Jehoyakim sent some men into Egypt, namely, Elnathan the son of 'Achbor, and some men with him into Egypt: 23 And they fetched Urivahu out of Egypt, and brought him unto king Jehovakim, who slew him with the sword, and cast his dead body upon the graves of the common people. 24 But the hand of Achikam the son of Shaphan was with Jeremiah, so as not to give him up into the hand of the people to put him to death.

**27** In the beginning of the reign of Jehoyakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah came this word unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saving, 2 Thus said the Lord to me, Make for thyself bands and yoke-bars, and put them around thy neck, 3 And send such to prophesy against this house and against this city all the king of Edom, and to the king of Moab, and to of Tyre, and to the king of Zidon, by means of the the Lord shall be brought again from Babylon now messengers who come to Jerusalem unto Zedekjah speedily: for a falsehood do they prophesy unto you. the king of Judah: 4 And thou shalt charge them unto 17 Hearken not unto them; serve the king of Babylon. their masters, saving. Thus hath said the Lord of that ve may live; wherefore should this city become a hosts, the God of Israel, Thus shall ye say unto your ruin? 18 And if they be prophets, and if the word of the masters, 5 It is I who have made the earth, the men, Lord be with them, let them now make intercession and the beasts that are upon the face of the earth, by with the Lord of hosts, that the vessels which are left my great power and by my outstretched arm, and I in the house of the Lord, and in the house of the king have given it unto the one who seemeth proper in of Judah, and at Jerusalem, may not be carried to my eyes. 6 And now it is I who have given all these Babylon. 19 For thus hath said the Lord of hosts of countries into the hand of Nebuchadnezzar the king the pillars, and concerning the sea, and concerning of Babylon, my servant; and also the beasts of the the bases, and concerning the residue of the vessels field have I given him to serve him. 7 And all nations that are left in this city. 20 Which Nebuchadnezzar the shall serve him, and his son, and his son's son, until king of Babylon did not take away, when he carried the time of his land is also come in its turn: when away into exile Jechonyah the son of Jehoyakim the many nations and great kings shall make it serve. 8 king of Judah from Jerusalem to Babylon, with all the And it shall come to pass, that the nation and the nobles of Judah and Jerusalem: 21 [Yea] for thus hath kingdom which will not serve him. Nebuchadnezzar said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, concerning the king of Babylon, and that will not put its neck in the vessels that are left in the house of the Lord, and the yoke of the king of Babylon, —even that nation in the house of the king of Judah and in Jerusalem, will I punish with the sword, and with the famine, 22 Unto Babylon shall they be carried, and there shall and with the pestilence, saith the Lord, until I have they remain until the day that I think of them, saith made an end of them by his hand. 9 But do ve not the Lord, when I will bring them up, and restore them hearken to your prophets, and to your diviners, and to to this place. your dreamers, and to your enchanters, and to your sorcerers, who speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon; 10 For falsehood do they prophesy unto you, in order to remove you far from your land; and that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish. 11 But the nation that will bring its neck into the yoke of the king of Babylon, and serve him, —that one will I then let remain quietly in its own land. saith the Lord: and it shall till it, and dwell therein. 12 And unto Zedekiah the king of Judah did I speak in accordance with all these words, saving, Bring your neck into the voke of the king of Babylon, and serve him and his people, that ve may live, 13 Why will ve die, thou and thy people, by the sword, by the famine, and by pestilence, as the Lord hath spoken concerning the nation that will not serve the king of Babylon? 14 And do ye not hearken unto the words of the prophets that say unto you, as followeth. Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon; for a falsehood do they prophesy unto you. 15 For I have not sent them, saith the Lord, yet they prophesy in my name falsely: in order that I might drive you out, and that ye might perish, ve. and the prophets that prophesy unto you. 16 And unto the priests and unto all this people did I speak, saving. Thus hath said the Lord. Do not hearken to the words of your prophets that prophesy

the king of the children of 'Ammon, and to the king unto you, saving, Behold, the vessels of the house of

28 And it came to pass in the same year, in the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah the king of Judah, in the fourth year, in the fifth month, that there said unto me Chananvah the son of 'Azzur the prophet, who was from Gib'on, in the house of the Lord, before the eyes of the priests, and of all the people, as followeth, 2 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, saving, I have broken the voke of the king of Babylon: 3 Within vet two years' time will I cause to be brought back unto this place all the vessels of the house of the Lord. which Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon hath taken away from this place, and which he hath carried to Babylon: 4 And Jechonyah the son of Jehoyakim the king of Judah, and all the exiles of Judah that are gone to Babylon, will I cause to return to this place. saith the Lord; for I will break the yoke of the king of Babylon. 5 Then said Jeremiah the prophet unto Chananyah the prophet before the eyes of the priests. and before the eyes of all the people that stood in the house of the Lord. 6 Yea, then said Jeremiah the prophet, Amen, may the Lord do so: may the Lord fulfill thy words which thou hast prophesied, to cause the vessels of the Lord's house, and all that have been carried into exile, to be brought back from

now this word which I speak before thy ears, and whom I have caused to be carried into exile from before the ears of all the people: 8 The prophets that Jerusalem unto Babylon, 5 Build ye houses, and have been before me and before thee from olden dwell therein; and plant gardens, and eat their fruit: 6 times prophesied both concerning many countries, Take ye wives, and beget sons and daughters; and and against great kingdoms, respecting war, and take wives for your sons, and give your daughters to respecting evil, and respecting pestilence. 9 The husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; prophet who prophesieth of peace, when the word of that ye may multiply there, and not be diminished. the prophet doth come to pass, then shall the prophet 7 And seek the welfare of the city whither I have be known, [as the one] whom the Lord hath sent in banished you, and pray in its behalf unto the Lord; truth. 10 Then took Chananyah the prophet the yoke- for in its welfare shall ye fare well. 8 For thus hath bar from off the neck of Jeremiah the prophet, and said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Let not broke it. 11 And Chananyah said before the eyes of your prophets, that are in the midst of you, and your all the people, as followeth, Thus hath said the Lord, diviners, deceive you, and do not hearken to your Even so will I break the yoke of Nebuchadnezzar dreams which ye cause to be dreamt; 9 For with the king of Babylon within two years' time from the falsehood do they prophesy unto you in my name: I neck of all the nations. And Jeremiah the prophet have not sent them, saith the Lord. 10 For thus hath went his way. 12 Then came the word of the Lord said the Lord. Because only after the accomplishment unto Jeremiah, after Chananyah the prophet had of seventy years for Babylon, will I visit you, and fulfill broken the yoke-bar from off the neck of Jeremiah respecting you my good word, in causing you to return the prophet, saying, 13 Go and say unto Chananyah to this place. 11 For I alone know the thoughts that I as followeth, Thus hath said the Lord, Yoke-bars of entertain respecting you, saith the Lord, thoughts of wood hast thou broken; but thou shalt make in their peace, and not of evil, to give you a [happy] future stead yoke-bars of iron. 14 For thus hath said the and hope. 12 And you will call upon me, and ye will Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, A yoke of iron have I go and will pray unto me, and I will hearken unto you. placed upon the neck of all these nations, that they 13 And ye will seek me, and shall find me, for ye will may serve Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon; search for me with all your heart. 14 And I will be and they shall work for him: and also the beasts of found of you, saith the Lord; and I will bring back your the field have I given him. 15 Then said Jeremiah captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations. the prophet unto Chananyah the prophet, Hear now, and from all the places whither I have driven you, Chananyah, The Lord did not send thee; but thou saith the Lord; and I will cause you to return unto the hast caused this people to trust on a falsehood. 16 place whence I have banished you. 15 Because ye Therefore thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will send have said, The Lord hath raised us up prophets in thee away from off the face of the earth: this year Babylon. 16 But thus hath said the Lord concerning shalt thou die, because thou hast spoken rebellion the king that sitteth upon the throne of David, and against the Lord. 17 So Chananyah the prophet died concerning all the people that dwell in this city, your in that same year, in the seventh month.

29 And these are the words of the letter that Jeremiah the prophet sent from Jerusalem unto the residue of the elders of the exiles, and to the priests, and to the prophets, and to all the people whom Nebuchadnezzar had carried away into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon; 2 (After king Jechonyah and the queen-mother, and the court-officers, the princes of Judah and Jerusalem, and the carpenters, and the locksmiths, were departed from Jerusalem; ) 3 By the hand of El'assah the son of Shaphan, and Gemaryah the son of Chilkiyah, [whom Zedekiah the king of Judah sent unto Babylon to Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon, ] saying, 4 Thus hath said the

Babylon unto this place. 7 Nevertheless hear thou Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, unto all the exiles, brethren that are not gone forth with you into exile; 17 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Behold, I will send out against them the sword, the famine, and the pestilence; and I will render them like the detestable figs, that cannot be eaten, from being so bad. 18 And I will pursue after them with the sword, with the famine, and with the pestilence, and will make them a horror unto all the kingdoms of the earth, a curse, and an astonishment, and a derision, and a disgrace, among all the nations whither I have driven them; 19 For the reason that they have not hearkened to my words, saith the Lord, since I sent unto them my servants the prophets, causing them to rise up early and sending them; but ye would not hear, saith the Lord. 20 But ye—hear ye the word of the Lord, all Babylon. 21 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God Lord; and I will cause them to return to the land that I of Israel, concerning Achab the son of Kolayah, and have given to their fathers, and they shall possess of Zedekiah the son of Ma'assevah, who prophesy it. 4 And these are the words that the Lord spoke unto you in my name falsehood. Behold, I will give concerning Israel and concerning Judah: 5 For thus them up into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of hath said the Lord, A voice of terror have we heard, Babylon: and he shall smite them before your eyes. dread, and no peace. 6 Ask ye now, and see whether 22 And a curse shall be derived from them for all the a male doth give birth to a child? wherefore do I see exiles of Judah who are in Babylon, saying, "May every man with his hands on his loins, as a woman in the Lord make thee like Zedekiah and like Achab, giving birth? and why are all faces turned pale? 7 whom the king of Babylon roasted in the fire;" 23 Alas, for that day is great, there is none like it; and a Because they have done scandalous deeds in Israel, time of distress it is unto Jacob; yet out of it shall and have committed adultery with the wives of their he be saved. 8 And it shall come to pass on that neighbors, and have spoken in my name falsehood, day, saith the Lord of hosts, that I will break his voke which I had not commanded them: whereas I am the from off thy neck, and thy bands will I burst asunder: one that know, and am the witness, saith the Lord. 24 and strangers shall not make him serve any more; 9 And to Shema'yahu the Nechelamite shalt thou say, But they shall serve the Lord their God, and David as followeth. 25 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, their king, whom I will raise up unto them, 10 And the God of Israel, saying, Because thou hast sent thou—do not fear, O my servant Jacob, saith the in thy name letters unto all the people that are at Lord; and be not dismayed, O Israel; for, behold, I Jerusalem, and to Zephanyah the son of Ma'asseyah will save thee from afar, and thy seed from the land the priest, and to all the priests, saying, 26 The Lord of their captivity: and Jacob shall return, and shall hath appointed thee priest in the place of Jehovada' be at rest, and be secure, with none to terrify him. the priest, that ve should be superintendents in the 11 For with thee am I, saith the Lord, to save thee: house of the Lord, for every man that is mad, and though I make a full end of all the nations whither I that prophesieth, that thou shouldst put him in the have scattered thee, yet of thee will I not make a full stocks, and in prison: 27 And now, why hast thou not end; but I will correct thee in moderation, and will not rebuked Jeremiah of 'Anathoth, who prophesieth to leave thee altogether unpunished. 12 For thus hath you? 28 For the reason that he hath sent unto us said the Lord, Incurable is thy bruise, and painful, to Babylon saying, It will last a long time: build ye thy wound. 13 There is no one to plead thy cause, houses, and dwell therein; and plant gardens, and eat to bind up [thy wound]: useful remedies there are the fruit thereof. 29 And Zephanyah the priest read none for thee. 14 All thy lovers have forgotten thee; the letter before the ears of Jeremiah the prophet, thee they seek not; for with the blow of an enemy 30 Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, have I smitten thee, with cruel chastisement, for the saying, 31 Send to all the exiles, saying, Thus hath multitude of thy iniquity, because thy sins were so said the Lord concerning Shema'yah the Nechlamite, numerous. 15 Why wilt thou cry out because of thy Whereas Shema'yah hath prophesied unto you, while breach? for thy pain which is incurable? because of I have not sent him, and he hath caused you to rely the multitude of thy iniquity, because thy sins were on a falsehood: 32 Therefore thus hath said the Lord, so numerous, have I done these things unto thee. Behold, I will inflict punishment on Shema'yah the 16 Nevertheless all they that devour thee shall be Nechlamite, and on his seed; he shall not have a man devoured; and all thy adversaries, all of them, shall to dwell in the midst of this people; and he shall not go into captivity; and they that plunder thee shall be behold the good that I am doing for my people, saith [given up] to plunder, and all that prey upon thee will I the Lord; because he hath spoken revolt against the give up for a prey. 17 For I will place a healing plaster Lord.

**30** The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 2 Thus hath said the Lord the God of Israel, saving. Write thee all the words that I have spoken unto thee in a book, 3 For, behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will bring back again

ye exiles whom I have sent away from Jerusalem to the captivity of my people Israel and Judah, saith the on thy bruise, and of thy wounds will I cure thee, saith the Lord; because they called thee "an Outcast." 'This is Zion, whom no one seeketh after." 18 Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will bring back again the captivity of the tents of Jacob, and on his dwellingplaces will I have mercy; and the city shall be rebuilt upon her own heap of ruins, and the palace shall

be inhabited after its [ancient] manner. 19 And there tell it in the isles afar off, and say, He that scattereth heart: in the latter days shall ye understand this.

31 At the same time, saith the Lord, will I be the God for all the families of Israel, and they shall be unto me for a people. 2 Thus hath said the Lord, The people of those that are escaped of the sword found grace in the wilderness, —even Israel, when it went to find rest. 3 "From afar is the Lord appeared unto me," [saying, ] Yea, with an everlasting love have I loved thee; therefore have I guided thee with loving-kindness. 4 Yet again will I build thee up, and thou shalt be built, O virgin of Israel: yet again shalt thou adorn thy timbrels, and go forth in the dances of those that make merry. 5 Yet again shalt thou plant vineyards upon the mountains of Samaria: the planters shall plant, and shall redeem the fruit. 6 For there cometh a day, that the watchers call out upon the mountain of Ephraim, Arise ye, and let us go up to Zion unto the Lord our God. 7 For thus hath said the Lord, Sing for Jacob with joy, and shout at the head of the nations: publish ye, praise ye, and say, The Lord hath helped thy people, the remnant of Israel. 8 Behold, I will bring them from the north country, and I will gather them from the farthest ends of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, the pregnant woman and she that travaileth with child together: a great assembly shall they return hither. 9 With weeping shall they come, and with supplications will I bring them in: I will lead them by brooks of water in a straight way, whereon they shall not stumble; for I am become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn. 10 Hear the word of the Lord, O ye nations, and

shall proceed out of them thanksgiving, and the voice Israel will gather him, and keep him, as a shepherd of those that make merry: and I will multiply them, his flock. 11 For the Lord hath ransomed Jacob, and and they shall not be diminished: I will also make redeemed him out of the hand of one stronger than them numerous, and they shall not be made few in he. 12 And they shall come and sing on the height number. 20 And their children shall be as aforetimes, of Zion, and shall come together as a stream to the and their congregation shall be firmly established goodness of the Lord, for wheat, and for wine, and for before me, and I will punish all that oppress them. 21 oil, and for the young of the flocks and of the herds, And their leader shall be of themselves, and their and their soul shall be as a well-watered garden; ruler shall proceed from the midst of them; and I will and they shall not farther experience grief any more. cause him to draw near, and he shall approach unto 13 Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and me; for who is this that will venture of his own heart youth and old men together; and I will change their to approach unto me? saith the Lord. 22 And ye shall mourning into gladness, and I will comfort them, and be unto me for a people, and I will be unto you for a make them rejoice from their sorrow. 14 And I will God. 23 Behold, the storm-wind of the Lord goeth satiate the soul of the priests with fatness, and my forth with fury, an abiding storm-wind: upon the head people shall be satisfied with my goodness, saith the of the wicked shall it fall. 24 The fierceness of the Lord. 15 Thus hath said the Lord, A voice is heard in anger of the Lord will not turn back, until he have Ramah, groaning, weeping, and bitter lamentation: done, and until he have fulfilled the purposes of his Rachel is weeping for her children: she refuseth to be comforted for her children because they are not [here]. 16 Thus hath said the Lord, Refrain thy voice from weeping, and thy eyes from tears; for there is a reward for thy work, saith the Lord, and they shall return from the land of the enemy. 17 And there is hope for [thee in] thy future, saith the Lord, and thy children shall return to their own borders. 18 I have indeed heard Ephraim bemoaning himself, "Thou hast chastised me, and I was chastised, as an untamed calf; cause me to return, and I will return; for thou art the Lord my God. 19 Surely after my returning, I repent; and after I am made conscious [by punishment], I smite upon my thigh: I am ashamed, yea, I am confounded, because I bear the disgrace of my youth." 20 Is not Ephraim a dear son unto me? or a child that I dandle? for whenever I speak of him, I do earnestly remember him again: therefore are my inward parts moved for him; I will surely have mercy upon him, saith the Lord, 21 Set thyself up waymarks, place thyself pillars; direct thy heart toward the highway, the way which thou didst go: return, O virgin of Israel, return to these thy cities. 22 How long wilt thou roam about, O thou backsliding daughter? for the Lord hath created a new thing on the earth, The woman will go about [seeking for] the husband. 23 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Yet again shall they say this word in the land of Judah and in the cities thereof, when I will bring back again their captivity. —May the Lord bless thee, O habitation of righteousness, O holy mountain. 24 And there shall dwell therein Judah, and in all his cities together, husbandmen, and they that move

soul, and every grieving soul have I gratified. 26 For overthrown any more to eternity. this did I awake, and looked about, and my sleep was sweet unto me. 27 Behold, days are coming. saith the Lord, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of man; and with the seed of cattle. 28 And it shall come to pass, that just as I have watched over them, to pluck up, and to pull down, and to overthrow, and to destroy, and to do harm: so will I watch over them, to build up, and to plant, saith the Lord. 29 In those days shall they not say any more. The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge; 30 But every one shall die for his own iniquity: every man that eateth the sour grapes—his teeth shall be set on edge. 31 Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will make with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah, a new covenant: 32 Not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day that I took hold of them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they have broken, although I was become their husband, saith the Lord; 33 But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel, after those days, saith the Lord, I place my law in their inward parts, and upon their heart will I write it: and I will be unto them for a God, and they shall be unto me for a people. 34 And they shall not teach any more every man his neighbor, and every man his brother, saving, Know the Lord; for they all shall know me, from the least of them even unto their greatest, saith the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and their sin will I not remember any more. 35 Thus hath said the Lord, who bestoweth the sun for a light by day, the ordinances of the moon and of the stars for a light by night, who stirreth up the sea that its waves roar—The Lord of hosts is his name: 36 If these ordinances ever depart from before me, saith the Lord, then also shall the seed of Israel cease from being a nation before me during all time. 37 Thus hath said the Lord, If the heavens can be measured above, and the foundations of the earth searched out beneath: then also will I reject all the seed of Israel, for all that they have done, saith the Lord. 38 Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when the city shall be built up to the Lord from the tower of Chananel unto the corner-gate. 39 And the measuring-line shall yet again go forth opposite it over the hill Gareb, and shall take a turn to Go'ath. 40 And the whole valley of the dead bodies, and of the ashes, and all fields as far as the brook Kidron, unto the corner of the horse-gate toward the east, shall be

about with the flocks. 25 For I have satiated the weary holy unto the Lord: it shall not be plucked up, nor

**32** The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah the king of Judah, which is the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar. 2 And at that time the king of Babylon's army was besieging Jerusalem; and Jeremiah the prophet was shut up in the court of the prison, which was in the house of the king of Judah; 3 Because Zedekiah the king of Judah had shut him up, saying, Wherefore art thou prophesying, saying, Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will give up this city into the hand of the king of Babylon, and he shall capture it. 4 And Zedekiah the king of Judah shall not escape out of the hand of the Chaldeans, because he shall surely be given up into the hand of the king of Babylon, and his mouth shall speak to his mouth, and his eves shall behold his eyes: 5 And to Babylon shall he lead Zedekiah, and there shall he remain until I think of him, saith the Lord: though ve fight with the Chaldeans, ve shall not prosper. 6 And Jeremiah said, The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 7 Behold, Chanamel the son of Shallum thy uncle is coming unto thee, saying, Buy for thyself my field that is in 'Anathoth; for unto thee belongeth the right of redemption to buy it. 8 And there came to me Chanamel my uncle's son according to the word of the Lord into the court of the prison, and he said unto me, Buy, I pray thee, my field, that is in 'Anathoth, which is in the land of Benjamin; for to thee belongeth the right of inheritance, and to thee belongeth the redemption, buy it for thyself: then did I know that it was the word of the Lord. 9 And I bought the field from Chanamel my uncle's son, that is in 'Anathoth; and I weighed out unto him the money, seven shekels, and ten pieces of silver. 10 And I wrote it in a deed, and sealed it, and had it certified by witnesses, and weighed the money in balances. 11 And I took the deed of the purchase, both that which was sealed, according to the law and custom, and that which was open: 12 And I gave the deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Neriyah, the son of Machseyah, before the eyes of Chanamel my kinsman, and before the eyes of the witnesses that had signed the deed of the purchase, before the eyes of all the Jews that were sitting in the court of the prison. 13 And I charged Baruch before their eyes, saying, 14 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel. Take these deeds, this deed of the purchase, both the sealed, and this open deed, and place them in an earthen vessel, in order that they

may last many days. 15 For thus hath said the Lord and the children of Judah have been doing only what of hosts, the God of Israel, Yet again shall there be is evil in my eyes from their youth; for the children of bought houses and fields and vinevards in this land. Israel have been only provoking me to anger with the 16 And I prayed to the Lord after I had delivered the work of their hands, saith the Lord. 31 For to excite deed of the purchase unto Baruch the son of Nerivah. my anger and my fury hath been unto me this city saying, 17 Ah Lord Eternal! behold, it is thou that from the day that they built it, even until this day; hast made the heavens and the earth by thy great so that I will remove it from before my presence: power and by thy outstretched arm: nothing is too 32 Because of all the wickedness of the children of wonderful for thee; 18 Thou exercisest kindness unto Israel and of the children of Judah, which they have the thousandth [generation], and recompensest the done to provoke me to anger, they, their kings, their iniquity of the fathers unto the bosom of their children princes, their priests, and their prophets, and the after them; [thou art] the Great, the Mighty God, the men of Judah, and the inhabitants of Jerusalem; Lord of hosts is his name; 19 Great in counsel, and 33 And they turned unto me the back, and not the mighty in execution: [thou] whose eyes are open face: though [my prophets] taught them, rising up over all the ways of the sons of man, to give unto early and teaching; yet they hearkened not to receive every one according to his ways, and according to instruction. 34 But they placed their abominations in the fruit of his doings; 20 Who hast displayed signs the house, which is called by my name, to defile it. and wonders in the land of Egypt, up to this day, 35 And they built the high-places of Ba'al, which are and in Israel, and among other men; and thou hast in the valley of the son of Hinnom, to cause their made thyself a name, as it is at this day; 21 And sons and their daughters to pass through [the fire] thou didst bring forth thy people Israel out of the unto Molech; which I had not commanded them, and land of Egypt with signs, and with wonders, and with which had not come into my mind, to practise this a strong hand, and with an outstretched arm, and abomination, in order to mislead Judah to sin, 36 with great terror; 22 And thou gavest them this land, But now, therefore, thus hath said the Lord, the God which thou hadst sworn to their fathers to give unto of Israel, concerning this city, whereof ye say, it is them, a land flowing with milk and honey: 23 And given up into the hand of the king of Babylon through they came in, and took possession of it; but they the sword, and through the famine, and through the hearkened not to thy voice, and in thy law they did pestilence: 37 Behold, I will gather them out of all the not walk; all that thou hadst commanded them to do countries, whither I have driven them in my anger, they did not do: and thou hast therefore caused all and in my fury, and in great wrath; and I will bring this evil to befall them. 24 Behold the mounds reach them back again unto this place, and I will cause unto the city to capture it; and the city is given up them to dwell in safety; 38 And they shall be unto me into the hand of the Chaldeans, who fight against it, for a people, and I will be unto them for a God: 39 because of the sword, and of the famine, and of the And I will give them one heart, and one manner, to pestilence: and what thou hast spoken is come to fear me at all times, that it may be well with them, pass; and, behold, thou seest it. 25 And yet thou hast and with their children after them; 40 And I will make said unto me, O Lord Eternal, Buy for thyself the field with them an everlasting covenant, that I will not turn for money, and have it certified by witnesses; while away from them, to do them good on my part; and the city is given up into the hand of the Chaldeans, my fear will I place in their heart, so that they may not 26 Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, depart from me. 41 And I will be glad over them to do saying, 27 Behold, I am the Lord, the God of all them good; and I will plant them in this land in truth, flesh: shall any thing be too wonderful for me? 28 with all my heart and with all my soul. 42 For thus Therefore thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will give hath said the Lord, Just as I have brought upon this up this city into the hand of the Chaldeans, and into people all this great evil, so will I bring upon them the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, all the good that I speak concerning them. 43 And and he shall capture it: 29 And the Chaldeans, that the field shall yet be bought in this land, whereof ye fight against this city, shall come and set this city on say, It is desolate without man or beast, it is given up fire, and burn it, with the houses upon the roofs of into the hand of the Chaldeans. 44 Men shall buy which they have offered incense unto Ba'al, and have fields for money, and write it in deeds, and seal it, poured out drink-offerings unto other gods, in order to and certify it by witnesses, in the land of Benjamin, provoke me to anger; 30 For the children of Israel and in the environs of Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, and in the cities of the mountain, and in the environs of Jerusalem, and in the cities of Judah, cities of the lowlands, and in the cities of the south; shall the flocks yet pass again under the hands of for I will cause their captivity to return, saith the Lord. him that counteth them, saith the Lord. 14 Behold,

33 And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah the second time, while he was yet shut up in the court of the prison, saving, 2 Thus hath said the Lord who doth this, the Lord that formeth it, to establish it: the Eternal is his name: 3 Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and I will tell thee great and unheard of things, which thou knowest not. 4 For thus hath said the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the houses of this city, and concerning the houses of the kings of Judah, which are thrown down by means of the mounds, and by means of the sword; 5 As they come to fight with the Chaldeans, but only to fill those with the corpses of the men whom I slav in my anger and in my fury, and for all whose wickedness I have hidden my face from this city: 6 Behold. I will bring it healing and cure, and I will cure them, and I will display unto them the abundance of peace and truth. 7 And I will cause to return the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel, and I will build them up, as at the first. 8 And I will cleanse them from all their guiltiness, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned toward me, and whereby they have transgressed against me. 9 And it shall be to me for a name of gladness, a praise and an honor with all the nations of the earth, who will hear all the good that I am doing unto them: and they shall dread and tremble because of all the good and because of all the happiness that I prepare unto it. 10 Thus hath said the Lord, Yet again shall there be heard in this place, of which ye say, "It is ruined, 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 11 The voice of gladness, and the voice of joy, the voice of the bridegroom, and the voice of the bride, the voice of those that say, "Give thanks unto the Lord of hosts; for the Lord is good; because to eternity endureth his kindness:" of those that bring thanksgiving-offering unto the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the the Lord of hosts. Yet again shall there be in this place, which is ruined, without man and even without beast, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds

shall the flocks yet pass again under the hands of him that counteth them, saith the Lord, 14 Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will fulfill that good word which I have spoken concerning the house of Israel and respecting the house of Judah. 15 In those days, and at that time, will I cause to grow up unto David the sprout of righteousness: and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. 16 In those days shall Judah be helped, and Jerusalem shall dwell in safety: and this is what she shall be called, The Lord is our righteousness. 17 For thus hath said the Lord. There shall never be wanting unto David a man to sit upon the throne of the house of Israel: 18 And unto the priests the Levites there shall not be wanting a man before me, to offer burntofferings, and to burn meat-offerings, and to prepare sacrifices at all times. 19 And the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah, saving. 20 Thus hath said the Lord, If ye can break my covenant with the day, and my covenant with the night, and so, that there be not day and night in their season: 21 Then also shall my covenant be broken with David my servant, that he should not have a son to reign upon his throne; and [that] with the Levites the priests, my ministers, 22 As the host of heaven cannot be numbered, and the sand of the sea not be measured: so will I multiply the seed of David my servant, and the Levites that minister unto me. 23 And the word of the Lord came to Jeremiah, saying, 24 Hast thou not observed what this people have spoken, saying. The two families which the Lord hath made choice of, even these hath he rejected: and they [thus] have despised my people, that they should be no more a nation before them. 25 Thus hath said the Lord, If my covenant be not with day and night, if I have not appointed the ordinances of heaven and earth: 26 Then also will I reject the seed of Jacob, and David my servant, so as not to take any of his seed to be rulers over the seed of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; for I will cause their captivity to return, and have mercy on them.

that bring thanksgiving-offering unto the house of the Lord. For I will cause to return the captivity of the land, as at the first, saith the Lord. 12 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Yet again shall there be in this place, which is ruined, without man and even without beast, and in all its cities, a habitation of shepherds saying, 2 Thus hath said the Lord, the God of Israel, who cause their flocks to lie down. 13 In the cities of the lowlands, and in the mountain, in the cities of the lowlands, and in the say to him, Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will cities of the south, and in the land of Benjamin, and in give up this city into the hand of the king of Babylon,

not escape out of his hand; but thou shalt surely be had dismissed as free at their pleasure, and have caught, and be delivered into his hand; and thy eyes subjected them to be unto you for men-servants and shall see the eyes of the king of Babylon, and his for women-servants. 17 Therefore thus hath said the mouth shall speak with thy mouth, and to Babylon Lord, Ye indeed have not hearkened unto me, to shalt thou go. 4 Yet hear the word of the Lord, O proclaim freedom, every one to his brother, and every Zedekiah king of Judah, Thus hath said the Lord one to his neighbor: behold, I proclaim a freedom over thy fathers, the former kings who were before thee, all the kingdoms of the earth. 18 And I will give up the so shall they make burnings for thee; and "Ah lord" men that have transgressed my covenant, who have shall they lament for thee; for I have spoken the word, not fulfilled the words of the covenant which they had saith the Lord. 6 And Jeremiah the prophet spoke made before me, at the calf which they cut in twain, unto Zedekiah the king of Judah all these words in and between the parts whereof they passed, 19 The was fighting against Jerusalem, and against all the court-servants, and the priests, and all the people of cities of Judah that were left, against Lachish, and the land, who have passed between the parts of the of Judah as fortified cities. 8 The word which came enemies, and into the hand of those that seek their unto Jeremiah from the Lord, after king Zedekiah had life; and their dead bodies shall become food unto the made a covenant with all the people who were at fowls of the heavens, and to the beasts of the earth. Jerusalem, to proclaim among themselves freedom; 9 21 And Zedekiah the king of Judah and his princes will every man his maid-servant, being a Hebrew man hand of those that seek their life, and into the hand of or a Hebrew woman, free; so that no man among the army of the king of Babylon, that are [now] gone them should exact labor of a Jew, his brother. 10 And away from you. 22 Behold, I will command, speaketh all the princes had hearkened, with all the people, the Lord, and I will bring them back to this city; and who had entered into the covenant, that every one they shall fight against it, and capture it, and burn it should dismiss his man-servant, and every one his with fire: and the cities of Judah will I make a desert maid-servant, free, that no one should exact labor of without an inhabitant. them any more: and they had obeyed, and dismissed them. 11 But they had turned afterward, and they had brought back the men-servants and the maidservants whom they had dismissed as free, and had subjected them to become men-servants and maidservants. 12 And the word of the Lord [then] came to Jeremiah from the Lord, saying, 13 Thus hath said the Lord, the God of Israel, —I myself made a covenant with your fathers on the day that I brought them forth out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondmen, saying, 14 At the end of seven years shall ye dismiss every man his brother the Hebrew, who may have been sold unto thee; and when he hath served thee six years, then shalt thou dismiss him from thee; but your fathers hearkened not unto me, and inclined not their ear. 15 And ye had turned this day, and done what is right in my eyes, to proclaim freedom every man to his neighbor; and ye had made a covenant before me in the house over which my name is called; 16 But ye have turned again, and profaned my name, and ye have brought back every man his man-

that he may burn it with fire: 3 And thou thyself shalt servant, and every man his woman-servant, whom ye respecting thee, Thou shalt not die by the sword: 5 ln you, saith the Lord, to the sword, to the pestilence, peace shalt thou die; and as burnings were made for and to the famine; and I will make you a horror unto Jerusalem, 7 When the army of the king of Babylon princes of Judah, and the princes of Jerusalem, the against 'Azekah: for these had been left of the cities calf: 20 [Yea] I will give them up into the hand of their That every man should dismiss his man-servant, and I give up into the hand of their enemies, and into the

> **35** The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord, [in] the days of Jehoyakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah, saving, 2 Go unto the house of the Rechabites, and speak with them, and bring them into the house of the Lord, into one of the chambers, and offer them wine to drink. 3 Then I took Yaazanyah the son of Jeremiah, the son of Chabazzinyah, and his brethren, and all his sons, and the whole house of the Rechabites; 4 And I brought them into the house of the Lord, into the chamber of the sons of Chanan, the son of Yigdalyahu, the man of God, which was alongside of the chamber of the princes, which was above the chamber of Ma'asevahu the son of Shallum, the keeper of the door: 5 And I set before the sons of the house of the Rechabites goblets full of wine, and cups; and I said unto them, Drink wine. 6 But they said, We will not drink wine; for Jonadab the son of Rechab our father hath laid a charge on us, saying, Ye shall not drink wine, neither ye, nor your sons for ever; 7 Nor shall ye build any house, nor sow

tents shall ye dwell all your days, in order that ye may of Rechab a man to stand before me at all times. live many days on the face of the land where ve may sojourn. 8 And we have hearkened unto the voice of Jehonadab the son of Rechab our father in all that he hath charged us, not to drink any wine all our days, we, our wives, our sons, and our daughters; 9 And not to build houses for our dwelling; and we never had any vineyard, or field, or seed; 10 But we have dwelt in tents, and have obeyed, and done in accordance with all that Jonadab our father commanded us. 11 But it came to pass, when Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon came up into the land, that we said, Come. and let us go into Jerusalem because of the army of the Chaldeans, and because of the army of the Svrians: and so we dwell at Jerusalem. 12 Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah, saying, 13 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Go and say to the men of Judah and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem, Will ye not receive instruction to hearken to my words? saith the Lord. 14 Fulfilled are the words of Jehonadab the son of Rechab, that he hath commanded his sons not to drink wine: and they have not drunk any even unto this day; because they have obeyed the commandment of their father; but I. I have spoken unto you, early in the day and speaking; but ve have not hearkened unto me. 15 And I have sent unto you all my servants the prophets, making them rise up early and sending them, saying, Do but return every man from his evil way, and amend your deeds, and go not after other gods to serve them: and so shall ye remain in the land which I have given to you and to your fathers; but ye have not inclined your ear, and have not hearkened unto me. 16 Because the sons of Jehonadab the son of Rechab have fulfilled the commandment of their father, which he hath commanded them; but as this people have not hearkened unto me: 17 Therefore thus hath said the Lord, 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 spoken concerning them; because I spoke unto them, but they would not hear; and I called unto them, but they would not answer. 18 And unto the house of the Rechabites said Jeremiah, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Whereas ye have hearkened to the charge of Jonadab your father, and have kept all his commandments, and have done in accordance with all that he hath commanded you: 19 Therefore thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel,

seed, nor plant a vineyard, nor have [any such]; but in There shall not be wanting unto Jehonadab the son

36 And it came to pass in the fourth year of Jehoyakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah, that this word came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, saving. 2 Take thee a roll-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 that I spoke unto thee, from the days of Josiah, even until this day. 3 Peradventure it be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I purpose to do unto them: in order that they may return every man from his evil way; that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin. 4 Then did Jeremiah call Baruch the son of Nerivah: and Baruch wrote from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words of the Lord, which he had spoken unto him, upon a roll-book. 5 And Jeremiah commanded Baruch, saying, I am shut up; I am not able to enter into the house of the Lord: 6 Therefore go thou, and read in the roll, which thou hast written from my mouth, the words of the Lord before the ears of the people in the house of the Lord on the fast-day; and also before the ears of all Judah that come out of their cities shalt thou read them. 7 Perhaps it may be that they will humbly present their supplication before the Lord, and will return every one from his evil way; for great are the anger and the fury that the Lord hath decreed against this people. 8 And Baruch the son of Neriyah did in accordance with all that Jeremiah the prophet had commanded him, to read in the book the words of the Lord in the house of the Lord. 9 And it came to pass in the fifth year of Jehoyakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah, in the ninth month, that they proclaimed a fast before the Lord for all the people in Jerusalem, and for all the people that came from the cities of Judah unto Jerusalem. 10 And Baruch read in the book the words of Jeremiah in the house of the Lord, in the chamber of Gemaryahu the son of Shaphan the scribe, in the upper court, at the entrance of the new gate of the Lord's house, before the ears of all the people, 11 And when Michayhu the son of Gemaryahu, the son of Shaphan, had heard all the words of the Lord out of the book: 12 He went down into the king's house, into the scribe's chamber; and, lo, all the princes were sitting there, even Elishama' the scribe, and Delayahu the son of Shema'yahu, and Elnathan the son of 'Achbor, and Gemaryahu the son of Shaphan. and Zedekiah the son of Chananyahu, and all the princes. 13 And Michayhu told unto them all the words

in the book with ink. 19 Then said the princes unto many words like them. Baruch, Go, hide thyself, thou with Jeremiah; and let no man know where ye are. 20 And they went in to the king into the court, but the roll they had put in safe keeping in the chamber of Elishama' the scribe; and they told before the ears of the king all the words. 21 But the king sent Jehudi to fetch the roll; and he took it out of the chamber of Elishama' the scribe. And Jehudi read it before the ears of the king, and before the ears of all the princes who stood around the king. 22 Now the king was sitting in the winter-house in the ninth month: and a pan of coals was burning before him. 23 And it came to pass, when Jehudi had read three or four pages, that he cut it with the writer's knife, and cast it into the fire that was in the coal-pan, until all the roll was consumed in the fire that was in the coal-pan. 24 Yet they were not terrified, nor did they rend their garments, either the king, or any of his servants that had heard all these words. 25 And although Elnathan and Delayahu and Gemaryahu had also made intercession with the king that he might not burn the roll. he would not listen to them. 26 And the king commanded Yerachmeel the son of the king, and Serayahu the son of 'Azriel, and Shelemyahu the son of 'Abdeel, to seize on Baruch the scribe and Jeremiah the prophet; but the Lord hid them. 27 Then came the word of the Lord to Jeremiah, after the king had burnt the roll, and the words which Baruch had written down from the mouth of Jeremiah, saying, 28 Take thee again another roll, and write on it all the former words that have been on the first roll. which Jehovakim the king of Judah hath burnt. 29 And concerning Jehovakim the king of Judah shalt thou say. Thus hath said the Lord, Thou hast indeed

which he had heard, when Baruch read in the book burnt this roll, saying. Why hast thou written therein, before the ears of the people. 14 Thereupon sent all saying, The king of Babylon shall certainly come and the princes Jehudi the son of Nethanyahu, the son of destroy this land, and shall cause to cease therefrom Shelemyahu, the son of Cushi, unto Baruch, saying, man and beast! 30 Therefore thus hath said the Lord The roll wherein thou hast read before the ears of concerning Jehovakim the king of Judah. He shall the people, —this take in thy hand, and come. So have no one to sit upon the throne of David; and his Baruch the son of Neriyahu took the roll in his hand, dead body shall be cast out to the heat in the day, and came unto them. 15 And they said unto him, Sit and to the cold in the night. 31 And I will visit on him down, we pray thee, and read it before our ears. So and on his seed and on his servants their iniquity; Baruch read it before their ears. 16 Now it came to and I will bring over them, and over the inhabitants of pass, when they heard all the words, they looked Jerusalem, and against the men of Judah, all the evil terrified at each other, and they said unto Baruch, that I have spoken against them, while they did not We will surely tell the king of all these words. 17 And hearken. 32 And Jeremiah took another roll, and gave they asked Baruch, saying, Do tell us, How didst thou it to Baruch the son of Neriyahu the scribe; who wrote write down all these words from his mouth? 18 Then thereon from the mouth of Jeremiah all the words said Baruch unto them, With his mouth did he utter of the book which Jehoyakim the king of Judah had clearly all these words unto me, and I wrote them burnt in the fire: and there were yet added unto them

**37** And Zedekiah the son of Josiah reigned as king in the place of Conyahu the son of Jehoyakim, whom Nebuchadrezzar the 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 the Lord, which he had spoken by means of Jeremiah the prophet. 3 And king Zedekiah sent Jehuchal the son of Shelemvah and Zephanyahu the son of Ma'asseyah the priest unto Jeremiah the prophet, saying, Pray now in our behalf unto the Lord our God. 4 Now Jeremiah came and went out among the people; and they put him not into the prisonhouse. 5 But the army of Pharaoh was come forth out of Egypt: and when the Chaldeans that besieged Jerusalem heard the report of them, they withdrew from Jerusalem. 6 Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah the prophet, saying, 7 Thus hath said the Lord, the God of Israel, Thus shall ye say to the king of Judah, that hath sent you unto me to inquire of me, Behold, Pharaoh's army, which is come forth to help you, returneth into its own land to Egypt. 8 But the Chaldeans will come again, and fight against this city, and capture it, and burn it with fire. 9 Thus hath said the Lord, Deceive not yourselves, saying, The Chaldeans will certainly go away from us; for they will not go away. 10 For if even ye had smitten the whole army of the Chaldeans that fight against you, and there remained among them [only such] men as are pierced through: yet should they rise up, every man in his tent, and burn this city with fire. 11 And it came to pass, when the army of the Chaldeans had withdrawn from Jerusalem because of the army of Pharaoh, 12 the land of Benjamin, to make his escape thence the hands of the men of war that are yet left in this in the midst of the people. 13 But as he was in the city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking gate of Benjamin, there was there a captain of the such words unto them; for this man seeketh not the quardsmen, whose name was Yiriyah, the son of welfare of this people, but their hurt. 5 Then said Shelemyah, the son of Chananyah; and he seized king Zedekiah, Behold, he is in your hand; for the hold of Jeremiah the prophet, saving. Thou runnest king is not able to do any thing against you. 6 Then away to the Chaldeans. 14 But Jeremiah said. It did they take Jeremiah, and cast him into the pit of is false; I am not running away to the Chaldeans. Malkiyahu the son of the king, that was in the court of But he listened not to him; and Yiriyah seized hold the prison: and they let Jeremiah down with cords; of Jeremiah, and brought him to the princes. 15 but in the pit there was no water, but mire; so that Thereupon were the princes wroth with Jeremiah, Jeremiah sunk into the mire. 7 Now when 'Ebedand struck him, and put him in prison in the house of melech the Cushi, a eunuch who was in the king's Jonathan the scribe; for that had they made into a house, heard that they had placed Jeremiah into the prison-house. 16 When Jeremiah had been placed pit; while the king was sitting in the gate of Benjamin; in the dungeon, within the traders' shops, where 8 'Ebed-melech went forth out of the king's house. Jeremiah remained many days: 17 King Zedekiah and spoke to the king, saying, 9 My lord, O king, sent, and had him taken out, and the king asked these men have done wrong in all that they have him in his house in secret, and said, "Is there any done to Jeremiah the prophet, whom they have cast word from the Lord?" And Jeremiah said, "There is:" into the pit; and he would have had to die [as it is] in and he said, Into the hand of the king of Babylon the place where he was for hunger; for there is no shalt thou be given up. 18 And Jeremiah said unto more bread in the city. 10 The king then commanded king Zedekjah, What have I sinned against thee, and 'Ebed-melech the Cushi, saving, Take with thee from against thy servants, and against this people, that ye here thirty men, and bring up Jeremiah the prophet have put me into the prison-house? 19 And where are out of the pit, before he die. 11 So 'Ebed-melech now your prophets who have prophesied unto you, took the men with him, and went into the house of saying. The king of Babylon will not come against the king under the treasury, and took thence cast-off you, and against this land? 20 Yet now, do but hear, I clothes and old rags, and let them down into the pit to pray thee, O my lord the king: let me offer my humble Jeremiah by cords. 12 And Ebed-melech the Cushi supplication, I pray thee, before thee, that thou wilt said unto Jeremiah, Put, I pray, these cast-off clothes not make me return to the house of Jonathan the and old rags under thy arm-pits beneath the cords. scribe, lest I die there. 21 Then commanded king And Jeremiah did so. 13 So they drew up Jeremiah Zedekiah that they should put Jeremiah in ward in the with cords, and brought him up out of the pit; and court of the prison, and that they should give him a Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison. 14 Then loaf of bread for every day out of the bakers' street, sent king Zedekiah, and took Jeremiah the prophet until all the bread was spent out of the city. Thus unto him into the third entry that was in the house of Jeremiah remained in the court of the prison. 38 And Shephatyah the son of Matthan, and

Gedalyahu the son of Pashchur, and Juchal the son of Shelemvahu, and Pashchur the son of Malkiyah, heard the words that Jeremiah was speaking unto all the people, saying, 2 Thus hath said the Lord, He that remaineth 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 he shall have his life as a booty, and shall live. 3 Thus hath said the Lord, This city shall surely be given up into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon, and he shall capture it. 4 Thereupon said the princes unto the king. We beseech thee, let this

That Jeremiah went forth out of Jerusalem to go into man be put to death; for the cause that he weakeneth the Lord; and the king said unto Jeremiah. I will ask thee something: conceal nothing from me. 15 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah. If I should tell it unto thee, behold, thou wilt surely put me to death; and if I should give thee counsel, thou wilt not hearken unto me. 16 So king Zedekiah swore unto Jeremiah secretly, saving. As the Lord liveth, who hath made for us this soul. I will not put thee to death, nor will I give thee up into the hand of these men that seek thy life. 17 Then said Jeremiah unto Zedekiah, Thus hath said the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel, If thou wilt indeed go forth unto the princes of the king of Babylon, then shall thy soul live, and this city shall not be burnt with fire; and thou shalt live, thou with thy household; 18 But if thou wilt not go forth

And it came to pass when Jerusalem was captured,

39 In the ninth year of Zedekiah the king of Judah, in the tenth month, that Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon came with all his army against Jerusalem, and they besieged it. 2 [And] in the eleventh year of Zedekiah, in the fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, was the city broken in. 3 And then came all the princes of the king of Babylon, and sat down in the middle gate; [namely, ] Neregal-sharezer, Samgar-nebu, Sarsechim, the chief of the eunuchs, Neregal-sharezer, the chief of the magi, with all the

to the princes of the king of Babylon, then shall this residue of the princes of the king of Babylon. 4 And city be given up into the hand of the Chaldeans, and it came to pass when Zedekiah the king of Judah they shall burn it with fire, and thou thyself shalt not saw them, and all the men of war, that they fled, and escape out of their hand. 19 Then said king Zedekiah went forth out of the city by night, by the way of the unto Jeremiah, I am in dread of the Jews that have king's garden, by the gate between the two walls: run away to the Chaldeans, lest these deliver me and he went out by the way of the plain. 5 But the into their hand, and they might ill-use me. 20 But army of the Chaldeans pursued after them, and they Jeremiah said, They will not give [thee] up. Obey, I overtook Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho; and they beseech thee, the voice of the Lord, in that which I took him, and brought him up to Nebuchadnezzar the speak unto thee; so it shall be well unto thee, and king of Babylon to Riblah in the land of Chamath: and thy soul shall live. 21 But if thou refuse to go forth, he called him to account. 6 And the king of Babylon this is the word that the Lord hath shown me: 22 And slaughtered the sons of Zedekiah in Riblah before behold, all the women that are left in the house of the his eyes; also all the nobles of Judah did the king of king of Judah shall be led forth to the princes of the Babylon slaughter. 7 And the eyes of Zedekiah did he king of Babylon; and these women shall say, "They blind; and he bound him with brazen fetters, to carry have enticed, and have overpersuaded thee-thy him to Babylon. 8 And the house of the king, and the men that should have sought thy welfare; thy feet houses of the people did the Chaldeans burn with are [now] sunk in the mire, and they have withdrawn fire, and the walls of Jerusalem did they pull down. 9 themselves backward." 23 And all thy wives and thy And the rest of the people that remained in the city, children shall they bring out to the Chaldeans; and and those who had run away that had run away to thou thyself shalt not escape out of their hand; for by him, with the rest of the people that remained, did the hand of the king of Babylon shalt thou be caught; Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry off into and this city wilt thou cause to be burnt with fire. 24 exile to Babylon. 10 But of the poorest of the people, Then said Zedekiah unto Jeremiah, Let no man know who had nothing, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the of these words, that thou mayest not die. 25 And if guard leave some in the land of Judah, and gave the princes should hear that I have spoken with thee, them vineyards and arable fields at the same time. 11 and they come unto thee, and say unto thee, tell us. And Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon gave charge we pray thee, what thou hast spoken unto the king, concerning Jeremiah through means of Nebuzaradan conceal it not from us, and we will not put thee to the captain of the guard, saying, 12 Take him, and death; also what the king hath spoken unto thee: direct thy eyes to him, and do him not the least harm; 26 Then shalt thou say unto them, I presented my but as he may speak unto thee, even so do thou with humble supplication before the king, that he would not him. 13 Then sent Nebuzaradan the captain of the send me back to the house of Jonathan, to die there. guard, and Nebushazban, the chief of the eunuchs, 27 And all the princes came unto Jeremiah, and asked and Neregal-sharezer, the chief of the magi, and all him: and he told them in accordance with all these the chiefs of the king of Babylon, — 14 Even they words that the king had commanded. And they turned sent, and took Jeremiah out of the court of the prison, away silent from him; for the matter had not been and they committed him unto Gedalyahu the son of made public. 28 And Jeremiah remained in the court. Achikam the son of Shaphan, to carry him home; and of the prison until the day that Jerusalem was taken, he remained in the midst of the people, 15 But unto Jeremiah was come the word of the Lord while he was shut up in the court of the prison, saying, 16 Go and say to 'Ebed-melech the Cushi as followeth, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will bring my words [to fulfillment] against this city for evil, and not for good; and they shall be accomplished before thee on that day. 17 But I will deliver thee on that day, saith the Lord; and thou shalt not be given up into the hand of the men of whom thou hast dread. 18 For I will surely let thee escape, and thou shalt not fall by the sword; but thy life shall trust in me. saith the Lord.

1 The word that came unto Jeremiah from the Lord, after Nebuzaradan the captain of the quard had dismissed him from Ramah, when he had taken him as he was bound in chains in the midst of all the exiles of Jerusalem and Judah, who were carried away into exile unto Babylon. 2 Then took the captain of the quard Jeremiah, and said unto him, The Lord thy God had spoken this evil over this place; 3 Now the Lord hath brought it [to fulfillment], and hath done according as he had spoken; because ve had sinned against the Lord, and had not hearkened to his voice; and therefore is this thing come upon vou. 4 And now, behold. I have freed thee this day from the chains which were upon thy hand. If it seem good in thy eyes to come with me to Babylon, come. and I will direct my eye unto thee; but if it seem ill in thy eyes to come with me to Babylon, forbear: behold, all the land is before thee: whither it seemeth good and proper in thy eyes to go, thither go. 5 And as he did not yet turn about, [he said, ] Go then back to Gedalyah the son of Achikam the son of Shaphan, whom the king of Babylon hath appointed governor over the cities of Judah, and dwell with him in the midst of the people; or wheresoever it seemeth proper in thy eyes to go, go. And the captain of the guard gave him an allowance and a present, and then dismissed him. 6 So did Jeremiah come unto Gedalvah the son of Achikam to Mizpah; and he dwelt with him in the midst of the people that had been left in the land. 7 Now when all the captains of the armies who were in the field, they and their men, heard that the king of Babylon had appointed Gedalvahu the son of Achikam governor over the land, and that he had entrusted unto him men, and women, and children, and these of the poorest of the land, of those that had not been carried away into exile to Babylon: 8 Then came they to Gedalyah to Mizpah, even Ishmael the son of Nethanyahu, and Jochanan and Jonathan the sons of Kareach, and Serayah the son of Tanchumeth, and the sons of 'Ephai the Netophathite, and Yezanyahu the son of a Ma'achathite, they and their men. 9 And Gedalyahu the son of Achikam the son of Shaphan swore unto them and unto their men, saying, Have no fear to serve the Chaldeans: remain in the land, and serve the king of Babylon, and it will be well with you. 10 As for me, behold, I will dwell at Mizpah, to stand before the Chaldeans, who will come unto us; but ye, gather

be unto thee as a booty; because thou hast put thy ve together wine, and summer-fruits, and oil, and put them in your vessels, and dwell in your cities of which ye have taken possession. 11 And so likewise 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 unto Judah, and that he had appointed over them Gedalyahu the son of Achikam the son of Shaphan: 12 And then did all the Jews return out of all places whither they had been driven, and came to the land of Judah, to Gedalyahu, unto Mizpah, and gathered together wine and summer-fruits in very great abundance. 13 And Jochanan the son of Kareach, and all the captains of the armies that were in the field, came to Gedalvahu to Mizpah. 14 And they said unto him, Dost thou at all know that Ba'alis the king of the children of 'Ammon hath sent Ishmael the son of Nethanvah to deprive thee of life? But Gedalvahu the son of Achikam believed them not. 15 And Jochanan the son of Kareach said to Gedalyahu secretly in Mizpah, as followeth, Let me go, I pray thee, and I will slay Ishmael the son of Nethanyah, and no man shall know of it: wherefore should he deprive thee of life, whereby all the Jews who are gathered unto thee would be scattered, and the remnant of Judah be lost? 16 But Gedalvahu the son of Achikam said unto Jochanan the son of Kareach. Thou shalt not do this thing: for thou speakest a falsehood concerning Ishmael.

> **1** Now it came to pass in the seventh month. that Ishmael the son of Nethanyah the son of Elishama', of the royal seed, and the chiefs of the king, even ten men with him, came unto Gedalyahu the son of Achikam to Mizpah; and they ate there bread together in Mizpah. 2 Then arose Ishmael the son of Nethanyah, and the ten men that were with him, and smote Gedalvahu the son of Achikam the son of Shaphan with the sword, and put to death him, whom the king of Babylon had appointed governor over the land. 3 And all the Jews that were with him. even with Gedalyahu, at Mizpah, and the Chaldeans that were found there, even the men of war, did Ishmael slav. 4 And it came to pass on the second day after he had put Gedalyahu to death, while no man knew of it, 5 That there came certain men from Shechem, from Shiloh, and from Samaria, eighty men [in all], having their beards shaven, and their clothes rent, and having cut themselves, with meatofferings and frankincense in their hand, to bring the same to the house of the Lord. 6 And Ishmael the

them, going along and weeping: and it came to pass over the land. as he met them, that he said unto them. Come to Gedalvahu the son of Achikam. 7 And it happened. as they entered into the midst of the city, that Ishmael the son of Nethanyah slaughtered them, [and cast them] into the midst of the cistern, 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 some things hidden in the field, [such as] wheat, and barley, and oil, and honey. So he forbore, and slew them not in the midst of their brethren. 9 And the cistern wherein Ishmael cast all the corpses of the men, whom he had slain in company with Gedalyahu, is the same which king Assa had made on account of Ba'sha the king of Israel: this did Ishmael the son of Nethanyah fill with slain persons. 10 Then did Ishmael carry away captive all the residue of the people that were in Mizpah, the king's daughters, and all the people that were remaining in Mizpah, whom Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard had entrusted to Gedalyahu the son of Achikam: and Ishmael the son of Nethanyah carried them away captive, and went off to pass over to the children of Ammon. 11 But when Jochanan the son of Kareach, and all the captains of the armies that were with him, heard of all the evil that Ishmael the son of Nethanyah had done: 12 Then did they take all the men, and went to fight with Ishmael the son of Nethanyah, and found him by the great water[-pool] that is near Gib'on. 13 And it came to pass, when all the people who were with Ishmael saw Jochanan the son of Kareach, and all the captains of the armies that were with him, that they were rejoiced. 14 And all the people that Ishmael had carried away captive from Mizpah turned about and returned, and went unto Jochanan the son of Kareach. 15 But Ishmael the son of Nethanyah escaped with eight men from the presence of Jochanan, and he went to the children of 'Ammon. 16 Then took Jochanan the son of Kareach, and all the captains of the armies that were with him, all the remnant of the people whom he had recovered from Ishmael the son of Nethanyah, from Mizpah, after he had slain Gedalyah the son of Achikam, the adult males, the men of war, and the women, and the children, and the eunuchs, whom he had brought back from Gib'on; 17 And they went, and remained in Geruth-Kimham, which is by Beth-lechem, to go to enter into Egypt, 18 Because of the Chaldeans; for they were afraid of them; because Ishmael the son of Nethanyah had slain Gedalyahu the son of Achikam,

son of Nethanyah went forth from Mizpah to meet whom the king of Babylon had appointed governor

12 Then came near all the captains of the armies, and Jochanan the son of Kareach, and Yezanyah the son of Hosha'yah, and all the people from the least even unto the greatest, 2 And said unto Jeremiah the prophet. Let, we beseech thee, our humble supplication be accepted before thee, and pray in our behalf unto the Lord thy God, in behalf of all this remnant; [for we are left but a few of many, as thy own eyes do see us: ] 3 That the Lord thy God may tell us the way whereon we should walk, and the thing that we should do. 4 Then said Jeremiah the prophet unto them, I have heard you: behold, I will pray unto the Lord your God according to your words: and it shall come to pass, that whatsoever thing the Lord will answer you, I will tell unto you; I will withhold not a word from you. 5 But they said to Jeremiah, May the Lord be a true and faithful witness against us, if we do not act entirely according to all the word with which the Lord thy God may send thee to us: 6 Whether it be good, or whether it be evil, we will hearken to the voice of the Lord our God, to whom we send thee; in order that it may be well with us, when we hearken to the voice of the Lord our God. 7 And it came to pass at the end of ten days, that the word of the Lord came unto Jeremiah. 8 Then called he Jochanan the son of Kareach, and all the captains of the armies who were with him, and all the people from the least even to the greatest. 9 And he said unto them. Thus hath said the Lord, the God of Israel, unto whom ye sent me to present your humble supplication before him: 10 If ye will indeed remain in this land, then will I build you up, and I will not pull you down, and I will plant you, and not pluck you up; for I have bethought me of the evil that I have done unto you. 11 Be ye not afraid because of the king of Babylon, of whom ye are afraid: have no fear of him, saith the Lord; for I am with you to save you, and to deliver you out of his hand. 12 And I will give unto you mercy, that he may have mercy upon you, and let you return to your own land. 13 But if ye say, We will not remain in this land, so as not to hearken to the voice of the Lord your God, 14 Saying, No; but into the land of Egypt will we go, that we may not see war, nor hear the sound of the cornet, and that we may not have hunger for bread; and there will we dwell; 15 And now therefore hear the word of the Lord, ye remnant of Judah, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, If ye will indeed set your faces to the place whither ve desire to go to sojourn there.

an end of speaking unto the whole people all

enter into Egypt, and go thither to sojourn there: 16 and every person that Nebuzaradan the captain of Then shall the sword, of which ye are afraid, there the quard had left with Gedalyahu the son of Achikam overtake you in the land of Egypt; and the famine, the son of Shaphan; and Jeremiah the prophet, and whereof ve are in dread, shall there cleave close unto Baruch the son of Nerivah; 7 And they entered into you in Egypt; and there shall ve die. 17 So shall be all the land of Egypt; for they hearkened not to the voice the men that have set their faces to go into Egypt to of the Lord; and they came as far as Thachpanches. sojourn there, —they shall die by the sword, by the 8 Then came the word of the Lord unto Jeremiah famine, and by the pestilence; and they shall have in Thachpanches, saving, 9 Take great stones in none that remaineth or escapeth from the evil that I thy hand, and hide them in the mortar in the brickam bringing over them. 18 For thus hath said the Lord kiln which is at the entrance of Pharaoh's house in of hosts, the God of Israel. As my anger and my fury Thachpanches, before the eyes of the Jewish men; were poured forth over the inhabitants of Jerusalem: 10 And thou shalt say unto them, Thus hath said the so shall my fury be poured forth over you, when ye Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, I will send enter into Egypt; and ve shall become an oath, and for and take Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, my an astonishment, and a curse, and a disgrace; and servant, and I will set his throne above these stones ye shall never see this place again. 19 The Lord hath that I have hidden; and he shall spread his royal spoken concerning you, O ye remnant of Judah, "Ye pavilion over them. 11 And he shall come and smite shall not go into Egypt:" ye must know for certain the land of Egypt: such as are destined for death that I have warned you this day. 20 For ye have shall be given to death; and such as are destined for dissembled in regard to what your intentions are; for captivity, to captivity; and such as are destined for ye sent me unto the Lord your God, saying, Pray in the sword, to the sword. 12 And I will kindle a fire in our behalf unto the Lord our God: and in accordance the houses of the gods of Egypt, and he shall burn with all that the Lord our God may say, so tell unto us, them, and carry them away captive: and he shall and we will do it. 21 And I have told it to you this day; wrap around him the land of Egypt, as a shepherd but ye have not hearkened to the voice of the Lord wrappeth his garment around him; and he shall go your God, and this in all with which he hath sent me forth from there in peace. 13 And he shall break unto you. 22 But now know for certain that ye shall die the statues of Bethshemesh, which is in the land of by the sword, by the famine, and by the pestilence, in Egypt; and the houses of the gods of the Egyptians shall he burn with fire.

13 And it came to pass, when Jeremiah had made 11 The word that came to Jeremiah for all the Jews who dwell in the land of Egypt, who dwell at the words of the Lord their God, with which the Migdol, and at Thachpanches, and at Noph, and in the Lord their God had sent him to them, [namely, ] all country of Pathros, saying, 2 Thus hath said the Lord these words, 2 That then spoke 'Azaryah the son of of hosts, the God of Israel, You yourselves have seen Hosha'yah, and Jochanan the son of Kareach, and all the evil that I have brought over Jerusalem, and all the presumptuous men, saying unto Jeremiah, over all the cities of Judah; and, behold, they are ruins Thou speakest falsely: the Lord our God hath not this day, and no man is dwelling in them; 3 Because sent thee to say, Ye shall not go into Egypt to sojourn of their wickedness which they had committed to there; 3 But Baruch the son of Neriyah setteth thee provoke me to anger, by going to burn incense, to on against us, in order to deliver us into the hand of serve other gods, whom they did not know, either the Chaldeans, that they may put us to death, or carry they, you, or your fathers. 4 And I sent unto you all us away as exiles to Babylon. 4 So Jochanan the son my servants the prophets, making them rise early of Kareach, and all the captains of the armies, and all and sending them, saving, Oh, do not commit this the people, hearkened not to the voice of the Lord, abominable thing which I hate. 5 But they hearkened to remain in the land of Judah. 5 But Jochanan the not, and inclined not their ear to turn away from son of Kareach, and all the captains of the armies, their wickedness, so as not to burn incense unto took all the remnant of Judah, that were returned other gods. 6 Whereupon my fury and my anger from all the nations, whither they had been driven, to were poured forth, and were enkindled in the cities sojourn in the land of Judah; 6 The men, and the of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem: and they women, and the children, and the king's daughters, are become ruins, a desert, as at this day. 7 And

now thus hath said the Lord, the God of hosts, the well, and saw no evil. 18 But since the time we have God of Israel, Wherefore do ye commit so great an left off to burn incense to the gueen of heaven, and to man and woman, child and suckling, out of the midst of every thing; and we have come to our end through of Judah, so as not to leave you any remainder, 8 the sword and through the famine, 19 And when we hands, in burning incense unto other gods in the land out drink-offerings unto her, —was this without [the of Egypt, whither ye are come to sojourn there, in consent of our husbands, that we did make cakes for order to cut yourselves off, and in order that ye might her to make her image, and pour out drink-offerings become a curse and a disgrace among all the nations unto her? 20 Then said Jeremiah unto all the people, of the earth? 9 Have ye forgotten the wickedness to the men, and to the women, and to all the people of your fathers, and the wickedness of the kings of who had answered him [with that] word, saying, 21 Judah, and the wickedness of their wives, and your Behold, it was the incense that ye burnt in the cities own wickedness, and the wickedness of your wives, of Judah, and in the streets of Jerusalem, ye, and which they had committed in the land of Judah, and your fathers, your kings, and your princes, and the in the streets of Jerusalem? 10 They are not humbled people of the land, which the Lord remembered, even up to this day, and they are not afraid, and they and which came into his mind; 22 So that the Lord walk not in my law, nor in my statutes, that I have set could no longer endure it, because of the evil of your before you and before your fathers. 11 Therefore thus doings, because of the abominations which ye had hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Behold, committed: therefore is your land become a ruin, and I will set my face against you for evil, and to cut off all an [object of] astonishment, and a curse, without an Judah. 12 And I will take the remnant of Judah, that inhabitant, as at this day. 23 Because that ye had have set their faces to go into the land of Egypt to burnt incense, and because ye had sinned against sojourn there, and they shall all come to their end, and the Lord, and had not hearkened to the voice of the in the land of Egypt shall they fall: by the sword [and] Lord, and had not walked in his law, in his statutes, by the famine shall they come to their end; from the and in his testimonies; therefore did this evil befall famine shall they die; and they shall become an oath. all the people, and to all the women. Hear the word of an astonishment, and a curse, and a disgrace. 13 And the Lord, all Judah that are in the land of Egypt, 25 I will inflict punishment on those that dwell in the land Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, of Egypt, as I have inflicted punishment on Jerusalem, saying, Ye and your wives have both spoken with through the sword, through the famine, and through your mouth, and fulfilled with your hands, saying, We the pestilence: 14 So that there shall be no one that will surely perform our vows that we have vowed, to escapeth or remaineth of the remnant of Judah, who burn incense to the gueen of heaven, and to pour are gone into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, that out drink-offerings unto her: ye will fully accomplish they should return into the land of Judah, to which your vows, and fully perform your vows. 26 Therefore they direct [the desire of] their soul to return thither hear ye the word of the Lord, all Judah that dwell in to dwell there; for they shall not return, but such as the land of Egypt, Behold, I have sworn by my great shall escape. 15 Then did all the men who knew that name, saith the Lord, that my name shall no more be their wives were burning incense unto other gods, called by the mouth of any man of Judah, saying, "As and all the women that stood by, a great multitude, the Lord Eternal liveth," in all the land of Egypt. 27 and all the people that dwelt in the land of Egypt, in Behold, I will watch over them for evil, and not for Pathros, answer Jeremiah, saying, 16 Respecting the good: and all the men of Judah that are in the land word that thou hast spoken unto us in the name of of Egypt shall come to their end through the sword the Lord, we will not hearken unto thee. 17 For to a and through the famine, until they be destroyed. 28 our own mouth, to burn incense unto the gueen of the land of Egypt into the land of Judah, but few in heaven, and to pour out drink-offerings unto her, as number; and all the remnant of Judah, that are come our princes, in the cities of Judah, and in the streets whose words shall stand firm, mine, or theirs. 29 And of Jerusalem: when we had plenty of food, and fared this shall be unto you the sign, saith the Lord, that I

evil against your souls, so as to cut off unto you pour out drink-offerings unto her, have we had a lack By provoking me unto wrath with the works of your burnt incense to the gueen of heaven, and poured least even unto the greatest, by the sword and by the you, as it is this day. 24 And Jeremiah said [farther] to surety we will do all the word that is gone forth out of Yet some that escape the sword shall return out of we have done, we, and our fathers, our kings, and into the land of Egypt to sojourn there, shall know will inflict punishment on you in this place, in order of hosts, a day of vengeance, to be avenged on his that ye may know that my words shall surely stand adversaries; that the sword may devour, and may firm against you for evil: 30 Thus hath said the Lord, be satiated and made drunken with their blood; for Behold, I will give Pharaoh-chophra' the king of Egypt there is a sacrifice for the Lord the Eternal of hosts into the hand of his enemies, and into the hand of in the north country by the river Euphrates. 11 Go those that seek his life, as I gave Zedekiah the king of Egypt: in vain usest thou many remedies; there Babylon, his enemy, and who had sought his life.

**15** The word which Jeremiah the prophet spoke unto Baruch the son of Neriyah, when he wrote these words in a book out of the mouth of Jeremiah. in the fourth year of Jehovakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah, saving, 2 Thus hath said the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning thee, O Baruch: 3 Thou didst say. Woe is me now! for the Lord hath added grief to my pain: I am wearied in my sighing, and rest have I not found: 4 Thus shalt thou say unto him. Thus hath the Lord said, Behold, what I have built will I pull down, and what I have planted I will pluck up; and so it is with this whole land. 5 And wouldst thou indeed seek great things for thyself? seek them not; for, behold, I will bring evil upon all flesh, saith the Lord: but I will give thy life unto thee as a booty in all the places whither thou mayest go.

16 The word of the Lord which came to Jeremiah the prophet against the nations: 2 Concerning Egypt, against the army of Pharaoh-necho the king of Egypt, which was [posted] by the river Euphrates in Karkemish, which Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon smote in the fourth year of Jehovakim the son of Josiah the king of Judah. 3 Make ve ready shield and buckler, and draw near to the battle. 4 Harness the horses, and mount, ve horsemen, and stand forth with helmets: sharpen the spears, and put on the coats of mail. 5 Wherefore have I seen them dismayed, moving backward? while their mighty ones are beaten down, and seek safety in flight, and look not back? There is terror round about, saith the Lord. 6 The swift cannot flee away, nor can the mighty man escape: toward the north by the shore of the river Euphrates do they stumble and fall. 7 Who is this that cometh up like a stream, whose waters are upheaved like the rivers? 8 Egypt cometh up like a stream. and like the rivers are the waters upheaved; and he saith, I will go up, I will cover the land; I will destroy the city and those that dwell therein. 9 Come up, ye horses; and rush along wildly, ye chariots; and let the mighty men come forth: Cush and Put, that grasp the shield, and the Ludim, that grasp and bend the bow. 10 And this same day is for the Lord, the Eternal

is no recovery for thee. 12 Nations have heard of thy shame, and thy cry of anguish hath filled the earth; for the mighty man over the mighty have they stumbled, together are both of them fallen. 13 The word which the Lord spoke to Jeremiah the prophet. concerning the coming of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, to smite the land of Egypt, 14 Announce ve in Egypt, and publish in Migdol, and publish in Noph and in Thachpanches: say ye, Stand fast, and prepare thyself; for the sword devoureth round about thee. 15 Why are thy valiant men swept away? not one hath stood, because the Lord did drive him off. 16 He caused many to stumble; yea, one also fell over the other; and they said, Arise, and let us return to our own people, and to the land of our birth, from before the wasting sword. 17 They called out there. Pharaoh is king of Egypt, it was but vaunting, he hath let the time appointed pass by. 18 As I live, saith the King, the Lord of hosts is his name. Surely as Thabor is among the mountains, and as Carmel is by the sea, so shall he come. 19 Appurtenances of exile make for thyself, O thou inhabitress, daughter of Egypt; for Noph shall be made a waste and be left desolate without an inhabitant. 20 O fairest heifer, Egypt! the butcher from the north cometh, he cometh. 21 Also her hired troops in the midst of her are like fatted calves: for they also are turned round, are fled away together, they do not stand; because the day of their calamity is come upon them, the time of their punishment. 22 Her cry shall come like Ithe hissing off a serpent; for with an army shall they march, and with axes do they come against her, like hewers of wood. 23 They cut down her forest, saith the Lord, though it cannot be searched out; because they are more than the grasshoppers, and there is no number to them. 24 Ashamed hath been made the daughter of Egypt: she hath been given up into the hand of the people of the north. 25 The Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, hath said, Behold, I will send visitation on Ahmon of No, and on Pharaoh, and on Egypt, and on her gods, and on her kings; even on Pharaoh, and on those that trust on him: 26 And I will give them up into the hand of those that seek their life, and into the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, and into

the hand of his servants: and afterward shall she be solitary tree in the wilderness. 7 For, because thou inhabited, as in the days of old, saith the Lord. 27 But hast trusted in thy works and in thy treasures, thou thou, —fear thou not, O my servant Jacob, and be not also shall be conquered: and Kemosh shall go forth dismayed, O Israel; for, behold, I will save thee from into exile, [with] his priests and his princes together. afar off, and thy seed from the land of their captivity: 8 And the water shall come over every city, and no and Jacob shall return, and he shall be at rest and at city shall escape: and lost shall be the valley, and ease, with none to make him afraid. 28 Thou, —fear destroyed shall be the plain, as the Lord hath said. 9 thou not, O Jacob my servant, saith the Lord; for I Give wings unto Moab, that she may flee and get am with thee: and although I make a full end of all away; since her cities shall become desolate, without the nations whither I have driven thee, yet of thee any to dwell therein. 10 Cursed be he that doth the will I not make a full end; and I will correct thee in work of the Lord negligently, and cursed be he that measure; yet wholly will I not leave thee unpunished.

**17** The word of the Lord that came to Jeremiah the prophet against the Philistines, before the time that Pharaoh smote Gazzah. 2 Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, waters are coming up out of the north, and they shall become an overflowing stream, and shall overflow the land, and what filleth it; the city, and those that dwell therein: and the men shall cry aloud, and every inhabitant of the land shall wail. 3 Because of the noise of the stamping of the hoofs of his stud-horses, because of the rushing sound of his chariots, the rumbling of his wheels, fathers do not turn round to their children from their feebleness of hands: 4 Because of the day that cometh to devastate all the Philistines, to cut off from Tyre and Zidon every helper that remaineth; for the Lord devastateth the Philistines, the remnant of the isle of Caphthor. 5 Baldness is come upon Gazzah; ruined is Ashkelon with the remnant of their valley: how long yet wilt thou cut thyself? 6 Woe! thou sword of the Lord, how long yet wilt thou not be guiet? withdraw thyself into thy scabbard, take thee rest, and be still. 7 Yet how canst thou be quiet? When the Lord hath given it a charge, against Ashkelon, and against the sea-coast-thither hath he destined it.

**42** Against Moab. Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Woe unto Nebo! for it is wasted; made ashamed, captured is Kiryathayim; is no more praise of Moab: in Cheshbon have they devised evil against it, "Come, and let us cut it off from being a nation." Also thou Madmen shalt be ruined; after thee shall pursue the sword. 3 There is a voice destruction. 6 Flee, save your life, and be ye like the unto thee? or was he found among thieves? that

withholdeth his sword from blood. 11 Moab was ever at ease from his youth, and he was resting on his lees, and was not emptied from vessel to vessel, and had not gone into exile: therefore had his taste remained in him, and his scent was not changed. 12 Therefore, behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will send unto him tappers, that shall tap him, and they shall empty his vessels, and dash in pieces their bottles. 13 And Moab shall be ashamed of Kemosh, as the house of Israel were made ashamed because of Beth-el their confidence. 14 How can ve say. We are mighty and men of brayery for the war? 15 Moab is wasted, and into his cities hath [the enemy] ascended, and his chosen young men are gone down to the slaughter, saith the King, the Lord of hosts is his name. 16 Near is the calamity of Moab to come, and his misfortune hasteneth fast. 17 All ye that are about him bemoan him; and all ye that know his name: say, How is the strong staff broken, the beautiful stick! 18 Come down from thy glory, and sit in thirst, thou inhabitress, daughter of Dibon; for the waster of Moab cometh up against thee, he destroyeth thy strong-holds. 19 Stand by the way, and look out, O inhabitress of 'Aro'er: ask him that fleeth, and her that escapeth, say, What hath been done? 20 Moab hath been made ashamed; for it is broken down; wail, and cry aloud: tell ye it by the Arnon, that Moab is wasted. 21 And punishment is come over the land of the plain, over Cholon, and over Yahzah, and made ashamed is Misgab and dismayed. 2 There over Mepha'ath, 22 And over Dibon, and over Nebo, and over Beth-diblathayim, 23 And over Kiryathayim, and over Beth-gamul, and over Beth-me'on, 24 And over Keriyoth, and over Bozrah, and over all the cities of the land of Moab, that are far and that are near. of crying from Choronayim, destruction and a great 25 Hewn away is the horn of Moab, and his arm is breach. 4 Broken down is Moab: her little ones send broken, saith the Lord. 26 Make him drunken; for he forth a cry of distress. 5 For the ascent of Luchith is magnified himself against the Lord: and Moab shall ascended with weeping and tears; for on the descent wallow in his vomit, and he also shall become [an of Choronayim the enemies have heard the cry of object] of derision. 27 For was not Israel a derision Ithy head? 28 Leave the cities, and dwell on rocks, O deprived of strength, those that flee; but a fire cometh ve that dwell in Moab; and be ve like the dove that forth out of Cheshbon, and a flame from the midst of maketh her nest in the sides of the mouth of rocky. Sichon, and it devoureth the corner of Moab, and the clefts, 29 We have heard the pride of Moab, who is crown of the head of the children of vaunting, 46 Woe so exceedingly proud, his haughtiness, and his pride, unto thee, O Moab! lost is the people of Kemosh; for and his arrogance, and the overbearingness of his thy sons are taken captives, and thy daughters into heart, 30 I will know, saith the Lord, his wrath, and captivity, 47 Yet will I bring back again the captivity of how causeless it is: his liars have done what is not Moab in the end of days, saith the Lord. Thus far is right. 31 Therefore will I wail for Moab, and for all the punishment of Moab. Moab will I cry out: for the men of Kir-cheres shall people moan. 32 With the weeping of Ya'zer will I weep for thee. O vine of Sibmah: thy tendrils [once] passed over the sea, they reached as far as to the sea of Ya'zer: over thy summer-fruits and over thy vintage the waster is fallen. 33 And banished are joy and gladness from Carmel, and from the land of Moab: and I have caused the wine to cease from the wine-presses: none shall tread the press with the vintner's call; battle cry-nor vintner's call. 34 From the loud cry of Cheshbon as far as El'aleh, even unto Yahaz, have they sent forth their voice, from Zo'ar even unto Choronavim, to the third 'Ealath: for the waters also of Nimrim shall become desolate. 35 Moreover will I cause to cease unto Moab, saith the Lord, him that offereth on the high-places, and him that burneth incense to his gods. 36 Therefore shall my heart groan for Moab like flutes, and my heart shall groan like flutes for the men of Kir-cheres: for the cause that the remnant of the riches he had gotten are lost. 37 For every head is bald, and every beard is shorn: upon all the hands are cuttings, and upon the loins is sackcloth. 38 Upon all the roofs of Moab, and in her streets, there is everywhere lamentation; for I have broken Moab like a vessel which hath no value. saith the Lord. 39 Oh. how is it broken down! wail! how hath Moab turned the back with shame! and Moab shall be a derision and a dismay to all those around him. 40 For thus hath said the Lord, Behold. as the eagle shall he fly, and he shall spread out his wings over Moab. 41 Captured are the fortresses. and the strong-holds are conquered: and the heart of the mighty men of Moab shall be on that day as the heart of a woman in her pangs. 42 And Moab shall be destroyed from being a people; because it hath magnified himself against the Lord. 43 Terror, and the pit, and the snare, shall be upon thee. O inhabitant of Moab, saith the Lord, 44 He that fleeth from the terror shall fall into the pit: and he that getteth up out of the pit shall be caught in the snare; for I will bring upon it. even upon Moab, the year of their visitation, saith the

whenever thou spokest of him, thou hadst to shake Lord, 45 Under the shadow of Cheshbon stand still,

49 Against the children of 'Ammon, Thus hath said the Lord. Hath Israel no sons? or hath he no heir? why then doth Malcolm possess Gad, and why do his people dwell in his cities? 2 Therefore, behold. days are coming, saith the Lord, when I will cause an alarm of war to be heard in Rabbah of the children of 'Ammon; and it shall become a desolate heap, and its villages shall be burnt with fire: then shall Israel drive out those that drove them out, saith the Lord. 3 Wail. O Cheshbon, for 'Ai is wasted: crv aloud, ve daughters of Rabbah, gird yourselves with sackcloth: lament, and roam about among the sheepfolds; for Malcolm shall go into exile, [with] his priest and his princes together. 4 Wherefore gloriest thou in the valleys? thy valley floweth [with blood]. O backsliding daughter, that trusted in her treasures, saving. Who can come unto me? 5 Behold, I will bring terror upon thee, saith the Lord the Eternal of hosts, from all those that are around thee: and ye shall be driven out every man in his own way; and none shall gather up the fugitive. 6 And afterward will I bring back again the captivity of the children of 'Ammon, saith the Lord. 7 Concerning Edom, thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Is there no more wisdom in Theman? is counsel vanished from the prudent? is their wisdom become corrupt? 8 They flee, turn round, seek their abode in deep places, — the inhabitants of Dedan; for the calamity of Esau do I bring upon him, the time when I visit him with punishment. 9 If grapegatherers had come to thee, would they not have left some gleanings? if thieves by night, they would destroy only till they had satisfied themselves; 10 But I have made Esau bare, I have uncovered his secret haunts, so that he will not be able to hide himself: his seed is wasted, and his brethren, and his neighbors, and he is no more. 11 Leave thy fatherless children. I will have to preserve them alive: and thy widows must trust in me. 12 For thus hath said the Lord. Behold, they whose right it was not to drink the cup have been compelled to drink it, and art thou he

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Edom shall be on that day as the heart of a woman in again the captivity of 'Elam, saith the Lord. her pangs. 23 Concerning Damascus, Chamath and Arpad are made ashamed; for evil tidings have they heard, they are fainthearted: on the sea there is care, it is not able to be quiet. 24 Damascus is become feeble, she turneth about to flee, and trembling hath taken hold on her: pangs and throes have seized her, as a woman in travail. 25 "How is the city of praise not forsaken, the town of my joy!" 26 Therefore shall her young men fall in her streets, and all the men of war shall perish on that day, saith the Lord of hosts. 27 And I will kindle a fire on the wall of Damascus, and it shall consume the palaces of Benhadad. 28 Concerning Kedar, and concerning the kingdoms of Chazor, which Nebuchadrezzar the king

that shall altogether go unpunished? thou shalt not of Babylon smote, thus hath said the Lord, Arise ye, go unpunished, but thou shalt surely drink it. 13 For go up to Kedar, and devastate the men of the east. 29 by myself have I sworn, saith the Lord, that Bozrah Their tents and their flocks shall they take away; their shall become an astonishment, a disgrace, a ruin, curtains, and all their vessels and their camels shall and a curse; and all its cities shall become perpetual they take to themselves: and they shall call out over ruins. 14 A report have I heard from the Lord, and them, Terror is on every side. 30 Flee, fly away far off, an ambassador is sent among the nations, [saying, ] seek your abode in deep places, O ye inhabitants Gather yourselves together, and come against her, of Chazor, saith the Lord; for Nebuchadrezzar the and rise up to the battle. 15 For, lo, I render thee king of Babylon hath taken counsel against you, and small among the nations, despised among men. 16 hath conceived a device against you. 31 Arise, get Thy hastiness hath deceived thee, the presumption you up unto the nation that is at ease, that dwelleth of thy heart, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of in security, saith the Lord, which hath neither gates the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though nor bars, which dwelleth alone. 32 And their camels thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, shall become a booty, and the multitude of their cattle thence would I bring thee down, saith the Lord. 17 a spoil: and I will scatter unto all winds those that And Edom shall become [an object of] astonishment: have the hair cut round; and from all sides will I bring every one that passeth by it shall be astonished, and their calamity, saith the Lord. 33 And Chazor shall shall hiss at all its wounds. 18 Like the overthrow of become a dwelling for monsters, a desolation for Sodom and Gomorrah and their neighbors, saith the ever: there shall no man dwell there, nor shall a son Lord, so shall no man dwell there, nor shall a son of of man sojourn therein. 34 The word of the Lord that man sojourn therein. 19 Behold, like a lion will he came to Jeremiah the prophet concerning 'Elam, in come up from the overflow of the Jordan against the the beginning of the reign of Zedekiah the king of strong habitation; for I will hasten him, [and] make him Judah, saying, 35 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, suddenly prevail against her; and him who is chosen Behold, I will break the bow of 'Elam, the chief of will I array against her; for who is like me? and who their strength. 36 And I will bring over 'Elam the four will challenge me to battle? and who is that shepherd winds from the four quarters of the heavens, and I will that can stand before me? 20 Therefore hear the scatter them toward all these winds: and there shall counsel of the Lord, that he hath resolved against not be any nation whither shall not come the outcasts Edom; and his purposes, that he hath devised against of 'Elam. 37 For I will cause 'Elam to be dismayed the inhabitants of Theman: Surely the least of the before their enemies, and before those that seek their flocks shall drag them away; surely he will devastate life: and I will bring over them evil, the fierceness of over them their habitation. 21 At the noise of their fall my anger, saith the Lord: and I will send out after the earth quaketh: [there is] an outcry, —at the Red them the sword, till I have made an end of them. 38 Sea their voice is heard. 22 Behold, like the eagle And I will set up my throne in 'Elam, and I will destroy shall he come up and fly along, and spread out his thence king and princes, saith the Lord. 39 But it shall wings over Bozrah: and the heart of the mighty men of come to pass in the latter days, that I will bring back

> 50 The word that the Lord spoke concerning Babylon, concerning the land of the Chaldeans, by means of Jeremiah the prophet. 2 Announce ve among the nations, and publish, and lift up a standard; publish, conceal not; say, Babylon is captured, Bel is put to shame, Merodach is broken in pieces; put to shame are her idols; broken in pieces are her images. 3 For there is come up against her a nation out of the north, which will change her land into a desert, so that there shall not be any one dwelling therein: both man and beast are fled away, they are departed. 4 In those days, and at that time, saith the Lord, shall the children of Israel come, they and the children of Judah

Lord their God shall they seek. 5 After Zion shall they and Bashan: and upon the mountain of Ephraim and ask, with their faces on the way thitherward, [saying, ] Gil'ad shall his soul be satisfied. 20 In those days, Come: and they will join themselves to the Lord in and at that time, saith the Lord, shall the iniquity of a perpetual covenant that shall not be forgotten. 6 Israel be sought for, and it shall not be there; and Lost sheep were my people; their shepherds had the sins of Judah, and they shall not be found; for I caused them to go astray, they had let them roam will pardon those whom I will leave remaining. 21 wildly on the mountains: from mountain to hill did they Against the land of twofold rebellion—even against it go, they forgot their resting-place. 7 All that found go thou up, and against the inhabitants of the country them devoured them; and their adversaries said, of punishment: lay in ruins and utterly destroy their We offend not, because they have sinned against offspring, saith the Lord, and do in accordance with the Lord, the habitation of righteousness, and the all that I have commanded thee. 22 A sound of battle hope of their fathers, the Lord. 8 Fly away out of the [is heard] in the land, and of great destruction. 23 midst of Babylon, and go forth out of the land of the How is cut asunder and broken the hammer of all Chaldeans, and be ve as the he-goats before the the earth! how is Babylon become an astonishment flocks. 9 For, lo, I will awaken and cause to come among the nations! 24 I have laid a snare for thee, up against Babylon an assemblage of great nations and thou art also captured, O Babylon, while thou from the north country; and they shall set themselves wast not aware; thou art found, and also caught. in battle-array against her; from there shall she be because thou hadst entered into a contest against captured: their arrows are as those of a skilful mighty the Lord. 25 The Lord hath opened his treasury, and one, none of which ever returneth in vain. 10 And hath brought forth the weapons of his indignation; for Chaldea shall be given up to spoil: all that spoil it is a work for the Lord, the Eternal of hosts, in the her shall be satisfied, saith the Lord, 11 Though ve land of the Chaldeans, 26 Come against her from rejoice, though ye be glad, O ye plunderers of my the end of the earth, open her garners; tread her heritage, though ye be grown fat as the heifer at down as sheaves of corn, and destroy her utterly: let grass, and neigh as stud-horses: 12 Your mother is, there not be left of her a remnant even, 27 Destroy made greatly ashamed; she that bore you is put to the all her bullocks; let them go down to the slaughter: blush; behold, the end of nations shall be wilderness. Woe unto them! for their day is come, the time of dry land, and desert. 13 Because of the wrath of their visitation. 28 There is the voice of those that flee the Lord shall it not be inhabited, and it shall be and escape out of the land of Babylon, to tell in Zion wholly desolate: every one that passeth by Babylon the vengeance of the Lord our God, the vengeance shall be astonished, and hiss over all her wounds. for his temple. 29 Call together the archers against 14 Put yourselves in battle-array against Babylon Babylon; all ye that bend the bow, encamp against round about, all ye that bend the bow, shoot at her, her round about; let there be no escape for her: spare not the arrows: for against the Lord hath she recompense her according to her work; in accordance sinned. 15 Shout against her round about; she hath with all that she hath done, do unto her; for against stretched out her hand: fallen are her foundations, the Lord hath she acted presumptuously, against thrown down are her walls; for it is the vengeance the Holy One of Israel, 30 therefore shall her young of the Lord; take vengeance upon her; as she hath men fall in her streets, and all her men of war shall done, so do unto her. 16 Cut off the sower from perish on that day, saith the Lord. 31 Behold, I am Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time against thee, O presumptuous one! saith the Lord, of harvest; because of the wasting sword shall they the Eternal of hosts; for thy day is come, the time turn about every one to his people, and every one to that I will visit thee [with punishment]. 32 And the his own land shall they flee. 17 A scattered lamb is presumptuous shall stumble and fall, with none to Israel; the lions have driven him away: first the king of raise him up: and I will kindle a fire in his cities, and it Assyria devoured him; and this last one broke his shall devour all his environs. 33 Thus hath said the bones, [even] Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon. Lord of hosts, The children of Israel and the children 18 Therefore thus hath said the Lord of hosts, the of Judah are oppressed together; and all that took God of Israel, Behold, I will inflict punishment on the them captive hold them fast; they refuse to dismiss king of Babylon and on his land, as I have punished them. 34 Their Redeemer is strong; The Lord of hosts

together, going and weeping shall they go, and the again to his habitation, and he shall feed on Carmel the king of Assyria. 19 And I will bring Israel back is his name: he will surely contend in their cause, in

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quaketh, and the outcry is heard among the nations.

**51** Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will awaken against Babylon, and against those that dwell in the midst of my opponents, a destroying wind: 2 And I will send out unto Babylon fanners, and they shall fan her, and shall empty out her land; for they shall be against her round about on the day of trouble. 3

order that he may give rest to the land, and make Let the archer come against any one that bendeth the inhabitants of Babylon tremble. 35 The sword is his bow, and against him that lifteth himself up in his upon the Chaldeans, saith the Lord, and against the armor: and spare ye not her young men: destroy ye inhabitants of Babylon, and against her princes, and utterly all her host, 4 And the slain shall fall in the land against her wise men. 36 The sword is against the of the Chaldeans, and they that are pierced through. lving soothsayers, and they shall be made foolish: the in her streets. 5 For not widowed are Israel and Judah sword is against her mighty men, and they shall be of their God, of the Lord of hosts; for the land of dismayed. 37 The sword is against their horses, and those was filled with guiltiness against the Holy One against their chariots, and against all the confederates of Israel. 6 Flee ye out of the midst of Babylon, and that are in the midst of her, and they shall become as save ye every man his life: perish not for her iniquity; women: the sword is against her treasures, and they for this is a time of vengeance unto the Lord; a shall be plundered. 38 The drought is against her recompense is he paying out unto her. 7 A golden cup waters, and they shall be dried up; for it is the land of hath Babylon been in the hand of the Lord, that made graven images, and with their horrid idols do they play drunken all the earth: of her wine have nations drunk; the madman. 39 Therefore shall martens dwell [there] therefore are the nations rendered mad. 8 Suddenly with jackals, and the ostriches shall dwell therein: and is Babylon fallen and broken: wail ye for her; fetch it shall be not inhabited any more for ever; and it shall balm for her wound, perhaps she may be healed. 9 not be dwelt in from generation to generation. 40 Like "We would have healed Babylon, but she was not the overthrow by God of Sodom and Gomorrah and healed: forsake her, and let us go every one unto his their neighbors, saith the Lord, so shall no man dwell own country; for her punishment reacheth unto the there, nor shall any son of man sojourn therein. 41 heavens, and it is lifted up even to the skies." 10 The Behold, a people cometh from the north, and a great Lord hath brought forth our righteousness: come, and nation, and many kings shall be awakened from the let us relate in Zion the work of the Lord our God. 11 farthest ends of the earth. 42 Bow and lance do they Make bright the arrows; fill the quivers: the Lord hath firmly grasp; they are cruel, and show not any mercy; awakened the spirit of the kings of Media; for against their voice roareth like the sea, and upon horses do Babylon is his intention, to destroy it; because it is they ride, placed in array, like one man, for the battle, the vengeance of the Lord, the vengeance for his against thee. O daughter of Babylon. 43 The king temple. 12 Against the walls of Babylon lift up the of Babylon hath heard the report of them, and his standard, strengthen the watch, set up the watchmen, hands are grown feeble: anguish hath taken fast hold make ready the ambushes; for the Lord hath both of him, pangs as of a woman in travail. 44 Behold, intended and done what he had spoken against the like a lion shall he come up from the overflow of the inhabitants of Babylon. 13 O thou that dwellest upon Jordan unto the strong habitation; for I will hasten many waters, great in treasures, thy end is come, the them [and] make them suddenly prevail over her, and full measure of thy selfish robbery. 14 Sworn hath the him who is chosen will I array against her; for who Lord of hosts by himself, Surely I will fill thee with like me? and who will challenge me to battle? and men, as with locusts: and they shall lift up the battlewho is that shepherd that can stand before me? 45 cry against thee. 15 He made the earth by his power, Therefore hear ve the counsel of the Lord, that he he established the world by his wisdom, and by his hath resolved against Babylon; and his purposes, that understanding he stretched out the heavens. 16 At he hath devised against the land of the Chaldeans: the sound when he giveth a multitude of waters in the Surely the least of the flock shall drag them away; heavens, and causeth clouds to ascend from the ends surely he will devastate over them their habitation. 46 of the earth; when he maketh lightnings with rain, and At the noise of the conquest of Babylon the earth bringeth forth the wind out of his treasures: 17 Then standeth every man as brutish without knowledge; ashamed is every goldsmith because of the graven image; for falsehood is his molten work, and there is no breath therein. 18 They are vanity, the work of deception: in the time of their punishment shall they vanish. 19 Not like these is the portion of Jacob; for He is the former of all things, and Israel is the tribe of his inheritance: The Lord of hosts is his name. 20 Thou art a hammer unto me, weapons of war; and I Zion say; and "My blood be upon the inhabitants of strike down with thee nations, and I destroy with thee Chaldea," will Jerusalem say. 36 Therefore thus hath kingdoms; 21 And I strike down with thee the horse said the Lord. Behold, I will contend in thy cause. and his rider; and I strike down with thee the chariot and execute vengeance for thee; and I will dry up her and its rider: 22 And I strike down with thee man and sea, and cause her springs to fail, 37 And Babylon woman; and I strike down with thee the aged and shall become ruinous heaps, a dwelling-place for the lad; and I strike down with thee the young man monsters, an astonishment, and a derision, without and the virgin: 23 And I strike down with thee the an inhabitant, 38 Together like lions shall they roar: shepherd and his flock; and I strike down with thee they shall yell like the lions' whelps. 39 When they are the husbandman and his yoke of oxen; and I strike heated will I prepare their drinking-feasts, and I will down with thee governors and rulers. 24 But [now] make them drunken, in order that they may be joyful, will I repay unto Babylon and to all the inhabitants and [then] sleep a perpetual sleep, and not awake of Chaldea all their evil that they have done in Zion again, saith the Lord, 40 I will bring them down like before your eyes, saith the Lord. 25 Behold. I am lambs to the slaughter, like wethers with he-goats. 41 against thee, O destroying mountain, saith the Lord. How is Sheshach captured! and how is conquered which destroyest all the earth; and I will stretch out the praise of the whole earth! how is Babylon become my hand over thee, and I will roll thee down from the an astonishment among the nations! 42 The sea is rocks, and will render thee a burnt mountain. 26 And come up over Babylon; with the multitude of its waves they shall not take from thee a stone for a corner, is she covered. 43 Her cities are become desolate nor a stone for foundations; but everlasting ruins places, a dry land, and a wilderness, a land wherein shalt thou be, saith the Lord. 27 Lift ye up a standard not any man shall dwell, and through which no son of in the land, blow ye the cornet among the nations, man shall pass along. 44 And I will inflict punishment make ready against her nations, call together against on Bel in Babylon, and I will bring forth what he hath her the kingdoms of Ararat, Minni, and Ashkenaz; swallowed up out of his mouth; and nations shall appoint against her a commander; cause the horses not assemble together like a stream unto him any to come up like the hairy locusts. 28 Make ready more; yea, the wall of Babylon also is fallen. 45 Go against her the nations with the kings of Media, its ye out of the midst of her, my people, and save ye governors, and all its rulers, and all the land of their every man his life from the fierceness of the anger of dominion. 29 And the earth quaketh and trembleth; the Lord. 46 And so that your heart may not faint, for every one of the purposes of the Lord is fulfilled and ye fear at the report that is heard in the land: against Babylon, to change the land of Babylon into a when the report cometh in one year, and after that desolate country without an inhabitant. 30 The mighty in another year cometh another report, and when men of Babylon have ceased to fight, they sit still in violence [be done] in the land. [by] ruler against ruler, Itheir] strongholds: their might is vanished; they are 47 Therefore, behold, days are coming, when I will become as women: they have burnt her dwelling- inflict punishment on the graven images of Babylon, places; her bars are broken. 31 One runner shall and her whole land shall be put to shame, and all run to meet another runner, and one messenger to her slain shall fail in the midst of her. 48 And then meet another messenger, to tell unto the king of shall the heaven and the earth, and all that is therein. Babylon that his city is captured at all ends. 32 And sing because of Babylon; for from the north shall that the passages have been seized, and that they come unto her the destroyers, saith the Lord. 49 have burnt the reeds with fire, and that the men of Also Babylon is destined to fall, O ve slain ones of war are affrighted. 33 For thus hath said the Lord of Israel, also at Babylon fall the slain of all the land. hosts, the God of Israel, the daughter of Babylon is 50 [But] ye that have escaped the sword, go away, like a threshing-floor, at the time they thresh therein; stand not still: remember afar off the Lord, and let but yet a little while more, when the time of harvest Jerusalem rise up in your heart. 51 "We had been shall come for her. 34 "Nebuchadrezzar the king of made ashamed, because we had heard reproach: Babylon devoured me, he crushed me, he set me confusion had covered our faces; because strangers down as an empty vessel, he swallowed me up like a were come into the sanctuaries of the Lord's house." huge serpent, he filled his belly with my delicacies: 52 Therefore, behold, days are coming, saith the he drove me out. 35 the violence done to me and to Lord, when I will inflict punishment on her graven my flesh be upon Babylon," will the inhabitress of images: and through all her land shall groan the

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**52** One and twenty years was Zedekiah old when he became king, and eleven years did he reign in Jerusalem. And his mother's name was Chamutal the daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. 2 And he did what is evil in the eves of the Lord, in accordance with all that Jehoyakim had done. 3 For through the anger of the Lord it came to pass against Jerusalem and Judah, till he had cast them out of his presence, that Zedekiah rebelled against the king of Babylon. 4

deadly wounded. 53 Though Babylon should mount And it came to pass in the ninth year of his reign, in up to heaven, and though she should fortify the height the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, that of her strength; yet from me should destroyers come Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon came, he and unto her, saith the Lord. 54 A sound of a painful cry all his army, against Jerusalem, and they encamped cometh from Babylon, and of a great breach from the against it, and built against it works of attack round land of the Chaldeans; 55 Because the Lord wasteth about. 5 So the city was placed in a state of siege Babylon, and destroyeth out of her the loud noise; until the eleventh year of king Zedekiah. 6 And in the but their waves roar like great waters, the noise of fourth month, on the ninth day of the month, when the their voice is sent forth; 56 Because the destroyer is famine was severe in the city, so that there was no come over her, over Babylon, and her mighty men bread for the people of the land: 7 The city was broken are caught, every one of their bows is broken; for the in, and all the men of war fled, and went forth out of God of recompenses, the Lord, will surely requite. 57 the city by night by the way of the gate between the And I will make drunken her princes, and her wise two walls, which was near the king's garden; [while men, her governors, and her rulers, and her mighty the Chaldeans were round about the city; ] and they men: and they shall sleep a perpetual sleep, and not went by the way of the plain. 8 But the army of the awake again, saith the King, The Lord of hosts is his Chaldeans pursued after the king, and they overtook name. 58 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Every Zedekiah in the plains of Jericho: and all his army one of the broad walls of Babylon shall be utterly was scattered from him. 9 And they caught the king. overthrown, and her high gates shall be burnt with and they brought him up unto the king of Babylon to fire; so that nations shall have labored in vain, and Riblah in the land of Chamath: and he called him to the people for the fire, and so shall they have wearied account. 10 And the king of Babylon slaughtered the themselves. 59 The word which Jeremiah the prophet sons of Zedekiah before his eyes: and also all the commanded Serayah the son of Neriyah, the son of princes of Judah did he slaughter in Riblah. 11 And Machseyah, when he went with Zedekiah the king of the eyes of Zedekiah did he blind; and the king of Judah unto Babylon in the fourth year of his reign. Babylon bound him with brazen fetters, and carried And this Serayah was chief chamberlain. 60 And him to Babylon, and put him in the ward-house till the Jeremiah wrote down all the evil that should come day of his death. 12 And in the fifth month, on the upon Babylon in one book, namely, all these words tenth day of the month, which was the nineteenth that are written concerning Babylon. 61 And Jeremiah vear of king Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon. said to Serayah, As thou comest to Babylon, see to came Nebuzaradan, the captain of the guard, [who] it, that thou read all these words; 62 And thou shalt served the king of Babylon, unto Jerusalem. 13 And say, O Lord, thou thyself hast spoken concerning he burnt the house of the Lord, and the king's house: this place, to cut it off, so that there shall not be in it and all the houses of Jerusalem, and all the houses an inhabitant, either man or beast; but that it shall of the great men, did he burn with fire: 14 And all become a desolate place for ever. 63 And it shall be, the walls of Jerusalem round about did all the army when thou hast finished reading this book, that thou of the Chaldeans, that were with the captain of the shalt bind a stone to it, and throw it into the midst guard, pull down. 15 And certain of the poorest of of the Euphrates; 64 And thou shalt say, Thus shall the people, and the residue of the people that had Babylon sink, and shall not rise again from the evil been left in the city, and the deserters, that had run that I will bring upon her: and her people shall be away to the king of Babylon, and the rest of the multitude, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away into exile. 16 But certain of the poorest of the land did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard leave for vine-dressers and for husbandmen. 17 Also the pillars of copper that were in the house of the Lord, and the bases, and the copper sea that was in the house of the Lord, did the Chaldeans break, and they carried off all their copper to Babylon. 18 And the pots, and the shovels, and the knives, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of copper wherewith they used to perform the service, did they

the spoons, and the purifying-tubes: of what was of of his life. 34 And his allowance was a continual gold the gold, and of what was of silver the silver, allowance given him by the king, the necessary ration did the captain of the guard take away. 20 The two for the day on its day, until the day of his death, all pillars, the one sea, and the twelve copper oxen that the days of his life. served instead of the bases, which king Solomon had made for the house of the Lord: the copper of all these vessels could not be weighed. 21 And as regardeth the pillars, eighteen cubits was the height of each one pillar; and a thread of twelve cubits would compass it; and its thickness was four fingers: it was hollow. 22 And a capital was upon it of copper; and the height of the one capital was five cubits, with network and pomegranates upon the capital round about, all of copper. And the like was the case with the second pillar and the pomegranates. 23 And the pomegranates were ninety and six on every side: all the pomegranates upon the network were one hundred round about. 24 And the captain of the guard took Serayah the chief priest, and Zephanyah the priest second in rank, and the three door-keepers; 25 And out of the city he took a certain court-officer. who had the supervision of the men of war: and seven men of those that had free access to the kings presence, who were found in the city; and the scribe of the chief of the army, who ordered to the army the people of the 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 led them away unto the king of Babylon to Riblah. 27 And the king of Babylon smote them, and put them to death in Riblah in the land of Chamath. Thus Judah was carried away into exile out of his own country. 28 This is the people whom Nebuchadrezzar carried away into exile: in the seventh year, three thousand and twenty and three Jews; 29 In the eighteenth year of Nebuchadrezzar from Jerusalem, eight hundred thirty and two persons: 30 In the three and twentieth year of Nebuchadrezzar, did Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard carry away into exile of the Jews seven hundred forty and five persons; all the persons were four thousand and six hundred. 31 And it came to pass in the seven and thirtieth year of the exile of Jehoyachin the king of Judah, in the twelfth month, on the five and twentieth day of the month that Evilmerodach the king of Babylon in the [first] year of his reign lifted up the head of Jehoyachin the king of Judah, and brought him forth out of the prison-house; 32 And he spoke kindly with him, and set his throne

above the throne of the kings that were with him in

take away. 19 And the basins, and the censers, and Babylon, 33 And he changed his prison-garments: the bowls, and the pots, and the candlesticks, and and he ate bread before him continually all the days

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## Lamentations

1 Oh how doth she sit solitary—the city that was full of people is become like a widow! she that was so great among the nations, the princess among the provinces, is become tributary! 2 She weepeth sorely in the night, and her tears are on her cheeks: she hath none to comfort her among all her lovers; all her friends have dealt treacherously toward her, they are become her enemies. 3 Exiled is Judah because of affliction, and because of the greatness of servitude she dwelleth indeed among the nations. she findeth no rest: all her pursuers have overtaken her between the narrow passes. 4 The ways to Zion are in mourning, because none come to the solemn feasts: all her gates are desolate; her priests sigh: her virgins moan, and she suffereth herself from bitter grief. 5 Her adversaries are become chiefs, her enemies prosper; for the Lord hath caused her to grieve because of the multitude of her transgressions: her babes are gone into captivity before the adversary. 6 And there is gone forth from the daughter of Zion all her splendor: her princes are become like harts that have found no pasture, and they flee without strength before the pursuer. 7 Jerusalem remembereth in the days of her affliction and of her miseries all her magnificent things which have been in the days of old: when her people fell into the hand of the adversary, with none to help her, the adversaries looked at her, they laughed at the cessation [of her glory]. 8 A grievous sin did Jerusalem commit, therefore is she become a wanderer: all that honored her hold her in contempt, because they have seen her nakedness; she also sigheth, and turneth [ashamed] backward. 9 [With] her uncleanness on her skirts, she thought not of her latter end: therefore is she come down wonderfully, without one to comfort her, Behold, O Lord, my affliction: for the enemy hath become great [above me]. 10 His hand hath the adversary spread out over all her magnificent things; for she hath seen nations entering into her sanctuary, of whom thou didst command that they should not enter into thy congregation. 11 all her people sigh, they are seeking bread; they have given their precious things for food to refresh their soul: see, O Lord, and look, how I have been brought low. 12 "I adjure you, all that pass this way, behold, and see if there be any pain like unto my pain, which hath been inflicted on me, wherewith the Lord hath aggrieved me on the day of his fierce anger. 13 From on high hath he sent a

fire into my bones, and breaketh [them] one by one: he hath spread a net for my feet, he hath caused me to return backward; he hath made me desolate. sick all the day. 14 Bound fast is the voke of my transgressions by his hand. — they are wreathed, and come up upon my neck; he hath made my strength to stumble: the Lord hath given me up into the hands of [those against whom] I am not able to rise up. 15 The Lord hath trodden under foot all my mighty men in the midst of me; he hath called an assembly against me to crush my young men: a winepress hath the Lord trodden over the virgin, the daughter of Judah. 16 For these things do I weep; my eye, my eye runneth down with water: because far from me is the comforter that should refresh my soul: my children are in misery, because the enemy hath prevailed." 17 Zion spreadeth forth her hands, without one to comfort her: the Lord hath given a charge concerning Jacob to all his adversaries round about him: Jerusalem is become as an unclean woman among them. 18 "Righteous is the Lord; for against his orders have I rebelled: oh do hear, all ye people, and see my pain! my virgins and my young men are gone into captivity. 19 I called for my lovers, but they deceived me: my priests and my elders perished in the city; for they sought food for themselves to refresh their soul. 20 See, O Lord! how I am in distress; mv bowels are heated: my heart is turned round within me: because I have grievously rebelled: abroad bereaveth the sword, at home, like the pestilence. 21 They hear how greatly I sigh, [yet] there is none to comfort me; all my enemies have heard of my misfortune, they are glad that thou hast done it: oh that thou wouldst bring the day which thou hast proclaimed [against me], that they may become like me. 22 Let all their wickedness come before thee, and do unto them as thou hast done unto me because of all my transgressions: for many are my sighs, and my heart is sick,"

2 Oh how hath the Lord covered in his anger the daughter of Zion with a cloud; he hath cast down from heaven unto the earth the ornament of Israel; and he hath not remembered his footstool on the day of his anger! 2 The Lord hath destroyed and hath not pitied all the habitation of Jacob: he hath thrown down in his wrath the strong-holds of the daughter of Judah: he hath thrown them down to the ground; he hath defiled the kingdom and its princes. 3 He hath hewn away in his fierce anger the whole horn of Israel; he hath drawn back his right hand before the enemy; and he burnt against Jacob like a flaming

bow like an enemy; he held out his right hand as an their teeth; they say, We have swallowed her up: ah, adversary, and slew all that were pleasant to the eve: truly this is the day that we hoped for; we have found. in the tent of the daughter of Zion did he pour out we have seen it. 17 The Lord hath done what he like fire his fury. 5 The Lord became like an enemy: had resolved; he hath accomplished his word which he destroyed Israel, he destroyed all her palaces, he had ordained already in the days of old; he hath he ruined her strong-holds, and he increased in the thrown down, and hath not pitied; and he hath caused midst of the daughter of Judah groaning and wailing, to rejoice over thee thy enemy, he hath raised on high 6 And he violently wasted, as if it were a garden, his the horn of thy adversaries. 18 Their heart crieth unto tabernacle; he destroyed his place of assembly: [yea, the Lord, O thou wall of the daughter of Zion, let tears the Lord hath caused to be forgotten in Zion the run down like a stream day and night; allow thyself no solemn feast and the day of rest, and hath despised rest; let not the apple of thy eye be still. 19 Arise, in the indignation of his anger both king and priest. 7 complain aloud in the night, in the beginning of the The Lord hath cast off his altar, he hath made void watches; pour out like water thy heart before the face his sanctuary, he hath surrendered into the hand of of the Lord: lift up toward him thy hands because of the enemy the walls of her palaces: they have made the life of thy babes, that faint away for hunger at the their voice to resound in the house of the Lord, as on corner of all the streets. 20 See, O Lord, and behold! a day of a solemn feast. 8 The Lord hath resolved to to whom hast thou ever done the like? Shall women. destroy the wall of the daughter of Zion; he stretched then, eat their own fruit, the babes they have tenderly out the measuring-line, he withdrew not his hand nursed? or shall there be slain in the sanctuary of the from destroying: and he caused the rampart and the Lord the priest and the prophet? 21 There lie down on wall to mourn; together they languish. 9 Sunk into the ground in the streets the lad and the ancient: my the ground are her gates, he hath ruined and broken virgins and my young men are fallen by the sword: her bars: her king and her princes are among the thou hast slain on the day of thy anger; thou hast nations without any law; her prophets also obtain slaughtered, thou hast not pitied. 22 Thou hast called, no more any vision from the Lord. 10 The elders of as it were on a festive day, my evil neighbors from the daughter of Zion sit upon the ground, they keep round about; and there was not on the day of the silence; they have thrown dust upon their head; they Lord's anger one that escaped or remained; those have girt themselves with sackcloth: the virgins of that I had tenderly nursed and reared up my enemy Jerusalem have brought down low their head to the brought to their end. ground. 11 My eyes do fail with tears, my bowels are heated, my liver is poured upon the earth because of the breach of the daughter of my people; because babes and sucklings faint away in the streets of the town. 12 To their mothers they say, Where is corn and wine? when they faint away like the deadly wounded in the streets of the city, when their soul is poured out on the bosom of their mother. 13 What shall I take to witness for thee? what shall I compare unto thee. O daughter of Jerusalem? what shall I find equal to thee, that I may comfort thee, O virgin daughter of Zion? for great like the sea is thy breach; who can bring healing to thee? 14 Thy prophets foresaw for thee vain and deceptive things; and they did not lay open thy iniquity, to cause thy backsliders to return: but they foresaw for thee prophecies of falsehood and seduction. 15 All that pass by [this] way clap their hands on account of thee; they hiss and shake their head over the daughter of Jerusalem: [saying, ] Is this the city that men called The perfection of beauty. The joy for all the earth? 16 All thy enemies open

fire, which devoureth round about. 4 He bent his wide their mouth against thee; they hiss and gnash

3 I am the man who hath seen affliction by the rod of his wrath. 2 Me hath he driven out, and led into darkness, but not into light. 3 Surely against me doth he turn again and again his hand all the day. 4 He hath caused my flesh and my skin to wear out, he hath broken my bones. 5 He hath built around me, and encompassed me with poison and hardship. 6 In dark places hath he set me to dwell, like the dead of olden times. 7 He hath placed a fence round about me, that I cannot get out; he hath made heavy my chain. 8 Also when I cry aloud and make entreaty, he shutteth out my prayer. 9 He hath fenced up my ways with hewn stone, my paths hath he made crooked. 10 A bear lying in wait is he to me, a lion in secret places. 11 On my ways hath he placed thorns, and torn me in pieces: he hath made me desolate. 12 He hath bent his bow, and placed me as a mark for the arrow. 13 He hath caused to enter into my reins the children of his quiver. 14 I am become a laughing-stock to all my people, their [jeering] song

he hath made me drunken with wormwood. 16 He without any intermission, 50 Till the Lord look down, hath also broken my teeth with gravel-stones, he and behold from heaven. 51 My eye affecteth my soul hath covered me with ashes. 17 And my soul hath because of all the daughters of my city. 52 Those given up all thoughts of peace: I forget happiness, who are my enemies, without a cause, have chased 18 And I said, Lost is my strength, my expectation me about like a bird. 53 They have shut up in the also from the Lord. 19 Remembering my affliction and dungeon my life, and have cast stones upon me. 54 [the cause of] my complaint, wormwood and poison. Waters streamed over my head: I said, I am cut off. 20 Remembering [this] continually my soul is bowed 55 I called on thy name, O Lord, out of the dungeon down deeply within me. 21 [Yet] this answer will I of the lowest depth. 56 Thou didst hear my voice: give to my heart: therefore will I wait [in confidence]. hide not thy ear to give me enlargement at my cry. 57 22 It is through the Lord's kindness that we are not Thou wast ever near on the day that I called on thee: consumed, because his mercies have no end; 23 thou saidst, Fear not. 58 Thou didst plead, O Lord, They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. the causes of my soul: thou didst [before this] redeem 24 The Lord is my portion, saith my soul, therefore my life. 59 Thou hast [now] seen, O Lord, the wrong will I wait for him. 25 The Lord is good unto those I suffer: judge thou my cause. 60 Thou hast seen that hope in him, to the soul that seeketh him. 26 It is all their vengeance, all their plans against me. 61 good that one should wait and this in silence for the Thou hast heard their reviling. O Lord, all their plans salvation of the Lord. 27 It is good for a man that he against me, 62 The speeches of these that rise up bear the yoke in his youth; 28 That he sit in solitude against me, and their device against me all the day. and be silent; because He hath laid it upon him; 29 63 Oh look upon their sitting down, and their rising That he put his mouth in the dust; perhaps there still up: I am their [jeering] song. 64 Render unto them a is hope; 30 That he offer his cheek to him that smiteth recompense, O Lord, according to the work of their him; that he be satisfied with reproach. 31 For the hands. 65 Give them confusion of heart, thy curse he Lord will not cast off for ever; 32 But though he have upon them. 66 Pursue them in anger and destroy caused grief, yet will be have mercy according to from under the heavens of the Lord. the abundance of his kindnesses. 33 For he doth not afflict of his own will, and aggrieve the children of men. 34 To crush under his feet all the prisoners of the earth, 35 To pervert the justice [due to man] before the face of the Most High. 36 To subvert a man in his contest-should the Lord not see this? 37 Who is he that saith aught, and it cometh to pass, when the Lord hath not ordained it? 38 Do not out of the mouth of the Most High come both the evil things and the good? 39 Wherefore should a living man complain? let every man complain because of his sins. 40 Let us search through and investigate our ways, and let us return to the Lord. 41 Let us lift up our heart with our hands unto God in the heavens. 42 We have indeed transgressed and rebelled: thou hast truly not pardoned. 43 Thou hast covered [us] with thy anger, and made pursuit after us: thou hast slain, thou hast not pitied. 44 Thou hast covered thyself with a cloud, that no prayer should pass through. 45 As something loathsome and rejected hast thou rendered us in the midst of the people. 46 Wide have all our enemies opened against us their mouth. 47 Terror and a snare are come upon us, [with] desolation and breaches. 48 With streams of water runneth my eve down, because of the breach of the daughter of my

all the day. 15 He hath sated me with bitter things, people. 49 My eye trickleth down, and resteth not,

⚠ Oh how is the gold become dim! how is the most fine gold changed! how are the stones of the sanctuary poured out at the corners of every street. 2 The precious sons of Zion, valued equal to pure gold, how are they now esteemed as earthen pitchers, the work of the hands of the potter! 3 Even wild beasts offer 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 tonque of the suckling cleaveth to its palate by reason of thirst: babes ask for bread, there is not one to break it for them. 5 Those that used to eat dainty food are desolate in the streets: they that were reared up on scarlet now embrace dunghills. 6 For greater is the iniquity of the daughter of my people than the sin of Sodom, that was overthrown as it were in a moment, and no human hands were laid on her. 7 Her crowned princes were purer than snow, they were whiter than milk, they were more brilliant in body than pearls. more than the sapphire, their countenance: 8 Darker than black is now their visage; they are not to be recognized in the streets: their skin is shriveled fast upon their bones; it is dry, it is become like wood. 9 Happier are those slain by the sword than those slain

not, and the elders they spared not. 17 Even now us, be wroth with us to the uttermost? our eyes anxiously wait for our valueless help: in our waiting have we waited for a nation that cannot help. 18 They hunt our steps, that we cannot walk in our streets: our end is near, our days are full: for our end is come. 19 Swifter were our pursuers than the eagles of heaven: upon the mountains did they hotly follow us: in the wilderness did they lie in wait for us. 20 The breath of our nostrils, the anointed of the Lord, was caught in their pits, he, of whom we said, Under his shadow shall we live among the nations. 21 Be glad and rejoice, O daughter of Edom, that dwellest in the land of 'Uz: also unto thee shall the cup pass; thou wilt be drunken, and make thyself naked. 22 Brought to an end is thy iniquity, O daughter of Zion; He will no more carry thee away into exile: He visiteth thy iniquity, O daughter of Edom; He layeth open thy sins.

Remember, O Lord, what hath occurred to us, look down, and behold our disgrace. 2 Our inheritance is turned over to strangers, our houses to aliens. 3 Orphans are we become, and [we are] without a father, our mothers are like widows. 4 Our water have we drunk for money: our wood cometh to us for a purchase price. 5 Up to our necks are we pursued: we are fatigued, and no rest is allowed us. 6 To Egypt do we stretch out our hand, to Asshur, to be satisfied with bread. 7 Our fathers have sinned, and are no

by hunger; for those poured forth their blood, being more; but we have indeed to bear their iniquities. 8 pierced through, —[these perished] without the fruits Servants rule over us: no one delivereth us out of their of the field. 10 The hands of merciful women cooked hand. 9 At the peril of our life must we bring home their own children: they became food unto them in our bread, because of the sword of the wilderness. the downfall of the daughter of my people. 11 The 10 Our skin gloweth like an oven, because of the Lord hath let loose all his fury: he hath poured out the heat of famine. 11 Women have they ravished in fierceness of his anger: and he hath kindled a fire in Zion, virgins, in the cities of Judah. 12 Princes were Zion, which hath devoured her foundations. 12 The hanged up by their hand; the faces of elders were not kings of the earth, and all the inhabitants of the world, honored. 13 Young men they bore to the mill, and would not believe that an adversary or an enemy boys stumbled under the wood. 14 The elders have could ever enter within the gates of Jerusalem. 13 ceased from the gate, young men, from their singing. [But it hath happened] because of the sins of her 15 Ceased hath the joy of our heart: our dance is prophets, the iniquities of her priests, that had shed in changed into mourning. 16 Fallen is the crown of our the midst of her the blood of the righteous. 14 They head: woe to us, for we have sinned. 17 Because of wandered about blindly in the streets, they became this is our heart made sick; for these things are our defiled with blood; so that men were not able to touch eyes dimmed; 18 Because of the mount of Zion which their garments. 15 Depart, ye unclean, they called out is wasted, foxes walk about on it. 19 O thou, Lord, wilt unto them: depart, depart, touch not. So they flee truly abide for ever, thy throne existeth throughout all away and also wander about: men say among the generations. 20 Wherefore wilt thou forget us for ever! nations, They shall no more sojourn there. 16 The wilt thou forsake us for so long a time? 21 Cause us anger of the Lord hath divided them; he will no more to return, O Lord, unto thee, and we will return: renew look at them: the faces of the priests they respected our days as of old. 22 For wouldst thou entirely reject

## **Ezekiel**

1 And it came to pass in the thirtieth year, in the fourth month, on the fifth day of the month, as I was in the midst of the exiles by the river Kebar, that the heavens were opened, and I saw divine visions. 2 On the fifth day of the month, which was the fifth year of the exile of king Jehoyachin, 3 Came the word of the Lord expressly unto Ezekiel the son of Buzi, the priest, in the land of the Chaldeans by the river Kebar; and there came upon him there the inspiration of the Lord. 4 And I saw, and behold, a storm-wind came out of the north, a great cloud, and a flaming fire, and a brightness was on it round about; and out of the midst of it was like the glitter of amber, out of the midst of the fire. 5 And out of the midst thereof [] sawl 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 the glitter of burnished copper. 8 And hands of man [were visible] from beneath their wings on their four sides: and their faces and their wings [were alike] on all these four. 9 Their wings were joined one to the other: they turned not about in their going: they went every one in the direction of one of their faces. 10 And the likeness of their faces was the face of a man; and the face of a lion, on the right side for all four of them; and the face of an ox on the left side for all four of them: and the face of an eagle for all four of them. 11 Thus were their faces: and their wings were spread out upward; every one had two joined one to another, and two covered their bodies. 12 And they went every one in the direction of one of his faces: whither the spirit was directed to go, they went; they turned not about in their going. 13 As for the likeness of the living creatures, their appearance was like coals of fire, burning as with the appearance of torches: this [fire] it was which passed along between the living creatures: and a brightness was about the fire, and out of the fire went forth lightning. 14 And the living creatures ran backward and forward like the appearance of a flash of lightning. 15 And I looked on the living creatures, and, behold, there was one wheel upon the earth close by the living creatures, by their four

work was as though it were a wheel in the middle of a wheel. 17 Toward their four sides they went in their going; they turned not round in their going. 18 As for their circumferences, they were so high that they excited fear: and their felloes were full of eyes round about on all these four. 19 And when the living creatures went, the wheels went near to them: and when the living creatures lifted themselves up from the earth, the wheels lifted themselves up. 20 Whithersoever the spirit was to go, they went; [for] thither was [their] spirit to go: and the wheels lifted themselves up at the same time with them; for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. 21 When those went, these went; and when those stood. these stood; and when those lifted themselves up from the earth, the wheels lifted themselves up at the same time with them; for the spirit of the living creatures was in the wheels. 22 And the likeness of a vault was over the head of the living creatures, [shining] like the glitter of the purest crystal, stretched forth over their heads above. 23 And under the vault their wings were straight, the one toward the other: every one had two, which covered them, and every one had two, which covered them, -[namely, ] their bodies. 24 And I heard the sound of their wings. like the sound of great waters, as the voice of the Almighty, when they went, the sound of [their] speech, as the noise of an army: when they stood still, they let down their wings. 25 And there was a voice from the vault that was over their head: when they stood still, they let down their wings. 26 And above the vault that was over their head was like the appearance of a sapphire-stone, the likeness of a throne: and upon the likeness of the throne was a likeness as the appearance of a man above upon it. 27 And I saw as if it were the glitter of amber, as the appearance of fire within it round about, from the appearance of his loins upward; and from the appearance of his loins downward. I saw as it were the appearance of fire, and it had brightness round about. 28 Like the appearance of the bow that is in the cloud on the day of rain, so was the appearance of the brightness round about: this was the appearance of the likeness of the glory of the Lord. And when I saw it, I fell upon my face, and I heard the voice of one that spoke.

creatures, and, behold, there was one wheel upon the earth close by the living creatures, by their four thy feet, and I will speak with thee. 2 And a spirit front faces. 16 The appearance of the wheels and entered into me as he spoke unto me, and it placed their work was like the color of a chrysolite; and all me upon my feet, and I heard him that spoke unto four had one likeness: and their appearance and their me. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, I send

thee to the children of Israel, to rebellious tribes that thy ears. 11 And go, get thee to those in exile, unto And the children are impudent of face, and obdurate whether they will hear, or whether they will forbear. and of their words thou shalt have no fear, though rushing. 14 So a spirit lifted me up, and took me away, they be briers and thorns with thee, and thou dost and I walked in bitterness, in the heat of mv spirit. dwell among scorpions: of their words be not afraid, and the inspiration of the Lord was strong upon me. rebellious family, 7 And thou shalt speak my words, the river Kebar, and I remained where they dwelt, and unto them, whether they will hear, or whether they will I remained there in a state of confusion among them man, hear what I am speaking unto thee, Be not thou seven days. That the word of the Lord came unto me, rebellious like this rebellious family: open thy mouth, saying, 17 Son of man, I have made thee a watchman and eat what I give unto thee. 9 And then I looked, unto the house of Israel: and thou shalt hear the word and, lo, a roll-book was therein; 10 And he spread it When I say unto the wicked. Thou shalt surely die; dirges, and woe.

**?** And he said unto me, Son of man, eat what thou findest: eat this roll, and go, speak unto the house of Israel, 2 So I opened my mouth, and he caused me to eat this roll. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, feed thy belly, and fill thy bowels with this roll that I am giving unto thee. And I ate it; and it was in my mouth like honey in sweetness. 4 And he said unto me. Son of man, go, get thee unto the house of Israel, and speak with my words unto them. 5 For not to a people of an obscure speech and of a difficult tonque art thou sent, but to the house of Israel; 6 Not to many people of an obscure speech and of a difficult tongue, whose words thou canst not understand. Surely, had I sent thee to them, they would truly have hearkened unto thee. 7 But the house of Israel will not hearken unto thee; for they will not hearken unto me; for all the house of Israel have a bold forehead, and a hard heart. 8 Behold, I have made thy face strong against their face, and thy forehead strong against their forehead. 9 As an adamant harder than flint have I made thy forehead: thou shalt not fear them, nor shalt thou be dismayed at their presence, though they be a rebellious family. 10 And he said unto me. Son of man, all my words that I will speak unto thee receive in thy heart, and hear [them] with

have rebelled against me: they and their fathers have the children of thy people, and speak unto them, transgressed against me, even until this very day, 4 and say unto them. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal: of heart; I send thee unto them; and thou shalt say 12 Then a spirit took me up, and I heard behind me a unto them, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. 5 And voice of a great rushing, [saying, ] Blessed be the they, whether they will hear, or whether they will glory of the Lord from his place. 13 [I heard] also forbear. [for they are a rebellious family, I shall yet the sound of the wings of the living creatures that know that a prophet hath been among them. 6 And touched one another, and the sound of the wheels at thou, son of man, —thou shalt not be afraid of them, the same time with them, and the sound of a great and at their presence be not dismayed; for they are a 15 Then came I to the exiles at Tel-abib, who dwelt by forbear; for they are rebellious. 8 But thou, son of seven days. 16 And it came to pass at the end of and behold, a hand was stretched out toward me; out of my mouth, and give them warning from me. 18 out before me: and it was written within and without: and thou dost not give him warning, and speakest and there were written therein lamentations, and not to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life: the same wicked man shall die through his iniquity: but his blood will I require at thy hand. 19 But thou. —if thou hast warned the wicked, and he turn not from his wickedness, nor from his wicked way: he shall indeed die in his iniquity; but thou hast surely delivered thy soul. 20 Again. When a righteous man do turn from his righteousness, and do what is wrong: then will I lay a stumbling-block before him. [so that] he shall die: vet if thou hast not given him warning, he shall die in his sin, and his acts of righteousness which he hath done shall not be remembered; but his blood will I require from thy hand. 21 But if thou hast truly warned him, —the righteous, that the righteous should not sin, and he doth not sin: he shall surely live, because he attended to the warning, and thou hast surely delivered thy own soul. 22 And the inspiration of the Lord came there over me; and he said unto me, Arise, go forth into the valley, and there will I speak with thee. 23 And I arose. and went forth into the valley; and, behold, there was the glory of the Lord standing, like that glory which I had seen by the river Kebar: and I fell down on my face. 24 Then entered a spirit into me, and placed me upright on my feet, and spoke with me, and said unto me. Go. shut thyself up within thy house. 25 But thou, O son of man, behold, they put ropes upon thee, and bind thee with them, that thou canst not go

to the roof of thy mouth, that thou shalt be dumb, and that which dieth of itself, or is torn in pieces, have and shalt not become to them a man who reproveth: I never eaten from my youth up even until now; and for they are a rebellious family. 27 But when I speak never is flesh of abomination come into my mouth. 15 with thee, I will open thy mouth, and thou shalt say Then said he unto me, Lo, I have given thee cow's unto them, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, He that dung instead of human excrement; and thou shalt heareth, let him hear; and he that forbeareth, let him prepare thy bread thereupon. 16 And he said unto forebear: for they are a rebellious family.

⚠ But thou, O son of man, take thyself a tile, and lay it before thee, and engrave upon it a city, [namely, 1 Jerusalem: 2 And place around it a siege, and build works of attack against it, and cast up a mound against it: and arrange around it encampments. and place against it battering rams round about. 3 Moreover take thou unto thyself an iron pan, and set it up as a wall of iron between thee and the city: and direct thy face against it, that it may be placed in a state of siege, and lay siege against it. This shall be a sign for the house of Israel. 4 And as for thyself, lie upon thy left side, and lay the iniquity of the house of Israel upon it: [after] the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon it shalt thou bear their iniquity. 5 But as for myself, I lay upon thee the years of their iniquity, after the number of the days, three hundred and ninety days: so shalt thou bear the iniquity of the house of Israel. 6 And when thou hast made an end of them, thou shalt lie on thy right side, the second time, and thou shalt bear the iniquity of the house of Judah forty days: a day each for a year, a day for a year do I lay it on thee. 7 And toward the siege of Jerusalem shalt thou direct thy face with thy arm uncovered, and thou shalt prophesy against it. 8 And. behold, I will lay ropes upon thee, that thou mayest not turn thyself from one side to the other, till thou hast made an end of the days of thy siege. 9 But thou take unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans. and lentiles, and millet, and spelt, and put them in one vessel, and make thyself bread thereof, [after] the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days, shalt thou eat it. 10 And thy food which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels for every day: from one time to the other time shalt thou eat it. 11 And water shalt thou drink by measure, the sixth part of a hin: from one time to the other time shalt thou drink [it]. 12 And in form of a barley-cake shalt thou eat it, and this shalt thou bake with balls of human excrement before their eyes. 13 And the Lord 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

out among them: 26 And I will let thy tongue cleave Lord Eternal! behold, my soul hath not been defiled; me. Son of man, behold, I will break the staff of bread in Jerusalem; and they shall eat bread by weight, and with anxious care; and they shall drink water by measure, and in confusion; 17 In order that they may want bread and water, and be confounded one with the other, and pine away for their iniquity.

> **5** And thou, son of man, take unto thyself a sharp sword, a barber's razor shalt thou take for it unto thyself, and cause it to pass over thy head and over thy beard: then take unto thee balances for weighing, and divide the hair. 2 One third part shalt thou burn with fire in the midst of the city, when the days of the siege are completed; and thou shalt take another third part, and smite [it] round about it with the sword: and the other third part shalt thou scatter to the wind: and I will draw out a sword after the same. 3 And take thence a few in number, and tie them up in the corners of thy garment. 4 And from these again shalt thou take some, and cast them into the midst of the fire, and burn them in the fire: therefrom shall a fire go forth unto all the house of Israel. 5 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. This is Jerusalem, which I had set it in the midst of the nations and countries that are round about her. 6 But she rebelled against my ordinances more wickedly than the nations, and against my statutes, more than the countries that are round about her; for my ordinances they have despised, and as for my statutes, they have not walked in them. 7 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because ye have given yourselves up to evil more than the nations that are round about you, have not walked in my statutes, and have not executed my ordinances, and not even acted according to the ordinances of the nations that are round about you: 8 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I. also I am against thee, and I will execute judgments in the midst of thee before the eves of the nations. 9 And I will do in thee that which I have never done, and the like of which I will never do any more, because of all thy abominations. 10 Therefore fathers shall devour their children in the midst of thee, and children shall devour their fathers: and I will execute judgments on thee, and I will scatter all

the Lord have spoken it.

2 Son of man, set thy face against the mountains

thy remnant unto all the winds. 11 Therefore, as I shall fall in the midst of you: and ye shall know that I live, saith the Lord Eternal, Surely, because thou hast am the Lord. 8 Yet will I leave [some]; that ye shall made unclean my sanctuary with all thy detestable have some that escape the sword among the nations, things, and with all thy abominations; therefore will I when ye shall be scattered in the [various] countries. also diminish [thee]; and my eye shall not show pity. 9 And those of you that escape shall remember me and I also will not spare. 12 A third part of thee shall among the nations among whom they shall have die through the pestilence, and come through famine been carried captive, when I shall have broken their to their end in the midst of thee; and another third licentious heart, which had departed from me, even part shall fall by the sword round about thee; and the with their eyes, which were gone astray after their other third part will I scatter unto all the winds, and a idols: and they shall loathe themselves on account of sword will I draw out after them. 13 Thus shall my the evil deeds which they have committed with all anger be accomplished, and I will cause my fury to their abominations. 10 And they shall know that I am rest upon them, and I will satisfy myself: and they the Lord: not for naught have I spoken that I would shall know that I the Lord have spoken it in my zeal, do unto them this evil. 11 Thus hath said the Lord when I have let out all my fury on them. 14 Yea, I Eternal, Strike thy hands together, and stamp with thy will render thee a ruin, and a disgrace among the foot, and say, Alas for all the dreadful abominations of nations that are round about thee, before the eyes the house of Israel! who will have to fall by the sword, of every one that passeth by. 15 And she shall be a by the famine, and by the pestilence, 12 He that is disgrace and a taunt, a warning and an astonishment afar off shall die of the pestilence; and he that is near unto the nations that are round about thee, when I shall fall by the sword; and he that remaineth and is execute judgments on thee in anger and in fury and besieged shall die by the famine: thus will I let out in furious chastisements, —I the Lord have spoken all my fury on them. 13 And ye shall know that I am it. — 16 When I send out among them the dreadful the Lord, when their slain ones shall lie in the midst arrows of famine, which [ever] were the cause of of their idols round about their altars, on every high destruction, which I will send out to destroy you; and hill, upon all the tops of the mountains, and under I will increase the famine upon you, and will break every green tree, and under every thick-branched unto you the staff of bread: 17 So will I let loose over oak, —places where they presented sweet savor to you famine and wild beasts, and they shall make all their idols. 14 And I will stretch out my hand over thee childless; and pestilence and blood shall pass them, and I will render the land desolate and waste, through thee; and the sword will I bring over thee. I more than the wilderness toward Diblath, in all their habitations: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

**6** And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, **7** And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, thus hath said the Lord of Israel, and prophesy against them. 3 And thou Eternal concerning the land of Israel. There is an shalt say, O mountains of Israel, hear ye the word of end! the end is coming over the four corners of the the Lord Eternal! Thus hath said the Lord Eternal to land. 3 Now cometh the end over thee, and I will the mountains, and to the hills, to the brooks, and let loose my anger against thee, and will judge thee to the valleys, Behold, I, even I, will bring over you according to thy ways, and I will lay upon thee all thy the sword, and I will destroy your high-places. 4 And abominations. 4 And my eye shall not show pity upon your altars shall be made desolate, and your sun- thee, and I will not spare thee; for thy own ways will I images shall be broken: and I will cause your slain lay upon thee, and thy abominations shall come in ones to fall before your idols. 5 And I will lay the the midst of thee: and ye shall know that I am the carcasses of the children of Israel before their idols; Lord. 5 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, An evil, a and I will scatter your bones round about your altars, peculiar evil, behold, is coming, 6 An end is coming. 6 In all your dwelling-places the cities shall be laid in there is coming the end: it waketh up against thee; ruins, and the high-places shall be made desolate; behold, [the evil] cometh. 7 The evil decree is come in order that your altars may be laid in ruins and against thee, O thou inhabitant of the land: the time is made desolate, and your idols may be broken and come, near is the day of tumult, and not the joyful call annihilated, and your sun-images may be cut down, on the mountains. 8 Now will I in a short time pour and your works may be blotted out. 7 And the slain out my fury over thee, and I will let out all my anger

ways, and I will lay upon thee all thy abominations. 9 shall be polluted. 25 Destruction cometh: and they And my eye shall not show pity, and I will not spare: will seek peace, but there shall be none. 26 Mishap according to thy ways will I lay [evil] on thee, and thy shall come upon mishap, and report shall be spread abominations shall come in the midst of thee; and ve upon report; and then will they seek a vision from the shall know that I am the Lord that smiteth. 10 Behold prophet; but the law shall be lost from the priest, and the day, behold, it is coming; the evil decree is gone counsel from the ancients. 27 The king shall mourn, forth: the staff hath blossomed, presumption hath and the prince shall be clothed with distress, and the budded; 11 The violence is grown up into the staff of hands of the people of the land shall be powerless: wickedness: nothing is left of them, and nothing of after their way will I do unto them, and according to their multitude, and nothing of theirs; and there shall their own manners will I judge them; and they shall be no lamenting for them. 12 The time is coming, the know that I am the Lord. day occurreth: let the buyer not rejoice, and let the seller not mourn; for wrath is against all her multitude. 13 For the seller shall not return to that which is sold. although their soul were yet alive; for the vision is against all her multitude; no one shall return; but the soul of every one is fastened to his iniquity, they do not strengthen themselves [to repent]. 14 They have blown the cornet, every one maketh himself ready; but no one goeth to the battle; for my wrath is against all her multitude. 15 The sword is without, and the pestilence and the famine are within: he that is in the field shall die by the sword; and he that is in the city. him shall famine and pestilence devour. 16 But they that escape of them shall escape, and they shall be on the mountains like the doves of the valleys, all of which are moaning, every one in his iniquity. 17 All hands become feeble, and all knees go into water. 18 And people gird themselves with sackcloth, and shuddering covereth them: and upon all faces there is shame, and upon all their heads there is baldness. 19 Their silver shall they cast into the streets, and their gold shall be as though it were unclean: their silver and their gold shall not be able to deliver them on the day of the wrath of the Lord; they shall not satisfy their souls, and not fill their bowels; because it was the stumbling-block for their iniquity. 20 And as for the beauty of his ornament, which he had instituted for [their] pride: even therein did they make the images of their abominations, their detestable things; therefore have I rendered it unclean for them. 21 And I will give it up into the hands of the strangers for a prev. and to the wicked of the earth for a spoil: and they shall pollute it. 22 And I will turn away my face from them, and they shall pollute my place where I dwelt in secret; and therein shall barbarians enter and pollute it. 23 Make chains: for the land is full of blood-quiltiness, and the city is full of violence. 24 Therefore will I bring the worst of nations, and they shall take possession of their houses: I will also cause

against thee, and I will judge thee according to thy the pride of the mighty to cease; and their holy places

**8** And it came to pass in the sixth year, in the sixth month, on the fifth day of the month, that I was sitting in my house, and the elders of Judah were sitting before me; and there fell upon me there the inspiration of the Lord Eternal. 2 And I saw, and, behold, there was a likeness similar to the appearance of fire; from the appearance of his loins downward, it was fire; and from his loins upward, it was similar to the appearance of a bright light, like the glitter of amber. 3 And he stretched forth the form of a hand. and took me by the locks of my head; and a spirit bore me between the earth and the heaven, and brought me in the visions of God to Jerusalem, to the door of the inner gate that looketh toward the north, where was the seat of the image of jealousy, which provoketh to wrath. 4 And, behold, there was the glory of the God of Israel, like the appearance which I had seen in the valley. 5 And he said unto me, Son of man, do but lift up thy eyes in the direction toward the north. So I lifted up my eyes in the direction toward the north, and behold northward at the gate of the altar [there was] this image of jealousy at the entrance. 6 Then said he unto me. Son of man, seest thou what they are doing? great abominations are they that the house of Israel commit here, to make me go far away from my sanctuary; but thou shalt yet see still other great abominations. 7 And he brought me to the door of the court: and I looked, and behold there was a hole in the wall. 8 Then said he unto me, Son of man, do break [an opening] in the wall: and I broke [an opening] in the wall, and, behold, there was a door. 9 And he said unto me, Go in, and see the wicked abominations which they are doing here. 10 So I went in and saw: and behold there was every form of creeping things, and cattle, abominations, and all the idols of the house of Israel, engraven upon the wall all round about. 11 And seventy men of the elders of the house of Israel, and Yaazanyahu the son of Shaphan

Is it too light a thing for the house of Judah to commit hast commanded me. the abominations which they commit here? for they have filled the land with violence, and they constantly repeat to provoke me to anger; and, lo, they stretch forth the branch to their nose. 18 Therefore I also will deal in fury: my eye shall not look with pity, and I will not spare: and though they call before my ears with a loud voice, will I still not hear them.

• And he called before my ears with a loud voice, saying, Let those come near that have charge to punish the city, and every man with his destroying weapon in his hand. 2 And, behold, six men came from the direction of the upper gate, which is turned toward the north, and every man with his weapon of destruction in his hand; and one man in the midst of them was clothed in linen, with a writer's materials by his side; and they went in, and placed themselves beside the copper altar. 3 And the glory of the God of Israel ascended up from the cherub, whereupon it had been, to the threshold of the house. And he called to the man clothed in linen, who had the writer's materials by his side. 4 And the Lord said unto him, Pass through the midst of the city, through the midst of Jerusalem, and inscribe a mark upon the foreheads of the men who sigh and who complain because of all the abominations which are done in the midst of it. 5 And to the others he said before my ears, Pass ye through the city after him, and smite: let your eye not

standing in the midst of them, were standing before look with pity, and do not spare; 6 The aged, youth, them, and every man had his censer in his hand; and virgin, and little children, and women shall ye slay and a thick curling cloud of incense was ascending and destroy; but come not near any man upon whom upward. 12 Then said he unto me. Son of man, hast the mark is: and at my sanctuary shall ve begin. Then thou seen what the elders of the house of Israel are they began with the ancient men who were before the doing in the dark, every man in his image-chambers? house. 7 And he said unto them, Make unclean the for they say, The Lord seeth us not: the Lord hath house, and fill the courts with the slain: go forth. And forsaken the earth. 13 And he said unto me. Thou they went forth, and they smote in the city, 8 And it shalt yet again see still other great abominations that came to pass, while they were smiting them, and I they are doing. 14 And he brought me to the entrance alone was left, that I fell upon my face, and cried out, of the gate of the Lord's house which was on the and said, Ah Lord Eternal! wilt thou destroy all the north side: and, behold, there sat the women weeping residue of Israel when thou pourest out thy fury over for Thammuz. 15 Then said he unto me, Hast thou Jerusalem? 9 Then said he unto me, The iniquity seen this. O son of man? Thou shalt yet again see of the house of Israel and of Judah is exceedingly still other greater abominations than these. 16 And he great, and the land is full of blood-guiltiness, and the brought me into the inner court of the Lord's house, city full of injustice; for they have said, The Lord hath and, behold, at the door of the temple of the Lord, forsaken the land, and the Lord seeth not. 10 And as between the porch and the altar, were about five and for me also, my eye shall not look with pity, and I will twenty men, with their backs toward the temple of the not spare; but I will bring their course upon their own Lord, and their faces toward the east; and they were head. 11 And, behold, the man clothed in linen, who prostrating themselves eastward to the sun. 17 Then had the writing materials by his side, brought back said he unto me, Hast thou seen this, O son of man? word, saying, I have done according to all that thou

> 1 n Then I saw, and, behold, on the vault that was above the head of the cherubim, there appeared over them something like a sapphire stone, something similar in appearance to the likeness of a throne. 2 And he said unto the man clothed in linen, and said. Go in between the wheels, under the cherub. and fill thy hands with coals of fire from between the cherubim, and throw [them] over the city. And he went in before my eyes. 3 Now the cherubim were standing on the right side of the house, when the man went in: and the cloud filled the inner court. 4 Then the glory of the Lord rose upward from the cherub, toward the threshold of the house: and the house was filled with the cloud, and the court was full of the brightness of the Lord's glory. 5 And the sound of the wings of the cherubim was heard as far as the outer court, like the voice of the Almighty God when he speaketh. 6 And it came to pass, when he commanded the man clothed in linen, saying, Take fire from between the wheels, from between the cherubim, that he went in, and stood beside the wheel. 7 And the one cherub stretched forth his hand from between the cherubim unto the fire that was between the cherubim, and lifted it up, and placed it into the hands of the one clothed in linen; who took it, and went out, 8 And there became visible on the cherubim the form of a man's hand beneath their wings. 9 And I saw, and,

behold, there were four wheels by the cherubim, one are the men that devise wickedness, and give evil every one in the direction of his face.

**11** And a spirit bore me up, and brought me unto the east gate of the house of the Lord, which looketh eastward: and behold, there were at the entrance of the gate five and twenty men; and I saw in the midst of them Yaazanyah the son of 'Azzur, and Pelatyahu the son of Benayahu, princes of the people. 2 Then said he unto me, Son of man, these

wheel by the one cherub, and another wheel by the counsel in this city; 3 Who say, [The evil] is not near; other cherub: and the appearance of the wheels was so let us build houses: this [city] is the pot, and we like the glitter of a chrysolite stone. 10 And as for their are the flesh. 4 Therefore prophesy against them. appearances, the whole four had one likeness, as if a prophesy. O son of man, 5 And the Spirit of the Lord wheel were in the midst of another wheel. 11 In their fell upon me, and said unto me, Speak, Thus hath going, they went toward their four sides, they turned said the Lord, Thus have ye said, O house of Israel; not round in their going; but to the place whither the and whatever cometh into your mind, do I know full head was turned they followed it, they turned not well. 6 Ye have multiplied those slain by you in this round in their going. 12 And their whole body, and city, and ye have filled its streets with the slain. 7 their back, and their hands, and their wings, as also Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Those slain the wheels, were full of eyes round about, [even] the by you whom ye have struck down in the midst of it, wheels that belonged to all four of them. 13 As for —they are the flesh, and this place is the pot; but you the wheels, they were called Galgal before my ears. are to be removed out of the midst of it. 8 The sword 14 And every one had four faces: the one face was have ye feared: and the sword will I bring over you, the face of a cherub, and the second face was the saith the Lord Eternal. 9 And I will remove you out of face of a man, and the third face was the face of the midst of it, and I will give you up into the hand a lion, and the fourth the face of an eagle. 15 And of strangers, and will execute punishments among the cherubim lifted themselves up. This is the living you. 10 By the sword shall ye fall; on the boundary of creature that I saw by the river Kebar. 16 And when Israel will I judge you: and ye shall know that I am the cherubim went forward, the wheels went close by the Lord. 11 This place shall not be unto you as a them; and when the cherubim lifted up their wings pot, so that you should be as flesh in the midst of to mount up from the earth, the wheels also did not it; but on the boundary of Israel will I judge you. 12 turn away from beside them. 17 When those halted, And ye shall know that I am the Lord: because in these halted; and when those lifted themselves up, my statutes have ye not walked, and my ordinances these lifted themselves up with them; for the spirit have ye not executed; but ye have done after the of the living creature was in them. 18 And the glory ordinances of the nations that are round about you. of the Lord went forth from off the threshold of the 13 And it came to pass, as I was prophesying, that house, and halted over the cherubim. 19 And the Pelatyahu the son of Benayah died. Then fell I down cherubim lifted up their wings, and mounted up from upon my face, and cried with a loud voice, and said, the earth before my eyes as they went forth, and the Ah Lord Eternal! wilt thou make a full end of the wheels at the same time with them, and halted at remnant of Israel? 14 Then came the word of the the entrance of the east gate of the house of the Lord unto me, saying, 15 Son of man, thy brethren, Lord: and the glory of the God of Israel was over even thy brethren, the men of thy kindred, and the them above. 20 This is the living creature that I saw whole house of Israel altogether, are they unto whom under the God of Israel by the river Kebar; and I the inhabitants of Jerusalem have said, Remain you understood that they were cherubim. 21 Every one far from the Lord: unto us is this land given for a had four faces apiece, and every one had four wings; possession. 16 Therefore say, Thus hath said the and the likeness of the hands of a man was under Lord Eternal, Although I have removed them far away their wings. 22 And the likeness of their faces was among the nations, and although I have scattered the same as the faces which I had seen by the river them among the countries; yet will I be to them as Kebar, their appearances and themselves: they went a minor sanctuary in the countries whither they are come. 17 Therefore say, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, I will both gather you from the people, and assemble you out of the countries whether ye have been scattered, and I will give you the land of Israel. 18 And they shall come thither, and they shall remove all its detestable things, and all its abominations out of it. 19 And I will give them one single heart, and a new spirit will I put within you; and I will remove the heart of stone out of their body, and I will give

unto them a heart of flesh: 20 In order that they may they wander. 12 And the prince that is among them Lord had shown me.

12 The word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, in the midst of a rebellious family art thou dwelling, who have eves to see, and see not; who have ears to hear, and hear not; for they are a rebellious family. 3 But thou, O son of man, prepare for thyself vessels for going into exile, and wander away by day before their eyes; and thou shalt wander away from thy place to another place before their eyes: perhaps they may become aware that they are a rebellious family. 4 Then shalt thou carry forth thy vessels, like vessels of exile, by day before their eyes: and thou shalt go forth at evening before their eyes, as they do that go forth into exile. 5 Before their eyes break a hole through the wall, and carry [them] through it. 6 Before their [eyes] shalt thou bear them upon thy shoulders, in the dark shalt thou carry them forth: thy face shalt thou cover, that thou mayest not see the ground; for as a token have I set thee unto the house of Israel. 7 And I did so as I had been commanded: my vessels I carried forth by day, like vessels of exile, and in the evening I broke a hole for myself through the wall with my hand: in the dark I brought them forth, and I bore them upon my shoulder before their eves. 8 And the word of the Lord came unto me in the morning, saying, 9 Son of man, have not the house of Israel, the rebellious family, said unto thee, What doest thou? 10 Say thou unto them, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, For the prince in Jerusalem is the doom, and for all the house of Israel, [and those] that are in the midst of them. 11 Say, I am your token; just as I have done, so shall it be done unto them: into exile, into captivity, shall

walk in my statutes, and keep my ordinances, and do shall bear upon his shoulder in the dark, and shall go them; and they shall be unto me for a people, and forth; through the wall shall they break a hole to carry I will indeed be unto them for a God. 21 But as for [things] through it; his face shall be cover up, that he those whose heart walketh after the heart of their may not see the ground with his eyes. 13 And I will detestable things and their abominations, their way spread out my net over him, and he shall be caught in do I bring upon their own head, saith the Lord Eternal. my snare: and I will bring him to Babylon into the land 22 Then did the cherubim lift up their wings, and the of the Chaldeans; yet shall he not see it, and there wheels at the same time with them; and the glory of shall he die. 14 And all that are round about him, the God of Israel was over them above. 23 And the those who assist him, and all the wings of his armies glory of the Lord ascended from the midst of the city, will I disperse toward every wind; and the sword will I and halted upon the mount which is on the east side draw out after them. 15 And they shall know that I am of the city, 24 But a spirit bore me up, and brought me the Lord, when I scatter them among the nations, and into Chaldea, to those in exile, in the appearance disperse them in the countries, 16 But I will leave of through the spirit of God; and then ascended away them men few in number from the sword, from the from me the appearance which I had seen. 25 Then, famine, and from the pestilence; in order that they did I speak unto those in exile all the things that the may relate all their abominations among the nations whither they shall have come; and they shall know that I am the Lord. 17 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 18 Son of man, thy bread shalt thou eat with quaking, and thy water shalt thou drink with trembling and with anxious care. 19 And thou shalt say unto the people of the land. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal concerning the inhabitants of Jerusalem. [and] concerning the land of Israel. Their bread shall they eat with anxious care, and their water shall they drink with confusion, for the cause that her land will be desolate, deprived of its plenteousness because of the violence of all those that dwell therein. 20 And the cities that are inhabited shall be laid in ruins. and the land shall be made desolate: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. 21 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 22 Son of man, what sort of proverb is that which ve have in the land of Israel. saying, The days are lasting long, and lost is every vision? 23 Therefore say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. I will cause this proverb to cease. and they shall no more use it as a proverb in Israel: but speak unto them. The days are coming nigh. and the word of every vision. 24 For there shall be no more any false vision and a deceptive divination within the house of Israel. 25 For I am the Lord, —I do speak, and whatever word I do speak shall be done: it shall not be delayed any more: for in your days. O rebellious family, will I speak the word, and I will execute it, saith the Lord Eternal. 26 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 27 Son of man, behold, the house of Israel say. The vision that he foreseeth is for distant days, and for times that are far off doth he prophesy. 28 Therefore say unto them. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, There shall not be delayed any

more one of all my words; but whatever word I do prophesy concerning Jerusalem, and who see for her speak shall be done, saith the Lord Eternal.

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13 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy against the prophets of Israel that prophesy, and say thou unto those that prophesy out of their own heart. Hear ve the word of the Lord: 3 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Woe unto the scandalous prophets, that follow their own spirit, without having seen any thing! 4 Like foxes among the ruins have been thy prophets, O Israel! 5 Ye did not go up into the breaches, nor did ve make a fence around the house of Israel to stand in the battle on the day of the Lord. 6 They saw falsehood and lying divination, they who say, "The Lord saith," when the Lord had not sent them; and vet they made others hope for the fulfillment of the word. 7 Had ye not seen a false vision, and had ye not said a lying divination? and ye say, "The Lord saith," when I have not spoken. 8 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Whereas ve have spoken falsehood. and have seen lies: therefore, behold, I am against you, saith the Lord Eternal. 9 And my hand shall be against the prophets that see false-hood, and that divine lies; in the secret council of my people shall they not be, and in the register of the house of Israel shall they not be written, and into the land of Israel shall they not come: and ye shall know that I am the Lord Eternal. 10 Because, even because they have seduced my people, saying, "Peace," when there was no peace: and [my people] build a protecting wall. and lo, they plaster it with unadhesive mortar. 11 Say unto those who plaster it with unadhesive mortar,

a vision of peace, when there is no peace, saith the Lord Eternal. 17 But, thou son of man, set thy face against the daughters of thy people, who prophesy out of their own heart: and prophesy against them, 18 And say, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Woe to the women that sew bolsters together for the armpits of all, and make cushions for the head of every stature. to hunt souls! Will ye hunt the souls of my people, that ye may keep your own soul alive? 19 And ye profane me among my people for handfuls of barlev and for bits of bread, to slay the souls that should not die, and to keep alive the souls that should not live, by your lying to my people that listen to lies! 20 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I am against your bolsters, whereon ye hunt the souls that they may flutter [in your net], and I will tear them away from your arms; and I will let the souls go free. even the souls that ye hunt that they may flutter [in your net.] 21 And I will tear away your cushions, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. 22 Because ve grieve the heart of the righteous with falsehood, when I have not given him pain; and strengthen the hands of the wicked, so that he should not return from his wicked wav. through which he might live. 23 Therefore shall ye see no more falsehood, and tell no more divinations: and I will deliver my people out of your hand: and ye shall know that I am the Lord.

**1** Then came there unto me certain men of the elders of Israel, and sat down before me. 2 And that it shall fall: there cometh an overflowing rain- the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 3 Son shower; and ye, O great hailstones, shall fall; and a of man, these men have set up their idols in their storm-wind shall rend it. 12 And, Io, the wall is fallen heart, and the stumbling-block of their iniquity have down; will it not now be said unto you, Where is the they placed before their faces: shall I in any wise let plastering wherewith ye have plastered? 13 Therefore myself be inquired of by them? 4 Therefore speak thus hath said the Lord Eternal, I will even rend it with them and say unto them. Thus hath said the with storm-winds in my fury; and an overflowing rain- Lord Eternal. Whatever man it be of the house of shower shall come in my anger, with great hailstones. Israel that setteth up his idols in his heart, and layeth in my fury to destroy it. 14 And I will pull down the wall, the stumbling-block of his iniquity before his face, and that ye have plastered with unadhesive mortar, and I cometh to the prophet: I the Lord will answer him, will cast it down to the ground, so that the foundation although he cometh with the multitude of his idols; 5 thereof shall be laid open; and it shall fall, and ye In order that I may grasp the house of Israel by their shall be destroyed in the midst of it: and ye shall heart, those who are separated from me through all know that I am the Lord. 15 Thus will I let out all their idols. 6 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, my wrath upon the wall, and upon those that have Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Return, and cause plastered it with unadhesive mortar; and I will say [your heart] to turn away from your idols; and from unto you, Gone is the wall, and gone are they that all your abominations turn away your faces. 7 For plastered it: 16 [Namely, ] the prophets of Israel who whatever man it be of the house of Israel, or of the

himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, that escape who shall be carried forth, both sons and and layeth the stumbling-block of his iniquity before daughters; behold, they are coming forth unto you. his face, and then cometh to the prophet to inquire and ve will see their way and their doings; and then through him of me: I the Lord will answer him through will ve be comforted concerning the evil that I have my word: 8 And I will set my face against that man, brought upon Jerusalem, yea, concerning all that I and will make him an astonishment for a sign and for have brought upon it; 23 And they will comfort you, proverbs, and I will cut him off from the midst of my when ve see their way and their doings; and ve shall people; and ve shall know that I am the Lord. 9 And know that I have not done without cause all that I when the prophet suffereth himself to be deceived. have executed in it, saith the Lord Eternal. and he speaketh a word: I the Lord have suffered that prophet to be deceived; and I will stretch out my hand against him, and will destroy him from the midst of my people Israel. 10 And they shall bear their guilt: as the guilt of the inguirer is, so shall the quilt of the prophet be; 11 In order that the house of Israel may go no more astray by not following me, and not pollute themselves any more with all their transgressions; but that they may become unto me a people, and I may be unto them a God, saith the Lord Eternal. 12 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 13 Son of man, if a land should sin against me by trespassing grievously, and I stretch out my hand against it, and break unto it the staff of bread, and send out famine against it, and cut off from it man and beast: 14 And if there be these three men. Noah. Daniel, and Job, in the midst of it: these through their righteousness should save but their own soul: saith the Lord Eternal. 15 If I cause wild beasts to pass through the land, and they depopulate it, and it becometh desolate, without any one to pass through because of the beasts: 16 These three men [if they werel in it, as I live, saith the Lord Eternal, should not save either sons or daughters: they only should be saved, but the land should be made desolate. 17 Or. if I should bring a sword over that land, and say. The sword shall pass through the land, and I cut off from it man and beast: 18 And if these three men should be in it: as I live, saith the Lord Eternal. they should not save either sons or daughters, but they alone should be saved. 19 Or, if I should send out the pestilence against that land, and pour out my fury over it in blood, to cut off from it man and beast: 20 And if Noah, Daniel, and Job, should be in the midst of it: as I live, saith the Lord Eternal, they should not save either son or daughter; they through their righteousness should save their own soul. 21 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Although I send my four dreadful means of punishment over Jerusalem, the sword, and the famine, and the wild beasts, and the pestilence, to cut off from it man and

stranger that sojourneth in Israel, that separateth beast: 22 Still, behold, there are left therein some

15 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man. What shall become of the wood of the vine more than of any other wood, of the branch which was standing among the trees of the forest? 3 Can wood be taken therefrom to employ it for any work? or will men take from it a pin to hang thereon any vessel? 4 Behold, if it be given up to the fire to be consumed. —[and] the fire have consumed both its ends, and the middle of it be scorched; will it be fit for any work? 5 Behold, when it was yet entire, it could not be employed for any work: how much more [must this be] when the fire hath consumed it, and it is scorched. —and shall it vet be employed for any work? 6 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal. As the wood of the vine among the trees of the forest. which I have given up to the fire to be consumed: so do I give up the inhabitants of Jerusalem. 7 And I will set my face against them; from the fire have they gone forth, yet the fire shall devour them; and ve shall know that I am the Lord, when I set my face against them. 8 And I will render the land a desert: because they have committed a trespass, saith the Lord Eternal

**6** And the word of the Lord came unto me, saving. 2 Son of man, make known unto Jerusalem her abominations. 3 And thou shalt sav. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal unto Jerusalem. Thy origin and thy birth are out of the land of Canaan: thy father was an Emorite, and thy mother a Hittite. 4 And as for thy birth, on the day thou wast born thy navel was not cut, nor wast thou washed in water to he cleansed: and thou wast not rubbed with salt, nor wrapt in swaddling clothes. 5 No eve looked with pity on thee, to do any of these things unto thee, to have compassion upon thee; but thou wast cast out on the open field, with a loathing of thy body, on the day that thou wast born. 6 But I passed then by thee, and I saw thee stained with thy own blood, and I said unto thee. In thy blood, live; yea, I said unto thee. In thy blood,

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live. 7 Myriads, like the vegetation of the field, did I naked and bare, when thou wast stained with thy make of thee, and thou didst increase and become blood. 23 And it came to pass after all thy wickedness, great, and thou attainedst the highest attractions: with —[woe, woe unto thee! saith the Lord Eternal; ] thy breasts developed, and thy hair full grown; but 24 That thou didst build unto thyself eminences, and thou wast still naked and bare. 8 But I passed then make thyself elevations in every street. 25 On the by thee, and saw thee, and, behold, thy time was the corner of every road didst thou build thy elevations, time of love; and I spread the skirt of my garment over and make thy beauty abominable, and spread out thy thee, and covered thy nakedness: yea, I swore unto feet to every one that passed by, and multiply thy Lord Eternal, and thou becamest mine. 9 Then did with the Egyptians, thy neighbors, with large limbs, I bathe thee with water, yea, I thoroughly washed and multiply thy acts of lewdness, to provoke me away thy blood from thee; and I anointed thee with to anger. 27 And, behold, I stretched out my hand oil. 10 I clothed thee also with broidered work, and over thee, and diminished thy stated portion; and I made thee shoes of badger's skin, and I placed on gave thee up unto the will of those that hate thee, thy head a turban of fine linen, and I covered thee the daughters of the Philistines, who were made to with silk. 11 And I decked thee with ornaments, and I blush for thy incestuous course. 28 Then didst thou placed bracelets upon thy hands, and a chain around play the harlot with the sons of Asshur, because thou thy neck. 12 And I placed a ring on thy nose, and wast unsatiable; yea, thou didst play the harlot with earrings in thy ears, and a crown of splendor on thy them, and wast even then not satisfied. 29 And thou head. 13 Thus wast thou ornamented with gold and didst multiply thy lewdness with the traders' land as didst thou eat: and thou wast exceedingly beautiful, Lord Eternal, seeing thou didst all these things, deeds and thou didst succeed to acquire dominion. 14 And of an abandoned lewd woman; 31 Seeing that thou thy fame went forth among the nations because of didst build thy eminences at the corner of every road, ornament, which I had put upon thee, saith the Lord like a harlot, as thou scornedst the wages. 32 O thou Eternal. 15 But thou didst trust in thy beauty, and adulterous wife! who, while bound to her husband, they were bestowed. 16 And thou didst take from lovers, and hast bribed them, that they might come thy garments, and deck thee high-places with divers unto thee from every side in thy acts of lewdness. 34 colors, and play the harlot thereupon: never should And the reverse was the case with thee from [other] the like come to pass, and never should it be so. 17 women in thy acts of lewdness, that men did not follow And thou didst take thy elegant ornaments of my thee to seek thy lewd caresses; and because thou gold and of my silver, which I had given thee, and gavest the wages, and no wages were given thee: so them; 18 And thou didst take thy broidered garments, hear the word of the Lord! 36 Thus hath said the Lord and cover them: and my oil and my incense didst Eternal, Whereas thy wealth was squandered, and thou place before them. 19 And my bread which I thy nakedness was uncovered through thy lewd acts had given thee, fine flour, and oil, and honey, which with thy lovers, and with all thy abominable idols, I had let thee eat, even this didst thou set before and for the blood of thy children, whom thou didst them for a sweet savour: yes, so was it, saith the give unto them: 37 Therefore, behold, I will gather all Lord Eternal. 20 And thou didst take thy sons and thy thy lovers, whom thou hast given pleasure, and all daughters, whom thou hadst born unto me, and didst whom thou hast loved, together with all whom thou thy acts of lewdness not yet enough? 21 That thou thee, and will uncover thy nakedness unto them, that didst slay my children, and give them up to cause they may see all thy nakedness. 38 And I will judge them to pass through the fire for them? 22 And in all thee, as adulteresses and women that shed blood are thy abominations and thy acts of lewdness thou didst judged; and I will bring upon thee the blood of fury

thee, and entered into a covenant with thee, saith the acts of lewdness. 26 And thou didst play the harlot silver; and thy garments were of fine linen, and silk, far as Chaldea; and even with this wast thou not and broidered work; fine flour, and honey, and oil satisfied. 30 How very corrupt is thy heart, saith the thy beauty; for it was perfect through my glorious and make thy elevations in every street; and wast not play the harlot because of thy fame, and lavish thy receiveth strangers! 33 Unto all harlots they give lewd caresses on every one that passed by—on him presents; but thou hast given thy presents to all thy make for thyself male images, and play the harlot with was it the reverse with thee. 35 Therefore, O harlot, slaughter these unto them to be devoured; [but] were hast hated, —yea, I will gather them all round about not remember the days of thy youth, when thou wast and jealousy. 39 And I will also give thee up into their

shall break down thy elevations; and they shall strip her daughters, and the captivity of Samaria and her thee of thy clothes, and they shall take thy elegant daughters, and the captivity of the captives in the ornaments, and leave thee naked and bare, 40 And midst of them: 54 In order that thou mayest bear thy they shall bring up against thee an assembly, and confusion, and mayest be confounded because of all they shall stone thee with stones, and thrust thee that thou hast done, when thou art a comfort unto through with their swords; 41 And they shall burn them. 55 And thy sisters, Sodom and her daughters, thy houses with fire, and execute punishments on shall return to their former state, and Samaria and thee before the eyes of many women: and I will her daughters shall return to their former state, and cause thee to cease from being a harlot, and also thou and thy daughters shall return to your former the wages [of sin] shalt thou not give any more. 42 state. 56 And was not thy sister Sodom a report in And then will I assuage my fury on thee, and my thy mouth in the days of thy pride, 57 Before yet thy jealousy shall depart from thee, and I will be quiet, wickedness was discovered, as at the time of the and will be no more angry. 43 Because that thou reproach of the daughters of Syria, and all those didst not remember the days of thy youth, but didst round about her, the daughters of the Philistines, irritate me with all these things: behold, therefore I who taunted thee on all sides? 58 Thy incest and also will bring thy course upon thy head, saith the thy abominations, —thou thyself hadst to bear them, Lord Eternal, and thou shalt no more commit incest saith the Lord, 59 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal, with all thy [other] abominations. 44 Behold, every I will even deal with thee as thou hast done, thou who one that speaketh in proverbs shall use this proverb hast despised the oath by breaking the covenant. 60 daughter. 45 Thou art thy mother's daughter, loathing with thee in the days of thy youth, and I will establish her husband and her children; and thou art the sister unto thee an everlasting covenant. 61 And thou shalt of thy sisters, who have loathed their husbands and then remember thy ways, and be confounded, when their children: your mother was a Hittite, and your thou receivest thy sisters, both those that are older father an Emorite. 46 And thy elder sister is Samaria, than thou and younger than thou; and I will give them she with her daughters, that dwelleth at thy left hand, unto thee for daughters, though not because thou is Sodom with her daughters. 47 Yet not even in my covenant with thee: and thou shalt know that I am their ways didst thou walk, nor act according to their the Lord: 63 In order that thou mayest remember, and abominations: as though this were quite too little, and feel ashamed, and never open thy mouth any more thou wast more corrupt than they in all thy ways. 48 because of thy confusion, when I forgive thee for all As I live, saith the Lord Eternal, Sodom thy sister, that thou hast done, saith the Lord Eternal, she with her daughters, hath not done as thou hast done, thou with thy daughters. 49 Behold, this was the iniquity of thy sister Sodom: Pride, abundance of food, and prosperous security were hers and her daughters'; but the hand of the poor and needy did she not strengthen. 50 And they became haughty. and committed abominations before me: therefore did I remove them when I saw their course. 51 And Samaria hath not committed even the half of thy sins; but thou didst multiply thy abominations more than they; and thou hast justified thy sisters through all thy abominations which thou hast done. 52 Bear then thou also thy own confusion, which thou didst adjudge unto each of thy sisters; through thy sins, which thou hast committed more abominably than they, are they made more righteous than thou; therefore thou also-be ashamed, and bear thy confusion, since thou hast justified thy sisters. 53 And I will bring

hand, and they shall pull down thy eminences, and back again their captivity, the captivity of Sodom and against thee, saying, As the mother is, so is her Nevertheless will I indeed remember my covenant and thy younger sister, that dwelleth at thy right hand, wast faithful to the covenant, 62 And I will establish

> 17 And the word of the Lord came unto me. saying. 2 Son of man, put forth a riddle, and propound a parable unto the house of Israel: 3 And sav. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. The great eagle with large wings, long winged, full of feathers, who is rich in many colors, came unto the Lebanon, and took the highest branch of the cedar: 4 The topmost of its young twigs did he crop off, and carry it into the traders' land: and he set it in a city of merchants. 5 And he took some of the seed of the land, and planted it in a fruitful field: he placed it by great waters, he transplanted it among the willow-trees. 6 And it grew, and became a trailing vine of low stature, the tendrils of which should turn toward him, and the roots of which should be under him: so it became a vine, and brought forth branches, and sent out shoots. 7 There was also another great eagle with

did bend its roots famishing toward him, and shot it. 22 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, But I myself will forth its tendrils toward him, that he might water it, take [a part] of the highest branch of the high cedar, from the beds where it was planted: 8 [Although] it and will preserve it; from the topmost of its young was planted in a good field by great waters, that it twigs will I crop off a tender one, and I myself will might produce boughs, and that it might bear fruit, plant it firmly upon a high and eminent mountain: 23 that it might become an elegant vine. 9 Say now, On the mountain of the height of Israel will I plant it Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Shall it prosper? firmly; and it shall produce boughs, and bear fruit, Behold the other will pull up its roots, and its fruit and become an elegant cedar; and there shall dwell will he cut away, that it may dry up; every one of its under it all fowls, every thing that hath wing; in the growing leaves shall dry up; and not with great power shadow of its light branches shall they dwell. 24 And and numerous people [will he have to come] to tear it all the trees of the field shall know that I the Lord away from its roots. 10 Yea, behold, although it is have made low the high tree, have made high the planted, shall it prosper? Lo, as soon as the east lowly tree, that I have dried up the green tree, and wind toucheth it, shall it be utterly dried up; in the have caused to flourish the dry tree: I the Lord have beds where it groweth shall it dry up. 11 And the word spoken and have done it. of the Lord came unto me, saying, 12 Do now say to the rebellious family. Know ve not what these things mean? Say, Behold, the king of Babylon came to Jerusalem, and took away its king and its princes, and he brought them unto himself to Babylon; 13 And he took one of the royal seed, and made a covenant with him, and bound him with an oath; but the mighty of the land did he take away; 14 That the kingdom should be debased, so as not to lift itself up; that it should keep his covenant that it might continue to exist. 15 But he rebelled against him by sending his messengers into Egypt, that they might give him horses and numerous people. Shall he prosper? shall he escape that doth such things? yea, he hath broken the covenant, and shall he escape? 16 As I live, saith the Lord Eternal, surely in the residence of the king that hath made him king, whose oath he hath despised, and whose covenant he hath broken, even near him in the midst of Babylon shall he die. 17 And not with a mighty army and a large assembly shall Pharaoh labor for him in the war, when [the otherl casteth up mounds, and buildeth works of attack, to cut off many souls. 18 Yea, he that hath despised the oath by breaking the covenant, when, lo, he had given his hand, and hath done all these things, shall not escape. 19 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, As I live, surely my oath that he hath despised, and my covenant that he hath broken, —even this will I bring upon his own head. 20 And I will spread my net over him, and he shall be caught in my snare, and I will bring him to Babylon, and will hold judgment with him there for his trespass which he hath committed against me. 21 And all his fugitives with all the wings of his army shall fall by the sword. and those that remain shall be dispersed toward all

large wings and many feathers: and, behold, this vine winds: and ye shall know that I the Lord have spoken

18 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saving. 2 What mean ye, that ye use this proverb in the country of Israel, saying, The fathers have eaten sour grapes, and the teeth of the children are set on edge? 3 As I live, saith the Lord Eternal, ye shall not have any more to use this proverb in Israel. 4 Behold, all the souls are mine; as the soul of the father, so also the soul of the son-mine are they: the soul which sinneth that alone shall die. 5 But if a man be righteous, and execute justice and righteousness; 6 Upon the mountains he eateth not, and his eyes he lifteth not up to the idols of the house of Israel, and the wife of his neighbor he defileth not, and unto a woman in her separation he cometh not near; 7 And he over-reacheth no man, he restoreth his pledge for a debt, a robbery he doth not commit, his bread he giveth to the hungry, and the naked he covereth with a garment: 8 Upon interest he giveth not forth, and increase he doth not take, from wrong he withdraweth his hand, true judgment he executeth between man and man; 9 In my statutes he walketh steadfastly, and my ordinances he keepeth to deal truly: he is righteous, he shall surely live, saith the Lord Eternal. 10 If he [now] beget a dissolute son that sheddeth blood and doth to [his] brother any one of thee things; 11 And he is one that doth not any of these [duties]; but eateth even upon the mountains, and defileth the wife of his neighbor: 12 The poor and needy he over-reacheth, he is guilty of robberies, the pledge he restoreth not, and to the idols he lifteth up his eyes, abominations he committeth: 13 Upon interest he giveth forth, and increase he taketh: and he should live? he shall not live; all these abominations hath he done, he shall surely die; his blood shall be upon

all the sins of his father which he hath done, and surely live, he shall not die. 29 Yet say the house he considereth, and doth not the like of them: 15 of Israel. The way of the Lord is not equitable: are Upon the mountains he eateth not, and his eyes he not my ways equitable. O house of Israel? is it not lifteth not up to the idols of the house of Israel, the your ways which are not equitable? 30 Therefore wife of his neighbor he defileth not; 16 And he over- will I judge you, every one according to his ways, O reacheth no man, a pledge he withholdeth not, and of house of Israel, saith the Lord Eternal: return ye, and a robbery he is never quilty, his bread he giveth to the cause others to return from all your transgressions. hungry, and the naked he covereth with a garment; 17 that iniquity may not become your stumbling-block. From the poor he withdraweth his hand, interest and 31 Cast away from yourselves all your transgressions, increase he taketh not: my ordinances he executeth; whereby ye have transgressed; and make yourselves in my statutes he walketh: —he shall not die for the a new heart and a new spirit; for why will ye die, O iniquity of his father, he shall surely live. 18 His father, house of Israel? 32 For I have no pleasure in the because he unjustly withheld [wages], was guilty of death of him that deserveth to die, saith the Lord robbery on his brother, and did that which is not good. Eternal: therefore convert yourselves, and live. in the midst of his people, —and lo, he died through his iniquity. 19 Yet say ye, Why doth not the son bear part of the iniquity of the father? when the son hath executed justice and righteousness, all my statutes hath he kept, and hath done them: he shall surely live. 20 The soul that sinneth, she alone shall die; the son shall not help to bear the iniquity of the father and the father shall not help to 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 And the wicked, when he turneth away from all his sins that he hath committed, and keepeth all my statutes, and executeth justice and righteousness, shall surely live, he shall not die. 22 All his transgressions which he hath committed shall not be remembered unto him: through his righteousness which he hath done shall he live. 23 Have I then the least pleasure in the death of the wicked? saith the Lord Eternal: and not in his turning away from his ways, that he may live? 24 But when the righteous turneth away from his righteousness, and committeth wrong, and doth according to all the abominations that the wicked man doeth, shall he live? all his righteousness that he hath done shall not he remembered: through his trespass which he hath committed, and through his sin that he hath done. —through them shall he die. 25 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equitable: hear now, O house of Israel, Is not my way equitable? is it not your ways which are not equitable? 26 When a righteous man turneth away from his righteousness, and doth wrong, and dieth therefore: through his wrong which he hath done must he die. 27 Again, when the wicked turneth away from his wickedness which he hath committed, and executeth justice and righteousness: he shall indeed preserve his soul alive. 28 Because he hath considered, and turned away from all his

him. 14 And behold, if he beget a son, who seeth transgressions which he had committed: he shall

**19** And thou, —do thou lift up a lamentation for the princes of Israel, 2 And say, What a noble lioness was thy mother! among lions did she lie down. in the midst of young lions did she raise her whelps! 3 And she brought up one of her whelps: he became a young lion, and he learned to tear in pieces the prey: [even] men he devoured. 4 And when nations heard of him, he was caught in their pit, and they brought him with nose-rings unto the land of Egypt. 5 Now when she saw that she had long waited, [that] her hope was lost, she took another one of her whelps, and made him a young lion. 6 And he went up and down in the midst of lions, he became a young lion: and he learned to tear in pieces the prev; even men he devoured. 7 And he broke down their palaces. and their cities laid he in ruins: and then was terrified the land, with all that filled it, because of the noise of his roaring. 8 Then set themselves the nations against him on every side from the provinces; and they spread over him their net: in their pit was he caught. 9 And they put him in a cage with noserings [in his nose], and they brought him to the king of Babylon: they brought him into strong-holds, in order that his voice should no more be heard on the mountains of Israel. 10 Thy mother was like a vine, if I compare thee to aught, planted by the waters: fruitful and full of boughs was she by reason of many waters. 11 And she had strong branches [fit] for the sceptres of rulers, and her stature grew up high between the thick-branched [trees], and she was seen through her height by means of the multitude of her tendrils. 12 But she was plucked up in fury, to the ground was she cast down, and the east wind dried up her fruit; and torn off and dried up were her strong branches, a fire consumed them. 13 And now is she

planted in the wilderness, in a dry and thirsty land. 14 through them; and my sabbaths they greatly profaned: lamentation, and it is become a lamentation.

**2** And it came to pass in the seventh year, in the fifth month, on the tenth day of the month, that certain men of the elders of Israel came to inquire of the Lord, and they sat down before me. 2 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 3 Son of man, speak unto the elders of Israel, and say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Is it to inquire of me that ye are coming? as I live, I will not let myself be inquired of by you, saith the Lord Eternal. 4 Wilt thou take them to task, wilt thou take them to task, son of man? then cause them to know the abominations of their fathers; 5 And say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. On the day when I made choice of Israel, I lifted up my hand unto the seed of the house of Jacob, and I made myself known unto them in the land of Egypt: and I lifted up my hand unto them, saying, I am the Lord your God. 6 On the same day I lifted up my hand unto them, to bring them forth from the land of Egypt into a land that I had selected for them, flowing with milk and honey, which is an ornament among all the countries. 7 And I said unto them, Cast ye away every one of the abominations of his eyes, and on the idols of Egypt shall ye not defile yourselves: I am the Lord your God. 8 But they rebelled against me, and they would not hearken unto me; they did not cast away every one the abominations of their eyes, and the idols of Egypt did they not forsake: and I thought then to pour out my fury over them, to let out all my anger against them in the midst of the land of Egypt. 9 But I acted for the sake of my name, so as not to profane it before the eyes of the nations, in the midst of whom they were; because I had made myself known unto them before their eyes, to bring them forth out of the land of Egypt. 10 I therefore 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 my ordinances made I known to them, which a man is to do, that he may live through them. 12 And also my sabbaths gave I unto them, to be as a sign between me and between them, that they might know that I am the Lord who sanctify them. 13 But the house of Israel rebelled against me in the wilderness; in my statutes they walked not, and my ordinances they despised, which a man is to do, that he may live

And fire is gone out of a branch of her boughs, and and I then thought to pour out my fury over them in hath devoured her fruit, so that there is no more on the wilderness, to make an end of them. 14 But I her a strong branch for a sceptre to rule. This is a acted for the sake of my name, so as not to profane it before the eyes of the nations, before whose eyes I had brought them forth. 15 Yet did I also lift up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would not bring them into the land which I had given [them], flowing with milk and honey, which is an ornament among all the countries. 16 Because my ordinances they had despised, and in my statutes they had not walked, and my sabbaths they had profaned; for after their idols did their heart go. 17 Nevertheless my eye looked pityingly on them, so as not to destroy them, and I did not make an end of them in the wilderness. 18 And I said unto their children in the wilderness, In the statutes of your fathers shall ye not walk, and their ordinances shall ve not keep, and on their idols shall ye not defile yourselves. 19 I am the Lord your God: in my statutes must ye walk, and my ordinances must ye keep, and do them; 20 And my sabbaths must ve sanctify; and they shall be as a sign between me and between you, that ye may know that I am the Lord your God. 21 Nevertheless the children rebelled against me; in my statutes did they not walk, and my ordinances they kept not to do them, which a man is to do, that he may live through them; my sabbaths they profaned; and I then thought to pour out my fury over them, to let out all my anger against them in the wilderness. 22 But I withdrew my hand, and acted for the sake of my name, so as not to profane it before the eyes of the nations, before whose eyes I had brought them forth. 23 I also lifted up my hand unto them in the wilderness, that I would scatter them among the nations, and disperse them through the countries; 24 Because my ordinances they had not executed, and my statutes they had despised, and my sabbaths they had profaned, and after the idols of their fathers their eves were directed. 25 And I also let them follow statutes that were not good, and ordinances whereby they could not live; 26 And I let them be defiled through their gifts, in that they caused to pass [through the fire] all that openeth the womb, in order that I might destroy them, to the end that they might know that I am the Lord. 27 Therefore, speak unto the house of Israel, O son of man, and say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Yet in this too did your fathers blaspheme me, by their committing a trespass against me: 28 When I had brought them into the land, for which I had lifted up my hand to give it to them, they saw every high hill. and

their sacrifices, and presented there their provoking am the Lord, when I bring you into the land of Israel, offerings, and they brought there their sweet savor, into the country for which I have lifted up my hand to and poured out there their drink-offerings, 29 Then give it to your fathers, 43 And ve shall remember there said I unto them. What is this high-place whereunto your ways, and all your doings, whereby ve have ye go? And its name was called "The height" until been defiled; and ye shall loathe yourselves, because this day. 30 Therefore say unto the house of Israel, of all your evil deeds that ye have committed. 44 And Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Ha! do you pollute ve shall know that I am the Lord, when I deal with you yourselves after the manner of your fathers; and after for the sake of my name, not in accordance with your their abominations do ye go astray? 31 And when ye wicked ways, and in accordance with your corrupt offer up your gifts, when ye make your sons pass doings, O ye house of Israel, saith the Lord Eternal. through the fire, ye pollute yourselves with all your 45 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, idols, even until this day; and I should allow myself to 46 Son of man, set thy face in the direction toward the be inquired of by you. O house of Israel? As I live, south, and preach toward the south, and prophesy saith the Lord Eternal. I will not let myself be inquired against the forest of the field in the south. 47 And say of by you. 32 And that which cometh up into your to the forest of the south, Hear the word of the Lord, mind shall not at all come to pass, [namely, ] that ye Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will kindle say. We will be like the nations, like the families of the a fire in thee, and it shall devour in thee every green [other] countries, to serve wood and stone. 33 As tree, and every dry tree; the glowing flame shall not I live, saith the Lord Eternal, surely, with a mighty be quenched, and there shall be burnt therein all hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with fury faces from the south to the north. 48 And all flesh poured out, will I rule over you: 34 And I will bring shall see that I the Lord have kindled it: it shall not be you out from the people, and I will gather you out guenched. 49 Then said I. Ah Lord Eternal! they say of the countries wherein ve are scattered, with a of me. Behold, he speaketh but in parables! mighty hand, and with an outstretched arm, and with [mv] fury poured out. 35 And I will bring you into the wilderness of the people, and I will hold judgment over you there, face to face, 36 As I held judgment over your fathers in the wilderness of the land of Egypt, so will I hold judgment over you, saith the Lord Eternal. 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 separate from you those that have rebelled and those that have transgressed against me: out of the country where they sojourn will I cause them to go forth, but into the land of Israel shall not one [of them] enter: and ve shall know that I am the Lord. 39 As for you. O house of Israel, thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Go ve. serve ve every one his idols, and hereafter [also], if ye will not hearken unto me; but my holy name do not profane any more with your gifts, and with your idols. 40 For on my holy mountain, on the mountain of the height of Israel, saith the Lord Eternal, there shall serve me all the house of Israel. altogether, in the land: there will I accept them in favor, and there will I require your heave-offerings, and the first-fruits of your oblations, with all your holy things. 41 With your sweet savor will I accept you in favor, when I bring you out from the people, and gather you out of the countries wherein ve have been scattered: and I will be sanctified through you before

all the thick-branched trees, and they offered there the eyes of the nations. 42 And ye shall know that I

**21** And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, direct thy face toward Jerusalem, and preach toward the holy places, and prophesy against the land of Israel. 3 And say to the land of Israel, Thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will be against thee, and will draw forth my sword out of its sheath; and I will cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked. 4 But because I shall have cut off from thee the righteous and the wicked: therefore shall my sword go forth out of its sheath against all flesh from the south to the north: 5 That all flesh may know that I the Lord have drawn forth my sword out of its sheath: it shall not return any more. 6 But thou, son of man, do thou sigh: as though with broken loins, and with bitterness [of grief] shalt thou sigh before their eyes. 7 And it shall be, when they say unto thee, Wherefore sighest thou? that thou shalt say. For the report, because it cometh, when every heart shall melt, and all hands shall be made feeble. and every spirit shall become faint, and all knees shall be changed into water: behold, it cometh, and shall be brought to pass, saith the Lord Eternal, 8 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 9 Son of man, prophesy, and say, Thus hath said the Lord, Say, The sword, the sword is sharpened, and also polished: 10 In order to make a thorough

it polished: how can we now rejoice, [when] the rod of the iniquity of the end, — 26 Thus hath said the which reacheth my son excelleth in hardness every Lord Eternal, Remove the mitre, and take off the tree? 11 And he hath given it to be polished, to make crown; this shall not be always so; exalt him that is it fit to grasp it in the hand; it is the sword which is low, and make him low that is high, 27 Overthrown. sharpened, and it is polished, to place it into the hand overthrown, overthrown will I render it: also this shall of the slayer. 12 Cry aloud and wail, O son of man; not belong [to any one], until he come whose right it for it cometh against my people, it cometh against all is, and I will give it him. 28 And thou, son of man, the princes of Israel; brought together for the sword prophesy, and say, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal are they with my people: therefore strike [thy hand] concerning the children of 'Ammon, and concerning upon thy thigh. 13 For a purification taketh place: and their reproach: even say thou, The sword, the sword what if the irresistible rod will also come? [my son] is drawn; for the slaughter is it polished, to destroy, would not be able to exist, saith the Lord Eternal. 14 that it may continue to glitter: 29 While they foresee But thou, son of man, prophesy, and strike thy hands unto thee falsehood, while they divine unto thee lies, together, and let "The sword" be repeated the third to lay thee by the necks of the slain wicked, whose time, the sword of the slain: it is the sword of the great day is come, at the time of the iniquity of the end. that are slain, which lieth in wait for them everywhere. 30 Put back [the sword] into its sheath! in the place 15 In order to make timid the heart, and to multiply where thou wast created, in the land of thy origin. the stumbling-blocks, do I bring the howling of the will I judge thee. 31 And I will pour out over thee sword against all their gates: ah! it is made bright, it is my indignation, with the fire of my wrath will I blow made thin-edged for the slaughter. 16 Gather up thy against thee, and I will give thee up into the hand of strength, go to the right hand, direct thyself, go to the brutish men, skilful in destroying. 32 To the fire shalt left, whithersoever thy edge is turned. 17 And I also, thou be given to be devoured: thy blood shall be in —I will strike my hands together, and I will cause my the midst of the land: thou shalt not be remembered fury to be assuaged; I the Lord have spoken it. 18 [any more]; for I the Lord have spoken it. And the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 19 But thou, O son of man, appoint thee two ways, that the sword of the king of Babylon may come: out of one land shall both of them come forth: and select a place; at the head of the way to a city do thou select it. 20 A way shalt thou appoint, that the sword may come against Rabbah of the children of 'Ammon, and [the other] against Judah [dwelling] in Jerusalem the fortified. 21 For the king of Babylon hath halted at the parting of the way, at the commencement of the two ways, to use divination: he shaketh the arrows, he consulteth with images, he looketh at the liver. 22 At his right hand was the divination for Jerusalem. to erect battering-rams, to open the mouth with the [cry for] murder, to lift up the voice with shouting, to place battering-rams against the gates, to cast up a mound, and to build works of attack. 23 And it will appear unto them as a false divination in their eyes, to those that had sworn oaths; but he will bring to remembrance their iniquity, that they may be caught. 24 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because ye have brought your iniquity to remembrance, as your transgressions are discovered, so that your sins do appear in all your doings; because ve are thus brought to remembrance, ve shall be caught by [his] hand. 25 And thou, death-deserving wicked

slaughter is it sharpened; in order that it may glitter is one, prince of Israel, whose day is come, at the time

22 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 And thou, son of man, wilt thou take to task, wilt thou take to task the city of blood? and wilt thou make her know all her abominations? 3 Then say thou, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, O city that sheddeth blood in her midst, that her time [of sorrow] may come, and that hath made idols for herself to become unclean: 4 Through thy blood which thou hast shed, are thou become guilty; and through thy idols which thou hast made art thou become unclean: and thou hast caused thy days [of destruction] to draw near, and thou art come even unto thy years; therefore do I make thee a disgrace unto the nations, and a mocking to all the countries. 5 Those who are near, and those who are far from thee, shall mock thee, O thou unclean in name, and great in confusion! 6 Behold, the princes of Israel were each [ready] with his arm within thee, in order to shed blood. 7 Father and mother they esteemed lightly within thee, toward the stranger they acted with extortion in the midst of thee, the fatherless and the widow they oppressed within thee. 8 My holy things thou didst despise, and my sabbaths thou didst profane. 9 Tale-bearers [also] were within thee, in order to shed blood; and upon the mountains did they eat within thee; incest did

nakedness they uncovered within thee; her that was midst are like wolves that tear in pieces the prey, unclean in her separation did they violate within to shed blood, to destroy souls, in order to obtain thee. 11 And one with his neighbor's wife did commit selfish gain. 28 And her prophets plastered for them abomination; and another did defile his daughter-in- with unadhesive mortar, foreseeing falsehood, and law with incest; and another did violate his sister, the divining unto them lies, saying, Thus hath said the daughter of his father, within thee. 12 Bribes they Lord Eternal; when the Lord had not spoken. 29 The took within thee, in order to shed blood; interest and people of the land are quilty of extortion, and practise increase didst thou take, and thou didst acquire gain robbery, and the poor and the needy they defraud: off thy neighbors by extortion: and me thou didst and they extort from the stranger with injustice. 30 forget, saith the Lord Eternal. 13 And behold, I have And I seek now among them for a man, that could struck my hands together at thy wrongful gain which erect a fence, and stand in the breach before me in thou hast acquired, and at thy blood-quilt which hath behalf of the land, so that I should not destroy it; but been in the midst of thee, 14 Will thy courage endure. I find none, 31 And I therefore pour out over them or will thy hands remain strong, on the days that I my indignation; with the fire of my wrath do I make will deal with thee? I the Lord have spoken, and will an end of them: their own way do I bring upon their do it. 15 And I will scatter thee among the nations, head, saith the Lord Eternal. and disperse thee in the countries, and I will entirely

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And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, shalt be degraded through thyself before the eyes of nations, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord. 17 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, the house of Israel are become to me dross: they all are copper, and tin, and iron, and lead, in the midst of the furnace: the dross of silver are thev become. 19 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because ye are all become dross, therefore, behold. I will gather you into the midst of Jerusalem. 20 As silver, and copper, and iron, and lead, and tin are gathered into the midst of the furnace, to blow the fire upon it, to melt it: so will I gather you in my anger and in my fury and I will lay you down there, and melt you. 21 Yea, I will assemble you in a heap, and blow upon you with the fire of my wrath, and ye shall be melted in the midst of it. 22 As silver is melted in the midst of the furnace, so shall ye be melted in the midst of it: and ve shall know that I am the Lord who have poured out my fury over you. 23 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 24 Son of man, sav unto her, Thou art a land that is not cleansed; [and] which is not rained upon on the day of indignation. 25 The banded troop of her prophets in the midst of her is like a roaring lion that teareth in pieces the prey: souls do they devour; wealth and precious things do they take away; the number of her widows do they increase in the midst of her. 26 Her priests violate my law, and profane my holy things: between the holy and profane do they make no distinction, and the difference between the unclean and the clean do they not make known, and from [the violation of] my sabbaths do they turn away their eyes, so that

they commit in the midst of thee. 10 Their father's Lam profaned among them. 27 Her princes in her

2 Son of man, there were two women, the daughters of one mother; 3 And they played the harlot in Egypt; in their youth they played the harlot: there were their breasts pressed, and there they suffered their virgin bosoms to be touched. 4 And their names were Aholah the elder, and Aholibah her sister; but they became mine, and they bore sons and daughters: and their names are, Samaria is Aholah, and Jerusalem, Aholibah. 5 And Aholah played the harlot while she was mine; and she longed for her lovers, for the Assyrians that were near [her], 6 Clothed [as they were] in blue, governors, and rulers. attractive vouths all of them, horsemen riding upon horses. 7 Thus she played the harlot with them, all of them the chosen ones of the sons of Asshur: and with all for whom she longed, —with all their idols did she defile herself. 8 But also her lewdness from Egypt forsook she not: for they had lain with her in her youth, and they had touched her virgin bosom, and had lavished their lewd caresses on her. 9 Therefore did I give her up into the hand of her lovers, into the hand of the sons of Asshur, after whom she longed. 10 These were they that laid open her nakedness: her sons and her daughters did they take away, and her they slew with the sword: and she became infamous among women, when they inflicted the decreed punishments on her. 11 And when her sister Aholibah saw this, she became more corrupt in her longing than she, and in her lewd acts more than her sister's lewdness. 12 For the sons of Asshur did she long, the governors and rulers that were near, clothed as they were most gorgeously, horsemen riding upon

horses, attractive youths all of them. 13 Then saw I I will give thee up into the hand of those whom thou of Babylon of the Chaldeans, the land of their birth: gone with vile lust after the nations, because thou is like the lustfulness of horses. 21 And thou calledst bear thou also thy incest and thy acts of lewdness. Lord Eternal, Behold, I will wake up thy lovers against committed adultery, and there is blood on their hands, all of them. 24 And they shall come over thee with when they had slain their children to their idols, then

that she was defiled, that they followed both one way. hatest, into the hand of those from whom thy soul 14 But she added still more to her acts of lewdness; hath torn itself away; 29 And they shall deal with thee for when she saw men engraved upon the wall, the in hate, and shall take away all [things acquired by] images of the Chaldeans portraved with color. 15 thy labor, and they shall leave thee naked and bare: Bound with girdles on their loins, with hanging down and thus shall be uncovered the nakedness of thy colored turbans on their heads, in appearance like lewdness, and thy incest and thy lewd deeds. 30 l commanders, all of them, in the likeness of the sons will do these things unto thee, because thou hast 16 Then did she long for them as soon as she saw hast defiled thyself with their idols. 31 On the way them with her eyes, and she sent messengers unto of thy sister hast thou walked; therefore will I place them to Chaldea. 17 And the sons of Babylon came her cup into thy hand. 32 Thus hath said the Lord to her unto the couch of love, and they defiled her Eternal, The cup of thy sister shalt thou drink, the with their lewd caresses; and [yet] when she had deep and wide one: thou shalt become to be laughed been defiled with them, she tore her soul away from to scorn and to be held in derision, more than thou them. 18 And when she had laid open her lewdness, canst bear. 33 With drunkenness and sorrow shalt and had uncovered her nakedness: then my soul tore thou be filled, [out of] the cup of astonishment and itself away from her, as my soul had torn itself away confusion, the cup of thy sister Samaria, 34 Thou shalt from her sister. 19 Yet she multiplied her deeds of even drink it and drain it out, and thou shalt break in lewdness, in calling to remembrance the days of her pieces its fragments, and tear thy own breasts; for I youth, when she had played the harlot in the land of have spoken it, saith the Lord Eternal. 35 Therefore Egypt. 20 And she longed for her paramours, whose thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because thou hast flesh is as the flesh of asses, and whose lustfulness forgotten me, and cast me behind thy back; therefore to mind the incest of thy youth, when thy bosom was 36 The Lord said moreover unto me, Son of man, touched by the Egyptians for the sake of thy youthful wilt thou call Aholah and Aholibah to account? then breasts. 22 Therefore, O Aholibah, thus hath said the tell them of their abominations; 37 That they have thee, from whom thy soul hath torn itself away, and and with their idols have they committed adultery, I will bring them against thee from every side; 23 and also their sons whom they had born unto me The sons of Babylon, and all the Chaldeans, Pekod, have they caused to pass for them through [the fire], and Shoa and Koa, and all the sons of Asshur with to devour them. 38 Moreover this have they done them, attractive youths, governors and rulers all of unto me: they have defiled my sanctuary on the same them, commanders and chiefs, riding upon horses day, and my sabbaths have they profaned. 39 And weapons, chariots, and wheels, and with an assembly came they into my sanctuary on the same day to of people, buckler and shield and helmet shall they profane it: and, lo, thus have they done in the midst set up against thee round about: and I will give up of my house. 40 And farthermore yet, because they before them the right to judge, and they shall judge sent for men who were to come from afar, unto whom thee according to their ordinances. 25 And I will set messengers were sent; and, lo, they came, for whom my zealousness against thee, and they shall deal thou didst bathe thyself, paint thy eyes, and deck with thee in fury; thy nose and thy ears shall they cut thyself with ornaments; 41 And thou didst sit upon off; and what is left of thee shall fall by the sword: thy a stately bed, with a table spread before it, and my sons and thy daughters shall they take away; and incense and my oil didst thou set upon it. 42 And what is left of thee shall be devoured by the fire. 26 the shout of a peaceful joyous multitude was [heard] And they shall strip thee of thy clothes, and take away within her; and with the men of the masses of the thy ornamental attire. 27 Thus will I make thy incest common people were brought Sabeans from the to cease from thee, and thy lewdness brought from wilderness; and these women placed bracelets on the land of Egypt: and thou shalt not lift up thy eyes their hands, and crowns of glory upon their heads. 43 unto them, and Egypt shalt thou not remember any Then thought I of her that was worn out in adulteries, more. 28 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, Will they now [still] commit lewdness with her, when

she [is thus]? 44 But men went in unto her, as they [the poor]; therefore shall not go forth from her the go in unto a faithless wife: thus went they in unto greatness of her scum: through fire shall her scum Aholah and unto Aholibah, the incestuous women. 45 [be removed]. 13 In thy uncleanness is [thy] incest: Righteous men, however—these shall judge them as because I endeavored to cleanse thee, and thou adulteresses are judged, and as women that shed wouldst not be clean, thou shalt not be cleansed from blood are judged; because adulteresses are they, and thy uncleanness any more, until I have assuaged my blood is on their hands. 46 For thus hath said the Lord fury on thee. 14 I the Lord have spoken it; it cometh Eternal, I will bring up against them an assemblage of to pass, and I will do it: I will not recall my decree, men, and I will give them up to ill-usage and plunder. and I will not have pity, nor will I repent: according 47 And the assemblage shall stone them with stones, to thy ways, and according to thy doings, shall men and cut them down with their swords: their sons and judge thee, saith the Lord Eternal. 15 And the word of their daughters shall they slay, and their houses shall the Lord came to me, saying, 16 Son of man, behold, they burn with fire. 48 Thus will I cause incest to I will take away from thee the desire of thy eyes by cease out of the land, that all women may be warned a sudden death; but thou shalt neither mourn nor by example, and not do after your incestuous course, weep, nor shalt thou shed a tear, 17 Sigh in silence, 49 And they shall lay your incest upon you, and the make no mourning for the deceased, thy bonnet bind sins of your idols shall ye bear: and ye shall know around thy head, and thy shoes put on thy feet, and that I am the Lord Eternal.

21 And the word of the Lord came unto me in the ninth year, in the tenth month, on the tenth day of the month, saving, 2 Son of man, write thee down the name of this day, of this same day: the king of Babylon hath advanced against Jerusalem on this same day. 3 And speak concerning the rebellious family a parable, and say unto them, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Set on the pot, set it on, and also pour water into it: 4 Gather the proper pieces into it. every good piece, the thigh, and the shoulder; fill it up with the choice bones. 5 Take the choice of the flock, and make also a fire for the bones under it: cause it to seethe well, that even the bones therein may be fully boiled through. 6 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Woe to the city of blood-guiltiness, to the pot the scum of which is yet in it, and the scum of which is not gone out of it! one of its pieces after the other take out from it: no lot is cast for it. 7 For her blood was in the midst of her; on the naked rock did she place it: she poured it not upon the ground, to cover it over with dust. 8 To cause my fury to arise to take vengeance, do I place her blood upon the naked rock, so that it shall not be covered up. 9 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Woe to the city of blood-guiltiness! I also will myself build up a large burning pile, 10 Heaping on the wood, kindling the fire, thoroughly boiling the flesh, and stirring the mixture, that the bones may be scorched. 11 Then will I set it empty upon its coals, in order that it may become hot, and its copper be made to glow, and its uncleanness may be molten in it, that its scum may be consumed. 12 With fraud hath she wearied

cover not thyself to thy upper lip, and eat not the bread of [other] men. 18 And when I had spoken unto the people in the morning, my wife died at evening: and I did in the morning as I had been commanded. 19 And the people said unto me, Wilt thou not tell us what these things mean for us, that thou doest so? 20 And I said unto them. The word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 21 Speak unto the house of Israel, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will profane my sanctuary, the pride of your strength, the desire of your eyes, and the darling of your soul; and your sons and your daughters whom ye have left behind shall fall by the sword. 22 And ye shall do as I have done: ye shall not cover yourselves to your upper lip, and the bread of other men shall ye not eat. 23 And your bonnets shall be around your heads, and your shoes shall be on your feet: ye shall not mourn nor shall ye weep; but ye shall pine away in your iniquities, and groan, looking one at the other. 24 Thus shall Ezekiel be unto you for a token: in accordance with all that he hath done shall ve do: when this cometh, then shall ve know that I am the Lord Eternal. 25 Also. thou son of man, behold, on the day when I take from them their stronghold, the joy of their glory, the desire of their eyes, and the coveted object of their soul, their sons and their daughters, - 26 On that day there shall come one that hath escaped unto thee. and announce it to thy ears. 27 On that day shall thy mouth be opened through him that hath escaped, and thou shalt speak, and thou shalt not be silenced any more: and thou shalt be a token unto them, and they shall know that I am the Lord.

'Ammon, and prophesy against them; 3 And say unto And I will execute on them great vengeances with the sons of 'Ammon, Hear ve the word of the Lord furious chastisements; and they shall know that I am Eternal. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Because the Lord, when I display my vengeance on them. thou hast said, Aha, concerning my sanctuary, when it was profaned; and concerning the land of Israel, when it was made desolate; and concerning the house of Judah, when they went into exile: 4 Therefore, behold, I will give thee up to the children of the east for a possession, and they shall set up their towers in thee, and place in thee their dwellings; they shall indeed eat thy fruit, and they shall surely drink thy milk. 5 And I will change Rabbah into a pasture for camels. and [the land of] the sons of 'Ammon into a restingplace for flocks: and ye shall know that I am the Lord. 6 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Whereas thou didst clap thy hands, and stamp with thy feet, and rejoice with all thy derision in the soul over the land of Israel: 7 Therefore, behold, will I stretch out my hand over thee, and will give thee up for a spoil to the nations; and I will cut thee off from the people, and I will cause thee to perish out of the countries; I will destroy thee, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord. 8 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because Moab and Se'ir do say. Behold, the house of Judah is like all the nations: 9 Therefore, behold, I will open the side of Moab from the cities, from his cities on his frontiers, the glory of the country, Beth-ha-yeshimoth, Ba'al-me'on, and Kiryathayim, 10 Unto the children of the east [coming] against the sons of 'Ammon, and I will give them in possession; in order that the sons of 'Ammon may not be remembered among the nations. 11 And on Moab will I execute judgments: and they shall know that I am the Lord. 12 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because the Edomites have acted revengefully against the house of Judah, and have greatly offended, and have taken vengeance on them: 13 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, I will also stretch out my hand against Edom, and cut off from it man and beast; and I will make it a ruined land from Theman; and they of Dedan shall fall by the sword. 14 And I will display my vengeance on Edom by the hand of my people Israel; and they shall do in Edom according to my anger and according to my fury: and they shall feel my vengeance, saith the Lord Eternal. 15 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because the Philistines have acted in revenge, and have taken vengeance with derision in their soul, to destroy out of ancient enmity: 16 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will stretch out my hand against the

**25** And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, Philistines, and I will cut off the Kerethim, and destroy 2 Son of man, set thy face against the sons of the remnant of the [dwellers] of the sea-coast. 17

> 26 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, on the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 2 Son of man, because Tyre hath said concerning Jerusalem, Aha, she is broken that was the gates of the people; she is turned unto me; I shall be made full, now she is laid in ruins: 3 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I am against thee, O Tyre, and will bring up against thee many nations, as the sea causeth its waves to come up. 4 And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre, and pull down her towers: I will also flood away her earth from her, and I will change her into a naked rock. 5 A place for the spreading out of nets shall she be in the midst of the sea; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Eternal: and she shall become a spoil to the nations. 6 And her daughters that are in the field shall be slain with the sword: and they shall know that I am the Lord. 7 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Behold, I will bring against Tyre Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon, from the north, the king of kings, with horses, and with chariot's, and with horsemen, and an assemblage, and a numerous people. 8 Thy daughters in the field will he slay with the sword: and he shall place around thee works of attack, and cast up against thee a mound, and erect against thee a target-fence. 9 And his catapults shall he set against thy walls, and thy towers shall he break down with his axes. 10 By reason of the abundance of his horses shall the dust they raise cover thee: by reason of the noise of horsemen, and wheels, and chariots, shall thy walls guake, when he entereth into thy gates, as men enter into a city that is broken in. 11 With the hoofs of his horses shall he tread down all thy streets: thy people will he slay with the sword, and the statues of thy strength shall come down to the ground. 12 And they shall plunder thy riches, and make a spoil of thy merchandise; and they shall break down thy walls, and thy pleasure-houses shall they pull down: and thy stones and thy timber and thy earth shall they throw into the midst of the water. 13 And I will cause the sound of thy songs to cease: and the tones of thy harps shall not be heard any more. 14 And I will change thee into a naked rock; a place to spread out nets upon shalt thou be; thou shalt not be rebuilt any more; for I the Lord have spoken it,

saith the Lord Eternal. 15 Thus hath said the Lord thee to carry on thy commerce. 10 They of Persia and Eternal to Tyre, Truly at the noise of thy fall, when the of Lud and of Put were in thy army, thy men of war: deadly wounded whine, when the slaughter taketh the shield and the helmet did they hang up in thee; place in the midst of thee, shall the islands quake, these gave thee thy elegance, 11 The men of Arvad 16 Then shall all the princes of the sea come down with thy army were upon thy walls round about, and from their thrones, and lay aside their robes, and their the Gammadim were in thy towers: their quivers they broidered garments shall they put off: with trembling hung upon thy walls round about; these made perfect shall they clothe themselves; upon the ground shall thy beauty. 12 Tharshish was thy merchant through they sit, and shall tremble at every moment, and be the abundance of all kind of wealth; with silver, iron, astonished concerning thee. 17 And they shall lift up tin, and lead, they supplied thy markets. 13 Javan, over thee a lamentation, and say to thee, How art Thubal, and Meshech; these were thy merchants: thou lost, that wast inhabited [safely] by reason of the with the persons of men and vessels of copper they seas: O renowned city, which was strong on the sea, carried on thy commerce, 14 They of the family of she and her inhabitants, who caused their terror to be Thogarmah furnished thy supplies in horses and on all that dwelt around her! 18 Now shall the isles horsemen and mules. 15 The men of Dedan were tremble on the day of thy fall; yea, the isles that are in thy merchants; many isles fetched the merchandise the sea shall be troubled at thy end. 19 For thus hath from thy place: chamois horns, ivory, and ebony did said the Lord Eternal. When I render thee a ruined they bring as presents for thee. 16 Syria was thy city, like the cities that are not inhabited; when I bring trader by reason of the multitude of thy productions; up over thee the deep, and when the great waters with emeralds, purple, and broidered work, and fine cover thee: 20 Then will I bring thee down with those linen, and coral, and rubies they made deposits in that descend into the pit, unto the people of olden thy treasuries. 17 Judah, and the land of Israel, time, and I will cause thee to dwell in the land of the these were thy merchants; in wheat of Minnith, and nether world, among ruins of ancient days, with those balsam, and honey, and oil, and balm they carried on that go down to the pit, in order that thou mayest not thy commerce, 18 Damascus was thy trader in the be inhabited; but I will bestow glory in the land of multitude of thy productions, for the multitude of all life. 21 As though thou hadst not been will I render wealth, with the wine of Chelbon, and white wool. 19 thee, and thou shalt be no more; and thou shalt be Dan also and Javan brought silken goods into thy sought for, but thou shalt never be found any more to warehouses: hardened iron, cassia, and calamus eternity, saith the Lord Eternal.

**27** And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 But thou, O son of man, take up a lamentation for Tyre: 3 And say unto Tyre. O thou that art situated at the entrances of the sea, the merchant of the people unto many isles, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, O Tyre, thou hast indeed said. I am perfect in beauty. 4 In the heart of the seas were thy boundaries. thy builders had perfected thy beauty. 5 Of the firtrees from Senir had they built thee all thy woodwork: cedars from Lebanon had they taken to make masts for thee. 6 Of the oaks of Bashan had they made thy oars; thy rudder had they made inlaid with ivory of boxwood, brought out of the isles of the Kittim, 7 Fine linen with broidered work from Egypt was thy flag to be unto thee a sign: of blue and purple from the isles of Ellishah was thy cover. 8 The inhabitants of Zidon and Arvad were thy oarsmen: thy wise men, O Tyre that were in thee, these were thy pilots. 9 The elders of Gebal and her wise men were in thee thy caulkers: all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in

came among thy commerce. 20 Dedan was thy merchant in precious clothes for riding on. 21 Arabia, and all the princes of Kedar, these were the traders of thy place in lambs, and wethers, and he-goats; in these were they thy traders. 22 The merchants of Sheba and Ra'mah. —these were thy merchants: in the best of all spices, and with all precious stones. and gold, they furnished thy supplies. 23 Charan, and Canneh, and 'Eden, the merchants of Sheba, Asshur, [and] Kilmad, were thy merchants. 24 These were thy merchants in ornamental wares, in cloaks of blue, and broidered work, and in chests of damask cloth, bound with cords, and packed in cedar, in thy market-place. 25 The ships of Tharshish were thy caravans in thy commerce: and thou wast made full, and becamest very rich in the heart of the seas. 26 Into great waters brought thee those that were thy rowers: the east wind hath broken thee in the heart of the seas. 27 Thy wealth, and thy warehouses, thy commerce, thy mariners, and thy pilots, thy caulkers, and the conductors of thy commerce, and all thy men of war that were in thee, and in all thy assemblage which

was in the midst of thee, fell into the heart of the seas of the uncircumcised shalt thou die by the hand of any more for ever.

28 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, say unto the prince of Tyre, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Whereas thy heart was lifted up, and thou saidst, A god am I, on the seat of the gods do I dwell, in the heart of the seas; yet thou art but a man, and not God, while thou esteemest thy mind equal to the mind of God; 3 Behold, thou wast wiser than Daniel: no secret was obscure to thee: 4 With thy wisdom and with thy understanding hadst thou gotten thee riches, and hadst gotten gold and silver into thy treasuries; 5 By the abundance of thy wisdom in thy traffic hadst thou increased thy riches; and thy heart was lifted up because of thy riches: 6 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because thou hast esteemed thy mind equal to the mind of God, 7 Therefore, behold, will I bring over thee strangers, the fiercest • of nations; and they shall draw their swords against the beauty of thy wisdom, and they shall profane thy elegance. 8 Down to the grave will they cast thee, and thou shalt die the deaths of the slain in the heart of the seas. 9 Wilt thou then say, I am God, before him that slayeth thee? when thou art but a man, and no God, in the hand of him that fatally wounded thee. 10 The deaths

on the day of thy downfall. 28 At the sound of the strangers; for I have spoken it, saith the Lord Eternal. painful cry of thy pilots guake [thy] rural districts. 29 11 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 12 And all that handle the oar, the mariners, and all the Son of man, take up a lamentation concerning the pilots of the sea, come down from their ships, they king of Tyre, and say unto him. Thus hath said the stand upon the land; 30 And cause their voice to be Lord Eternal, Thou wast complete in outline, full of heard concerning thee, and cry bitterly, and cast up wisdom, and perfect in beauty. 13 In 'Eden the garden dust upon their heads, they wallow in the ashes; 31 of God didst thou abide; every precious stone was thy And they make themselves utterly bald for thee, and covering, the sardius, the topaz, and the diamond, gird themselves with sackcloth, and they weep for the chrysolite, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, thee with bitterness of heart in a bitter complaint. 32 the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold; thy tabrets And they take in their wailing a lamentation for thee, and thy flutes of artificial workmanship were prepared and lament over thee, saying, Who is like Tyre, who is in thee on the day thou wast created. 14 Thou wast a so utterly destroyed in the midst of the sea? 33 When cherub with outspread covering [wings]; and I had set thy supplies went forth out of the seas, thou didst thee upon the holy mountain of God [as] thou wast: satisfy many people: with the multitude of thy wealth in the midst of the stones of fire didst thou wander. and of thy commerce thou didst enrich the kings of 15 Perfect wast thou in thy ways from the day that the earth. 34 [Now] at the time thou art broken by the thou wast created, till wickedness was found in thee. seas in the depths of the waters, thy commerce and 16 By the abundance of thy commerce thou wast all thy assemblage fell in the midst of thee. 35 All the filled to thy centre with violence, and thou didst sin: inhabitants of the isles are astonished at thee, and therefore I degraded thee out of the mountain of God; the hair of their kings stand at an end, grieved are and I destroyed thee, O covering cherub, from the their countenances, 36 The traders among the people midst of the stones of fire, 17 Thy heart was lifted up shall hiss concerning thee: thou wast rendered as through thy beauty, thou didst corrupt thy wisdom by though thou hadst not been, and thou shalt not be reason of thy elegance: [therefore] I cast thee down to the ground, before kings did I set thee that they might gaze on thee. 18 Through the abundance of thy iniquities, through the wickedness of thy commerce didst thou profane thy sanctuaries: therefore brought I forth fire from the midst of thee, this devoured thee, and I changed thee to ashes upon the earth before the eyes of all those that saw thee. 19 All that know thee among the people are astonished concerning thee: thou art as though thou hadst not been, and thou shalt not be any more for ever. 20 And the word of the Lord came to me, saying, 21 Son of man, set thy face against Zidon, and prophesy against it, 22 And thou shalt say. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Behold, I am against thee, O Zidon, and I will be honored in the midst of thee: and they shall know that I am the Lord, when I execute judgments on her, and will be sanctified on her. 23 And I will send out against her pestilence, and blood-[shedding] into her streets; and the deadly wounded shall be felled in the midst of her by the sword [that is] against her from every side: and they shall know that I am the Lord. 24 And there shall be no more unto the house of Israel a pricking brier, nor painful thorn from all that are round about them, that despoil them; and they shall know that I am the Lord Eternal. 25 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, When I gather the house of Israel

from the people among whom they are scattered, and 13 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal. [only] at the the Lord their God.

**2Q** In the tenth year, in the tenth month, on the twelfth day of the month, came the word of the Lord unto me, saving, 2 Son of man, set thy face against Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and prophesy against him, and against all Egypt. 3 Speak and say. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will be against thee, O Pharaoh king of Egypt, the great crocodile that lieth in the midst of his streams, who hath said, Mine is my stream, and I have made it for myself. 4 But I will put hooks in thy jaws, and I will fasten the fish of thy streams on thy scales; and I will bring thee up out of the midst of thy streams, with all the fish of thy streams which shall stick fast on thy scales. 5 And I will cast thee out into the wilderness. thee with all the fish of thy streams; upon the open field shalt thou fall; thou shalt not be brought in, nor gathered up: to the beasts of the field and to the fowls of the heaven have I given thee for food. 6 And all the inhabitants of Egypt shall know that I am the Lord: because they have been a reed-staff to the house of Israel. 7 When they took hold of thee with the hand, thou wast cracked, and didst rend for them all the shoulder: and when they leaned upon thee, thou wast broken, and madest all their loins to be at a stand. 8 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will bring a sword upon thee, and I will cut off out of changed into a waste and ruin, and they shall know that I am the Lord; because he hath said, The stream is mine, and I have made it. 10 Therefore, behold, I

shall be sanctified on them before the eyes of the end of forty years will I gather the Egyptians from the nations; then shall they dwell in their land that I have people whither they shall have been scattered: 14 given to my servant Jacob. 26 And they shall dwell. And I will bring back the captivity of Egypt, and will thereupon in safety, and they shall build houses, and cause them to return into the land of Pathros, into the plant vineyards; yea, they shall dwell in safety; when I land of their own origin: and they shall be there an execute judgments on all those that despoiled them unimportant kingdom. 15 Among the kingdoms it shall from round about them; and they shall know that I am be the lowest; neither shall it raise itself any more above the nations: and I will diminish them, that they shall no more rule over the nations. 16 And it shall be no more unto the house of Israel for a dependence, bringing [their] iniquity to remembrance, when they turned after them: and they shall know that I am the Lord Eternal. 17 And it came to pass in the seven and twentieth year, in the first month, on the first of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 18 Son of man, Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon hath caused his army to perform a great service against Tyre; every head hath been made bald, and every shoulder hath been rubbed sore: yet no reward hath come to him or to his army from Tyre, for the service that he hath performed against it. 19 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will give unto Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon the land of Egypt; and he shall carry away its multitude. and take its spoil, and plunder its prey; and this shall be the reward for his army. 20 As his recompense for that which he hath served against it, have I given him the land of Egypt, for that which they had done against me, saith the Lord Eternal, 21 On that day will I cause to grow a horn for the house of Israel, and unto thee will I open the mouth in the midst of them: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

30 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy and say, Thus hath said thee man and beast. 9 And the land of Egypt shall be the Lord Eternal, Wail ye, Woe unto the day! 3 For nigh is the day, yea nigh is the day of the Lord: a cloudy day; the time of the nations' [misfortune] shall it be. 4 And the sword shall come into Egypt, and will be against thee, and against thy streams, and I there shall be trembling in Ethiopia, when the slain fall will render the land of Egypt a mass of ruins, a waste, in Egypt, and when they take away its multitude, and and a wilderness, from Migdol to Seveneh even up to its foundations shall be broken down. 5 Ethiopia, and the border of Ethiopia. 11 There shall not pass through Put, and Lud, and all the confederates, and Cub, and it the foot of man, and the foot of beast shall not pass all the men of the leagued land, shall fall with them through it, and it shall not be inhabited forty years. 12 by the sword. 6 Thus hath said the Lord, Yea, there And I will render the land of Egypt a desolate land shall fall those that uphold Egypt; and there shall in the midst of desolated countries, and her cities come down the pride of her strength: from Migdol to among the cities that are ruined shall be desolate Seveneh shall they fall in her by the sword, saith the forty years: and I will scatter the Egyptians among the Lord Eternal. 7 And they shall be made desolate in nations, and will disperse them through the countries. the midst of the desolate countries, and its cities shall

laid in ruins. 8 And they shall know that I am the Lord, strong the arms of the king of Babylon, but the arms when I set fire to Egypt, and when all her helpers of Pharaoh shall fall down; and they shall know that I shall be broken. 9 On that day shall messengers go am the Lord, when I place my sword into the hand of forth from my presence in ships to terrify the secure the king of Babylon, that he may stretch it out over Ethiopians, and there shall be trembling among them, the land of Egypt. 26 And I will scatter the Egyptians as on the day of Egypt; for, lo, it cometh. 10 Thus hath among the nations, and disperse them among the said the Lord Eternal, I will also cause the multitude of countries; and they shall know that I am the Lord. Egypt to cease through the hand of Nebuchadrezzar the king of Babylon. 11 He and his people with him, the fiercest of nations, shall be brought to destroy the land; and they shall draw their swords against Egypt, and they shall fill the land with the slain. 12 And I will render the streams dry, and sell the land into the hand of evil men; and I will make the land desolate. and all that filleth it, by the hand of strangers: I the Lord have spoken it. 13 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, I will also destroy the idols, and I will cause false gods to cease out of Noph; and a prince out of the land of Egypt shall there not be any more: and I will lay fear on the land of Egypt. 14 And I will make Pathros desolate, and set fire to Zo'an; and I will execute judgments in No. 15 And I will pour my fury over Sin, the stronghold of Egypt; and I will cut off the multitude of No. 16 And I will set fire to Eavpt: Sin shall have great pain, and No shall be broken in, and [over] Noph shall the besiegers [prevail] by broad day. 17 The young men of Aven and of Pi-besseth shall fall by the sword; and they themselves shall go into captivity. 18 And at Thechaphneches the day shall be darkened, when I break there the voke-bars of Egypt, and the pride of her strength ceaseth therein: as for her, a cloud shall cover her, and her daughters shall go into captivity. 19 Thus will I execute judgments on Egypt: and they shall know that I am the Lord. 20 And it came to pass in the eleventh year, in the first month, on the seventh day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 21 Son of man, the arm of Pharaoh the king of Egypt have I broken; and lo. it shall not be bound up to apply remedies, to put on a bandage to bind it up, to make it strong that it may grasp the sword. 22 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will be against Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and will break his arms, both the strong, and that which was already broken; and I will cause the sword to fall out of his hand. 23 And I will scatter the Egyptians among the nations, and I will disperse them through the countries. 24 And I will strengthen the arms of the king of Babylon, and will put my sword in his hand; but I will break the arms of Pharaoh, and he shall groan, with the groanings of a

be counted in the midst of the cities that have been deadly wounded man before him. 25 Yea I will make

31 And it came to pass in the eleventh year. in the third month, on the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me. saving. 2 Son of man, say unto Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and to his multitude. Unto whom art thou like in thy arrogance? 3 Behold, Asshur was a cedar in Lebanon beautiful in its boughs, and a shadowing thicket, and high in stature; and among the thick-boughed trees was its highest branch. 4 The waters made it great. the deep made it high, with its rivers it was flowing round the place where it was planted, and its ditches it sent forth unto all the trees of the field. 5 Therefore became its stature higher than all the trees of the field, and its boughs were multiplied, and its branches became long because of the multitude of waters. when it stretched itself forth. 6 In its boughs made all the fowls of heaven their nest, and under its branches did all the beasts of the field bring forth their young, and under its shade dwelt all great nations. 7 And it was beautiful in its greatness, in the length of its light branches; for its root was by many waters. 8 The cedars could not obscure it in the garden of God; the firs were not like its boughs, and the chestnut-trees were not like its branches: not any tree in the garden of God was like unto it in its beauty. 9 Beautiful had I made it by the multitude of its light branches: so that all the trees of 'Eden that were in the garden of God, envied it. 10 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because thou wast so high in stature, and it had placed its highest branch between the thickboughed trees, and its heart was lifted up through its height: 11 Therefore do I give it up into the hand of the mighty one of the nations; he shall surely deal with it at his pleasure; for its wickedness do I drive it out. 12 And strangers, the fiercest of nations, cut it down, and cast it to the ground: on the mountains and in all the valleys fall its light branches, and its boughs are [lying] broken in all the ravines of the land; and all the people of the earth are gone away from its shade, and have cast it to the ground. 13 Upon its fallen fragments dwell all the fowls of the heaven. and on its branches are all the beasts of the field:

14 In order that none of all the trees by the waters sun will I cover up with a cloud, and the moon shall shall exalt themselves for their height, nor place their not let shine her light. 8 All the light-dispensing lights highest branch among the thick-boughed trees, and of the heavens—these will I make obscure because that all those that are nourished by water shall not of thee, and I will lay darkness upon thy land, saith place themselves erect, because of their height; for the Lord Eternal, 9 And I will aggrieve the heart of they are all given up unto death, to the land of the many people, when I bring those who are broken off nether world, in the midst of the children of men, with from thee among the nations, into countries which those that go down to the pit. 15 Thus hath said the thou hast not known. 10 Yea, I will make many people Lord Eternal, On the day when it went down to the amazed at thee, and on their kings the hair shall grave I caused a mourning; I covered the deep for its stand on end because of thee, when I brandish my sake, and I restrained its rivers, and the great waters sword before their faces: and they shall tremble at were withheld; and I caused Lebanon to be clothed in every moment, every man for his own life, on the day black attire for its sake, and all the trees of the field of thy downfall, 11 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal, were famished because of it. (Sheol h7585) 16 Through The sword of the king of Babylon shall come over the noise of its downfall I caused nations to guake, thee, 12 By the swords of the mighty will I cause thy when I cast it down into the tomb with the [others] multitude to fall, the fiercest of nations are all of them: that descend into the pit: and in the land of the nether and they shall destroy the pride of Egypt, and all her world comforted themselves all the trees of 'Eden, the multitude shall be annihilated, 13 And I will cause to choice and best of Lebanon, all that were nourished vanish all her beasts from beside the great waters: by water. (Sheol h7585) 17 They also went down with and the foot of man shall not make them turbid any it into the tomb unto those that were slain with the more, nor shall the hoofs of beasts make them turbid. sword, and its helpers that had dwelt under its shade 14 Then will I make clear their waters, and cause in the midst of the nations, (Sheol h7585) 18 To whom their rivers to flow like oil, saith the Lord Eternal: art thou then like in glory and in greatness among the 15 When I render the land of Egypt desolate and trees of 'Eden? And thou too shalt be brought down wasted, the country bereft of what now filleth it, when with the trees of 'Eden unto the land of the nether. I smite all those that dwell therein: and they shall world: in the midst of the uncircumcised shalt thou lie know that I am the Lord. 16 This is the lamentation with those slain by the sword; yes, he, Pharaoh, and wherewith they shall lament for her; the daughters of all his multitude, saith the Lord Eternal.

32 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the twelfth month, on the first day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 2 Son of man, take up a lamentation for Pharaoh the king of Egypt, and say unto him. Thou didst deem thyself like a young lion among the nations: while thou art as a crocodile in the seas; and thou issuedst forth with thy rivers, and madest turbid the waters with thy feet, and didst stir up their rivers. 3 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, I will therefore spread out my net over thee through the assemblage of many people, and they shall draw thee up in my net. 4 Then will I cast thee upon the land, upon the open field will I hurl thee, and will cause all the fowls of the heaven to dwell upon thee, and I will satisfy off thee the beasts of all the earth. 5 And I will lay thy flesh upon the mountains, and fill the valleys with thy carcass. 6 I will also saturate the land wherein thou swimmest with thy blood, even to the mountains; and the ravines shall be full of thee. 7 And I will cover up the heavens, when thou art quenched, and make their stars obscure: the

the nations shall lament for her: for Egypt, and for all her multitude, shall they lament with it, saith the Lord Eternal. 17 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, on the fifteenth day of the month, that the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 18 Son of man, moan for the multitude of Egypt, and say that it shall go down, yea, she, and the daughters of powerful nations, unto the land of the nether world, with those that go down to the pit. 19 Whom dost thou surpass in loveliness? go down [then], and be thou laid with the [other] uncircumcised. 20 In the midst of those that are slain by the sword shall they fall: to the sword is she given up; drag her away and all her multitudes. 21 Then will speak of him the strongest among the mighty out of the midst of the nether world with those that once helped him. They are gone down, there lie the uncircumcised, -slain by the sword. (Sheol h7585) 22 There is Asshur and all his assemblage; round about him are his graves; all of them the slain that are fallen by the sword: 23 Whose graves are placed in the lowest depth of the pit, and his assemblage is round about his grave; all of them are slain, fallen by the sword, who once spread terror in the land of the

living. 24 There is 'Elam and all her multitude round of the cornet, and taketh no warning; and the sword multitude, saith the Lord Eternal.

33 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, speak to the children of thy people, and say unto them. If there be a land over which I bring the sword, and the people of the land take a man from among themselves, and appoint him unto themselves for a watchman; 3 And if he see the sword coming over the land, and blow the cornet, and warn the people; 4 And whosoever heareth the sound

about her grave, all of them the slain, that are fallen cometh, and taketh him away: his blood shall be upon by the sword, who are gone down uncircumcised into his own head. 5 The sound of the cornet hath he the land of the nether world, who once spread their heard, and he hath taken no warning; his blood shall terror in the land of the living; and they have borne be upon him. But had he taken warning he would their confusion with those that go down to the pit. 25 have delivered his soul. 6 But if the watchman see In the midst of the slain have they set a couch for the sword coming, and blow not the cornet, so that her with all her multitude; all round about are her the people be not warned, and the sword cometh, graves; all of them are uncircumcised, slain by the and taketh away from among them some person: this sword; because their terror was once spread in the one is taken away for his iniquity; but his blood will I land of the living; and they have borne their confusion require from the watchman's hand. 7 But as for thee, with those that go down to the pit: in the midst of the O son of man, I have appointed thee a watchman slain was she placed. 26 There is Meshech, Thubal, unto the house of Israel: so that when thou hearest and all her multitude: all round about her are her a word from my mouth, thou shalt warn them from graves: all of them are the uncircumcised, slain by me. 8 When I say unto the wicked, O wicked one, the sword; because they once spread their terror in thou shalt surely die; and thou dost not speak to warn the land of the living. 27 And those who are fallen the wicked from his way: that wicked one shall die of the uncircumcised shall not lie with the mighty. for his iniquity; but his blood will I require from thy who are gone down to the nether world with their hand. 9 Nevertheless, if thou hast indeed warned the weapons of war, while men laid their swords under wicked of his way to turn away from it, and he do their heads, and the [instruments of] their iniquities not turn from his way: he shall certainly die for his were upon their bones; for the terror of the mighty iniquity; but thou hast delivered thy soul. 10 But thou, was in the land of the living. (Sheol h7585) 28 But thou O son of man, speak unto the house of Israel, Thus shalt be broken in the midst of the uncircumcised, do ye speak, saying, Truly our transgressions and and shalt lie with those that are slain by the sword. 29 our sins are upon us, and through them do we pine There are Edom, her kings, and all her princes, who away: how then shall we live? 11 Say unto them, As I are laid despite their prowess by those that are slain live, saith the Lord Eternal, I have no pleasure in the by the sword: they shall lie with the uncircumcised, death of the wicked; but in the return of the wicked and with those that go down to the pit. 30 There from his way that he may live: return ye, return ye are the chieftains of the north, all of them, and all from your evil ways; for why will ye die, O house of the Zidonians, who are gone down with the slain: Israel? 12 But thou, son of man, say unto the children despite the terror they excited through their prowess of thy people, The righteousness of the righteous are they made ashamed; and they lie uncircumcised shall not deliver him on the day of his transgression; with those that are slain by the sword, and bear their and as for the wickedness of the wicked, he shall confusion with those that go down to the pit. 31 These not stumble through it on the day that he returneth shall Pharaoh see, and he shall be comforted over all from his wickedness; nor shall the righteous be able his multitude: slain by the sword are Pharaoh and to live through the other on the day that he sinneth. all his army, saith the Lord Eternal. 32 For I spread 13 When I say of the righteous, that he shall surely my terror in the land of the living; and he shall be live, and he trusteth to his own righteousness, and laid in the midst of the uncircumcised with those that committeth what is wrong: all his righteous deeds are slain by the sword, —yea, Pharaoh and all his shall not be remembered, and for his wrong that he hath committed, —through this shall he die. 14 Again, when I say unto the wicked, Thou shalt surely die; and he turneth from his sin, and executeth justice and righteousness; 15 If the wicked restore the pledge, make restitution for what he hath robbed, walk in the statutes of life, so as not to do any wrong: he shall surely live, he shall not die. 16 All his sins that he hath committed shall not be remembered unto him: justice and righteousness hath he executed, he shall surely live. 17 Yet say the children of thy people, The way of

is not equitable. 18 When the righteous turneth away pleasant voice, and can play well: and [thus] they from his righteousness, and doth what is wrong, he hear thy words, but execute them not, 33 But when shall even die therefore. 19 And when the wicked it cometh to pass. [lo. it will come. ] then shall they returneth from his wickedness, and executeth justice know that a prophet hath been among them. and righteousness, he shall surely live therefore. 20 Yet ye say, The way of the Lord is not equitable. Every one after his own ways will I judge you. O house of Israel, 21 And it came to pass in the twelfth year, in the tenth month, on the fifth day of the month after our exile, that there came unto me one that had escaped out of Jerusalem, saving. The city hath been smitten. 22 Now the inspiration of the Lord was come upon me in the evening, before the coming of the one who had escaped; and he had opened my mouth, before he was come to me in the morning; and my mouth was opened and I was not kept dumb any more. 23 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 24 Son of man, they that dwell in these ruins in the land of Israel say as followeth. But one man was Abraham, and he obtained the land as an inheritance; and as we are many, the land must [surely] be given to us for an inheritance. 25 Therefore say unto them. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. By the blood do ve eat, and your eyes do you lift up toward your idols, and blood do ye shed; and ye expect to possess the land? 26 Ye depend upon your sword, ye commit abomination, and ve defile every one his neighbor's wife: and ve expect to possess the land? 27 Thus shalt thou say unto them. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, As I live. surely those that are in the ruined places shall fall by the sword, and him that is in the open field will I give to the beasts that they may devour him, and those that are in the strongholds and in the caves shall die through the pestilence. 28 And I will render the land desolate and wasted, and the pride of her strength shall cease; and the mountains of Israel shall be desolate, with none to pass through them. 29 And they shall experience that I am the Lord, when I render the land desolate and wasted, because of all their abominations which they have committed. 30 And thou, son of man, [there are] the children of thy people, who are talking about thee by the walls and in the entrances of the houses, and speak one to another, every one to his brother, saving. Do come. and hear what the word is which cometh forth from the Lord. 31 And then they come unto thee as the people come, and they sit before thee [as] my people. and they hear thy words, but do not execute them; for as merry songs they carry them in their mouth, while their heart goeth after their unlawful gains. 32 And, lo,

the Lord is not equitable; while, as to them, their way, thou art unto them as a merry song of one that hath a

34 And the word of the Lord came unto me. saying, 2 Son of man, prophesy concerning the shepherds of Israel: prophesy, and say unto them, unto the shepherds. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Woe to the shepherds of Israel who do feed themselves! should not the shepherds feed the flocks? 3 The fat ye eat, and with the wool ye clothe yourselves, those that are well fed ye slaughter; but the flock ve feed not. 4 The diseased have ve not strengthened, and the sick have ve not healed, and that which had a limb broken have ve not bound up. and the strayed have ye not brought back again, and what was lost have ve not sought for; but with force have ye ruled them and with rigor. 5 And they were scattered for want of a shepherd; and they became food unto all the beasts of the field, and they were scattered. 6 My sheep have to wander about on all the mountains, and upon every high hill: yea, over all the face of the land are my flock scattered, and there is none that inquireth and none that seeketh [after them]. 7 Therefore, ve shepherds. hear the word of the Lord. 8 As I live, saith the Lord Eternal, surely because my flock became a prey, and my flock became food unto every beast of the field. because there was no shepherd, and my shepherds did not inquire for my flock, but the shepherds fed themselves, and my flock they fed not: 9 Therefore, O ve shepherds, hear the word of the Lord, 10 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will be against the shepherds, and I will require my flock from their hand, and I will stop them from feeding the flock; neither shall the shepherds feed themselves any more: and I will deliver my flock out of their mouth. that they may not serve them for food. 11 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I am here, and I will both inquire for my flocks, and search for them. 12 As a shepherd searcheth for his flock on the day that he is among his flocks that are scattered: so will I search for my flocks: and I will deliver them out of all places whither they have been scattered on the day of clouds and [tempestuous] darkness. 13 And I will bring them out from the people, and gather them from the countries, and I will bring them to their own land: and I will feed them upon the mountains of Israel. in the ravines, and in all the inhabited places of the

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**35** And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, set thy face against the mountain of Se'ir, and prophecy against it. 3 And say unto it. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will be against thee, O mountain of Se'ir, and I will stretch out my hand over thee, and I will render thee desolate and wasted. 4 Thy cities will I lay in ruins, and thou thyself shalt be desolate, and thou shalt know that I am the Lord. 5 Because thou hast had an undving hatred, and didst surrender the children of Israel to the power of the sword, at the time of their calamity, at the time of the iniquity of the end: 6 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord Eternal, I will surely let thy blood flow, and blood shall pursue thee; since thou didst not hate blood-shedding, so shall blood pursue thee. 7 Thus will I change the mountain of Se'ir into a desolate land and a waste, and I will cut off from it him that travelleth forward and backward. 8 And I will fill his mountains with his slain: as regardeth thy hills, and thy valleys, and all thy ravines, in them shall fall those that are slain by the sword. 9 Into perpetual desolations will I change thee, and thy cities shall not be restored; and ve shall know that I am the Lord. 10 Because thou hast said. These two nations and these two countries shall indeed be mine, and we will take possession thereof; whereas the Lord was there: 11 Therefore, as I live, saith the Lord God, I will even do according to thy anger, and according to thy envy which thou didst use out of thy hatred against them; and I will make myself known among them, when I judge thee. 12 And thou shalt know that I am the Lord: I have heard all thy blasphemies which thou hast spoken against the mountains of Israel, saying, They are laid desolate, they are given unto us to consume them. 13 And ye boasted greatly against me with your mouth, and have multiplied against me your words: I have indeed heard them. 14 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, 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 made desolate: so will I do unto thee; desolate shalt thou be, O mountain of Se'ir, and all Idumea—altogether: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

**36** But thou, son of man, prophesy unto the Therefore shalt thou not devour up men anv more. said the Lord Eternal. Because the enemy hath said against thee any more the reproach of the nations. sought to swallow you up on every side, that ye might house of Israel, when they dwelt in their own land, become a possession unto the residue of the nations, defiled it through their way and through their doings: and ye are taken up as a talk for tongues, and an evil like the uncleanness of a woman in her separation Israel, hear ye the word of the Lord Eternal, Thus hath fury over them because of the blood that they had hills, to the rayines, and to the valleys, to the desolate they had polluted it: 19 And I scattered them among have I spoken against the residue of the nations, profaned my holy name; because they said of them, of all their heart, with derision in their soul, in order name, which the house of Israel had profaned among 7 Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, I have profaned among the nations, which ye have profaned But ve. O mountains of Israel, ve shall send forth your sanctified through you before your eyes, 24 And I will behold, I will be for you, and I will turn unto you, and your own land. 25 And I will sprinkle upon you clean ye shall be tilled and ye shall be sown; 10 And I water, and ye shall be clean: from all your impurities, will multiply upon you men, all the house of Israel— and from all your idols, will I cleanse you. 26 And I and be fruitful; and I will cause you to be inhabited my spirit I will put within you, and I will cause that you hast been one that hath ever cast out thy nations: 14 field: in order that ye may receive no more reproach

mountains of Israel, and say, O mountains of and thy nations shalt thou not cast out any more, Israel, hear ve the word of the Lord. 2 Thus hath saith the Lord Eternal. 15 And I will not let be heard regarding you. Aha, even the ancient high-places are and the disgrace of the people shalt thou not bear become ours as a possession: 3 Therefore prophesy any more, and thy nations shalt thou not cast out and say, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Because, any more, saith the Lord Eternal. 16 And the word of even because men have made you desolate, and the Lord came unto me, saving, 17 Son of man, the report of the people: 4 Therefore, O mountains of was their way before me. 18 And I poured out my said the Lord Eternal to the mountains, and to the shed in the land, and because through their idols ruins, and to the cities that are forsaken, which are the nations, and they were dispersed through the become a prey and derision to the residue of the countries: according to their way and according to nations that are round about: 5 Therefore thus hath their doings did I judge them. 20 And when they were said the Lord Eternal, Surely in the fire of my jealousy come unto the nations, whither they were gone, they and against all Idumea, that have appropriated my. These are the people of the Lord, and out of his land land unto themselves as a possession with the joy are they gone forth. 21 But I had pity for my holy to drive it out that it may be for a prey. 6 Therefore the nations, whither they were gone. 22 Therefore prophesy concerning the land of Israel, and say unto say unto the house of Israel, Thus hath said the the mountains, and to the hills, to the ravines, and to Lord Eternal, Not for your sake do I this. O house the valleys, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, of Israel, but for the sake of my holy name, which In my zealousness and in my fury have I spoken, we have profaned among the nations, whither we are because ye have borne the reproach of the nations: gone. 23 And I will sanctify my great name, which was indeed lifted up my hand, that the nations who are in the midst of them; and the nations shall know that I round about you— these shall bear their shame. 8 am the Lord, saith the Lord Eternal, when I will be boughs, and your fruit shall ye bear for my people take you from among the nations, and I will gather Israel, for they are near at hand to come. 9 For, you out of all the countries, and I will bring you unto altogether; and the cities shall be inhabited again, will give you a new heart, and a new spirit will I put and the ruins shall be rebuilt; 11 And I will multiply within you; and I will remove the heart of stone out of upon you men and beast, and they shall increase your body, and I will give you a heart of flesh. 27 And after your old estates, and will do more good unto shall walk in my statutes, and that my ordinances ye you than at your beginnings: and ye shall know that I shall keep, and do them. 28 And ye shall dwell in the am the Lord. 12 Yea, I will cause to walk upon you land which I gave to your fathers; and ye shall be men, even my people Israel, and they shall possess unto me for a people, and I truly will be unto you as a thee, and thou shalt be unto them as an inheritance, God. 29 And I will save you from all kinds of your and thou shalt not any more henceforth cast them impurities; and I will call unto the corn, and increase out. 13 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Because it, and I will not lay famine upon you. 30 And I will they say unto you. Thou land devourest up men, and multiply the fruit of the trees, and the products of the

on account of famine among the nations. 31 Then unto me, Prophesy unto the spirit; prophesy, son of shall ye remember your ways that they were evil, man, and say to the spirit, Thus hath said the Lord and your doings that were not good; and ye shall Eternal, From the four winds come, O spirit, and loathe yourselves on account of your iniquities and on breathe into these slain ones, that they may live. 10 account of your abominations, 32 Not for your sake And I prophesied as he had commanded me, and do I this, saith the Lord Eternal, be it known unto there came into them the spirit, and they lived, and you: be ashamed and confounded because of your stood up upon their feet, an exceedingly great army. ways, O house of Israel. 33 Thus hath said the Lord 11 Then said he unto me, Son of man, these bones Eternal, On the day of my cleansing you from all your are the whole house of Israel: behold, they say, Dried iniquities, when I cause the cities to be inhabited, are our bones, and lost is our hope; we are quite cut and when the ruins are built up, 34 And when the off. 12 Therefore prophesy and say unto them, Thus desolate land is tilled, instead that it was a waste hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will open your before the eyes of every passer by: 35 Then shall graves, and I will cause you to come up out of your they say, This land, that was desolate, is become like graves, O my people, and I will bring you into the land the garden of 'Eden; and the cities that were ruined, of Israel. 13 And ye shall know that I am the Lord, and desolate, and broken down, are become fortified, when I open your graves, and when I cause you to and inhabited. 36 And the nations that are left round come up out of your graves, O my people. 14 And I about you shall know that I the Lord have built up will put my spirit in you, and ve shall live, and I will the broken-down [places], have planted the desolate place you in your own land: and ye shall acknowledge [land]: I the Lord have spoken this, and have done it. that I the Lord have spoken it, and done it, saith the 37 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Also in this will I Lord. 15 And the word of the Lord came unto me, yet suffer myself to be entreated of by the house of saying, 16 But thou, son of man, take unto thyself Israel, to do it for them, I will increase them with men one stick of wood, and write upon it, "For Judah, and like flocks [in multitude]. 38 As the flocks of the holy for the children of Israel his companions;" then take things, as the flocks of Jerusalem on her appointed another stick, and write upon it, "For Joseph, —the feasts, so shall the ruined cities be full of flocks of stick of Ephraim, and for all the house of Israel his men: and they shall know that I am the Lord.

**37** There came over me the inspiration of the Lord, and he carried me out in the spirit of the Lord, and set me down in the midst of the valley which was full of bones; 2 And he caused me to pass by them all round about; and, behold, there were very many of them on the surface of the valley; and, lo, they were very dry. 3 And he said unto me, Son of man, can these bones live! And I said. O Lord Eternal. thou alone knowest this. 4 And he said unto me, Prophesy over these bones, and say unto them, O ye dry bones, hear ye the word of the Lord. 5 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal unto these bones, Behold, I will bring a spirit into you, and ye shall live; 6 And I will lay sinews upon you, and bring up flesh upon you, and draw over you a skin, and put a spirit in you, and ye shall live: and ye shall experience that I am the Lord. 7 And so I prophesied as I had been commanded; and there was a sound, as I prophesied. and behold there was a rustling noise, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. 8 And I looked. and behold, there were sinews upon them, and the flesh came up, and the skin was drawn over them above; but no spirit was in them. 9 Then said he

companions:" 17 And join them one to the other unto thee as one stick; and they shall become one in thy hand. 18 And if the children of thy people should say unto thee, saying, Wilt thou not tell us what thou meanest by these? 19 [Then] speak unto them, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will take the stick of Joseph. —which is in the hand of Ephraim. —and the tribes of Israel his companions, and will lay them upon him, even the stick of Judah, and make them into one stick, and they shall be one in my hand. 20 And the sticks whereon thou shall have written shall be in thy hand before their eyes. 21 And speak unto them. Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will take the children of Israel from among the nations, whither they are gone, and I will gather them from every side, and bring them unto their own land; 22 And I will make them into one nation in the land, on the mountains of Israel; and one king shall be to them all for king; and they shall not be any more two nations, nor shall they at any time be divided into two kingdoms any more: 23 Neither shall they defile themselves any more with their idols, and with their detestable things, and with all their transgressions: but I will save them out of all their dwelling-places. wherein they have sinned, and I will cleanse them,

and they shall be unto me for a people, and I will be in safety, all of whom dwell without walls, and have sanctuary will be in the midst of them for evermore.

**38** And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 2 Son of man, direct thy face against Gog of the land of Magog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Thubal, and prophesy against him, 3 And say, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Behold, I will be against thee, O Gog, the prince of Rosh, Meshech and Thubal; 4 And I will derange thee, and put hooks into thy jaws, and I will bring thee forth, and all thy army, horses and horsemen, all of them clothed in elegant attire, a great assemblage with bucklers and shields, all of them grasping swords. 5 Persia, Cush. and Put [shall be] with them; all of them with shield and helmet: 6 Gomer and all of its armies: the house of Thogarmah out of the farthest north, and all its armies; many people shall be with thee. 7 Be thou ready, and prepare thyself, thou, and all thy assemblages that are assembled about thee, and be thou a guard unto them. 8 After many days shalt thou be ordered forward: in the end of years shalt thou come into the land that is recovering from the sword, and is gathered together out of many people, against the mountains of Israel, which have been ruined for a very long time: [to a people] that are brought forth out of the nations, and that now dwell in safety, all of them. 9 Thou wilt ascend and come like a tempest, like a cloud to cover the earth wilt thou be, thou, and all thy armies, and the many people with thee. 10 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, It will also come to pass, at the same time, that things will come into thy mind, and thou wilt entertain an evil device: 11 And thou wilt say. I will go up over the land of open towns; I will come against those that are careless, that dwell

to them for a God. 24 And my servant David shall neither bars nor gates, 12 To snatch up the spoil, be king over them; and one shepherd shall be for and to take away the prey; to turn thy hand against them all; and in my ordinances shall they walk, and the ruined places now inhabited, and against the my statutes shall they observe, and do them, 25 And people that are gathered out of the nations, that have they shall dwell in the land that I have given unto gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the highest part my servant, unto Jacob, wherein your fathers have of the land. 13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the traders dwelt; and they shall dwell therein, they, and their of Tharshish, with all her young lions, will say unto children, and their children's children for ever: and thee, Art thou come to plunder the spoil? hast thou David my servant shall be prince unto them for ever. gathered thy company to carry off the prey? to bear 26 And I will make with them a covenant of peace, an away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, everlasting covenant shall it be with them: and I will to plunder a great spoil? 14 Therefore, prophesy, son multiply them, and I will set my sanctuary in the midst of man, and say unto Gog, Thus hath said the Lord of them for evermore, 27 My dwelling also shall be Eternal, Behold, on the day when my people of Israel with them, and I will be unto them for a God; and they dwelleth in safety, shalt thou know [my power], 15 And shall be unto me as a people. 28 And the nations shall thou wilt come from thy place out of the farthest ends know that I am the Lord who sanctify Israel, when my of the north, thou, and many people with thee, all of them riding upon horses, a great assemblage, and a mighty army: 16 And thou wilt come up against my people of Israel, like a cloud to cover the land; in the latter days will this be, and I will bring thee over my land, in order that the nations may know me, when I am sanctified on thee, before their eyes, O Gog, 17 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Art thou [not] he of whom I have spoken in ancient days through means of my servants the prophets of Israel, who prophesied in those days [many] years, that I would bring thee against them? 18 And it shall come to pass at the same time, on the day of Gog's coming over the land of Israel, saith the Lord Eternal, that my fury shall be kindled in my nose. 19 And in my zealousness, in the fire of my wrath, have I spoken, Surely on that day there shall be a great earthquake in the country of Israel: 20 And there shall quake at my presence the fishes of the sea, and the fowls of the heaven, and the beasts of the field, and every creeping thing that creepeth upon the earth, and all the men that are upon the face of the earth, and the mountains shall be thrown down, and the cliffs shall fall, and every wall shall fall to the ground. 21 And I will call against him throughout all my mountains for the sword, saith the Lord Eternal: every man's sword shall be against his brother. 22 And I will hold judgment over him with pestilence and with blood [-shedding]; and an overflowing rain, and great hailstones, fire, and sulfur will I let rain over him and his armies, and over the many people that are with him. 23 Thus will I magnify myself, and sanctify myself, and make myself known before the eves of many nations; and they shall know that I am the Lord.

Behold, I will be against thee O Gog, the prince of Lord Eternal, Say unto the birds, to every thing that Rosh, Meshech and Thubal; 2 And I will derange hath wings, and to every beast of the field, Assemble thee, and lead thee astray, and will cause thee to yourselves, and come; gather yourselves from every come up from the farthest ends of the north; and I will side to my sacrifice that I do slaughter for you, as a bring thee upon the mountains of Israel; 3 And I will great sacrifice upon the mountains of Israel, that ye strike thy bow out of thy left hand, and thy arrows may eat flesh, and drink blood. 18 The flesh of the will I cause to fall out of thy right hand. 4 Upon the mighty shall ye eat, and the blood of the princes of the mountains of Israel shalt thou fall, thou, and all thy earth shall ye drink, —wethers, lambs, and he-goats, armies, and the people that are with thee: unto the bullocks, fatlings of Bashan are they all of them. 19 ravenous birds, to every thing that hath wings, and to And ye shall eat fat till ye be sated, and ye shall drink the beasts of the field, do I give thee for food. 5 Upon blood till ye be drunken, from my sacrifice which I the open field shalt thou fall; for I have spoken it, have slaughtered for you. 20 And ye shall be sated saith the Lord Eternal. 6 And I will send a fire against at my table on horses and chariot-teams, on mighty Magog, and against those that dwell in the isles in men, and on all men of war, saith the Lord Eternal. 21 safety: and they shall know that I am the Lord. 7 And And I will display my glory among the nations: and all my holy name will I make known in the midst of my the nations shall see my punishment that I execute. people Israel; and I will not permit my holy name to and my hand that I lay on them. 22 And the house of be profaned any more: and the nations shall know Israel shall acknowledge that I am the Lord their God that I am the Lord, Holy in Israel. 8 Behold, it cometh, from that day and forward. 23 And the nations shall and it taketh place, saith the Lord Eternal; this is the know that for their iniquity did the house of Israel day whereof I have spoken. 9 And the inhabitants of go into exile; because they had trespassed against the cities of Israel shall go forth, and shall burn and me, and I had hidden my face from them; and I gave make fire for heating of the weapons, and shields and them up therefore into the hand of their oppressors, bucklers, of bows and of arrows, and of hand-staves, and they all fell by the sword. 24 According to their and of spears; and they shall feed with them the fire uncleanness, and according to their transgressions for seven years: 10 And they shall take no wood out did I deal with them, and hid my face from them. 25 of the field, nor cut down any out of the forests; for Therefore thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Now will I with weapons shall they feed the fire: and they shall bring back again the captivity of Jacob, and I will have spoil those that spoiled them, and plunder those that mercy upon the whole house of Israel, and will be plundered them, saith the Lord Eternal. 11 And it shall zealous for my holy name; 26 And they shall feel their come to pass on that day, that I will give unto Gog disgrace, and all their trespass whereby they had a place there for a grave in Israel, the valley where trespassed against me, when they dwelt in their land people pass over to the east of the sea; and it shall in safety, with none to make them afraid: 27 When I stop the passengers [from passing]: and they shall bring them back again from the people, and gather bury there Gog and all his multitude, and they shall them out of the land of their enemies, and sanctify call it The valley of the multitude of Gog. 12 And the myself on them before the eyes of the many nations. house of Israel shall be burying them, in order to 28 And they shall know that I am the Lord their God; cleanse the land, during seven months. 13 Yea, all because I had exiled them among the nations, but the people of the land shall bury them; and it shall be gather them now unto their own land, and leave none to them as a renown on the day that I glorify myself, of them any more there. 29 And I will not hide my face saith the Lord Eternal. 14 And men constantly devoted any more from them; for I will have poured out my to this shall they set apart to pass through the land, to spirit over the house of Israel, saith the Lord Eternal. bury with those that pass through those that remain upon the face of the earth, to cleanse it; at the end of seven months shall they make a search. 15 And those that thus travel will pass through the land; and when any one seeth a human bone, then will he set up a sign by it, till the buriers have buried it in the valley of the multitude of Gog. 16 And also the name of the

39 But thou, O son of man, prophesy against city shall be Hamonah. Thus shall they cleanse the Gog, and say, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, land. 17 And thou, O son of man, thus hath said the

> 40 In the five and twentieth year of our exile. in the beginning of the year, on the tenth day of the month, in the fourteenth year after the city had been smitten, on the selfsame day came the inspiration of the Lord upon me, and brought me thither. 2 In the visions of God brought he me unto the land of

Israel, and set me down upon a very high mount, thirty chambers were upon the pavement. 18 And on which there was built something like a city on the pavement by the side of the gates was all along the south. 3 And when he had brought me thither, the whole length of the gates: this was the lower behold, there was a man, whose appearance was payement, 19 Then measured he the breadth from the like the appearance of copper, with a line of flax in front of the lower gate unto the front of the inner court. his hand, and a measuring-rod: and he was standing without, one hundred cubits, eastward and northward. in the gate. 4 And the man spoke unto me, Son of 20 And the gate of the outer court that looked in a man, behold with thy eyes, and hear with thy ears, northern direction, he measured after its length, and and direct thy heart unto all that I am about to show its breadth. 21 And its cells were three on this side thee; for in order to show it unto thee art thou brought and three on that side; and its door-posts and its hither: tell all that thou seest to the house of Israel. porches were after the measure of the first gate: fifty 5 And behold there was a wall on the outside of cubits was its length, and its breadth five and twenty the house all round about, and in the man's hand cubits. 22 And its windows, and its porches, and their was a measuring-rod of six cubits long by the cubit palm-shaped capitals, were after the measure of the which was a hand's breadth longer than usual; and gate that looked in an eastern direction; and by seven he measured the breadth of the building, one rod, steps did they go up unto it, and to its porches which and the height, one rod. 6 Then came he unto the were before them. 23 And the gates of the inner gate which looked in the direction toward the east, court were opposite the gates on the north, and on and went up its steps, and measured the threshold of the east: and he measured from gate to gate one the gate, one rod in breadth, and the other threshold hundred cubits. 24 After that he led me forth to the one rod in breadth. 7 And every cell was one rod south side, and behold there was a gate on the south long, and one rod broad; and between the cells were side; and he measured its door-posts and its porches five cubits; and the threshold of the gate near by the after these measures. 25 And there were windows in porch of the gate within was one rod. 8 He measured it and in its porches all round about, like the other also the porch of the gate within, one rod. 9 Then windows: it was fifty cubits in length, and in breadth measured he the porch of the gate, eight cubits, and five and twenty cubits, 26 And by seven steps was its door-posts, two cubits: and the porch of the gate the ascent to it, and to its porches which were before was inward. 10 And the cells of the gate in the eastern them; and it had palm-shaped capitals, one on this direction were three on this side, and three on that side, and another on that side, upon its door-posts. side, one measure was for all the three; and there 27 And there was a gate in the inner court on the was one measure for the door-posts on this side and south side; and he measured from gate to gate on the on that side. 11 And he measured the breadth of the south side one hundred cubits. 28 And he brought me entrance of the gate, ten cubits, [and] the length of to the inner court by the south gate; and he measured the gate, thirteen cubits. 12 And there was a space the south gate after these measures; 29 And its cells, before the cells of one cubit on this side, and one and its door-posts, and its porches were after these cubit space was there on that side: and every cell measures; and there were windows in it and in its was of six cubits on this side, and of six cubits on porches all round about: it was fifty cubits in length, that side, 13 And he measured the gate from the roof and in breadth five and twenty cubits, 30 And arched of [one] cell to the roof of [another], in breadth five passages were all round about, five and twenty cubits and twenty cubits, one door being against [the other] long, and five cubits broad. 31 And its porches were door. 14 And he made door-posts of sixty cubits, and toward the outer court; and palm-shaped capitals around the door-posts the court and the gate all round were upon its door-posts: and its ascent was by eight about. 15 And the height of the gate of the entrance steps. 32 And he brought me into the inner court on as also the height of the porch of the inner gate was the east side; and he measured the gate after these fifty cubits. 16 And there were narrow windows in the measures; 33 And its cells and its door-posts, and cells, and by their door-posts within the gate all round its porches, were according to these measures; and about, and likewise in the porches: and windows there were windows in it and in its porches all round were all round about inward; and on each door post about; its length was fifty cubits, and its breadth five were palm-shaped [capitals]. 17 Then brought he me and twenty cubits. 34 And its porches were toward the into the outward court, and, lo, there were chambers, outward court; and palm-shaped capitals were upon

and a pavement made for the court all round about: its door-posts, on this side, and on that side: and by

eight steps was the ascent to it. 35 And he brought 41 And he brought me to the temple: and he me to the north gate, and he measured it after these altar: these are the sons of Zadok, who come near, doors of the side-chambers were on the open space, this side, and five cubits on that side: and the breadth length, ninety cubits. 13 So he measured the house, another on that side.

measured the door-posts, six cubits broad on measures; 36 lts cells, its door-posts, and its porches; the one side, and six cubits broad on the other side, and the windows in it were all round about; its length [as also] the breadth of the tabernacle. 2 And the was fifty cubits, and its breadth five and twenty cubits. breadth of the door was ten cubits; and the sides of 37 And its door-posts were toward the outer court; the door were five cubits on the one side, and five and palm-shaped capitals were upon its door-posts, cubits on the other side; and he measured its length, on this side, and on that side: and by eight steps was forty cubits, and the breadth, twenty cubits. 3 Then the ascent to it. 38 And there was a chamber with went he inward, and measured the posts of the door, its door by the door-posts of the gates, where they two cubits; and the door was six cubits high; and washed off the burnt-offerings. 39 And in the porch of the breadth of the door, was seven cubits. 4 And he the gate were two tables on this side, and two tables measured its length, twenty cubits; and the breadth, on that side, to slaughter thereon the burnt-offerings twenty cubits, fronting on the temple: and he said and the sin-offerings and the trespass-offerings. 40 unto me, This is the most holy place. 5 After this he And at the side without [the porch], as one went up measured the wall of the house, six cubits; and the to the entrance of the north gate, were two tables; breadth of every side-chamber was four cubits, all and on the other side of the porch of the gate were round about the house on every side. 6 And the sidetwo tables: 41 Four tables being on this side, and chambers were one over another, three and thirty four tables on that side, by the side of the gate, eight times; and they entered into the wall which was on tables, whereupon they slaughtered [the sacrifices]. the house for the side-chambers all round about, that 42 And there were four tables of hewn stone for the they might be fastened on, but they were not fastened burnt-offerings, of a cubit and a half long, and a cubit on the wall of the house. 7 And as one wound upward and a half broad, and one cubit high: whereupon they it became continually wider for the side-chambers; for laid the instruments wherewith they slaughtered the the row of chambers about the house went more and burnt-offerings and the sacrifices. 43 And hooks, a more upward round about the house; therefore was hand long, were fastened within all round about: and the breadth of the house greater upward: and so they on the tables was placed the flesh of the offerings. 44 ascended from the lowest chambers to the highest And without the inner gate were the chambers of the through the middle ones. 8 And I saw the height of singers in the inner court, which was at the side of the the house all round about: the foundations of the north gate; and their front was toward the south side: side-chambers were a full rod of six cubits under one was at the side of the east gate having the front ground. 9 The thickness of the wall, which was for toward the north side. 45 And he spoke unto me, This the side-chambers without, was five cubits, as also chamber, the front of which is toward the south, is for the space which was left open by the row of the sidethe priests who have the charge of the house. 46 chambers that were on the house. 10 And between And the chamber, the front of which is toward the the chambers there was a width of twenty cubits north, is for the priests who have the charge of the round about the house on every side. 11 And the from among the sons of Levi, to the Lord to minister one door was in a northern direction, and another unto him. 47 So he measured the court, in length one door on the south; and the breadth of the place that hundred cubits, and in breadth one hundred cubits, was left open was five cubits all round about. 12 Now foursquare: and the altar [stood] before the house. 48 the building that was before the main wing on the And he brought me to the porch of the house, and west side was seventy cubits broad; and the wall of measured each door-post of the porch, five cubits on the building was five cubits thick round about, and its of the gate was three cubits on this side, and three in length one hundred cubits; and the main wing, and cubits on that side. 49 The length of the porch was the building, with its walls, in length one hundred twenty cubits, and the breadth eleven cubits, together cubits; 14 Also the breadth in the front of the house, with the steps whereby they went up to it: and there and of the main wing on the east, was one hundred were pillars by the door-posts, one on this side, and cubits. 15 And he measured the length of the building on the front side of the main wing which was behind it, and its corner-pillars on the one side and on the

other side, one hundred cubits; and this included Now the upper chambers were shorter [for the cornerthe inner temple, and the porches of the court; 16 pillar took away part of the space from them] than the The thresholds, and the narrow windows, and the lowest and than the middle chambers of the building. corner-pillars were round about on their three sides: 6 For they were in three stories, but had not pillars opposite the threshold there was a wainscoting of like the pillars of the courts; therefore was something wood all round about, and so from the ground up taken off the lowest and the middle ones [as one to the windows; and the windows were covered. 17 ascended] from the ground. 7 And the wall that was On the part above the door, and as far as the inner without alongside the chambers, toward the outer house, and the outer [house], was [a wainscoting], court in front of the chambers, was in its length fifty and on all the wall round about within and without, by cubits. 8 For the length of the chambers that were in Ithe same measure: 18 And it was ornamented with the outer court was fifty cubits; and lo. [the whole cherubim and palm-trees, a palm-tree being between spacel in front of the temple was one hundred cubits. two cherubim; and every cherub had two faces: 19 9 And beneath these chambers was the entrance So that a human face was toward the palm-tree on from the east side, as one goeth into them from the the one side, and a young lion's face toward the outer court. 10 On the breadth of the wall of the court palm-tree on the other side: it was so made on all in an eastern direction before the main wing, and the house round about. 20 From the ground to the before the building, were chambers. 11 And the way part above the door were the cherubim and the palm- before them was of like appearance as that for the trees made, and so on the wall of the temple. 21 The chambers which were on the north side, of the same temple had four-cornered door-posts, and the front of length and the same breadth; and all their means of the holy of holies had the [same] appearance as the egress, and their arrangement, and their doors were appearance [of the other]. 22 The altar was of wood, of the like manner. 12 And so also were the doors of three cubits high, and its length was two cubits; and the chambers that were on the south side, a door its corners, and its top-piece, and its walls, were of being on the head of the way, of the way directly wood: and he spoke unto me, This is the table that before the wall on the east side, as one entereth into is before the Lord. 23 And the temple and the holy them. 13 And he said unto me. The north chambers of holies had two doors. 24 And the doors had two and the south chambers which are in front of the leaves [apiece], two turning leaves, two [leaves] for main wing, —these are the holy chambers, where the one door, and two leaves for the other. 25 And the priests that approach unto the Lord shall eat the there were made on them, on the doors of the temple, most holy things: there shall they lay the most holy cherubim and palm-trees, as they were made upon things, namely, the meat-offering, and the sin-offering, the walls; and [a covering of] thick wooden planks and the trespass-offering; for the place is holy. 14 was upon the front of the porch without, 26 And there. When the priests enter therein, then shall they not go were narrow windows and palm-trees on the one side out of the sanctuary into the outer court; but there and on the other side, on the sides of the porch, and shall they lay down their garments wherein they may on the side-chambers of the house, and the [covering have ministered; for they are holy: and they shall put ofl thick planks.

**12** And he led me forth into the outer court, on the way to the north side; and he brought me into the frow of chambers that was opposite the main wing, and which was opposite the building toward the north; 2 On the front side the length [of which] was a hundred cubits, [up to] the north door, while the breadth was fifty cubits. 3 Opposite the twenty cubits which were for the inner court, and opposite the pavement which was for the outer court, was corner-pillar before corner-pillar in the three stories. 4 And before the chambers was a walk of ten cubits in breadth toward the inner house, a way of one cubit [in width]: and their doors were toward the north. 5

on other garments, and shall then approach to [the courtl which is for the people. 15 Now when he had finished the measurings of the inner house, he led me forth by the way of the gate which looked in an eastern direction, and measured it all round about. 16 He measured the east side with the measuringrod, five hundred rods, with the measuring-rod round about. 17 He measured the north aide, five hundred rods, with the measuring-rod round about. 18 The south side he measured, five hundred rods, with the measuring-rod. 19 He turned about to the west side. and measured five hundred rods with the measuringrod. 20 On the four sides did he measure it by the wall that was all round about, five hundred rods in length.

and in breadth five hundred, to make a separation bottom upon the ground up to the lower projection between the holy place and the profane. shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and

13 Then did he lead me to the gate, even the gate that was turned in an eastern direction. 2 And, behold, the glory of the God of Israel came from the way of the east; and his voice was like a noise of many waters; and the earth gave light from his glory. 3 And it was like the appearance of the vision which I had seen, yea, like the vision that I had seen when I came to destroy the city; and the visions were like the vision that I had seen by the river Kebar: and I fell upon my face. 4 And the glory of the Lord came into the house by the way of the gate which was turned in an eastern direction. 5 Then did the Spirit take me up, and bring me into the inner court; and, behold, the glory of the Lord filled the house. 6 And I heard him speaking unto me out of the house; and a man was standing alongside of 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 forever: and the house of Israel shall not defile any more my holy name, neither they, nor their kings, by their lewdness, nor by the carcasses of their kings on their highplaces. 8 Inasmuch as they placed their threshold by my threshold, and their door-posts close by my doorposts, and the wall being only between me and them. and they defiled my holy name by their abominations which they committed; so that I made an end of them in my anger. 9 Now will they have to put away their lewdness, and the carcasses of their kings, far from me, and I will dwell in the midst of them for ever. 10 Thou, son of man, tell the house of Israel of the house, that they may be confounded because of their iniquities: and let them measure the outlines. 11 And if they be confounded because of all that they have done: then let them know the form of the house, and its arrangements, and its means of egress, and its entrances, and all its forms, and all its statutes, and all its forms, and all its laws, and write them down before their eyes: that they may observe the whole of its form, and all its statutes, and carry them out. 12 This is the law for the house. Upon the top of the mount shall its whole limit all round about be most holy: behold, this is the law for the house. 13 And these are the measures of the altar in cubits, The cubit is a cubit and a hand-breadth; and the bottom

shall be two cubits, and the breadth one cubit; and from the lesser projection up to the greater projection shall be four cubits, and the breadth one cubit, 15 And the upper portion of the altar shall be four cubits: and from the upper surface of the altar and upward shall be the four horns. 16 And the upper surface of the altar shall be twelve cubits long, by twelve broad. square on its four sides. 17 And the projection shall be fourteen cubits in length, by fourteen in breadth on its four sides; and the border round about it shall be half a cubit; and its bottom shall be a cubit round about: and its steps shall look toward the east. 18 And he said unto me. Son of man, thus hath said the Lord Eternal. These are the statutes of the altar on the day when it shall be finished, to offer thereon burnt-offerings, and to sprinkle thereon blood. 19 And thou shalt give to the priests the Levites that are of the seed of Zadok, who approach unto me, saith the Lord Eternal, to minister unto me, a young bullock for a sin-offering. 20 And thou shalt take of his blood, and put it on its four horns, and on the four corners of the projection, and upon the border round about; and thou shalt cleanse it and make an atonement for it. 21 And thou shalt take the bullock of the sin-offering, and some one shall burn him at an appointed place of the house, without the sanctuary. 22 And on the second day shalt thou 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, shalt thou offer a young bullock without blemish, and a ram out of the flock without blemish. 24 And thou shalt bring them near before the Lord, and the priests shall throw salt upon them, and they shall offer them up as a burnt-offering unto the Lord. 25 Seven days shalt thou prepare a goat for a sin-offering every day; and a young bullock, and a ram out of the flock, without blemish shall they prepare. 26 Seven days shall they atone for the altar and purify it; and they shall consecrate the same. 27 And when these days are expired, it shall be, that on the eighth day, and thenceforward, the priests shall prepare upon the altar your burnt-offerings, and vour peace-offerings: and I will accept you in favor, saith the Lord Eternal.

these are the measures of the altar in cubits, The cubit is a cubit and a hand-breadth; and the bottom shall be a cubit high, and a cubit broad, and its border east: and it was locked. 2 Then said the Lord unto on its edge round about shall be a span: and this me, This gate shall remain locked, it shall not be shall be the outside of the altar. 14 And from the opened, and no man shall enter in by it; because the

Lord, the God of Israel, hath entered in by it, therefore Zadok, that kept the charge of my sanctuary when shall it remain locked. 3 As for the prince, being the the children of Israel went astray from me, —these prince, he shall sit in it to eat bread before the Lord: are they that shall come near unto me to minister by the way of the porch of that gate shall he enter, unto me, and they shall stand before me to offer unto and by the way of the same shall he go out. 4 Then me the fat and the blood, saith the Lord Eternal: 16 brought he me by the way of the north gate before. These are they that shall enter into my sanctuary, and the house; and I looked, and, behold, the glory of the these shall come near to my table, to minister unto Lord filled the house of the Lord; and I fell upon my me; and they shall keep my charge. 17 And it shall face. 5 And the Lord said unto me, Son of man, direct come to pass, that, when they enter in at the gates thy mind, and see with thy eyes, and hear with thy of the inner court, they shall clothe themselves with ears all that I am speaking with thee concerning all linen garments; and there shall no wool come upon the ordinances of the house of the Lord, and of all them, when they minister in the gates of the inner its laws; and direct thy mind to the entrance of the court, and within the house. 18 Linen bonnets shall be house, with every place of egress of the sanctuary, 6 upon their heads, and linen breeches shall be upon And thou shalt say to the rebellious, to the house their loins; they shall not gird themselves with any of Israel, Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, Ye have thing that causeth sweat. 19 And when they go forth done enough with all your abominations, O house into the outer court, into the outer court to the people: of Israel! 7 In your having brought the sons of the then shall they put off their garments wherein they stranger, uncircumcised in heart, and uncircumcised have ministered, and they shall lay them down in the in flesh, to be in my sanctuary, to pollute it, even holy chambers; and they shall put on other garments, my house, while you were offering my food, the and they shall not mingle among the people with their fat and the blood: so that they broke my covenant garments. 20 And their heads shall they not shave because of all your abominations. 8 And [because] close, nor suffer their hair to grow long; they shall ye have not kept the charge of my holy things; but only crop [the hair of] their heads. 21 And wine shall ye have set [those unworthy ones] as keepers of none of the priests drink when they enter into the my charge in my sanctuary at your own pleasure, inner court, 22 And a widow, or one that is divorced 9 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, No son of the from her husband shall they not take to themselves stranger, uncircumcised in heart, or uncircumcised in as wives; but only virgins of the seed of the house of flesh, shall enter into my sanctuary, of all the sons Israel; but whatever widow it may be, the [common] of the stranger that are in the midst of the children priests may take. 23 And my people shall they teach of Israel. 10 But as respecteth the Levites that were the difference between the holy and profane, and that gone away far from me, when Israel went astray, who between the unclean and the clean shall they make went astray away from me, after their idols, they shall known unto them, 24 And in a controversy shall they surely bear their iniquity; 11 And they shall be in my stand up to judge, according to my ordinances shall sanctuary, servants, appointed to watch at the gates they decide it: and my laws and my statutes at all of the house, and to be servants for the house: these my festivals shall they observe, and my sabbaths are they that shall slay the burnt-offerings and the shall they sanctify. 25 And to a dead person shall sacrifices for the people, and they shall stand before they not come to defile themselves; but on father, or them to do the service for them. 12 Because that on mother, or on son, or on daughter, on brother, or they used to serve them before their idols, and have on sister that hath had no husband, may they defile been unto the house of Israel as a stumbling-block of themselves. 26 And after he is become clean, —they iniquity; therefore have I lifted up my hand against shall reckon unto him seven days, — 27 Then shall he them, saith the Lord Eternal, and they shall bear their on the day that he cometh into the sanctuary, into the iniquity; 13 And they shall not come near unto me, to inner court, to minister in the sanctuary, offer his sinofficiate as priests unto me, nor to come near to any offering, saith the Lord Eternal. 28 And it shall be unto of my holy things, to the most holy things; but they them as an inheritance, I am their inheritance: and shall bear their shame, yea, for their abominations any possession shall you not give them in Israel, I am which they have committed. 14 And I will appoint their possession. 29 The meat-offering, and the sinthem to be keepers of the charge of the house, for offering, and the trespass-offering—these shall they all the service thereof, and for all that shall be done eat; and every devoted thing in Israel shall belong to therein. 15 But the priests the Levites, the sons of them. 30 And the first of all kinds of first-fruits of all,

your heave-offerings, shall belong to the priests; and be your maneh. 13 This is the heave-offering that ye the first of your dough shall you give to the priest, to shall offer: The sixth part of an ephan of a chomer of cause a blessing to rest on thy house, 31 Any thing wheat; and ve shall give the sixth part of an ephah of that hath died of itself, or that is torn, whether it be a chomer of barley: 14 And the fixed portion of oil fowl or beast, shall the priests not eat.

inheritance, shall ye offer an oblation unto the Lord, as a holy portion of the land, five and twenty thousand rods in length, and in breadth ten thousand. This shall be holy in all its extent round about. 2 Of this there shall be for the sanctuary five hundred [rods] by five hundred, square round about; and fifty cubits as an open space for it round about. 3 And of this measure shalt thou measure, in length five and twenty thousand, and in breadth ten thousand [rods]: and in it shall be the sanctuary [and] the holy of holies. 4 The holy portion of the land shall it be, for the priests the ministers of the sanctuary shall it be. who come near to minister unto the Lord; and it shall be unto them a place for houses, and a holy place for the sanctuary. 5 And five and twenty thousand [rods] in length, and ten thousand in breadth, shall also belong unto the Levites, the servants of the house, for themselves, as a possession, with twenty chambers. 6 And as the possession of the city shall ve assign five thousand rods broad, and five and twenty thousand long, alongside the holy oblation: unto the whole house of Israel shall it belong. 7 And the prince shall have that on the one side and on the other side of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, in front of the holy oblation, and in front of the possession of the city, on the west side westward, and on the east side eastward; and in length alongside one of the portions, both on the west border and on the east border. 8 As landed property shall it be his possession in Israel: and my princes shall no more wrong my people; but the land shall they give to the house of Israel according to their tribes. 9 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. Ye have done enough wrong. O princes of Israel: remove violence and robbery, and execute justice and righteousness; take away your exactions from my people, saith the Lord Eternal. 10 Just balances, and a just ephah, and a just bath shall ye have. 11 The ephah and the bath shall contain the same quantity, that the bath may contain the tenth part of a chomer, and the ephah the tenth part of a chomer: after the chomer shall the measure of contents be. 12 And the shekel shall be twenty gerahs: [in pieces of] twenty

and every kind of heave-offering of every thing of all shekels, five and twenty shekels, fifteen shekels, shall shall be after the bath of oil, the tenth part of a bath out of the cor, ten baths reckoned to the chomer; for ten baths are a chomer; 15 And one lamb out of the flock, out of two hundred, out of the fat pastures of Israel, for meat-offerings, and for burnt-offerings, and for peace-offerings, to make an atonement for them, saith the Lord Eternal. 16 All the people of the land shall be held bound for this heave-offering for the prince in Israel. 17 And upon the prince shall be the duty to furnish the burnt-offerings, the meatofferings, and the drink-offerings, on the feasts, and on the new-moon days, and on the sabbaths, on all the festive seasons of the house of Israel: he himself shall prepare the sin-offering, and the meat-offering, and the burnt-offering, and the peace-offerings, to make an atonement in behalf of the house of Israel. 18 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, In the first month, on the first of the month, shalt thou take a young bullock without blemish, and make an expiation for the sanctuary. 19 And the priest shall take some of the blood of the sin-offering, and put it upon the doorpost of the house, and upon the four corners of the projection of the altar, and upon the door-post of the gate of the inner court. 20 And so shalt thou do on the seventh day of the month for every one that erreth, and for him that hath sinned unawares; so shall ye atone for the house. 21 In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month, shall ye have the passover: a feast of seven days; unleavened bread shall be eaten. 22 And the prince shall prepare on that day in behalf of himself and in behalf of all the people of the land a bullock for a sin-offering. 23 And on the seven days of the feast shall he prepare a burntoffering to the Lord, seven bullocks and seven rams without blemish on every day of the seven days; and for a sin-offering a he-goat on every day. 24 And as a meat-offering an ephah for a bullock, and an ephah for a ram shall he prepare, and a hin of oil for each ephah. 25 In the seventh month, on the fifteenth day of the month, on the feast, shall he prepare the like during the seven days, both the sin-offering, as also the burnt-offering, and the meat-offering, and the oil.

> 46 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal, The gate of the inner court that looketh toward the east shall remain locked the six working days; but on the

day shall it be opened. 2 And the prince shall enter meat-offering unto the Lord, as ordinances for ever by the way of the porch of the gate, from without, continually, 15 Thus shall they prepare the sheep, and and shall stand by the door-post of the gate, and the meat-offering, and the oil, morning by morning. the priests shall prepare his burnt-offering and his as a continual burnt-offering. 16 Thus hath said the peace-offerings, and he shall bow himself down at Lord Eternal, If the prince make gift unto any one of the threshold of the gate, and he shall then go forth; his sons, it is his inheritance, it shall belong to his but the gate shall not be locked until the evening, sons; it shall be their possession as their inheritance. 3 And the people of the land shall bow themselves 17 But if he make a gift of his inheritance to one of down at the door of this same gate on the sabbaths his servants: then shall it remain his to the year of and on the new-moons before the Lord. 4 And the freedom, when it shall return to the prince: but his burnt-offering which the prince is to offer unto the inheritance shall only remain for his sons. 18 But the Lord, shall be on the sabbath-day six sheep without prince shall not take any thing from the inheritance of blemish, and a ram without blemish; 5 And as a meat- the people, to wrong them out of their possession; offering an ephah for the ram, and for the sheep a out of his own possession can he give an inheritance meat-offering as his hand may be able to give, and a to his sons; in order that not one of my people be hin of oil for every ephah. 6 And on the day of the deprived of his possession. 19 And then he brought new moon, a young bullock without blemish, and six me through the entry, which was at the side of the sheep and a ram; without blemish shall they be, 7 gate, into the holy chambers for the priests, which And an ephah for the bullock, and an ephah for the looked toward the north: and, behold, there was a ram, shall he prepare as a meat-offering, and for the place by the back wall on the west side. 20 And he sheep according as his means may reach, and a hin said unto me. This is the place where the priests of oil for every ephah, 8 And when the prince doth shall boil the trespass-offering and the sin-offering. enter, he shall go in by the way of the porch of the where [also] they shall bake the meat-offering; so gate, and by the same way shall he go forth. 9 But as not to carry the same out into the outer court, to when the people of the land come before the Lord on mingle with the people. 21 Then did he lead me forth the appointed feasts, he that entereth in by the way into the outer court, and caused me to pass along of the north gate to bow himself down shall go out by the four corners of the court; and, behold, in every the way of the south gate; and he that entereth by corner of the court there was a court. 22 In the four the way of the south gate shall go out by the way corners of the court there were uncovered courts of of the north gate: he shall not return by the way of forty cubits in length and thirty in breadth: there was the gate whereby he came in; but by that opposite one measure for all these four in the corners. 23 And to him shall he go out. 10 And as for the prince—in there was a shelf of masonry round about in them. the midst of them, when they go in, shall he go in; round about all these four, and it was furnished with and when they go out, shall they go out [together]. hearths for boiling under the shelves round about. 24 11 And on the feasts and on the appointed festivals Then said he unto me, These are the places of those shall the meat-offering be an ephah for each bullock, that boil, where the servants of the house shall boil and an ephah for each ram, and for the sheep as his the sacrifice of the people. hand may be able to give, and a hin of oil for every ephah. 12 And when the prince doth prepare as a 47 And he brought me back again unto the door voluntary gift a burnt-offering, or a peace-offering, as a voluntary gift unto the Lord: then shall be opened for him the gate that looketh toward the east, and he shall prepare his burnt-offering and his peace-offering. as he usually doth on the sabbath-day; and he shall go out, and the gate shall be locked after his going out. 13 And a sheep of the first year without blemish shalt thou prepare as a burnt-offering every day unto the Lord: morning by morning shalt thou prepare it. 14 And as a meat-offering shalt thou prepare with it. morning by morning, the sixth part of an ephah, and

sabbath day shall it be opened, and on the new-moon, the third of a hin of oil, to mingle with the fine flour—a

of the house: and, behold, water was issuing out from under the threshold of the house eastward: for the front of the house stood toward the east; and the water came down from under [the threshold], from the right side of the house, to the south of the altar. 2 Then did he bring me out by the way of the gate northwards and led me about the way without unto the outer gate by the way that looked eastward: and, behold, the water was running on the right side. 3 When the man went forth eastward. having the measuring-line in his hand, he measured a

water reaching to the ankles. 4 Again he measured part on the north, and the boundary of Chamath. And a thousand [cubits], and led me through the water, this is the north side. 18 And the east side shall ye the water reaching to the knees. Again he measured measure between Chavran and Damascus fon the a thousand [cubits], and led me through, the water one side], and between Gil'ad and the land of Israel reaching to the loins. 5 And he measured again a [on the other side] by the Jordan, from the [north] thousand [cubits], it being a stream that I could not boundary unto the east sea. And this is the east side. wade through; for the water was increased, being 19 And the south side; on the south, from Thamar water fit to swim in, a stream that could not be waded even to the waters of contention at Kadesh, toward through. 6 And he said unto me, Son of man, hast the brook [flowing] into the Great Sea. And this is the thou seen this: Then did he lead me, and caused south side on the south. 20 And the west side shall me to return to the bank of the stream. 7 Now when be the great sea from the [southern] boundary, as I returned, behold, there were at the banks of the far as straight up to Chamath. This is the west side. stream very many trees, on the one side and on the 21 And ye shall divide this land among yourselves other. 8 Then said he unto me, These waters issue according to the tribes of Israel. 22 And it shall come out toward the eastern district, and go down into to pass, that ye shall divide it by lot for an inheritance the plain, and fall into the sea, [the waters] being among yourselves, and to the strangers that sojourn carried forth into the sea, so that the waters shall be in the midst of you, who shall have begotten children healed. 9 And it shall come to pass, that every thing in the midst of you; and they shall be unto you as the that liveth, which moveth, whithersoever the double- native born among the children of Israel: with you stream shall come, shall live: and the fish shall be shall they obtain an inheritance in the midst of the [therein] in great abundance; for when this water shall tribes of Israel. 23 And it shall come to pass that in have come thither, [the waters of the sea] shall be whatever tribe the stranger sojourneth, there shall ye healed, and every thing shall live whither the stream give him his inheritance, saith the Lord Eternal. cometh. 10 And it shall come to pass, that the fishers shall stand by it; from 'En-gedi even unto 'En-'eglayim, there shall be places for the spreading out of nets: after their various kinds shall the fish thereof be, like the fish of the great sea, exceedingly many. 11 But its swamps and its lagoons shall not be healed, for [the production of salt are they destined. 12 And by the stream upon its banks, on this side and on that side, shall grow up all kinds of trees for food, the leaves of which shall not fade, and the fruit of which shall not come to an end, every month shall they bring forth new ripe fruit; because its water is that which issueth out of the sanctuary; and their fruit shall serve for food, and their leaves for remedies. 13 Thus hath said the Lord Eternal. This shall be the boundary. whereby ye shall divide out the land unto the twelve tribes of Israel: Joseph shall have two portions. 14 And ye shall inherit it, every one like the other, [the land] concerning which I lifted up my hand to give it unto your fathers: and this land shall fall unto you for an inheritance. 15 And this shall be the boundary of the land: On the north side, from the great sea, the road to Chethlon, as far as to Zedad; 16 Chamath, Berothah, Sibrayim, which is between the boundary of Damascus and the boundary of Chamath; Chazarhattichon, which is by the boundary of Chavran. 17 And the boundary shall be from the sea to Chazar-

thousand cubits, and he led me through the water, the 'enon, the boundary of Damascus, and the northern

**18** Now these are the names of the tribes: At the edge, on the north side, along the road on the way to Chethlon, as far as Chamath, Chazar-'enan, the boundary of Damascus northward, alongside of Chamath, there shall be from the east side to the west for Dan one portion. 2 And by the boundary of Dan, from the east side unto the west side, for Asher one portion. 3 And by the boundary of Asher, from the east side even unto the west side, for Naphtali one portion. 4 And by the boundary of Naphtali, from the east side unto the west side, for Menasseh one portion. 5 And by the boundary of Menasseh, from the east side unto the west side, for Ephraim one portion. 6 And by the boundary of Ephraim, from the east side even unto the west side, for Reuben one portion. 7 And by the boundary of Reuben, from the east side unto the west side, for Judah one portion. 8 And by the boundary of Judah, from the east side unto the west side, shall be the oblation which ye shall set aside of five and twenty thousand rods in breadth, and in length as one of the other parts, from the east side unto the west side: and the sanctuary shall be in the midst of it. 9 The oblation that ye shall set aside unto the Lord shall be in length five and twenty thousand [rods], and in breadth ten thousand. 10 And to these shall belong the holy oblation, —namely to

rods [in length], and on the west ten thousand in the prince. 23 As for the rest of the tribes, from the breadth, and on the east ten thousand in breadth, east side unto the west side, shall be for Benjamin and on the south five and twenty thousand in length; one portion, 24 And by the boundary of Benjamin. and the sanctuary of the Lord shall be in the midst of from the east side unto the west side, for Simeon one it. 11 Unto the priests, that are sanctified, of the sons portion. 25 And by the boundary of Simeon, from the of Zadok, who have kept my charge, who went not east side unto the west side, for Issachar one portion. astray when the children of Israel went astray, as the 26 And by the boundary of Issachar, from the east Levites went astray. 12 To them shall thus belong the side unto the west side, for Zebulun one portion. 27 portion set aside of the oblation of the land as a most And by the boundary of Zebulun, from the east side holy thing by the boundary of the Levites. 13 And unto the west side, for Gad one portion. 28 And by the Levites shall have alongside the boundary of the the boundary of Gad, on the southern side toward the priests five and twenty thousand rods in length, and south, shall be the boundary from Thamar unto the in breadth ten thousand; the whole in length five and waters of contention of Kadesh, unto the brook by the twenty thousand, and in breadth ten thousand, 14 Great Sea, 29 This is the land which ve shall divide by But they shall not sell aught thereof, or exchange, lot for an inheritance to the tribes of Israel, and these or alienate this first portion of the land; for it is holy are their allotted divisions, saith the Lord Eternal. 30 unto the Lord. 15 And the five thousand rods, that are And these are the outlines of the city: On the north left in the breadth, with a length of five and twenty side, five hundred and four thousand rods, by the thousand, shall be an unconsecrated land for the measure. 31 And of the gates of the city, being after city, for dwelling, and for an open space: and the city the names of the tribes of Israel, shall be three gates shall be in the midst thereof. 16 And these shall be on the north: the gate of Reuben one, the gate of its measures: The north side four thousand and five Judah one, the gate of Levi one, 32 And on the east hundred [rods], and the south side four thousand and side, five hundred and four thousand rods, with three five hundred, and on the east side four thousand and gates: namely, the gate of Joseph one, the gate of five hundred, and the west side four thousand and Benjamin one, the gate of Dan one, 33 And the south five hundred. 17 And the open space of the city shall side, five hundred and four thousand rode by the be toward the north two hundred and fifty [rods], and measure, with three gates; the gate of Simeon one, toward the south two hundred and fifty, and toward the the gate of Issachar one, the gate of Zebulun one. 34 east two hundred and fifty, and toward the west two The west side, five hundred and four thousand rods, hundred and fifty. 18 And the produce of the residue in with their three gates: the gate of Gad one, the gate length alongside the holy oblation ten thousand rods of Asher one, the gate of Naphtali one. 35 All around eastward, and ten thousand westward, that which is it shall be eighteen thousand rods; and the name of alongside the holy oblation, shall be for food unto the city shall be from that day "The Lord is there." the laborers of the city. 19 And the laborers of the city, men taken out of all the tribes of Israel, shall till it. 20 All the oblation, five and twenty thousand [rods] by five and twenty thousand square, shall ve set apart as the holy oblation, with the possession of the city. 21 And the residue shall belong to the prince, on the one side and on the other of the holy oblation, and of the possession of the city, alongside of the five and twenty thousand of the oblation toward the eastern boundary, and westward alongside the five and twenty thousand toward the western boundary, alongside the portions [of the tribes]; for the prince [shall it be]: and so shall be the holy oblation; and the sanctuary of the house shall be in the midst thereof. 22 And both the possession of the Levites, and the possession of the city, shall be in the midst of that which belongeth to the prince: between the boundary

the priests, toward the north, five and twenty thousand of Judah and the boundary of Benjamin, shall be for

## **Daniel**

1 In the third year of the reign of Jehoyakim the king of Judah came Nebuchadnezzar the king of Babylon unto Jerusalem, and besieged it. 2 And the Lord gave up into his hand Yehoyakim the king of Judah, with part of the vessels of the house of God: and he brought them into the land of Shin'ar into the house of his god, namely, he brought the vessels into the treasure-house of his god. 3 And the king said unto Ashpenas, the chief of his eunuchs, that he should bring out of the children of Israel, and of the royal seed, and of the nobles, 4 [Certain] lads in whom there should be no kind of blemish, but who should be handsome in appearance, and intelligent in all wisdom, and acquainted with knowledge, and understanding science, and such as should have the ability to serve in the king's palace, and that these should be taught the learning and the language of the Chaldeans. 5 And the king ordered for them a daily provision for its day of the king's food, and of the wine which he drank, and to educate them three years, so that at the end thereof they should serve before the king. 6 Now there were among these of the children of Judah, Daniel, Chananyah, Mishael, and 'Azarvah, 7 And the chief of the eunuchs assigned them names; and he assigned to Daniel the name of Belteshazzar; and to Chananyah, of Shadrach; and to Mishael, of Meshach; and to 'Azaryah, of 'Abednego. 8 But Daniel resolved in his heart that he would not defile himself with the food of the king, nor with the wine which he drank: and therefore he requested of the chief of the eunuchs that he might not need to defile himself. 9 And God gave Daniel kindness and mercy before the chief of the eunuchs. 10 And the chief of the eunuchs said unto Daniel, I fear my lord the king, who hath ordered your food and your drink: for why should he see your face sadder looking than that of the lads who are of your age? and ye would thus endanger my head with the king. 11 Then said Daniel to the steward whom the chief of the eunuchs had given charge over Daniel, Chananyah, Mishael, and 'Azaryah, 12 Prove, I beseech thee, thy servants, ten days; and let them give us vegetables to eat, and water to drink; 13 And then let our countenances be looked at before thee, and the countenance of the lads that eat the food of the king: and as thou mayest see [fitting], so deal with thy servants. 14 And he hearkened unto them in this matter, and proved them ten days. 15 And at the end of ten days their

countenances appeared better and fuller in flesh than [that of] all the lads who ate the food of the king. 16 And the steward took away their [apportioned] food. and the wine that they were to drink, and gave them vegetables. 17 But as regardeth all these four lads, God gave them knowledge and intelligence in all learning and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dreams. 18 And at the end of the days [after] which the king had said that they should be presented, the chief of the eunuchs presented them before Nebuchadnezzar. 19 And the king spoke with them; and there was not found among them all any one like Daniel, Chananyah, Mishael, and 'Azaryah: and so they served before the king. 20 And in every matter of wise understanding, which the king required of them, he found them ten times superior above all the magicians and astrologers that were in all his kingdom. 21 And Daniel continued even unto the first year of king Cyrus.

2 And in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, whereat his spirit was troubled, and his sleep that was upon him was gone. 2 Then said the king to call the magicians, and the astrologers and the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans, to solve for the king his dreams: and they came and placed themselves before the king, 3 And the king said unto them, I have dreamed a dream, and my spirit is troubled to know the dream. 4 Then spoke the Chaldeans to the king in Aramic, O king, live for ever: recite the dream to thy servants, and we will tell the interpretation. 5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, The decree is firmly resolved on by me: If ye do not make known unto me the dream with its interpretation, ye shall be cut in pieces, and your houses shall be changed into a dunghill. 6 But if ye tell the dream and its interpretation, then shall ye receive gifts and rewards and great honor from me. Therefore tell me the dream and its interpretation. 7 They answered the second time and said. Let the king recite the dream to his servants, and we will tell its interpretation. 8 The king answered and said. I know of a certainty that ve wish to gain time, because ve see the decree is firmly resolved on by me: 9 That if ye do not make known unto me the dream, there is but one sentence for you; for ye have prepared lying and deceptive words to speak before me, till the time be changed. Therefore relate to me the dream, and I shall know that ye can tell me its interpretation. 10 The Chaldeans answered before the king, and said, There is not a man upon

the habitable earth that can tell the king's matter: able to make known unto me the dream which I have wherefore no mighty and powerful king ever hath seen, and its interpretation? 27 Daniel answered in asked such a thing of any magician, or astrologer, or the presence of the king, and said. The secret which Chaldean. 11 And the matter which the king requireth the king hath demanded no wise men, astrologers, is difficult, and there is no other that can tell it before magicians, or soothsavers, can tell unto the king: 28 the king, except the gods, whose dwelling is not with But there is a God in heaven that revealeth secrets, flesh. 12 For all this cause the king became angry, and he hath made known to king Nebuchadnezzar and very furious; and he commanded to destroy all what is to be in the latter days. Thy dream, and the the wise men of Babylon. 13 And the law went forth visions of thy head upon thy couch, were these. 29 and [some of] the wise men were slain: and they As for thee, O king, thy thoughts, when thou wast on sought Daniel and his companions to slay them. 14 thy couch, rose [within thee] concerning what is to Then made Daniel representations with intelligence come to pass hereafter; and the Revealer of secrets and prudence to Arvoch the captain of the king's hath made known to thee what is to come to pass. 30 quard, who was gone forth to slav the wise men of But as for me, this secret hath not been revealed to Babylon, 15 He commenced and said to Arvoch the me because of any wisdom that is in me more than in king's commander, Wherefore is the law so hasty all other living; but for the sake that men might make from the king? Then made Aryoch the matter known known the interpretation to the king, and that thou to Daniel. 16 But Daniel went in, and requested mightest understand the thoughts of thy heart. 31 of the king that he would give him time, that he Thou, O king, sawest, and behold there was a large might tell the interpretation to the king. 17 Then went image; this image was mighty, and its brightness was Daniel to his house, and made the matter known to excellent; it stood opposite to thee; and its form was Chananyah, Mishael, and 'Azaryah, his companions. fear-inspiring. 32 As regardeth this image, its head 18 In order that they might pray for mercy of the God was of fine gold, its breast and its arms were of silver. of heaven concerning this secret: so that Daniel and its belly and its thighs of copper, 33 lts legs of iron, its his companions might not be destroyed with the rest feet part of them of iron and part of them of clay. 34 of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Thereupon was the Thou didst look on till the moment that a stone tore secret revealed unto Daniel in a vision of the night. itself loose, not through [human] hands, and it struck Then did Daniel bless the God of heaven. 20 Daniel the image upon its feet that were of iron and clay, and commenced and said, May the name of God be ground them to pieces. 35 Then were the iron, the blessed from eternity and to all eternity; for wisdom clay, the copper, the silver, and the gold ground up and might are his; 21 And he changeth times and together, and became like the chaff of the summer seasons; he removeth kings, and raiseth up kings: threshing-floors; and the wind carried them away, he giveth wisdom unto the wise, and knowledge to that no trace was found of them; and the stone that those that possess understanding. 22 He it is that had stricken the image became a mighty mountain, revealeth what is deep and secret; he knoweth what and filled the whole earth. 36 This is the dream; and is in the darkness, and the light dwelleth with him. 23 its interpretation will we relate before the king. 37 To thee, O God of my father, do I give thanks, and I Thou, O king, art a king of kings, to whom the God of praise thee, who hast given me wisdom and might, heaven hath given kingdom, power, and strength, and because thou hast made known unto me what and honor: 38 And wheresoever the children of men we prayed for of thee; for thou hast made known unto dwell, hath he given the beasts of the field and the us the king's matter. 24 Therefore did Daniel go in fowls of the heaven into thy hand, and hath made unto Aryoch, whom the king had ordered to destroy thee ruler over them all. Thou art the head of gold. the wise men of Babylon, He went and said thus unto 39 And after thee there will arise another kingdom him, the wise men of Babylon must thou not destroy: inferior to thee; and another third kingdom of copper, bring me before the king, and I will tell unto the king which will bear rule over all the earth. 40 And the the interpretation. 25 Then did Aryoch bring Daniel fourth kingdom will be as strong as iron; forasmuch before the king in haste, and thus he said unto him, as iron grindeth up and beateth down all things, and Here have I found a man out of the children of the as iron that breaketh [every thing], will it grind up and exiles of Judah, who will make known unto the king break all these. 41 And that thou sawest the feet the interpretation. 26 The king answered and said and toes, and part of them of potter's clay, and part to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, Art thou of them of iron, [signifieth] that it will be a divided

kingdom, although there will be in it of the strength of stood opposite to the image that Nebuchadnezzar gate of the king.

**?** King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits, and the breadth of which was six cubits: he set it up in the valley of Dura, in the province of Babylon. 2 And king Nebuchadnezzar sent to assemble [his] lieutenants, the superintendents, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, those learned in the law, and all the rulers of the provinces, to come to the dedication of the image which king Nebuchadnezzar had set up. 3 Thereupon were assembled the lieutenants, the superintendents, and the governors, the judges, the treasurers, the counsellors, those learned in the law, and all the rulers of the provinces unto the dedication of the image that king Nebuchadnezzar had set up; and they

the iron; forasmuch as thou sawest the iron mingled had set up. 4 Then a herald called out with a loud with miry clay. 42 And as the toes of the feet were voice, To you it is commanded, O people, nations, part of them of iron, and part of them of clay: so will and languages, 5 That at the time when ye do hear the kingdom be partly strong and partly brittle. 43 And the sound of the cornet, flute, guitar, harp, psaltery, whereas thou sawest iron mingled with miry clay; so bagpipe, and all kinds of music, ye shall fall down will they mingle themselves among the seed of men; and bow yourselves to the golden image which king but they will not cleave firmly one to another, even Nebuchadnezzar hath set up: 6 And whoso doth not as iron cannot be mingled with clay. 44 But in the fall down and bow himself shall in the same hour days of these kings will the God of heaven set up a be cast into the midst of a burning fiery furnace. 7 kingdom: which shall to eternity not be destroyed, Therefore at the same time, when all the people heard and its rule shall not be transferred to any other the sound of the cornet, flute, guitar, harp, psaltery, people; [but] it will grind up and make an end of all and all kinds of music, all the people, the nations, these kingdoms, while it will itself endure for ever. and the languages fell down bowing themselves 45 Whereas thou sawest that out of the mountain a to the golden image which king Nebuchadnezzar stone tore itself loose, not through [human] hands, had set up. 8 Therefore at the same time certain and that it ground up the iron, the copper, the clay, Chaldean men came near, and accused the Jews the silver, and the gold; the great God hath made treacherously, 9 They commenced and said to king known to the king what is to come to pass after Nebuchadnezzar, O king, live for ever. 10 Thou, this. And the dream is reliable, and its interpretation O king, hadst made a decree, that every man that certain. 46 Then did king Nebuchadnezzar fall upon should hear the sound of the cornet, flute, guitar, his face, and he bowed down to Daniel, and ordered harp, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, that they should offer an oblation and sweet odors should fall down and bow himself to the golden image; unto him. 47 The king answered unto Daniel, and 11 And that whoso should not fall down and bow said, Of a truth it is, that your God is the God of gods, himself should be cast into the midst of a burning and the Lord of kings, and the revealer of secrets; fiery furnace. 12 There are certain Jewish men whom because thou hast been able to reveal this secret. 48 thou hast appointed over the public service of the Then did the king elevate Daniel, and gave him many province of Babylon, Shadrach, Meshach, and 'Abedgreat presents, and made him ruler over the whole nego; these men. O king, have not paid any regard province of Babylon, and chief of the superintendents to thee; thy god they do not worship, and to the over all the wise men of Babylon. 49 Then requested golden image which thou hast set up they do not Daniel of the king, that he might appoint Shadrach, bow themselves. 13 Then ordered Nebuchadnezzar Meshach, and 'Abed-nego, over the public service of in rage and fury to bring Shadrach, Meshach, and the province of Babylon; but Daniel remained in the 'Abed-nego. Then were these men brought before the king. 14 Nebuchadnezzar commenced and said unto them, Is it out of disrespect, O Shadrach, Meshach, and 'Abed-nego? My god ye do not worship, and to the golden image which I have set up ye do not bow vourselves? 15 Now then if ve be ready at the time when ye hear the sound of the cornet, flute, harp, guitar, psaltery, and bagpipe, and all kinds of music, to fall down and bow yourselves to the image which I have made, [well]; but if ye bow yourselves not, ye shall be cast in the same hour into the midst of a burning fiery furnace: and who is the God that can deliver you out of my hand? 16 Then answered Shadrach, Meshach, and 'Abed-nego, and said to the king, O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer thee a word in this matter. 17 Behold, there is our God whom we worship, he is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace: and out of thy hand, O king,

thee. O king, that thy god will we not worship, and there is no other God that can deliver like this one. 30 to the golden image which; thou hast set up will we Then did the king promote Shadrach. Meshach, and not bow ourselves. 19 Then was Nebuchadnezzar 'Abed-nego, in the province of Babylon. filled with fury, and the form of his countenance was changed because of Shadrach, Meshach, and 'Abednego; [and] he commenced and ordered that they should heat the furnace thoroughly seven times more than it was wont to be heated. 20 And he ordered the mightiest men in strength that were in his army. to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and 'Abed-nego, [and] to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. 21 Then were these men bound in their mantles, their undergarments, and their turbans, and their other garments. and were cast into the midst of the burning fiery furnace. 22 Now, because the king's command was so urgent, and the furnace exceedingly heated, the flame of the fire slew those men that carried 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 was king Nebuchadnezzar astonished, and he rose up in haste, [and] commenced, and said unto his counsellors. Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire? They answered and said unto the king. Certainly. O king. 25 He answered and said, Lo, I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and there is no injury on them: and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods. 26 Then came Nebuchadnezzar near to the door of the burning fiery furnace, commenced, and said, Shadrach, Meshach, and 'Abed-nego, ye servants of the most high God, step forth, and come hither. Then stepped Shadrach, Meshach, and 'Abednego forth out of the midst of the fire. 27 And the lieutenants, superintendents, and governors, and the king's counsellors, being assembled together, saw these men, over whose bodies the fire had had no power, and the hair of whose head was not singed. whose mantles were not changed, and on whom there was not come the smell of fire. 28 Then commenced Nebuchadnezzar, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and 'Abed-nego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that had trusted in him, and had transgressed the king's word, and yielded up their bodies, that they might not worship no bow themselves to any god, except their own God. 29 Therefore do I make a decree. That every people. nation, and language, that may speak any thing disrespectful against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and 'Abed-nego, shall be cut in pieces, and their

will be deliver us. 18 But if not, then be it known unto houses shall be changed into a dunghill; because

▲ Nebuchadnezzar the king, unto all people, nations. and languages, that dwell on all the earth, May your welfare increase. 2 The signs and wonders which the most high God hath wrought toward me I find it for good to make known. 3 His signs—how great are they! and his wonders— how mighty are they! his kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and his rule is over every generation. 4 Nebuchadnezzar was at rest in my house, and flourishing in my palace. 5 l saw a dream which terrified me; and the thoughts upon my couch and the visions of my head troubled me. 6 Therefore made I a decree to bring before me all the wise men of Babylon, that they might make known unto me the interpretation of the dream. 7 Then came up the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers; and the dream did I recite before them; but its interpretation did they not make known unto me. 8 But at the last came up before me Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar. after the name of my god, and in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and the dream did I recite before him, [saying, ] 9 O Belteshazzar, chief of the magicians, of whom I know that the spirit of the holy gods is in thee. and that no secret is concealed from thee, tell me the visions of my dream which I have seen, with its interpretation. 10 And the visions of my head on my couch were, [that] I saw, and behold, there was a tree in the midst of the earth, and its height was great, 11 The tree grew, and was strong, and its height reached unto heaven, and it was visible to the end of all the earth. 12 Its foliage was splendid, and its fruit large, and on it was food for all: under it sought the beasts of the field for shade, and in its boughs dwelt the fowls of heaven, and from it was fed all flesh, 13 I saw in the visions of my head on my couch, and, behold, a watcher who was also a holy one came down from heaven. 14 He called with might, and thus he said. Hew down the trees and lop off its branches, strip off its leaves, and scatter its fruit; let the beasts flee away from under it, and the fowls from among its branches: 15 Nevertheless leave the body of its roots in the earth, but [bound] with fetters of iron and copper, among the grass of the field; and let it be made wet with the dew of heaven, and let its portion be with the beasts on the herbage of the earth: 16 Let his heart be changed not to be human, and let a beast's

this decision: to the intent that the living may know royal palace at Babylon, 30 The king commenced. that the Most High ruleth over the kingdom of men, and said. Is not this Babylon the great, that I myself and that he can give it to whomsoever he pleaseth, have built for a royal residence by the might of my and can set up over it the lowest of men. 18 This power, and for the honor of my majesty? 31 The word dream have I, king Nebuchadnezzar, seen; but thou, was still in the king's mouth, when there fell a voice O Belteshazzar, relate its interpretation, forasmuch as from heaven, [saying, ] To thee it is said, O king all the wise men of my kingdom are not able to make Nebuchadnezzar, The kingdom departeth from thee. known unto me the interpretation; but thou art able; 32 And from men will they drive thee away, and with for the spirit of the holy gods is in thee. 19 Then was the beasts of the field shall thy dwelling be; herbs like one hour, and his thoughts troubled him. The king shall elapse over thee; until thou wilt know that the then commenced, and said, Belteshazzar, let not the Most High ruleth over the kingdom of men, and giveth dream, or its interpretation, trouble thee. Belteshazzar it to whomsoever he pleaseth. 33 At the same hour answered and said, My lord, O that the dream might the word was fulfilled upon Nebuchadnezzar; and be for those that hate thee, and its interpretation for from men was he driven away, and herbs like oxen thy enemies. 20 The tree that thou hast seen, which had he to eat, and with the dew of heaven was his grew, and was strong, the height of which reached body made wet: till his hair was grown like eagles' earth; 21 The foliage of which was splendid, and But at the end of the days I Nebuchadnezzar lifted the fruit of which was large, and on which was food up my eyes unto heaven, and my understanding for all; under which dwelt the beasts of the field, returned unto me, and I blessed the Most High, and I and in the boughs of which nestled the fowls of the praised and glorified the Everliving, whose dominion heaven: — 22 It is thou. O king, that art grown and is an everlasting dominion, and whose kingdom is become strong; and thy greatness is grown apace, over every generation; 35 And [by whom] all the and reacheth unto heaven, and thy dominion is to inhabitants of the earth are regarded as nought; and the end of the earth. 23 And whereas the king saw a [who] according to his pleasure doth with the host of leave the body of its roots in the earth, but [bound] doest thou? 36 At the same time my understanding in fetters of iron and copper, among the grass of returned unto me; and with the glory of my kingdom, the field; and let it be made wet with the dew of my honor and my splendor returned unto me; and my field, till seven times elapse over it: - 24 This is the replaced in my kingdom, and additional greatness interpretation, O king, and this is the resolve of the was added unto me. 37 Now I Nebuchadnezzar praise They will drive thee away from men, and with the works are truth, and whose ways are justice; and who beasts of the field is thy dwelling to be, and they will is able to bring low those that walk in pride. suffer thee to eat herbs like oxen, and they will suffer thee to be made wet with the dew of heaven, and seven times will elapse over thee; until that thou wilt know that the Most High ruleth over the kingdom of men, and giveth it to whomsoever he pleaseth. 26 And whereas they ordered to leave the body of the roots of the tree: thy kingdom will remain unto thee, as soon as thou wilt know that the Heavens do rule. 27 Therefore, O king, let my counsel be agreeable unto thee, and atone for thy sins by righteousness. and for thy iniquities by showing kindness to the poor:

heart be given unto him; and let seven times elapse perhaps thy prosperity may [thereby] endure long. over him. 17 Through the resolve of the watchers 28 All this came over king Nebuchadnezzar. 29 At is this decree, and by the order of the holy ones is the end of twelve months he was walking upon the Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, astounded for oxen will they suffer thee to eat, and seven times unto the heaven, and which was visible to all the [feathers], and his nails were like birds' [claws].— 34 watcher and a holy one coming down from heaven, heaven and the inhabitants of the earth; while there is who said, Hew the tree down, and destroy it; yet none that can stay his hand, or say unto him, What heaven, and let its portion be with the beasts of the counsellors and my lords sought for me: and I was Most High, which will come over my lord the king: 25 and extol and glorify the King of heaven, all whose

> 5 King Belshazzar prepared a great feast for a thousand of his lords, and before these thousand did he drink wine. 2 Belshazzar ordered, through the counsel of the wine, to bring in the golden and silver vessels which his father Nebuchadnezzar had taken away out of the temple which was in Jerusalem: that the king, and his lords, his wives, and his concubines, might drink therefrom. 3 Then they brought in the golden vessels that were taken away out of the temple of the house of God which was at Jerusalem; and the

king, and his lords, his wives, and his concubines, and make known to me its interpretation, thou shalt drank from them. 4 They drank wine, and praised be clothed with purple, with a chain of gold about their gods of gold, and of silver, of copper, of iron, of thy neck, and shalt rule as the third in the kingdom. wood, and of stone, 5 At that same hour came forth 17 Then answered Daniel and said before the king. fingers of a man's hand, and wrote opposite to the Let thy gifts remain in thy possession, and bestow chandelier upon the plaster of the wall of the king's thy bounty on another: nevertheless will I read the palace: and the king saw the part of the hand that writing unto the king, and make known to him the wrote. 6 Then was the king's color changed, and his interpretation. 18 O thou king! the most high God thoughts troubled him: so that the bands of his loins gave kingdom, and greatness, and glory, and honor were loosed, and his knees knocked one against unto Nebuchadnezzar thy father; 19 And because of the other. 7 the king called with might to bring in the the greatness that he had given unto him, all people, astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. nations, and languages trembled and shook before The king commenced, and said to the wise men of him: whom he pleased he slew; and whom he pleased Babylon, Whatsoever man will read this writing, and he kept alive; and whom he pleased he lifted up; and tell me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple, whom he pleased he brought low, 20 But, when his and have a chain of gold about his neck, and shall heart was lifted up, and his spirit hardened to deal rule as the third in the kingdom. 8 Then came in all the presumptuously, he was cast down from the throne wise men of the king; but they were not able to read of his kingdom, and his dignity did they take from the writing, nor to make its interpretation known to the him; 21 And from the sons of men was he driven king. 9 Then was king Belshazzar greatly terrified, forth, and his heart became equal with [that of] the and his color was changed on him, and his lords were beasts, and with the wild asses was his dwelling; confounded. 10 [Now] the gueen in consequence of they suffered him to eat herbs like oxen, and with the words of the king and of his lords came into the the dew of heaven was his body made wet: till he banquet-house; the queen commenced and said, O acknowledged that the most high God ruleth over king, live for ever; let thy thoughts not trouble thee, the kingdom of men, and that he appointeth over it nor let thy color be changed: 11 There is a man in thy whomsoever he pleaseth. 22 And thou his son. O kingdom in whom is the spirit of the holy gods; and in Belshazzar, hast not humbled thy heart, though thou the days of thy father enlightenment and intelligence knewest all this: 23 But against the Lord of heaven and wisdom, like the wisdom of the gods, were found hast thou lifted thyself up; and the vessels of his in him: and king Nebuchadnezzar thy father appointed house have they brought before thee, and thou, and him chief of the magicians, astrologers, Chaldeans, thy lords, thy wives, and thy concubines, have drunk and soothsayers: —yes, thy father, O king.— 12 wine from them; and the gods of silver, and gold, of Forasmuch as a superior spirit, and knowledge, and copper, iron, wood, and stone, which neither see, intelligence, interpreting of dreams, and solving of nor hear, nor know, hast thou praised; and the God riddles, and of untying knotty [doubts], were found in in whose hand thy soul is, and whose are all thy him, in Daniel, to whom the king assigned the name ways, hast thou not glorified: 24 Thereupon was sent of Belteshazzar: now let Daniel be called, and he will from before him the part of the hand, and this writing tell the interpretation. 13 Then was Daniel brought in was noted down. 25 And this is the writing that was before the king; the king commenced and said unto noted down, M'ne, M'ne, T'kel, Upharsin, 26 This the Daniel, Art thou Daniel, who art of the children of the interpretation of the matter: M'ne, God hath numbered exiles of Judah, whom the king my father brought thy kingdom, and made an end of it. 27 T'kel, Thou out of Judah? 14 And I have heard of thee, that the least been weighed in the balances, and been found spirit of the gods is in thee, and that enlightenment wanting. 28 P'ress; Thy kingdom hath been divided, and intelligence and superior wisdom are found in and is given to the Medes and Persians. 29 Then thee. 15 And now the wise men, the astrologers, had gave Belshazzar the order, and they clothed Daniel been brought before me, that they should read this with purple, with a chain of gold about his neck, and writing, and make known unto me its interpretation; they made a proclamation concerning him, that he but they were not able to tell the interpretation of the should rule as the third in the kingdom. 30 In that very matter. 16 But I have truly heard concerning thee, that night was Belshazzar the king of the Chaldeans slain. thou art able to give interpretations, and untie knotty 31 And Darius the Median obtained the kingdom, [doubts]: now if thou art able to read the writing, when he was sixty and two years old.

said they unto him, King Darius, live for ever. 7 All the from him. 19 Then arose the king by the morning-

A Darius deemed it proper, and he set over the distressed within himself, and on account of Daniel kingdom one hundred and twenty lieutenants, he sought an excuse to deliver him; and till the going who should be over all the kingdom; 2 And over down of the sun he strove hard to rescue him. 15 these, three presidents, of whom Daniel was one: that Then came these men tumultuously unto the king. these lieutenants should give accounts unto them, and said unto the king, Know, O king, that it is the law so that the king might suffer no damage. 3 Then did of the Medes and Persians. That every prohibition this Daniel excel [all] the presidents and lieutenants, and statute which the king hath established is not to because a superior spirit was in him: and the king be changed. 16 Then gave the king the order, and thought to appoint him over the whole kingdom. 4 they brought Daniel, and cast him into the den of Then sought the presidents and lieutenants to find a lions. The king commenced and said unto Daniel, pretext against Daniel on account of the management May thy God whom thou worshippest continually, of the kingdom; but they were not able to find any truly deliver thee. 17 And a stone was brought, and pretext or fault, forasmuch as he was faithful, and placed upon the mouth of the den; and the king no kind of error or fault was to be found on him. 5 sealed it with his own signet-ring, and with the signet-Then said these men, We shall not find any pretext ring of his lords, that nothing should be changed in against this Daniel, except we find it against him in the purpose concerning Daniel. 18 Then went the the law of his God. 6 Then came these presidents king to his palace, and passed the night fasting; and and lieutenants tumultuously to the king, and thus no food was brought before him; and his sleep fled presidents of the kingdom, the superintendents, and dawn, as soon as it was light, and went in great haste the lieutenants, the counsellors, and the governors, unto the den of lions. 20 And when he came near to have consulted together to establish a royal statute, the den, he cried with a mournful voice unto Daniel: and to make a firm prohibition, that whosoever will ask the king commenced and said to Daniel, O Daniel, any thing by prayer of any God or man within thirty servant of the living God, hath thy God, whom thou days, save of thee, O king, shall be cast into the den worshippest continually, been able to deliver thee of lions. 8 Now, O king, establish the prohibition, and from the lions! 21 Then spoke Daniel with the king, O sign the writing, that it cannot be changed, according king, live for ever. 22 My God sent his angel, and to the law of the Medes and Persians, which is not locked up the mouths of the lions, and they have not to be repealed. 9 In view of this king Darius signed hurt me; forasmuch as before him innocency was the writing and the prohibition. 10 Now when Daniel found in me; and also before thee, O king, had I done knew that the writing was signed, he went up unto nothing injurious. 23 Then was the king exceedingly his house, where he had open windows in his upper glad within himself, and concerning Daniel he ordered chamber in the direction of Jerusalem; and three to bring him up out of the den. So was Daniel brought times every day he kneeled upon his knees, and up out of the den, and no manner of hurt was found prayed, and offered thanks before his God, as he had upon him, because he had trusted in his God. 24 And been doing before that time. 11 Then came in these the king gave the order, and they brought those men men tumultuously, and found Daniel praying and who had accused Daniel treacherously, and they cast making supplication before his God. 12 Then came into the den of lions them, their children, and their they near, and spoke before the king concerning the wives; and they had not yet touched the bottom of the king's prohibition, Hast thou not signed a prohibition, den when the lions had the mastery over them, and that every man that will pray [for aught] of any God or ground up all their bones. 25 Then wrote king Darius man, within thirty days, save of thee, O king, shall unto all people, nations, and languages, that dwell on be cast into the den of lions? The king answered all the earth, May your welfare increase. 26 From me and said, The thing is certainly so, according to the is it decreed, That in all the dominion of my kingdom law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot he men shall tremble and have fear before the God of repealed. 13 Then answered they and said before the Daniel; for he is the living God, and endureth for ever, king, That Daniel, who is of the children of the exiles and it is his kingdom which will not be destroyed, of Judah, hath paid no regard to thee, O king, nor and his dominion will be unto the end [of things]. 27 to the prohibition which thou hast signed; but three He delivereth and rescueth, and he displayeth sings times every day he offereth up his prayer. 14 Then and wonders in heaven and on earth, he who hath the king, when he heard this matter, felt very much delivered Daniel from the power of the lions. 28 So

this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius, and in brought him near before him. 14 And there were given the reign of Cyrus the Persian. him dominion, and dignity, and government, and all

**7** In the first year of Belshazzar the king of Babylon, Daniel saw a dream and the visions of his head while on his couch: afterward he wrote down the dream, relating the principal things, 2 Daniel commenced and said. I saw in my vision by night. and, behold, the four winds of heaven blew fiercely on the great sea. 3 And four great beasts came up from the sea, differing one from another. 4 the first was like a lion, and had eagle's wings: I looked till its wings were plucked out, and it was lifted up from the earth, and was placed upon its feet as a man. and a human heart was given to it. 5 And behold there was another, a second beast, like a bear, and on one side was it placed, with three ribs in its mouth between its teeth: and thus they said unto it. Arise. eat much flesh. 6 After this I looked, and lo there was another, like a leopard; and it had four wings of a bird on its back: the beast had also four heads: and dominion was given unto it. 7 After this I looked in the night visions, and behold there was a fourth beast. dreadful and terrible, and strong exceedingly; and it had great iron teeth; it devoured and ground up. and what was left it stamped with its feet; and it was different from all the beasts that were before it: and it had ten horns. 8 I looked carefully at the horns. and, behold, another little horn came up between them, and three of the first horns were plucked up by the roots before the same; and, behold, there were eyes like the eyes of man in this horn, with a mouth speaking presumptuous things. 9 I was looking until chairs were set down, and an Ancient of days seated himself, whose garment was white as snow. and the hair of whose head was like clean wool: his chair was like flames of fire, and his wheels like fire that burnt: 10 A stream of fire issued and came forth from before him: thousand times thousands ministered unto him, and myriad times myriads stood before him: they sat down to hold judgment, and the books were opened. 11 I looked then, because of the sound of the presumptuous words which the horn had spoken, -I looked till the beast was slain, and its body destroyed, and given over to the burning fire. 12 But concerning the rest of the beasts, they had their dominion taken away: yet a longer duration of life was given unto them until the time and period. 13 l looked in the nightly visions, and, behold, with the clouds of heaven came one like a son of man, and he attained as far as the Ancient of days, and they

him dominion, and dignity, and government, and all people, nations, and languages had to serve him; his dominion is an everlasting dominion, which shall not pass away, and his kingdom is one which shall never be destroyed. 15 My spirit was deeply shaken within me, Daniel, in the midst of its tenement, and the visions of my head troubled me. 16 I came near unto one of those that stood by, and asked him something certain concerning all this: and he spoke to me, and made known unto me the interpretation of the things. 17 These great beasts, of which there are four, are four kings, who are to arise on the earth. 18 But the saints of the Most High will obtain the kingdom, and possess the kingdom to eternity, even to all eternity for ever. 19 Then I desired what is certain concerning the fourth beast, which was different from all these others, exceedingly dreadful, whose teeth were of iron, and whose nails of copper; which devoured. ground up, and stamped with its feet what was left; 20 And concerning the ten horns that were in its head, and concerning the other which came up, and before which three fell down, even concerning that horn which had eves, and a mouth which spoke presumptuous things, and whose appearance was greater than that of its companions. 21 I had seen how the same horn had made war with the saints, and had prevailed against them: 22 Until the Ancient of days came, and procured justice unto the saints of the Most High: and the time came and the saints took possession of the kingdom. 23 Thus said he. The fourth beast [signifieth that] a fourth kingdom will be upon earth, which is to be different from all kingdoms, and will devour all the earth, and will tread it down, and grind it up. 24 And the ten horns out of this kingdom [signify] that ten kings will arise: and another will rise after them, and he will be different from the first, and three kings will he bring low. 25 And he will speak words against the Most High, and the saints of the Most High will he oppress, and think to change the festivals and the law: and they will be given up into his hand until a time and times and half a time. 26 But they will sit down to hold judgment. and they will take away his dominion, to destroy and to annihilate it unto the end. 27 And the kingdom and the dominion, and the power over the kingdoms under the whole heaven, will be given to the people of the saints of the Most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all governments are to worship and obey him. 28 Thus far is the end of the speech. As for me Daniel, my reflections troubled me

greatly, and my color was changed on me; but I kept foot? 14 And he said unto me, Until two thousand the speech in my heart.

and three hundred evenings and mornings, when the

**Q** In the third year of the reign of king Belshazzar a vision appeared unto me, to me Daniel, after that which had appeared unto me at the first. 2 And I saw in the vision—and it came to pass, in my seeing, that I was at Shushan the capital, which is in the province of 'Elam; —and I saw in the vision, as though I was by the river Ulai. 3 And I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and, behold, there was a ram standing before the river, and he had two horns; and the horns were high; but one was higher than the other, and the higher one came up last. 4 I saw the ram butting westward, and northward, and southward; so that all the beasts could not stand before him, and no one was there to deliver out of his hand; and he did according to his will, and became great. 5 And as I was looking attentively, behold, there came a shaggy, he-goat from the west over the face of the whole earth, without touching the ground; and the goat had a sightly large horn between his eyes. 6 And he came as far as the ram that had two horns, that I had seen standing before the river, and ran at him with his furious power. 7 And I saw him coming close unto the ram, and he became bitterly enraged against him, and he struck the ram, and broke his two horns; and there was no power in the ram to stand forward before him: and he cast him down to the ground, and stamped upon him; and there was no one to deliver the ram out of his hand. 8 And the shaggy he-goat became very great: but when he was grown strong, the great horn was broken; and there came up four slightly large ones in its place toward the four winds of heaven. 9 And out of them came forth a little horn, which became exceedingly great, toward the south, and toward the east, and toward the glorious land. 10 And it became great, even up to the host of the heavens; and it cast down to the ground some of the host and of the stars, and trod them under foot. 11 Yea, it magnified itself even up to the prince of the host, and by it the continual sacrifice was taken away, and the place of his sanctuary was cast down. 12 And the host is given up together with the continual sacrifice, by reason of transgression: and it casteth down the truth to the ground, and it doth [this], and is prosperous. 13 Then one said unto the unknown one who was speaking,

and three hundred evenings and mornings, when the sanctuary shall be justified. 15 And it came to pass. when I, even I Daniel, saw the vision, and sought for understanding, that, behold, there was standing opposite to me something like the appearance of a man. 16 And I heard the voice of a man between [the banks of the Ulai, and it called, and said, Gabriel, cause this one to understand this appearance. 17 So he came close to where I stood: and when he came, I was terrified, and I fell upon my face; but he said unto me, Mark it well, O son of man; because for the time of the end is the vision. 18 Now as he was speaking with me. I fell down in amazement on my face to the ground; but he touched me, and set me upright where I had been standing. 19 And he said, Behold, I will make known unto thee what is to be at the last end of the indignation; for it is for the appointed time of the end. 20 The ram that thou hast seen, him with the two horns, [signifieth] the kings of Media and Persia. 21 And the shaggy he-goat is the king of Javan; and the great horn which is between his eyes is the first king. 22 But that it was broken, and that four sprung up in its stead, [signifieth that] four kingdoms will spring up out of the nation, but not with his power. 23 And in the latter time of their kingdom, when the transgressors have filled their measure of quilt, there will arise a king of an impudent face, and understanding deep schemes. 24 And his power will be mighty, but not by his own power; and he will destroy wonderfully, and will prosper while he doth [this]; and he will destroy very many and the people of the saints. 25 And through his intelligence, and because he prospereth, is craftiness in his hand; and in his heart will he magnify himself, and in peace will he destroy many: he will also stand up against the Prince of princes; but without a human hand will he be broken. 26 And the appearance of the evening and the morning which was spoken of is true: but do thou keep the vision closed up; 27 And I Daniel grieved, and was sick several days; afterward I rose up, and did the king's business; and I was depressed because of the appearance; but no one observed it.

transgression: and it casteth down the truth to the ground, and it doth [this], and is prosperous. 13 Then of the seed of the Medes, who was made king did I hear a certain holy one speaking, and a holy over the kingdom of the Chaldeans, 2 In the first one said unto the unknown one who was speaking, year of his reign, I Daniel searched in the books For how long is the vision concerning the continual for understanding concerning the number of the sacrifice, and the wasting transgression, to give up years whereof the word of the Lord had come to both the sanctuary and the host to be trodden under

seventy years over the ruins of Jerusalem. 3 And I through the iniquities of our fathers, Jerusalem and directed my face unto the Lord God, to ask by prayer thy people are become a reproach to all who are and supplications, with fasting, and in sackcloth, and round about us. 17 And now listen. O our God, to the ashes. 4 And I prayed unto the Lord my God, and prayer of thy servant, and to his supplications, and made my confession, and said. O Lord, the great cause thy face to shine upon thy sanctuary which is and terrible God, who keepeth the covenant and desolate, for the sake of the Lord. 18 Incline, O my kindness to those that love him, and to those that keep God, thy ear, and hear; open thy eyes, and look on his commandments: 5 We have sinned, and have our desolations, and the city whereupon thy name is committed iniquity, and have done wickedly, and have called: for not [relying] on our acts of righteousness rebelled, and have departed from thy commandments do we present humbly our supplications before thee, and from thy ordinances; 6 Nor have we hearkened but [relying] on thy great mercies, 19 O Lord, hear; O unto thy servants the prophets, who spoke in thy Lord, forgive; O Lord, hearken and do it; delay it not; name to our kings, our princes, and our fathers, and for thy own sake, O my God; for thy name is called to all the people of the land. 7 Thine, O Lord, is the upon thy city and upon thy people. 20 And while I righteousness, but unto us belongeth the shame of was yet speaking, and praying, and confessing my face, as it is this day, —to the men of Judah, and to sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting the inhabitants of Jerusalem, and unto all Israel, those my supplication humbly before the Lord my God that are near, and those that are far off, through all because of the holy mountain of my God: 21 Yea. the countries whither thou hast driven them, because while I was yet speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, of their trespass which they have trespassed against whom I had seen in the vision at the beginning, came, thee. 8 O Lord, to us belongeth the shame of face, to flying swiftly, near me about the time of the evening our kings, to our princes, and to our fathers; because oblation. 22 And he gave me understanding, and we have sinned against thee, 9 To the Lord our God spoke with me, and said, O Daniel, now am I come belong mercies and pardonings; for we have rebelled forth to make thee intelligent with understanding. 23 against him; 10 And we have not obeyed the voice At the beginning of thy supplications the word went of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws, which he forth, and I am come to tell it; for thou art greatly set before us through means of his servants the beloved: therefore understand the matter, and have prophets. 11 Yea, all Israel have transgressed thy understanding of the appearance, 24 Seventy weeks law, and have departed so as not to obey thy voice: are determined upon thy people and upon thy holy therefore was poured out over us the curse, with the city, to close up the transgression, and to make an oath that is written in the law of Moses the servant of end of sins, and to atone for iniquity, and to bring in God; because we had sinned against him. 12 And he everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision hath accomplished his words, which he had spoken and prophecy, and to anoint the most holy thing, 25 concerning us, and concerning our judges that judged Know therefore and comprehend, that from the going us, by bringing upon us a great evil, which was never forth of the word to restore and to build Jerusalem done under the whole heaven as it hath been done in unto the anointed the prince will be seven weeks: and Jerusalem. 13 As it is written in the law of Moses; during sixty and two weeks will it be again built with all this evil came over us: yet offered we not any streets and ditches [around it], even in the pressure entreaty before the Lord our God, to return from our of the times, 26 And after the sixty and two weeks will iniquities, and to become intelligent in thy truth. 14 an anointed one be cut off without a successor to Therefore did the Lord watch over the evil, and he follow him: and the city and the sanctuary will the brought it upon us; for the Lord our God is righteous people of the prince that is coming destroy; but his because of all his deeds which he hath done; but end will come in a violent overthrow; but until the we have not obeyed his voice. 15 And now, O Lord end of the war devastations are decreed [against our God, who hast brought forth thy people out of it]. 27 And he will make a strong covenant with the the land of Egypt with a strong hand, and hast made many for one week; and in the half of the week will thyself a [great] name, as it is this day: we have he cause the sacrifice and the oblation to cease, and sinned, we have done wickedly. 16 O Lord, according this because of the prevalence of the abominations to all thy righteousness, I beseech thee, let thy anger which bringeth devastation, and until destruction and and thy fury be turned away from thy city Jerusalem, what is decreed shall be poured out upon the waster. thy holy mountain; because through our sins, and

was called Belteshazzar; and the word is the truth. no strength, 17 And how shall the servant of this my but the time appointed is long off; and he noted the lord be able to speak with this my lord? And as for word, and took notice of it in the appearance, 2 In me, from that moment there remained no strength those days I Daniel was mourning three full weeks. 3 in me, and no breath was left in me. 18 Then there Costly food did I not eat, and flesh and wine came not touched me again something like the appearance of in my mouth, nor did I at all anoint myself, till three a man, and he strengthened me: 19 And he said. whole weeks were elapsed. 4 And on the four and Fear not, O man greatly beloved: peace be unto thee, twentieth day of the first month, while I was by the be strong, yea, be strong. And when he spoke with side of the great river, which is Chiddekel, 5 I lifted me, I felt myself strengthened, and said, Let my lord up my eyes, and looked, and behold there was a speak; for thou hast strengthened me. 20 Then said certain man clothed in linen, and his loins were girded he, Knowest thou wherefore I am come unto thee? with fine gold of Uphaz: 6 And his body was also and now will I return to fight with the prince of Persia: like the chrysolite, and his face, like the appearance and as I am going forth, lo, the prince of Javan is of lightning, and his eyes were like torches of fire, coming. 21 Nevertheless will I tell thee what is noted and his arms and his feet, like the color of polished down in the writing of truth: —and there is none that copper, and the sound of his words was like the holdeth with me [to assist me] against those, except noise of a multitude. 7 And I Daniel saw alone this Michael your prince. appearance; but the men that were with me did not see the appearance: nevertheless a great terror fell upon them, so that they fled to hide themselves. 8 And I was left by myself alone, and I saw this great appearance, and there remained no strength in me: and my healthy color was changed on me into corruption, and I retained no strength. 9 Then heard I the sound of his words; and as I heard the sound of his words. I sank in amazement on my face. with my face toward the ground. 10 And, behold, a hand touched me, and it moved me upon my knees and the palms of my hands. 11 And he said unto me, O Daniel, the man greatly beloved, mark well the words that I speak unto thee, and stand on thy standing-place: for now have I been sent unto thee. And when he had spoken this word unto me, I stood up trembling. 12 And he said unto me, Fear not, Daniel; for from the first day that thou didst set thy heart to obtain understanding, and to fast before thy God, were thy words heard; and I am come in consequence of thy words. 13 But the prince of the kingdom of Persia stood up against me one and twenty days: but, lo, Michael, one of the chief princes, came to help me; and I obtained the victory there with the kings of Persia. 14 Now am I come to make thee understand what is to befall thy people, in the latter days; for the vision is yet for the [coming] days. 15 And when he spoke unto me such words, I directed my face toward the ground, and I became dumb. 16 And, behold, something like the form of the sons of men touched my lips; and I opened my mouth. and I spoke, and said unto him that stood opposite

1 n the third year of Cyrus the king of Persia a to me, O my lord, because of the appearance my word was revealed unto Daniel, whose name pains suddenly overcame me, and I have retained

> 11 And I in the first year of Darius the Mede had my station to assist and to protect him. 2 And now will I tell thee the truth. Behold, there will stand up yet three kings of Persia: and the fourth will obtain far greater riches than all [these]: and when he is strong through his riches will he stir up all, [namely, ] the kingdom of Javan. 3 And then will stand up a mighty king, who will rule with great dominion, and do according to his pleasure. 4 And when he shall have stood, his kingdom will be broken, and will be divided toward the four winds of the heavens. and not to his posterity, nor according to his dominion which he ruled: for his kingdom will be torn asunder even for others beside those. 5 And the king of the south will become strong, yea, he who is one of his princes; but [another] will become strong against him, and will rule: a great dominion will his dominion be. 6 But at the end of [some] years will they associate themselves together; and the daughter of the king of the south will come to the king of the north to make a settlement of difficulties; but she will not retain the power of the support; neither will he stand, nor his support: but she will be given up with those that had brought her, and he that begat her, and he that strengthened her in those times. 7 But there will up a sprout of her roots in his place, and he will come to the army, and will enter into the stronghold of the king of the north, and will deal with them, and prevail: 8 And also their gods with their molten images, with their precious vessels of silver and of gold, will he carry into captivity to Egypt; and he will stand off

some years from the king of the north. 9 But this one up, and obtain the victory with a small number of will then enter the kingdom of the king of the south, people. 24 In quiet and into the fattest portion of the and then return into his own land. 10 But his sons will province will he enter; and he will do what his fathers commence a war, and assemble a multitude of great have not done, nor his fathers' fathers; the prev. and armies; and one will certainly enter, and overflow, and spoil, and riches will he divide freely to them, and pass along: then will he return, and make war again, against the strong-holds will he devise his plans, but even to his stronghold. 11 And the king of the south only till a certain time. 25 And he will then stir up will be moved with bitter wrath, and go forth and fight his power and his courage against the king of the with him, even with the king of the north: and he south with a great army: and the king of the south will set forth a great multitude; but the multitude [of will prepare himself for the war with an exceedingly the other] will be given up into his hand. 12 And the great and mighty army; but he will not stand; for they multitude will be lifted up, and his heart will become will devise [evil] plans against him. 26 Yea, they that proud; and he will cast down myriads; but he will not eat of his food will bring his downfall, and the army be strengthened by it. 13 And the king of the north of the other will overflow; and many will fall down will return, and set forth a multitude greater than the slain, 27 And as for both these kings, their heart is former; and at the end of the times, of years, will bent on mischief, and at one table will they speak he certainly come with a great army and with much lies; but it shall not prosper; for the end is yet for the riches. 14 And in those times many will stand up time appointed. 28 Then will he return into his land against the king of the south: also the rebellious sons with great riches, and his heart will be against the of thy people will lift themselves up to establish the holy covenant: and he will do it, and return to his vision; but they will stumble. 15 And the king of the own land. 29 At the time appointed will he return, north will come, and cast up a mound, and capture and enter into the south; but not as in the former the city defended by fortifications; and the arms of will it be in the latter time. 30 For there will come the south will not withstand, and as regardeth his against him the ships of Kittim; and he will become chosen people, there will be no power [in them] to faint-hearted, and return, and will rage against the withstand. 16 But he that cometh against them will holy covenant; and he will do it; and he will return. do according to his pleasure, and none will stand and have an understanding with those that forsake before him; and he will place himself in the glorious the holy covenant. 31 And the army divisions will land, which will be altogether in his hand. 17 He will proceed from him, and they will defile the sanctuary, also direct his face to enter with the strength of his the fortress, and remove the continual sacrifice, and whole kingdom, having professions of peace with they will set up the desolating abomination. 32 And him; and thus will he do it: and he will give him the such as act wickedly against the covenant will he daughter of his wife to destroy it: but it will not stand, corrupt by flatteries; but the people that do know their and it will not remain his. 18 And he will direct his God will be strong, and deal [valiantly]. 33 And the face unto the isles, and capture many; but a chieftain intelligent among the people will impart understanding will cause to cease his reproach against him: without to many; yet they will stumble through the sword, and his giving back to him his own reproach. 19 Then will through flame, through captivity, and through being he direct his face toward the strong-holds of his own plundered for some time, 34 But in their stumbling land; but he will stumble and fall, and will no more be will they be aided with a little help; but many will found. 20 And there will stand up in his place one join themselves to them with deceptive flatteries. 35 who will cause the exactor [of taxes] to pass through And some of the intelligent will stumble, to make a the glorious [land] of the kingdom; but within a few purification among them, and to select and to cleanse days will he be broken, but not in anger, nor in battle. them, until the time of the end; because it is yet for 21 And there will stand up in his place a despicable the time appointed. 36 And the king will do according person, to whom they assigned not the honor of the to his pleasure; and he will exalt and magnify himself kingdom; but he will come in quietly, and lay hold of above every god, and against the God of gods will he the kingdom by flatteries. 22 And the powers of the speak incredible things, and he will prosper till the overflow will be swept away from before him, and indignation be at an end; for that which is determined will be broken; yea, so also the prince in covenant will be accomplished, 37 And to the gods of his fathers [with him]. 23 And from the time of his associating will he pay no regard; and to the desire of women, or with him will he deal deceitfully; and he will come to any god whatever will he not pay any regard; for

will not escape. 43 And he will have control over the again for thy lot at the end of the days. treasures of gold and of silver, and over all the costly things of Egypt: and the Libyans and the Ethiopians will follow at his steps. 44 But reports out of the east and out of the north will terrify him; and he will go forth with great fury to destroy, and to exterminate many. 45 And he will pitch the tents of his palace between seas and the glorious holy mountain; and he will come to his end, without one to help him.

1 2 And at that time will Michael, the great prince who standeth for the children of thy people, stand forth: and there will be a time of distress, such as hath never been since the existence of any nation. until that same time; and at that time shall thy people be delivered, every one that shall be found written in the book. 2 And many of those that sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to disgrace and everlasting abhorrence. 3 And the intelligent shall shine brilliantly like the brilliance of the expanse [of the sky]; and they that bring many to righteousness shall be like the stars, for ever and ever. 4 But thou, O Daniel, close up the words, and seal the book, until the time of the end: many will roam about, vet shall knowledge be increased. 5 Then I Daniel looked, and behold, there were two others standing, the one on this side of the bank of the stream, and the other on that side of the bank of the stream. 6 And one said to the man clothed in linen, who was above the waters of the stream, How long shall it be to the end of these wonders? 7 Then heard I the man clothed in linen, who was

above all will he magnify himself. 38 But in his place above the waters of the stream; and he lifted up his he will pay honor to the god of the fortresses; and to right hand and his left hand unto the heavens, and a god whom his fathers knew not will he pay honor swore by the Everliving One that after a time, times, with gold, and silver, and with precious stones, and and a half, and when there shall be an end to the costly things. 39 This will he do for the very strong crushing of the power of the holy people, all these fortresses together with the strange god: whoever things shall be ended. 8 And I heard indeed, but I will acknowledge him, him will he give much honor; understood it not: then said I, O my lord, what shall and he will cause such to rule over many, and he will be the end of these things? 9 And he said, Go [thy divide out the land for a price. 40 And at the time way], Daniel; for the words are closed up and sealed of the end will the king of the south push against till the time of the end. 10 Many shall be selected him; and the king of the north will come against him and cleansed, and purified; but the wicked will deal like a storm-wind, with chariots, and with horsemen, wickedly, and none of the wicked will understand: but and with many ships; and he will enter into some the intelligent will understand. 11 And from the time countries, and will overflow and press along. 41 And that the continual sacrifice will be removed, even to he will enter into the glorious land, and much will be set up the desolating abomination, there will be a overthrown; but these will escape out of his hand, thousand two hundred and ninety days. 12 Happy is even Edom, and Moab, and the first portion of the he that waiteth, and attaineth to the thousand three children of 'Ammon, 42 And he will stretch forth his hundred and five and thirty days, 13 But thou, go Ithy hand against some countries, and the land of Egypt way] toward the end; and thou shalt rest, and arise

## Hosea

1 The word of the Lord that came unto Hosea the son of Beeri, in the days of 'Uzzivah, Jotham, Achaz, [and] Hezekiah, the kings of Judah, and in the days of Jerobo'am the son of Joash the king of Israel. 2 The beginning of the word of the Lord by Hosea was, that the Lord said to Hosea, Go, take unto thee a wife of prostitution and children of prostitution; for the linhabitants of the land go far astray, departing from the Lord. 3 So he went and took Gomer the daughter of Diblavim, and she conceived and bore him a son. 4 And the Lord said unto him. Call his name Yizre'el: for but vet a little while, when I will visit the blood of Yizre'el upon the house of Jehu, and I will cause to cease the kingdom of the house of Israel, 5 And it shall come to pass on that day, that I will break the bow of Israel in the valley of Yizre'el. 6 And she conceived again, and bore a daughter: and he said unto him. Call her name Lo-ruchamah [[Not finding mercy]]; for I will not farther have any more mercy upon the house of Israel; but I will give them their full recompense. 7 But upon the house of Judah will I have mercy, and I will save them through the Lord their God, and I will not save them by the bow, or by the sword, or by battle, by horses, or by horsemen. 8 Now when she had weaned Loruchamah, she conceived, and bore a son. 9 Then said he, Call his name Lo-'ammi [[Not my people]]; for ve are not my people, and I will indeed not be unto you [a God]. 10 Yet shall the number of the children of Israel [once] be like the sand of the sea, which cannot be measured nor numbered; and it shall come to pass, that instead that people say of them. Ye are not my people [[Lo-'ammi]], shall they call them, The sons of the living God. 11 Then shall the children of Judah and the children of Israel be gathered together. and they will appoint for themselves one head, and they shall go up out of the land, for great shall be the day of Yizre'el.

mercy]]. 2 Contend with your mother, contend; for with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of the she is not my wife, and I am not her husband; but let heaven, and with the creeping things of the ground: her put away her prostitution from her face, and her and bow, and sword, and war I will break away out of adulteries from between her breasts: 3 Lest I strip her the land, and I will cause them to lie down in safety. naked, and set her, as on the day that she was born. 19 And I will betroth thee unto me for ever: vea. I and make her as a wilderness, and render her like a will betroth thee unto me in righteousness. and in dry land, and let her die with thirst. 4 And upon her justice, and in loving-kindness, and in mercy. 20 And I

prostitution: 5 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, my oil and my drink. 6 Therefore, behold. I will hedge up thy way with thorns, and I will close it up with a fence, that she shall not find her paths. 7 And she will make pursuit after her lovers, but she shall not overtake them; and she will seek them, but shall not find them; then will she say. I will go and return to my first husband: for it was better with me then than now. 8 But she indeed did not acknowledge, that it was I that had given her the corn, and the wine, and the oil, and multiplied for her silver and gold, which they devoted for Ba'al. 9 Therefore will I turn back, and take away my corn in its time, and my wine in its season, and I will snatch away my wool and my flax, [given] to cover her nakedness. 10 And now will I lav open her disgrace before the eyes of her lovers, and no man shall deliver her out of my hand. 11 And I will cause to cease all her mirth, her festival, her new-moon, and her sabbath, and all her appointed feasts. 12 And I will make desolate her vine and her fig-tree. whereof she hath said. These are my reward which my lovers have given me; and I will change them into a forest, and the beasts of the field shall devour them. 13 And I will visit upon her the days of the Be'alim, to which she used to burn incense, when she decked herself with her earrings and her iewels. and went after her lovers, and me she forgot, saith the Lord. 14 Therefore, behold, will I allure her, and lead her forth into the wilderness, and I will speak comfortingly unto her heart. 15 And I will give her [again] her vineyards from there, and the valley of 'Achor [[sorrow]] as an entrance for hope: and she shall sing there, as in the days of her youth, and as on the day of her coming up out of the land of Egypt. 16 And it shall happen at that day, saith the Lord, that thou shalt call me Ishi [[my husband]], and shalt not call me any more Ba'ali [[my lord]]. 17 For I will remove the names of the Be'alim out of her mouth. 2 Call ye your brothers, 'Ammi [[my people]]; and and they shall no more be mentioned by their name. your sisters, Ruchamah [[That hath obtained 18 And I will make for them a covenant on that day children will I not have mercy; for they are children of will betroth thee unto me in faithfulness; and thou

shalt know the Lord. 21 And it shall come to pass on long. 9 Therefore shall the same befall both people that day, that I will answer prayer, saith the Lord, I and priest: and I will punish every one of them for will answer the heavens, and they shall answer the his ways, and recompense every one for his doings. earth; 22 And the earth shall answer the corn, and 10 And they will eat, and shall not be satisfied; they the wine, and the oil; and they shall answer Yizre'el. 23 And I will sow her for me in the land; and I will because the Lord have they forsaken [not] keeping have mercy upon "Her that had not obtained mercy" [his law]. 11 Lewdness and wine and new wine take [[Lo-ruchamah]]; and I will say to those who were "Not my people" [[Lo-'ammi]], Thou art my people: stick of wood, and their staff shall tell them [the and they shall say, Thou art my God.

3 Then said the Lord unto me, Go once more, love a woman beloved of her husband, yet committing adultery: like the love of the Lord toward the children of Israel, who turn themselves after other gods, and love flagons of wine. 2 So I bought me such a one for fifteen pieces of silver, and for a chomer of barley, and half a chomer of barley. 3 And I said unto her, Many days shalt thou abide [true] for me: thou shalt not play the harlot, and thou shalt not belong to any man, and so will I also be toward thee. 4 For many days shall the children of Israel abide without a king, and without a prince, and without a sacrifice, and without a standing image, and without an ephod and theraphim. 5 After that will the children of Israel return, and seek for the Lord their God and David their king; and fearing will they hasten to the Lord and to his goodness in the latter days.

⚠ Hear the word of the Lord, ye children of Israel; for the Lord hath a controversy with the inhabitants of the land; because there is no truth, nor kindness. nor knowledge of God in the land. 2 There is false swearing, and lying, and murdering, and stealing, and committing adultery: they break the bounds, and blood toucheth on blood. 3 Therefore shall the land mourn, and every one that dwelleth therein shall languish, with the beasts of the field, and with the fowls of the heaven; yea, also the fishes of the sea shall perish. 4 Yet let no man strive, let no man reprove another: and thy people are contentious equally with the priest. 5 Therefore shalt thou stumble in the daytime, 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, so will I also reject thee, that thou shalt not be a priest to me; and as thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, so will I myself also forget thy children. 7 The more they increased, the more did they sin against me: therefore will I change their glory into shame. 8 The sin-offering of my people do they eat, and for their iniquity doth the soul of each one of them

future]: for the spirit of lewdness hath caused them to err, and they are gone astray unfaithful to their God. 13 Upon the tops of the mountains do they sacrifice. and upon the hills burn they incense, under oaks and poplars and terebinths, because their shadow is good: therefore will your daughters play the harlot, and your daughter-in-law will commit adultery. 14 I cannot inflict punishment on your daughters when they play the harlot, nor on your daughters-in-law when they commit adultery; for they themselves associate with lewd women, and with harlots do they sacrifice: and so doth the people that doth not understand stumble. 15 Yet though thou play the harlot, O Israel, let not Judah offend: and come not ye unto Gilgal, nor go ye up to Beth-aven, nor swear, As the Lord liveth. 16 For like an untamable cow is Israel disobedient: now would the Lord have fed them as a sheep in a wide pasture. 17 Ephraim is bound to idols: let him alone. 18 Their drinking bout will come to an end: while they are so often guilty of lewdness, their rulers love, prepare themselves but shame. 19 The wind seizeth fast on them with its wings, and they shall be ashamed because of their sacrifices.

**5** Hear this, O ye priests; and listen well, O ye house of Israel; and give ye ear, O house of the king; for the punishment threateneth you; because ye have been a snare on Mizpah, and a net spread out upon Thabor. 2 And for murdering they who had rebelled [against God] concealed themselves in deep places; but I will inflict correction on them all. 3 I well know Ephraim, and Israel is not hidden from me: for now. O Ephraim, hast thou played the harlot, [and] Israel is defiled. 4 Their doings will not permit them to return unto their God; for the spirit of lewdness is in their bosom, and the Lord they have not known. 5 Therefore shall the pride of Israel be humbled before his face: and Israel and Ephraim shall stumble in their iniquity; Judah also shall stumble with them. 6 With their flocks and with their herds will they go to seek the Lord; but they shall not find him: he hath withdrawn himself from them. 7 Against the Lord have

they begotten: now shall one month devour them when I bring back the captivity of my people. together with their possessions. 8 Blow ve the cornet in Gib'ah, the trumpet in Ramah; blow the alarm at Beth-aven. [The enemy is] after thee. O Benjamin. 9 Ephraim shall be made desolate on the day of chastisement: among the tribes of Israel had I made known that which is true. 10 The princes of Judah were like those that remove the landmark: my wrath, therefore, will I pour out upon them like water. 11 Oppressed is Ephraim, broken through punishment; because he willingly walked after the commandment [of false prophets]. 12 But like the moth became I unto Ephraim, and like rottenness to the house of Judah, 13 Then saw Ephraim his sickness, and Judah his wound, and Ephraim went to Asshur, and [the other] sent to the king that should contend [[Jareb]]; but he will never be able to heal you, nor remove from you your wound. 14 For I am as a lion unto Ephraim, and as a young lion to the house of Judah: I, even I myself will tear in pieces and go away; I will bear away, and none shall deliver. 15 I will go [from here, and] return to my place, till they acknowledge their guilt, and seek my presence: in their affliction will they seek for me.

6 "Come, and let us return unto the Lord; for he hath torn, and he will heal us; he hath smitten, and he will bind up our wounds. 2 He will revive us after two days: on the third day he will raise us up, and we shall live in his presence. 3 And let us feel it, that we may strive to know the Lord; bright as the morningdawn is his rising; and he will come as the rain unto us, as the latter rain that maketh fruitful the earth." What shall I do unto thee, O Ephraim? what shall I do unto thee. O Judah? for your piety is as a morning cloud, and as the early dew that passeth away. 5 Therefore did I hew [them] down by means of the prophets: I slew them by the words of my mouth: and thy punishments go forth like the light. 6 For piety I desired, and not sacrifice; and the knowledge of God, more than burnt-offerings. 7 But they, like an ordinary man, have transgressed the covenant: there have they dealt treacherously against me. 8 Gil'ad is become a city of workers of wickedness, is full of traces of blood. 9 And as troops that lie in wait for a man, so is the band of priests, they murder on the way in unison: for they commit scandalous deeds. 10 On the house of Israel have I seen a horrible thing: there is lewdness in Ephraim. Israel is become defiled. 11

they dealt treacherously; for strange children have. Also for thee, O Judah, will a harvest be prepared.

7 Should I desire to heal Israel, then would the iniquity of Ephraim and the wickedness of Samaria be laid open; for they commit falsehood; and the thief entereth [secretly], and the troop of robbers is spread abroad without. 2 And they never think in their own heart that I remember all their wickedness: though now their own doings are all round about them; before my face are they present. 3 With their wickedness they make the king glad, and with their lies the princes. 4 They are all adulterers, as an oven well heated by the baker: [when] he that stirreth [the fire] resteth awhile from kneading the dough, until it be leavened. 5 On the day of our king's [entering on his rule the princes are made sick with the fumes of wine: [the king] joineth his hand with scorners. 6 For they make ready their heart for their tricky deeds, like the oven, the baker whereof sleepeth all the night, while in the morning it gloweth as a flaming fire. 7 They are all hot as an oven, they devour their judges; all their kings are fallen: there is none among them that calleth unto me. 8 Ephraim mixeth himself indeed among the nations: Ephraim is a cake not turned. 9 Strangers devour his strength, and he knoweth it not: yea, gray hairs are sprinkled about on his [head], yet he knoweth not. 10 And humbled was the pride of Israel before his own face; but they did not return to the Lord their God, and sought him not, notwithstanding all this. 11 And Ephraim is become like a silly dove without understanding: Egypt did they call hither, to Assyria did they go. 12 As they go, so will I spread out my net over them; as the fowls of the heaven will I bring them down: I will chastise them, as it hath been announced to their congregation. 13 Woe unto them! for they have fled from me: destruction shall come unto them, because they have transgressed against me: though I desired to redeem them, they yet spoke lies against me. 14 And they cried not unto me with their heart, when they howled upon their beds: for corn and new wine they assemble themselves, and they rebel against me. 15 And I desired to instruct and to strengthen their arms; yet would they devise evil against me. 16 They never return upward: they are like a deceitful bow: by the sword shall their princes fall because of the rage of their tongue; this shall be their derision in the land of Egypt.

**R** Set the cornet to thy mouth. [Let the enemy come] like the eagle against the house of the Lord:

his cities, and it shall devour their fine edifices.

• Rejoice not, O Israel, for gladness, as other people; for thou art gone astray, unfaithful to thy God: thou threshing-floor. 2 The threshing-floor and the wine-

because they have transgressed my covenant, and the Lord? 6 For, lo, they are gone forth because of against my law have they trespassed. 2 To me will the desolation: Egypt will gather them up, Moph will they then cry, My God, we, Israel, know thee. 3 [But] bury them: the pleasant chambers for their silver, Israel did reject the good; so let the enemy pursue —these shall nettles take possession of; thorns shall him. 4 They set up kings, but not my advice: they [grow] in their tents. 7 Come are the days of the chose princes and I knew it not: of their silver and visitation, come are the days of thy recompense; this their gold have they made themselves idols so that shall Israel experience: a fool was the prophet, mad they will be cut off. 5 Thy calf, O Samaria, hath the inspired man, because of the greatness of thy caused thy rejection; my anger is kindled against iniquity, and the great hatefulness. 8 The watchman them: how long will it be that they cannot cleanse of Ephraim with my God, the prophet, was a snare themselves? 6 For whom Israel did also that [idol] of the fowler on all his ways, a hateful thing in the spring; an artisan made it, and no God is it: so house of his god. 9 They are deeply corrupt, as in the then shall it become broken in splinters— that calf days of Gib'ah: he will remember their iniquity, he will of Samaria. 7 For the wind do they sow, and the visit their sins. 10 Like grapes in the wilderness had I whirlwind shall they reap: [their seed] bringeth no found Israel; as the first ripe fruit on the fig-tree in standing corn; the plant yieldeth no meal; but should the first of the season had I seen your fathers; but it yield it, strangers would swallow it up. 8 Swallowed they too went to Ba'al-pe'or: and devoted themselves up is Israel: now are they among the nations as a unto that shameful idol, and became abominations as vessel without any value. 9 For they are needs gone those they loved. 11 As for Ephraim, their glory shall up to Assyria, they who like a wild ass should dwell fly away like a bird: there is no more birth, and no alone: Ephraim spendeth lovers' gifts. 10 But even pregnancy, and no conception. 12 But though they though they should spend gifts among the nations, were to bring up their children, yet would I bereave now will I gather them: and they shall be humbled a them, that there should be no man: yea, woe also to little through the burden of the king of princes. 11 themselves, when I depart from them! 13 Ephraim, Because Ephraim hath multiplied altars to sin, the as I have seen him like Tyre, planted in a pleasant altars have been unto him the means of sinning. 12 meadow, —yet this Ephraim shall lead forth to the I ever wrote down for him the great things of my murderer his children. 14 Give them, O Lord, what law; but as a strange thing are they accounted. 13 thou wilt give! give them a miscarrying womb and My sacrificial offerings they slav as common flesh dried-up breasts. 15 All their wickedness is in Gilgal: that they may eat it; the Lord accepteth them not in for there I [learnt to] hate them; for the wickedness of favor: now will he remember their iniquity, and visit their doings will I drive them out of my house: I will their sins; they shall indeed return to Egypt. 14 For love them no farther; all their princes are rebels. 16 Israel forgot his Maker, and built palaces; and Judah Smitten is Ephraim, their root is dried up, they shall multiplied fortified cities; but I will send a fire among bear no fruit; yea, though they should bring forth, yet would I slay the beloved fruit of their body. 17 My God will reject them, because they did not hearken unto him: and they shall be wanderers among the nations.

hast loved the wages of sin upon every corn-filled 1 n An emptied vine is Israel; how should he bring forth fruit for himself? the more numerous was press shall not feed them, and the new wine shall his fruit the more he increased the altars; the more deceive them. 3 They shall not dwell in the land of prosperous was his land, the more they made goodly the Lord; but Ephraim shall return to Egypt, and in statues. 2 Their heart is divided; now shall they Assyria will they eat unclean things. 4 They shall bear their guilt: this will break down their altars, will not pour out wine to the Lord, and [their offerings] devastate their statues. 3 For now will they say, We shall not be pleasing unto him; their sacrifices shall have no king; because we fear not the Lord: and the be unto them as the bread of mourners; all that eat king-what can he do for us? 4 They have spoken thereof shall be polluted: for this their food can only [vain] words, swearing falsely in making a covenant: be for themselves, it shall not come into the house therefore springeth up the punishment as poison in of the Lord. 5 What will ye do on the day of the the furrows of the field. 5 For the calves of Bethappointed festival, and on the day of the feast of aven are terrified the inhabitants of Samaria: yea. the

carried unto Assyria for a present to the contentious them, they altogether will not elevate themselves. Israel; the thorn and the thistle shall grow upon their anger, I will not again destroy Ephraim; for God am I, altars: and they shall say to the mountains, Cover and not man, the Holy One in the midst of thee, and I us; and to the hills, Fall upon us. 9 More than in the will not come with an enemy's hatred. 10 They shall days of Gib'ah hast thou sinned. O Israel! there they follow after the Lord, when he will roar like a lion; for after my desire will I chastise them; and the people out of Egypt, and as doves out of the land of Assyria; is as a well-taught heifer that loveth to tread out about, and with deceit, the house of Israel; but Judah the corn; and I passed over her fair neck: now will I yet ruleth with God, and is faithful to the Holy One. make Ephraim draw the wagon, Judah shall plough, and Jacob shall harrow the field for the enemy. 12 Sow then for vourselves after righteousness, that you may reap [the fruit] of kindness; cultivate your fallow field: for it is time to seek the Lord, till he come and rain righteousness down for you. 13 [But] ve have ploughed wickedness, iniquity have ve reaped, ve have eaten the fruit of lies: because thou didst trust in thy own way, in the multitude of thy mighty men: 14 Therefore shall a tumult arise among thy people, and all thy fortresses shall be wasted, as Shalman devastated Beth-arbel on the day of battle, [when] the mother was dashed in pieces upon her children. 15 The like of this doth Beth-el procure unto you because of your great wickedness: in the early morning shall utterly pass away the king of Israel.

11 When Israel was yet young, then I loved him, and out of Egypt did I call my son. 2 The [prophets] called them; but the more they went from them: unto the Be'alim would they sacrifice, and to the graven images would they burn incense. 3 Yet I myself appointed a leader for Ephraim, who took them up in his arms; but they would not acknowledge that I healed them. 4 With human cords I ever drew them forward, with leading-strings of love; and I was to them as those that lift off the voke from their jaws. and I held out unto them food. 5 He should not return unto the land of Egypt: yet [now] is the Assyrian his king; because they refused to repent. 6 And the sword shall fall on his cities, and shall make an end

people thereof mourn over them, and also its false of his boughs, and consume them, because of their priests that [before] rejoiced over them, for its glory, [evil] counsels. 7 For my people are only bent on because it is departed from it. 6 Also this shall be backsliding from me; and though upward they call king: Ephraim shall receive shame, and Israel shall 8 How shall I give thee up. Ephraim? how shall I be ashamed because of his own counsel. 7 As for surrender thee, Israel? how shall I make thee as Samaria, her king shall vanish like the foam upon Admah? how shall I change thee as Zeboyim? turned the surface of the water. 8 And destroyed shall be is my heart within me, all my compassion is enkindled the high-places of Aven, [the cause of] the sin of together. 9 I will not execute the fierceness of my stood; and the battle in Gib'ah against the children he will roar, and the children shall hasten together of wickedness did not overtake them. 10 [But now] from the west: 11 They shall hasten together as birds shall be gathered against them, when they harness and I will cause them to dwell in their houses, saith them [for labor] in their two furrows. 11 And Ephraim the Lord. 12 With lies hath Ephraim encompassed me

> 2 Ephraim feedeth on wind, and pursueth the east wind; the whole day he increaseth deceit and corruption; and a covenant do they make with Assyria, and oil is carried into Egypt, 2 But with Judah also hath the Lord [to hold] a controversy; and to punish Jacob according to his ways, according to his doings will he recompense him. 3 In the womb he took his brother by the heel, and in his strength he strove with an angel. 4 Yea, he strove with an angel, and prevailed; he wept, and made supplication unto him: in Beth-el he should find him, and there he will speak with us. 5 And the Lord God of hosts, the Eternal One is his memorial. 6 Therefore do thou return to thy God; keep goodness and justice, and wait on thy God continually. 7 But like a merchant, who hath the balances of deceit in his hand, loving to overreach, 8 Did Ephraim say, I am certainly become rich. I have acquired substance unto myself: it is all through my labors; they will find no iniquity in me, that could be sin. 9 And I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt: I will yet make thee dwell in tents, as in the days of antiquity. 10 And I have spoken through the prophets, and I myself have multiplied visions, and by the means of the prophets have I spoken in similitudes. 11 If in Gil'ad there was misfortune, [it is because] there was naught but idolatry; in Gilgal they sacrificed bullocks [to idols]: their altars also are as stone-heaps on the furrows of the fields. 12 And Jacob fled into the fields of Svria, and Israel served for a wife, and for a wife he kept [the flocks]. 13 And

by a prophet did the Lord bring Israel out of Egypt, and by a prophet was he guarded. 14 [Yet] Ephraim provoked [him] to anger most bitterly: therefore will Take with you swords, and return to the Lord: say unto his Lord cast his blood-guiltiness upon him, and his him, "Pardon all [our] iniquity, and accept [our return reproach will he recompense unto him.

**13** When once Ephraim spoke, [all] trembled, so high was he exalted in Israel; but he offended through Ba'al, and he died. 2 And now they yet continue to sin, and have made themselves molten images of their silver, idols according to their own imagining, every one of them the work of the artisan: they say to them. They that sacrifice men may kiss the calves. 3 Therefore shall they be as the morning cloud, and as the dew that early passeth away, as the chaff that is driven by the whirlwind out of the threshing-floor, and as smoke out of a window. 4 Yet I am the Lord thy God from the land of Egypt: and no god but me shalt thou know, and there is no saviour beside me. 5 I myself did provide for thee in the wilderness, in the land of great drought. 6 When they came to their pasture, they became sated; they were sated, and their heart was lifted up: therefore have they forgotten me. 7 And now I will be unto them as a lion: as a leopard will I lie in wait by the way. 8 I will meet them as a bear bereaved of her whelps, and I will rend their closed-up heart; and I will devour them there like a lioness, the beasts of the field shall rend them. 9 Thou hast destroyed thyself, O Israel; for against me, against thy helper [didst thou rebel.] 10 Where then is now thy king, that he may save thee in all thy cities? and thy judges, since thou saidst, Give me a king, and princes? 11 I give thee a king in my anger, and take him away in my wrath. 12 Bound up is the iniquity of Ephraim, treasured up is his sin. 13 The pains of a travailing woman shall come upon him; he is an unwise son; for he will not remain steadfast at the time of the breaking forth of the child. 14 From the power of the grave would I ransom them, from death would I redeem them; [but now] where are thy plagues, O death, where is thy pestilence, O grave? compassion shall be hidden from my eyes. (Sheol h7585) 15 Though he grow luxuriantly in the green meadows, the east wind shall come, the wind of the Lord, rising up from the wilderness, and his spring shall become dry, and his fountain shall be dried up: the same shall plunder the treasure of all precious vessels. 16 Samaria shall meet her punishment; for she hath rebelled against her God: by the sword shall they fall; their infants shall be dashed in pieces, and their pregnant women shall be ripped up.

1 A Return, O Israel, even unto the Lord thy God; for thou hast stumbled through thy iniquity. 2 to] good; and let us repay the steers [of sacrifice] with [the prayer of] our lips. 3 Asshur shall not help us; upon horses will we not ride: and we will no more say, Ye are our gods, to the work of our hands; for in thee alone the fatherless obtaineth mercy." 4 I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely; for my anger is turned away from them. 5 I will be as the dew unto Israel: he shall bloom as the lily; and he shall strike his roots as [the forests of] Lebanon. 6 His suckers shall spread out, and his beauty shall be as that of the olive-tree, and his smell as that of the Lebanon. 7 They shall return that sat under his shade; they shall revive as corn, and bloom as the vine: the scent of which shall be as that of the wine of Lebanon. 8 Ephraim [shall say], What have I to do any more with idols? I have answered, and will observe him; I will be [to him] like a green fir-tree; through me is thy fruit found. 9 Who is wise, that he may understand these things? intelligent, that he may know them? for righteous are the ways of the Lord; and the just shall walk in them; but the transgressors will stumble through them.

### Joel

1 The word of the Lord that came to Joel the son of Pethuel. 2 Hear this, ye old men, and give ear, all ve inhabitants of the land. Did ever such a thing as this come to pass in your days, or ever in the days of your fathers? 3 Tell ve of it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to another generation. 4 What the caterpillar left hath the locust eaten; and what the locust left hath the cankerworm eaten; and that which the cankerworm left hath the cricket eaten. 5 Wake up, ye drunkards, and weep; and wail, all ye drinkers of wine, because of the sweet new wine, that it is taken away from your mouth. 6 For a nation is come up over my land. strong, and without number; its teeth are the teeth of a lion, and it hath the cutting-teeth of the lioness. 7 lt hath laid my vine waste, and barked my fig-tree: it hath peeled it clean bare, and cast it down; made white are its light branches. 8 Lament like a virgin girded with sackcloth for the betrothed of her youth. 9 Cut off are the meat-offering and the drink-offering from the house of the Lord: now mourn the priests, the ministers of the Lord. 10 Wasted is the field, the land mourneth; for wasted is the corn; dried up is the new wine, withered is the oil. 11 Be ashamed. O ye husbandmen; wail, O ye vinedressers, for the wheat and for the barley; because lost is the harvest of the field. 12 The vine is made ashamed, and the fig-tree is withered; the pomegranate-tree, the palmtree also, and the apple-tree, even all the trees of the field, are dried up; because joy hath ceased from the children of men. 13 Gird yourselves [with sackcloth], and lament, ye priests; wail, ye ministers of the altar: come, remain all night in sackcloth, ye ministers of my God: for there are withholden from the house of your God the meat-offering and the drink-offering. 14 Sanctify ye a fast, proclaim a solemn assembly, gather the elders, all the inhabitants of the land, into the house of the Lord your God, and cry aloud unto the Lord. 15 Alas for the day! for the day of the Lord is at hand, and like destruction from the Almighty will it come. 16 Is not before our eyes the food cut off, from the house of our God joy and gladness? 17 The grains of seed are rotten under their clods, laid desolate are the garners, pulled down are the barns; for the corn is dried up. 18 How do the beasts groan! how do the herds of cattle roam about; because there

fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness, and the flame hath singed all the trees of the field. 20 Also the beasts of the field cry unto thee panting; for the brooks of waters are dried up, and a fire hath devoured the pastures of the wilderness.

2 Blow ye the cornet in Zion, and sound an alarm on my holy mount; let all the inhabitants of the land tremble: for the day of the Lord cometh, for it is nigh: 2 It is a day of darkness and of gloom, a day of clouds and of tempestuous obscurity, like the morning-dawn spread out upon the mountains: a people numerous and strong, the like of which hath never been and after it there will be none any more, even to the years of all coming generations. 3 Before it devoureth a fire; and behind it singeth a flame: like the garden of 'Eden was the land before it [came], and after it is a desolate wilderness; yea, and nothing escapeth from it. 4 Like the appearance of horses is its appearance; and like horsemen, so do they run. 5 Like the noise of chariots on the tops of mountains do they leap; they are like the noise of a flame of fire consuming the stubble, as a strong people arrayed for a battle. 6 At its presence the people are much pained: all the faces are covered with blackness. 7 Like mighty men do they run; like men of war they climb up a wall; and they march every one on his own ways, and they turn not aside on their paths. 8 And they do not press one another; every one on his beaten track do they go forward: and they pass through between warlike weapons, and change not their purpose. 9 Into the city they hasten forward; on the wall they run; into the houses they climb up; through the windows they make their entrance like a thief. 10 Before them trembleth the earth; the heavens guake; the sun and the moon are obscured, and the stars withdraw their brightness. 11 And the Lord uttereth his voice before his army; for very numerous is his camp; for strong is he that executeth his word; for great is the day of the Lord and very terrible; and who is able to endure it? 12 But even now also, saith the Lord. return ye fully to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning: 13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and return unto the Lord your God; for gracious and merciful is he, long suffering, and of great kindness, and he bethinketh himself of the evil. 14 He that is conscious [of quilt], let him return and repent: when [the plaque] may leave behind it a blessing; even a meat-offering is no pasture for them: yea, the flocks of sheep are and a drink-offering unto the Lord your God. 15 made to perish. 19 To thee O Lord, will I cry; for the Blow the cornet in Zion, sanctify a fast, proclaim a

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the congregation, assemble the elders, gather the great and the terrible. 32 And it shall come to pass, children, and those that suck the breasts; let the that whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord bridegroom go forth out of his chamber, and the bride shall escape; for on mount Zion and in Jerusalem out of her closet. 17 Between the porch and the altar there shall be deliverance, as the Lord hath said, and let the priests weep, the ministers of the Lord, and let among the remnant whom the Lord calleth. them say, Spare, O Lord, thy people, and give not up thy heritage to reproach, for nations to make a byword of them; wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God? 18 And the Lord was zealous for his land, and he had pity for his people. 19 And the Lord answered and said unto his people. "Behold, I will send you the corn, and the young wine, and the oil, and ve shall be satisfied therewith; and I will not give you up any more to be a reproach among the nations: 20 And the host of the north will I remove far away from you, and I will drive it off into a land barren and desolate, with its advance toward the eastern sea, and its rereward toward the western sea: and its stench shall ascend, and its ill savor shall come up, because it hath done great things." 21 Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice; for the Lord hath done great things. 22 Be not afraid, ve beasts of the field: for the pastures of the wilderness have become green; for the tree beareth its fruit, the fig-tree and the vine yield their strength. 23 And ve children of Zion, be glad, and rejoice in the Lord your God; for he hath given you the first rain in beneficence, and he hath caused to come down for you the rain, the first rain, and the latter rain in the first [month]. And the threshing-floors are full of corn, and the vats overflow with young wine and oil. 25 And I will repay to you the years [in] which the locust hath eaten [all], with the cankerworm, and the cricket, and the caterpillar, my great army, which I had sent against you. 26 And ye shall eat in plenty, and be satisfied, and praise the name of the Lord your God, who hath dealt wondrously with you; and my people shall not be made ashamed unto eternity. 27 And ve shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else; and my people shall not be made ashamed unto eternity. 28 And it shall come to pass after this, that I will pour out my spirit over all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy: your old men shall dream dreams: your young men shall see visions: 29 And also over the men-servants and over the maid-servants in those days will I pour out my spirit. 30 And I will display wonderful tokens in the heavens and on the earth. blood, and fire, and pillars of smoke. 31 The sun shall be changed into darkness, and the moon into

solemn assembly: 16 Gather the people, sanctify blood, before the coming of the day of the Lord, the

**3** For, behold, in those days, and in that time, when I will cause to return the captivity of Judah and Jerusalem, 2 Then will I assemble all the nations, and I will bring them down into the valley of Jehoshaphat, and I will hold judgment with them there because of my people and my heritage Israel, whom they have scattered among the nations, and for my land [which] they have divided out, 3 And for my people did they cast lots; and gave a boy for a harlot, and sold a girl for wine, and drank it. 4 And also ve. what have ve to do with me, O Tyre, and Zidon, and all ve districts of Philistia? is this the recompense which ye repay me? or do ve only commence to render me evil? -- swiftly and speedily will I bring back your recompense upon your own head; 5 Because my silver and my gold have ye taken, and the handsomest of my precious things have ye carried into your temples; 6 And the children of Judah and the children of Jerusalem have ye sold unto the sons of the Jevanim, in order to remove them far from their borders, 7 Behold, I will awaken them out of the place whither ve have sold them, and I will bring back your recompense upon your own head; 8 And I will deliver your sons and your daughters into the hand of the children of Judah. and they shall sell them to the Sabeans, to a nation far off; for the Lord hath spoken it. 9 Proclaim ye this among the nations, Prepare war, wake up the mighty men; let them draw near; let them come up-all the men of war. 10 Beat your plough-shares into swords, and your pruning-knives into spears: let the weak say, am a hero. 11 Assemble hastily together, and come, all ye nations from every side, and gather yourselves together: there doth the Lord strike down thy mighty ones. 12 Let the nations awake, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat; for there will I sit to judge all the nations from every side. 13 Put forth the sickle: for the harvest is ripe: come, tread down [the grapes]; for the press is full; the vats overflow; for great is their wickedness. 14 Multitudes, multitudes are in the valley of decision; for near is the day of the Lord in the valley of decision. 15 Sun and moon are obscured, and stars withdraw their brightness. 16 And the Lord will cry aloud out of Zion, and from Jerusalem will he send forth his voice; and the heavens and the

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earth shall quake; but the Lord will be a refuge for his people, and a stronghold for the children of Israel. 17 So shall ye know that I am the Lord your God, dwelling on Zion, my holy mount: and Jerusalem shall be holy, and strangers shall not pass through her any more. 18 And it came to pass on that day, that the mountains shall drop down sweet new wine, and the hills shall flow with milk, and all the ravines of Judah shall flow with water; and a spring shall come forth out of the house of the Lord, and shall water the valley of Shittim. 19 Egypt shall become a desolate land, and Edom shall become a desolate wilderness; because of the violence against the children of Judah, in whose land they have shed innocent blood. 20 But Judah shall be inhabited for ever, and Jerusalem from generation to generation. 21 And I will avenge their blood that I have not yet avenged; for the Lord dwelleth in Zion.

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of Tekoa, which he foresaw concerning Israel in

of the tempest; 15 And their king shall go into exile, he and his princes together, saith the Lord.

1 The words of 'Amos, who was among the herdmen 2 Thus hath said the Lord, For three transgressions of Moab, and for four, will I not turn away their the days of 'Uzzivah the king of Judah, and in the punishment; because he burnt the bones of the king days of Jerobo'am the son of Joash the king of Israel, of Edom into lime; 2 And I will send a fire against two years before the earthquake. 2 And he said. The Moab, which shall devour the palaces of Kerivoth: Lord will cry aloud out of Zion, and from Jerusalem and Moab shall die in the tumult, in the shouting, will he send forth his voice; and then shall mourn amidst the sound of the cornet; 3 And I will cut off the pastures of the shepherds, and then shall dry up the judges from her midst, and all her princes will I the top of Carmel. 3 Thus hath said the Lord, For slay, with him, saith the Lord. 4 Thus hath said the three transgressions of Damascus, and for four, will I Lord, For three transgressions of Judah, and for four, not turn away their punishment; because they have will I not turn away their punishment; because they threshed [the inhabitants of] Gil'ad with threshing have despised the law of the Lord, and did not keep instruments of iron: 4 And I will send a fire into the his statutes, and their lying idols caused them to err. house of Chazael, which shall devour the palaces of after which their fathers had walked: 5 And I will Ben-hadad. 5 And I will break the bars of Damascus, send out a fire against Judah, which shall devour the and cut off the inhabitants from the valley of Aven, palaces of Jerusalem. 6 Thus hath said the Lord, and him that holdeth the sceptre from the house of For three transgressions of Israel, and for four, will I 'Eden: and the people of Syria shall be exiled unto Kir. not turn away their punishment; because they sold saith the Lord. 6 Thus hath said the Lord, For three for silver the righteous, and the needy for a pair of transgressions of Gazzah, and for four, will I not turn shoes; 7 That are eager after the dust of the earth away their punishment; because they carried away on the head of the poor, and turn aside the way of exiles in full numbers, to deliver them up to Edom; the meek: and a man and his father will go in unto 7 And I will send a fire against the wall of Gazzah, the same young woman, in order to profane my holy which shall devour her palaces: 8 And I will cut off name. 8 And upon pledged garments they stretch the inhabitants from Ashdod, and him that holdeth themselves out by every altar, and the wine of the the sceptre from Ashkelon, and I will turn my hand condemned do they drink in the house of their gods. against 'Ekron: and the remnant of the Philistines 9 Yet have I destroyed the Emorite from before them, shall perish, saith the Lord Eternal, 9 Thus hath said whose height was like the height of cedars, and who the Lord, For three transgressions of Tyre, and for was strong as the oaks; but I destroyed his fruit from four, will I not turn away their punishment; because above, and his roots from beneath. 10 And it was they delivered up the exiles in full numbers to Edom, I who have brought you up from the land of Egypt, and remembered not the brotherly covenant; 10 And I and led you forty years through the wilderness, to will send a fire against the walls of Tyre, which shall take possession of the land of the Emorite. 11 And devour her palaces. 11 Thus hath said the Lord, For I have raised up of your sons for prophets, and of three transgressions of Edom, and for four, will I not your young men for nazarites: is it not even thus, O turn away their punishment; because he pursued with ye children of Israel? saith the Lord. 12 But ye have the sword his brother, and disregarded his mercy, given the nazarites wine to drink; and concerning the and his anger tore in pieces continually, and he kept prophets have ve commanded, saving. Ye shall not his wrath for ever: 12 And I will send out a fire against prophesy. 13 Behold, I press down [the ground] under Theman, which shall devour the palaces of Bozrah. you, as the wagon presseth [it] down that is full of 13 Thus hath said the Lord, For three transgressions sheaves. 14 And refuge shall vanish from the swift, of the children of 'Ammon, and for four, will I not turn and the strong shall not make use of his force, neither away their punishment; because they have ripped up shall the mighty man escape with his life. 15 And he the pregnant women of Gil'ad, in order to enlarge that handleth the bow shall not be able to stand; and their own territory; 14 And I will kindle a fire within the he that is swift of foot shall not escape: neither shall walls of Rabbah, which shall devour her palaces, with he that rideth the horse escape with his life. 16 And shouting on the day of battle, with a storm on the day he that is most courageous hearted among the mighty shall flee away naked on that day, saith the Lord.

of the altar, and they shall fall to the ground. 15 And I Lord, the God of hosts, is his name. will smite the winter-house together with the summerhouse: and the houses of ivory shall disappear, and the great houses shall be no more, saith the Lord.

⚠ Hear this word, O ye cows of Bashan, that are on the mount of Samaria, who oppress the poor, who crush the needy, who say to their lords. Bring, and let us drink. 2 Sworn hath the Lord Eternal by his holiness, that, lo, days are coming over you, when men will carry you away with hooks, and your posterity with fishhooks. 3 And through breaches in the wall shall ye go out, every one through that before for Beth-el, and into Gilgal enter not, and to Beer-

? Hear this word which the Lord hath spoken her: and ye shall cast off your proud greatness, saith concerning you, O children of Israel, concerning the Lord. 4 Go then to Beth-el, and transgress; to the whole family which I have brought up from the Gilgal, [and] multiply transgression; and bring in the land of Egypt, saving, 2 Only you have I loved out morning your sacrifices, after three days your tithes: of all the families of the earth; therefore will I visit 5 And burn of leaven a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and upon you all your iniquities. 3 Will two walk together, proclaim and publish freewill-offerings; for so do you except they had agreed [to do so]? 4 Will a lion roar love [to do], O ye children of Israel, saith the Lord in the forest, when he hath no prey? will a young Eternal. 6 But, I also had indeed given you cleanness lion send forth his voice out of his den, unless he of teeth in all your cities, and want of bread in all your have caught something? 5 Can a bird fall in a snare places: and yet have ye not returned unto me, saith upon the earth, when there is no gin for him? is the Lord. 7 And I also had indeed withholden from ever a snare taken up from the ground, when it hath you the rain, when it was yet three months to the caught nothing at all? 6 Shall a cornet be blown harvest; and I caused it to rain upon one city, and in a city, and the people not become afraid? shall upon another city I caused it not to rain; one piece of there be evil in a city, and the Lord have not done land was rained upon, and another piece whereupon it? 7 For the Lord Eternal will do nothing, unless it rained not became dried up; 8 And two or three he have revealed his secret unto his servants the cities wandered unto one city, to drink water; but they prophets. 8 The lion hath roared, who will not fear? were not satisfied; and yet have ve not returned unto the Lord Eternal hath spoken, who will not prophesy? me, saith the Lord. 91 had smitten you with blasting 9 Publish at the palaces in Ashdod, and at the palaces and mildew; the multitude of your gardens and your in the land of Egypt, and say, Assemble yourselves vineyards and your fig-trees and your olive-trees did upon the mountains of Samaria, and behold the great the caterpillar devour; and yet have ye not returned confusions in her midst, and the oppressions [that unto me, saith the Lord. 10 I had sent out against you are] within her. 10 For they know not how to act rightly, the pestilence after the manner of Egypt; I slew your saith the Lord, who treasure up violence and robbery young men with the sword, together with your captive in their palaces. 11 Therefore thus hath said the Lord horses; and I had caused the stench of your camps Eternal, The adversary [is there] and surroundeth the to ascend even into your nostrils; and yet ve have not land; and he shall bring down from thee thy strength, returned unto me, saith the Lord. 11 I had produced and thy palaces shall be plundered. 12 Thus hath said an overthrow among you, like the overthrow by God the Lord, As the shepherd snatcheth out of the mouth of Sodom and Gomorrah, and ye became like a fireof the lion [at most] two leg-bones, or a tip of the ear: brand snatched out of the burning; and yet have ye so shall be delivered the children of Israel that sit in not returned unto me, saith the Lord. 12 Therefore Samaria on the corner of a bed, and on Damascus thus will I do unto thee, O Israel; because then I will couches. 13 Hear ye, and give warning in the house do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel. of Jacob, saith the Lord Eternal, the God of hosts. 13 For, lo, he that formeth the mountains, and createth 14 For on the day when I visit the transgressions of the wind, and declareth unto man what is his thought, Israel upon him, will I also inflict punishment on the that maketh the morning-dawn [and] darkness, and altars of Beth-el; and then shall be hewn off the horns treadeth upon the high places of the earth. — The

> **5** Hear ye this word which I take up against you, as a lamentation, O house of Israel. 2 She is fallen, she will not rise again—the virgin of Israel: she is thrown down upon her land; there is none to raise her up. 3 For thus hath said the Lord Eternal, The city that goeth forth with a thousand shall retain but a hundred, and she that goeth forth with a hundred shall retain but ten, [left] to the house of Israel. 4 For thus hath said the Lord unto the house of Israel, Seek ye for me, and ye shall live; 5 But seek not

sheba' do not pass over; for Gilgal shall surely go of thy psalteries I will not hear. 24 But let justice roll into exile, and Beth-el shall become naught. 6 Seek along like water, and righteousness like a mighty for the Lord, and ye shall live: so that he come not stream. 25 Have ye offered unto me sacrifices and suddenly like fire over the house of Joseph, and it meat-offerings in the wilderness [during] forty years, devour, and there be none to quench it in Beth-el; O house of Israel? 26 Bear then the canopy of your 7 Ye who change justice into wormwood, and cast chief idol, and the figure of your images, the star of down righteousness to the earth! 8 [But] he maketh your god, which ye have made for yourselves. 27 And the seven stars and Orion, and changeth into morning I will cause you to go into exile far beyond Damascus, the shadow of death, and maketh the day dark into saith the Lord, The God of hosts is his name. night; he it is that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out over the face of the earth: The Lord is his name; 9 That causeth wasting to prevail against the strong, so that wasting shall come against the fortress. 10 They hate him that rebuketh in the gate, and him that speaketh uprightly they abhor. 11 Therefore forasmuch as you tread down upon the poor, and ye take from him onerous contributions of corn: if ve have built houses of hewn stone, ve shall not dwell in them; if ye have planted pleasant vineyards, ye shall not drink their wine. 12 For I know your manifold transgressions and your numerous sins: ye are those that are the adversaries of the just, that take a ransom, and that wrest [the cause of] the needy in the gate. 13 Therefore will the intelligent keep silence in that time; for it is an evil time. 14 Seek for the good, and not the evil, in order that ye may live: and so will the Lord, the God of hosts, be with you, as ve have said. 15 Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish justice firmly in the gate; perhaps the Lord the God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph. 16 Therefore thus hath said the Eternal, the God of hosts, the Lord, On all public places there is lamentation, and in all the streets they cry, Woe! woe! and they call the husbandman to mourning, and to lamentation those skilled in wailing. 17 And in all vineyards there is lamentation; for I will pass through thy midst, saith the Lord. 18 Woe unto you that long for the day of the Lord! for what do you wish the day of the Lord? it is [one of] darkness, and not of light. 19 As if a man were to flee from a lion, and a bear should meet him; and he enter into the house, and lean his hand against the wall, and a serpent should bite him. 20 Behold the day of the Lord is [one of] darkness, and not of light; yea, it is obscure, and hath no brightness. 21 I hate, I despise your feast-days, and I will not smell [the sacrifices] on your festive assemblies. 22 For though ye should offer me burnt-offerings and your meat-offerings, I will not accept them in favor: and the peace-offerings of your fatted cattle will I not look at. 23 Remove thou from around me the noise of thy songs: and the playing

6 Woe to those that are free from care in Zion, and that are in safety on the mount of Samaria, who are named the chief of the nations, to whom the house of Israel come! 2 Pass ve over unto Calneh. and see; and go from there to Chamath-rabbah; then go down to Gath of the Philistines: whether they be better than these kingdoms? or whether their territory be greater than your territory? 3 [Ye] that deem far away the evil day, and cause the seat of violence to come near; 4 That lie upon beds of ivory, and are stretched out upon their couches, and eat lambs out of the flock, and calves out of the midst of the stall; 5 That chant to the sound of the psaltery, and like David's do they imagine their instrument of music to be: 6 That drink out of wine-bowls, and anoint themselves with the costliest of ointments; but who feel no pain for the wound of Joseph. 7 Therefore now shall they go into exile at the head of exiles, and the noisy banquet of those that were stretched out shall pass away. 8 The Lord Eternal hath sworn by his own existence, saith the Lord the God of hosts, I abhor the pride of Jacob, and his palaces do I hate: therefore will I surrender up [to the enemy] the city with all that filleth it. 9 And it shall come to pass, that if there remain ten men in one house, they shall die. 10 And should a man's uncle or relative carry him forth, to bring out the bones out of the house, and say unto him that is in the recesses of the house. Is there yet any one with thee? he will say, There is no one left. Then will he say, Be silent; for we may not make mention of the name of the Lord. 11 For, behold, the Lord commandeth, and he will smite the great house with breaches, and the little house with clefts. 12 Do horses ever run upon the rock? or will one plough there with oxen? that ye have turned justice into poison, and the fruit of righteousness into wormwood; 13 Ye who rejoice for a thing of naught, who say, Have we not through our own strength procured ourselves horns? 14 For, behold, I will raise up against you a nation, O house of Israel, saith the Lord the God of

hosts, and they shall oppress you from the entrance be divided out by the line; and thou shalt die in an of Chamath unto the brook of the wilderness.

**7** Thus did the Lord Eternal show unto me: and, behold, he was forming locusts in the beginning of the sprouting up of the latter groweth; and, lo, it was the latter growth after the king's mowings [was overl. 2 And it came to pass, when they had made an end of eating up the herbs of the earth, that I said, O Lord Eternal, forgive, I beseech thee: how should Jacob be able to endure, since he is so small! 3 The Lord bethought himself of this: It shall not be, said the Lord. 4 Thus did the Lord Eternal show unto me: and, behold, the Lord Eternal called forth the punishment by fire, and it devoured the great deep, and consumed the ploughed field. 5 Then said I. O Lord Eternal, forbear, I beseech thee: how should Jacob be able to endure, since he is so small! 6 The Lord bethought himself of this: Also this shall not be, said the Lord Eternal. 7 Thus he showed unto me: and, behold, the Lord was standing upon a wall [made] by a plumbline, and in his hand was a plumbline. 8 And the Lord said unto me, What dost thou see, 'Amos? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the Lord, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not farther indulge them any more. 9 And the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid in ruins: and I will rise up against the house of Jerobo'am with the sword. 10 Then sent Amazyah, the priest of Beth-el, to Jerobo'am the 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 hath 'Amos said, By the sword shall Jerobo'am die, and Israel shall surely be led away into exile out of their own land. 12 And Amazyah said unto 'Amos, Seer, go, flee thee away into the land of Judah, and eat there [thv] bread. and there prophesy: 13 But at Beth-el prophesy not farther any more; for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a royal residence. 14 Then answered 'Amos. and said to Amazvah. I am no prophet, nor am I a prophet's son; but I am a herdman, and a gatherer of wild figs; 15 But the Lord hath taken me away from behind the flocks, and the Lord said unto me, Go, prophesy unto my people Israel. 16 And now hear thou the word of the Lord, Thou sayest, Prophesy not against Israel, and preach not against the house of Isaac. 17 Therefore thus hath said the Lord, Thy wife will play the harlot in the city, and thy sons and thy daughters shall fall by the sword, and thy land shall

unclean land; and Israel shall surely be led forth into exile out of their land.

**Q** Thus did the Lord Eternal show unto me: and, behold, there was a basket of summer fruit. 2 And he said. What dost thou see, 'Amos? And I said. A basket of summer fruit. Then said the Lord unto me. The end is come for my people Israel: I will not farther indulge them any more. 3 And the songs of the temple shall become a wailing on that day, saith the Lord Eternal: many shall be the dead bodies; in every place shall men throw them down. [saving. ] Be silent. 4 Hear this, O ye that are greedy to swallow the needy, and to ruin the poor of the land, 5 Saying, When will the new moon be gone, that we may sell provision? and the sabbath, that we may open the corn-warehouses, making the ephah small, and increasing the shekel, and cheating with deceitful balances? 6 That we may buy the poor for silver, and the needy for a pair of shoes; and even sell the refuse of the corn? 7 Sworn hath the Lord by the excellency of Jacob, Surely I will not forget to eternity all their works. 8 Shall because of this the land not tremble, and mourn every one that dwelleth therein? and shall it not rise up like a stream wholly, and roll onward and sink again like the stream of Egypt? 9 And it shall come to pass on that day, saith the Lord Eternal, that I will cause the sun to set at noon, and I will bring darkness over the earth on a bright day; 10 And I will change your feasts into mourning, and all vour songs into lamentations; and I will bring upon all loins sackcloth, and upon every head baldness; and I will cause [the land] to mourn as one doth for an only son, and its end to be as a day of bitter [complaint]. 11 Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord Eternal, when I will send a famine in the land, not a famine for bread, nor a thirst for water, but to hear the words of the Lord: 12 And they will wander about from sea to sea, and from the north even to the east, they will roam about to seek the word of the Lord; but they shall not find it. 13 On that day shall the fair virgins and the young men faint for thirst; 14 Those that swear by the guilt of Samaria, and say, As thy god liveth, O Dan; and, As liveth the worshipped idol of Beer-sheba', —yea, they shall fall, and never rise up again.

 $\boldsymbol{9}$  I saw the Lord standing upon the altar; and he said, Smite the capital, that the sills may quake; and break them in pieces over the head of all of them: and their posterity will I slay with the sword: there

shall not flee away from them one that fleeth, and them upon their own soil, and they shall not be pulled there shall not escape from them one that is saved. up any more out of their land which I have given unto 2 Though they were to creep down into the nether them, saith the Lord thy God. world, thence would my hand fetch them; and though they were to climb up to the heavens, thence would I bring them down; (Sheol h7585) 3 And though they were to hide themselves on the top of Carmel, thence would I search and take them out; and though they were to conceal themselves from before my eyes in the bottom of the sea, thence would I command the serpent, that he should bite them: 4 And though they were to go into captivity before their enemies. thence would I command the sword, that it should slay them: and I will set my eye upon them for evil, and not for good. 5 And the Lord Eternal of hosts it is that toucheth the earth, and she melteth away, and all that dwell thereon shall mourn; and she riseth up like a stream wholly; and she sinketh like the stream of Egypt; 6 That buildeth in the heavens his steps, and hath founded his vault over the earth; that calleth for the waters of the sea, and poureth them out over the face of the earth: The Lord is his name. 7 Are ve not like the children of the Ethiopians unto me, O children of Israel? saith the Lord: have I not 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 Eternal are upon the sinful kingdom, and I will destroy it from off the face of the earth: save only that I will not utterly destroy the house of Jacob, saith the Lord. 9 For, lo, I will give the command, and I will shake about among all the nations the house of Israel, as one shaketh things in a sieve, while not the least piece falleth down upon the earth. 10 By the sword shall die all the sinners of my people, who say, The evil will not come near [us], nor hasten along for our sake. 11 On that day will I raise up the tabernacle of David which is fallen; and I will close up its breaches; and its ruins will I raise up. and I will rebuild it as in days of old: 12 In order that they may take possession of the remnant of Edom, and of all the nations, which are called by my name, saith the Lord that doth this. 13 Behold, days are coming, saith the Lord, when the ploughman shall come close up to the harvester, and the treader of the grapes to the one that scattereth the seed: and the mountains shall drop with sweet new wine, and all the hills shall melt away. 14 And I will bring back the captivity of my people Israel, and they shall build the wasted cities, and dwell therein; and they shall plant vineyards, and drink their wine; and they shall lay out gardens, and eat their fruit. 15 And I will plant

# **Obadiah**

1 The vision of 'Obadiah: Thus hath said the Lord Eternal concerning Edom, A rumor have we heard from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the nations. Arise ve. and let us rise up against her to war. 2 Behold. I make thee small among the nations: thou shalt be greatly despised. 3 The presumption of thy heart hath beguiled thee, 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 wert to rise as high as the eagle, and though thou set thy nest among the stars, thence will I bring thee down, saith the Lord. 5 How? are thieves come to thee? or night-prowling robbers? how destroyed art thou! would they not have stolen till they had enough? if grape-gatherers had come to thee, would they not have left some gleanings? 6 How are [the treasures] of Esau searched out! how are his hidden things laid open! 7 Up to the border have accompanied thee all the men of thy confederacy; beguiled, overcome thee have the men that were at peace with thee: [they that eat] thy bread have struck thee secretly a wound. There is no understanding in him. 8 Shall I not on that same day, saith the Lord, even destroy the wise men out of Edom, and understanding out of the mount of Esau? 9 And thy mighty men, O Theman, shall be dismayed, in order that every one from the mount of Esau may be cut off by slaughter. 10 Because of thy violence against thy brother Jacob shall shame cover thee, and thou shalt be cut off for ever. 11 On the day that thou stoodest on the other side, on the day that strangers carried away captive his army, and foreigners entered into his gates, and cast lots over Jerusalem, also thou wast as any one of them. 12 But thou shouldst not have looked on [pleased] at the day of thy brother. on the day that he was delivered up to strangers: neither shouldst thou have rejoiced over the children of Judah on the day of their destruction; nor should thou have spoken proudly on the day of distress. 13 Thou shouldst not have entered into the gate of my people on the day of their calamity; yea, thou too shouldst not have looked [pleased] on their affliction on the day of their calamity; nor have laid hands on their army on the day of their calamity; 14 Neither shouldst thou have stood in the crossway, to cut off those of his that did escape: neither shouldst thou have delivered up those of his that did remain on the day of distress. 15 For near is the day of the Lord over

all the nations: as thou hast done, shall it be done unto thee; thy deeds shall return upon thy own head. 16 For as ve have drunk upon my holy mount, so shall all the nations drink continually; yea, they shall drink. and they shall reel about, and they shall be as though they had not been. 17 But upon mount Zion shall be deliverance, and it shall be holy: and the house of Jacob shall again possess their inheritances. 18 And the house of Jacob shall be a fire, and the house of Joseph a flame, and the house of Esau become stubble, and they shall set them on fire, and devour them; and there shall not be any one remaining of the house of Esau: for the Lord hath spoken it. 19 And they of the south shall possess the mount of Esau: and they of the lowlands, the Philistines: and they shall possess the fields of Ephraim, and the fields of Samaria: and Benjamin [shall possess] Gil'ad. 20 And the exiles of this host of the children of Israel that are [with] the Canaanites, as far as Zarephath, and the exiles of Jerusalem, who are in Sepharad, shall possess the cities of the south. 21 And deliverers shall go up on mount Zion to judge the mount of Esau: and the kingdom shall be the Lord's

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### Jonah

1 The word of the Lord also came unto Jonah the son of 'Amitthai, saying, 2 Arise, Go unto Nineveh, the great city, and proclaim against her; for their wickedness is come up before me. 3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tharshish from the presence of the Lord: and he went down to Joppa, and found a ship the midst of my distress unto the Lord, and he hath going to Tharshish, and paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tharshish, from the presence of the Lord. 4 But the Lord excited a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea; and it was thought that the ship would be broken in pieces. 5 And the mariners were afraid, and called every man unto his god; and they cast forth the articles which were in the ship into the sea, to be lightened of them. But Jonah was gone down into the hold of the ship, and lay down, and was fast asleep. 6 So the ship-master came near unto him, and said unto him. Why dost thou sleep? arise. call upon thy God: perhaps it be that God will think of us, that we may not be lost. 7 And they said one to the other. Come, and let us cast lots; that we may know for whose cause this evil hath happened unto us. And they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. 8 Then said they unto him. Tell us, we pray thee, thou for whose cause this evil hath happened unto us. What is thy business? 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 the Lord, the God of heaven, who hath made the sea afraid and they said unto him, What is this thou hast done? for the men knew that he was flying from the presence of the Lord; because he had told them. 11 And they said unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may become calm around 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 around you: for I know well that because of me is this great tempest upon you. 13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring [the ship] back to the land; but they could not; for the sea grew more and more tempestuous around them. 14 And they called unto the Lord, and said, We beseech thee, O Lord, let us not be lost, we pray thee, for the life of this man, and lay not upon us [the quilt of innocent blood; for thou art the Lord, as it pleaseth thee so dost thou do. 15 And they took up

ceased from its raging. 16 And the men feared the Lord very greatly; and they offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows. 17 And the Lord made ready a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2 Then prayed Jonah unto the Lord his God out of the belly of the fish. 2 And he said, I called from answered me: out of the depth of the grave have I cried, and thou hast heard my voice. (Sheol h7585) 3 For thou hast cast me into the deep, in the heart of the seas; and the stream compasseth me about: all thy billows and thy waves have passed over me. 4 And I thought indeed, I am driven out from before thy eyes: yet I again shall look toward thy holy temple. 5 The waters surrounded me, to the peril of my life; the deep compassed me about: sea-weeds were bound about my head. 6 To the bottoms of the mountains did I go down; the earth [closed] her bars about me for ever: when thou broughtest up my life from the pit, O Lord my God! 7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came unto thee, unto thy holy temple. 8 They that guard false vanities forsake [the source of] their kindness. 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; that which I have vowed will I pay; [for] help is with the Lord. 10 And the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

3 And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying, 2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, the and the dry land. 10 Then were the men exceedingly great city, and proclaim unto it the proclamation which I shall speak unto thee. 3 And Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a great city before God, a three days' journey. 4 And Jonah began to go through the city one day's journey, and he called out, and said, Yet forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown. 5 And the men of Nineveh believed in God: and they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. 6 For when the matter was come unto the king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, and put off his mantle from him, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat down on ashes. 7 And he caused to be proclaimed and he published through Nineveh, By the decree of the king and his chief men, it is said, Neither man nor beast, neither herds nor flocks, shall taste any thing; they shall not feed, nor drink water; 8 But let man and Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea beast be covered with sackcloth, and let [men] call unto God with might; and let them turn every one

Jonah 646 from his evil way, and from the violence which is in their hands. 9 Who knoweth, but God may turn and bethink himself, and turn away from the fierceness of his anger, that we perish not? 10 And God saw their works, that they had turned from their evil way: and God bethought himself of the evil, which he had spoken that he would do unto them, and he did it not.

⚠ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly; and he was wroth. 2 And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my word, while I was yet in my own country? Therefore made I haste to fly unto Tharshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, long-suffering, and abundant in kindness, and repentant of the evil. 3 And now, O Lord, take, I pray thee, my soul from me; because it is better for me to die, than to live, 4 And the Lord said, Art thou very wroth? 5 Now Jonah was gone out of the city, and dwelt on the east side of the city; and he had made himself there a booth, and sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. 6 And the Lord God made ready a gourd, and it grew up over Jonah, to be a shade over his head, to relieve him from his affliction. And Jonah rejoiced because of the gourd exceedingly. 7 But God made ready a worm when the morning dawned on the morrow, and it smote the gourd that it withered. 8 And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God made ready a hot east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he became faint; and he wished for himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live. 9 And God said unto Jonah, Art thou very wroth for the gourd? And he said, I am very wroth, even unto death. 10 And the Lord said, Thou wouldst have spared the gourd, for which thou hadst not labored, neither hadst thou made it grow; which came up in one night, and perished in one night; 11 And shall I not spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than twelve times ten thousand persons, who know not how to discern between their right hand and their left hand, and also much cattle?

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## Micah

Morashthite in the days of Jotham, Achaz, [and] were found the transgressions of Israel. 14 Therefore them, and the Lord at their head. shalt thou have to give presents to Moresheth-gath: the houses of Achzib shall become a deception to the kings of Israel. 15 Yet will I bring an [enemy as] heir unto thee, O inhabitant of Mareshah: as far as 'Adullam shall withdraw the glory of Israel. 16 Make thyself bald, and cut off thy hair for the children of thy

delight; enlarge thy baldness like the eagle; because they are gone into exile from thee.

1 The word of the Lord that came to Micah the 2 Woe to those that devise wickedness, and resolve on evil upon their couches! by the first light of the Hezekiah, the kings of Judah, which he foresaw morning they execute it, if they have it in the power of concerning Samaria and Jerusalem. 2 Hear, ye their hand. 2 And they covet fields, and rob them; and people, altogether; listen, O earth, with all that filleth houses, and take them away: so they defraud the it: and let the Lord Eternal be witness against you, master and his house, and the man and his heritage. the Lord from his holy temple. 3 For, behold, the Lord 3 Therefore thus hath said the Lord, Behold, I will cometh forth out of his residence; and he will come devise against this family an evil, from which ye shall down, and will step along upon the high places of not remove your necks; nor shall ye go erect; for the earth. 4 And the mountains shall melt beneath it is an evil time. 4 On that day shall one take up him, and the valleys shall cleave in twain, like wax a parable against you, and lament with a mournful [melteth] before the fire, like water poured out on lamentation, and say, "We are utterly wasted: the a declivity. 5 For the transgression of Jacob is all portion of my people hath he exchanged; how hath he this, and for the sins of the house of Israel. Who removed it from me! instead of restoring [them to us] caused the transgression of Jacob? is it not Samaria? he divideth our fields." 5 Therefore shalt thou have and who caused the high-places of Judah? is it not none that shall draw the [measuring] cord in [his] Jerusalem? 6 Therefore will I change Samaria into lot in the congregation of the Lord. 6 "Preach not." stone-heaps on the field, into vineyard plantations: [but] they shall preach; they shall not preach [indeed] and I will hurl down into the valley her stones, and to these, that reproach may not overtake them. 7 her foundations will I lay open. 7 And all her graven Shall it be said [in] the house of Jacob, Is the spirit of images shall he beaten to pieces, and all her wages the Lord straightened? are these his doings? Do not of sin shall be burnt with the fire, and all her idols my words do good to him that walketh uprightly? 8 will I make desolate; for from harlot's wages she But long since is my people risen up as an enemy: gathered them, and for harlot's wages shall they be from the garment do you pull off the ornament; of used again. 8 For this will I lament and wail; I will go those that pass by securely [ye make] men returned confused and naked: I will make a lament like the from war. 9 The wives of my people do you drive out crocodiles, and mourning like the ostriches. 9 For her of their delightful houses; from their children do ye wounds arc incurable; for [the evil] is come even unto take away my ornament for ever, 10 Arise ve. and Judah; [the enemy] hath reached as far as the gate depart; for this is not your resting-place; because it is of my people, even up to Jerusalem. 10 Tell it not at polluted, it shall destroy [you], even with a grievous Gath, weep ye not loudly [there]: in Bethle'aphrah roll destruction. 11 If a man that goeth after wind and lieth thyself in the dust. 11 Pass ye away, ye inhabitants of with falsehood [should say], "I will preach unto thee of Shaphir, having your shame laid bare: the inhabitress wine and of strong drink:" he would be a preacher of Zaanan cometh not forth [any more]; the mourning for this people. 12 I will [once] surely assemble, O of Beth-haezel taketh from you its halting place. 12 Jacob, all of thee; I will surely gather up the remnant For the inhabitress of Maroth is grieved for the [lost] of Israel; I will place them together as flocks in the good; because evil came down from the Lord unto fold, as droves in the midst of their pen; they shall be the gate of Jerusalem. 13 Bind the chariot to the crowded with men. 13 The wall-breaker cometh up swift horses. O inhabitress of Lachish: the beginning before them; they break in and pass through the gate. of sin was she to the daughter of Zion; for in thee and go out by it: and their king passeth on before

> 3 And I said, Hear, I pray you, O ye heads of Jacob, and ye princes of the house of Israel! Is it not for you to know what is justice? 2 [But they are those] who hate the good, and love the evil; who tear 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 who crush their bones, and

have something to bite with their teeth, cry, Peace; eternity, 8 And thou, O tower of flocks, the strong-hold but who prepare war against him who putteth nothing of the daughter of Zion, unto thee shall go, and shall in their mouth: 6 Therefore shall the night be unto come, the former dominion, the kingdom belonging of Israel, that abhor justice, and make crooked all Zion. 12 But they know not the thoughts of the Lord, that is straight. 10 They build up Zion with blood- and they understand not his counsel: that he will quiltiness, and Jerusalem with wrong. 11 Her heads [once] gather them as the sheaves into the threshingupon the Lord, and say, Is not the Lord among us? copper, and thou shalt beat in pieces many people: evil cannot come over us. 12 Therefore for your sake and I will devote unto the Lord their ill-gotten gain, shall Zion be ploughed up as a field, and Jerusalem and their substance unto the Lord of the whole earth. shall become ruinous heaps, and the mount of the house, forest-covered high-places.

chop them in pieces, as that to be put in a pot, and On that day, saith the Lord, will I assemble her that as flesh within a caldron. 4 Then will they cry unto the halteth, and her that is driven out will I gather, and Lord, but he will not hear them: and he will hide his her to whom I have done evil: 7 And I will make of face from them at that time, as they have committed her that halted a remnant, and of her that was cast their evil deeds. 5 Thus hath said the Lord concerning off far away a strong nation; and the Lord will reign the prophets that mislead my people, who, when they over them on mount Zion, from this time and unto you, without a vision; and it shall be dark unto you, to the daughter of Jerusalem. 9 Now why dost thou without divining; and the sun shall go down around cry aloud? is there no king in thee? is thy counsellor the prophets, and the day shall be obscured around lost? that pangs have seized on thee as on a woman them. 7 Thus shall the seers be made ashamed, and in travail? 10 Be in pain, and labor to bring forth, O the diviners be put to the blush; yea, they shall all daughter of Zion, like a woman in travail; for now shalt wrap themselves up to the upper lip; for there is no thou go forth out of the town, and thou shalt dwell in answer of God. 8 But truly I am indeed full of strength the field, and thou shalt go as far as Babylon; there by the spirit of the Lord, and [of power] of judging, shalt thou be delivered; there will the Lord redeem and of might, to tell unto Jacob his transgression, and thee from the grasp of thy enemies. 11 And now to Israel his sin. 9 Hear this, I pray you, ye heads many nations are gathered against thee, that say, Let of the house of Jacob, and ye princes of the house her be defiled, and let our eye look with pleasure on judge for bribes, and her priests teach for reward, and floor. 13 Arise and thresh, O daughter of Zion; for I her prophets divine for money: and yet will they lean will render thy horn iron, and thy hoofs will I render

**5** Now gather thyself in troops, O daughter of troops; they lay siege against us: with the rod they smite ⚠ And it shall come to pass in the last days, that upon the cheek the judge of Israel. 2 But thou. Beththe mountain of the Lord's house shall be firmly lechem Ephratah, the least [though] thou be among established on the top of the mountains, and shall be the thousands of Judah, [vet] out of thee shall be exalted above the hills; and unto it shall people flow. come forth unto me that is to be ruler in Israel, whose 2 And many nations shall come, and say, Come ye, origin is from olden times, from most ancient days. and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, and to 3 Therefore will he give them up, until the time that the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us she who travaileth hath brought forth: then shall of his ways, and we may walk in his paths; for out of the remnant of his brethren return with the children Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord of Israel. 4 And he shall stand forward and feed out of Jerusalem. 3 And he shall judge between many [Israel] through the strength of the Lord, through the people, and decide for strong nations even afar off; excellency of the name of the Lord his God: and they and they shall beat their swords into plough-shares, shall abide [safely]; for now shall he be great even and their spears into pruning-knives; nation shall not unto the ends of the earth. 5 And in this [manner] lift up sword against nation, and they shall not learn shall there be peace: If Asshur should come into our any more war. 4 But they shall sit every man under land; and if he should tread in our palaces, then will his vine and under his fig-tree, with none to make we raise up against him seven shepherds, and eight them afraid; for the mouth of the Lord of hosts hath anointed men. 6 And they shall lay waste the land spoken it. 5 [But] though all the people should walk of Asshur with the sword, and the land of Nimrod in every one in the name of his god, yet will we walk in the gates of its [cities]: thus will he deliver us from the name of the Lord our God for ever and ever. 6 Asshur, if he should come into our land, and if he

thy enemies. 15 And I will in anger and in fury execute and ye shall bear the reproach of my people. vengeance upon the nations, upon those that have not hearkened.

should tread within our borders. 7 And the remnant of thy name: —hear ye the rod [of punishment], and Jacob shall be in the midst of many people like dew who hath ordained it. 10 Are there yet in the house of from the Lord, like showers upon the herbs, that wait the wicked man the treasures of wickedness, and not for man, nor hope for the sons of man, 8 And the scant accursed measure? 11 Can I be pure with the remnant of Jacob shall be among the nations, wicked balances, and with a bag [full] of deceptive in the midst of many people, like a lion among the weights? 12 For her rich men are full of violence, beasts of the forest, like a young lion among flocks and her inhabitants have spoken falsehood, and their of sheep: who, if he break in, both treadeth down, tongue is deceit [itself] in their mouth. 13 Therefore and teareth in pieces, while none can deliver. 9 High have I also smitten thee with sore wounds, making shall thy hand be lifted up above thy adversaries, [thee] desolate because of thy sins. 14 Thou wilt and all thy enemies shall be cut off. 10 And it shall indeed eat, but not be satisfied; and what thou hast come to pass on that day, saith the Lord, that I will eaten shall bend thee down; and thou wilt overtake cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will [the enemy], but thou shalt not deliver; and that which destroy thy chariots; 11 And I will cut off the cities of thou deliverest will I give up to the sword. 15 Thou wilt thy land, and I will throw down all thy strongholds; 12 indeed sow, but thou shalt not reap; thou wilt indeed And I will cut off the arts of witchcraft out of thy hand; tread out olives, but thou shalt not anoint thyself with and soothsayers shalt thou have no more; 13 And I oil; and the juice of the grapes, but thou shalt not will cut off thy graven images, and thy statues out of drink wine. 16 For there are observed the statutes of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more prostrate 'Omri, and all the works of the house of Achab, and ye thyself to the work of thy hands; 14 And I will pluck up walk in their counsels: in order that I should give thee thy groves out of the midst of thee; and I will destroy up unto desolation, and thy inhabitants to derision;

7 Woe is me! for I am as in the gathering of the summer-fruits, as in the grape-gleanings of the 6 Do but hear now what the Lord saith, Arise, vintage: there is no cluster to eat, no first-ripe fruit for contend thou before the mountains, and let the which my soul longeth. 2 The pious hath disappeared hills hear thy voice. 2 Hear ye, O mountains, the out of the land; and the upright among men there is controversy of the Lord, and ye strong foundations none; all of them lie in wait for blood; they hunt every of the earth! for the Lord hath a controversy with man his brother with a net. 3 For the evil of your his people, and with Israel will he plead. 3 O my hands you expect good? while the prince demandeth people, what have I done unto thee? and wherewith [bribes], and the judge acteth for pay; and the great have I wearied thee? testify against me. 4 Although I man is only speaking the wilful pleasure of his soul: had brought thee up out of the land of Egypt, and and so do they make a network [of wrong]. 4 The best redeemed thee out of the house of bond-men; and of them is like a brier; the most upright is [sharper] I sent before thee Moses, Aaron, and Miriam. 5 O than a thorn-hedge: the day of thy watchmen, thy my people, do but remember what Balak the king punishment, is come; now shall be perplexity among of Moab resolved, and what Bil'am the son of Be'or them. 5 Trust ye not in a friend, put ye not confidence answered him, from Shittim unto Gilgal, in order that in a confidant: from her that lieth in thy bosom guard ye may know the gracious benefits of the Lord. 6 the doors of thy mouth. 6 For the son disgraceth the Wherewith shall I come before the Lord, bow myself father, the daughter riseth up against her mother, the before the God on high? shall I come before him daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law; a man's with burnt-offerings, with calves of a year old! 7 Will enemies are the men of his own house. 7 But I—I the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, or with will look unto the Lord; I will wait for the God of myriads of streams of oil? shall I give my first-born for my salvation: my God will hear me. 8 Rejoice not, my transgression, the fruit of my body for the sin of O my enemy, over me: though I am fallen, I rise my soul? 8 He hath told thee, O man, what is good; again: though I should sit in darkness, the Lord will and what the Lord doth require of thee: [nothing] be a light unto me. 9 The indignation of the Lord but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk will I bear, because I have sinned against him; until humbly with thy God. 9 The voice of the Lord calleth that he plead my cause, and execute justice for me: unto the city, —and [the man of] wisdom shall see [when] he will bring me forth to the light, and I shall

behold his righteousness. 10 Then she that is my enemy will see it, and shame shall cover her, who said unto me, Where is the Lord thy God? My eyes shall complacently see her [suffer]; now shall she be trodden down as the mire of the streets. 11 The day that thy fences are to be built—that same day, the ordained, is yet far removed. 12 It is a day when men shall come to thee from Assyria, and the cities of Mazor, and from Mazor even to the river, and from sea to sea, and [from] mountain to mountain. 13 While the land [of the nations] shall be made desolate because of its inhabitants, for the fruit of their doings. 14 Feed thy people with thy rod, the flock of thy heritage, which dwell in solitude in the wood, in the midst of Carmel: let them feed in Bashan and Gil'ad, as in the days of old. 15 As in the days of thy coming out of the land of Egypt will I let them see marvelous things. 16 Nations shall see and be ashamed of all their might: they shall lay their hand upon their mouth, their ears shall be deafened. 17 They shall lick the dust like the serpent; like those that crawl on the earth, shall they come forth trembling out of their close places: unto the Lord our God shall they hasten in dread, and shall be afraid of thee. 18 Who is a god like unto thee, pardoning iniquity, and forgiving transgression to the residue of his heritage? he retaineth not his anger for ever, because he delighteth in kindness. 19 He will again have mercy on us, he will suppress our iniquities; yea, thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea. 20 Thou wilt show faithfulness unto Jacob, and kindness unto Abraham, which thou hast sworn unto our fathers in the days of old.

# **Nahum**

1 The doom of Nineveh, The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. 2 A God watchful and avenging is the Lord: an avenger is the Lord, and full of fury; the Lord taketh vengeance on his adversaries, and keepeth in mind the deeds of his enemies. 3 The Lord is long-suffering, and great in power, but he will by no means clear the guilty: the Lord—in the whirlwind and in the storm is his way, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. 4 He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and all the rivers he drieth up: Bashan then withereth, with Carmel, and the flowers of Lebanon wither. 5 Mountains guake before him, and the hills melt away; and the earth is lifted up at his presence, yea, the world, and all that dwell therein. 6 Before his indignation who can stand? and who can subsist before the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are broken down by him. 7 The Lord is good, a stronghold on the day of distress; and he knoweth those that trust in him. 8 But with an overflowing flood will he utterly destroy the place of [Nineveh], and his enemies will he pursue with darkness. 9 What will you devise against the Lord? he is bringing about an utter destruction, the distress shall not rise up twice. 10 For they, like thorns interwoven, and as men made drunken in their drinking bout, shall be entirely consumed as dry stubble. 11 There is gone forth out of thee he that devised evil against the Lord, the counsellor of infamous things. 12 Thus hath said the Lord, Though they be complete, and ever so many, nevertheless shall they be cut down, and it shall be over [with them]: and if even I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. 13 For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and thy bonds will I tear asunder. 14 But against thee hath the Lord decreed, that no heir of thy name shall be any more: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven and the molten image: I will prepare thy grave [there]; for thou art made vile. 15 Behold, upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace, Celebrate thy feasts, O Judah, fulfill thy vows; for never more shall the wicked pass again through thee, he is utterly cut off.

2 The destroyer is come up against thee to enclose [thee] with works of siege: look out on the way, make thy loins strong, strengthen [thyself] greatly with power. 2 For the Lord bringeth back again the excellency of Jacob, as also the excellency of

Israel: for the plunderers have plundered them, and have wasted branches of their vines. 3 The shields of his mighty men are made red, the valiant men are [clothed] in scarlet: with the fire of the steel the chariots [glitter] on the day when he prepareth himself [for battle], and the spears are shaken. 4 In the streets the chariots rush madly along, they rattle through the public places: their appearance is like torches, they run along like the lightnings. 5 He will summon his valiant men, they shall stumble in their walk: they hasten to her walls, and the covering for defence is prepared. 6 The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved. 7 And the gueen is carried away into exile stripped of her attire, and her maids moan as with the voice of doves, striking their hand upon their breast. 8 And Nineveh was like a pool of water from the days that she existed: yet now they flee, "Stand, stand," [shall they cry. ] but none shall look back. 9 Plunder silver, plunder gold; for without end are the treasures, there is an abundance of all precious vessels. 10 She is void, and emptied out, and wasted; and the heart melteth, and the knees totter, and trembling is in all loins, and the faces of them all are covered with blackness. 11 Where is [now] the dwelling of the lions, and what was the feeding-place of the young lions, where the lion, the lioness, and the lion's whelp walked, and none made them afraid? 12 The lion tore in pieces [prev] enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled with prey his holes, and his dens with what he had torn. 13 Behold, I will be against thee, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will burn into smoke thy chariots, and thy young lions shall the sword devour; and I will cut off from the earth thy preving, and no more shall be heard the voice of thy messengers.

**3** Woe to the city of blood! it is all full of lies and robbery; never ceaseth the preying; 2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of wheels, and of prancing horses, and of the skipping chariots. 3 Horsemen mount, and there are the flaming sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and heaps of carcasses; and without end are the corpses; they stumble on their corpses; 4 Because of the multitude of the lewd deeds of the harlot, that is rich in gracefulness, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her lewd deeds, and families through her witchcrafts. 5 Behold, I will be against thee, saith the Lord of hosts; and I will lay thy skirts open over thy face, and I will let nations see thy nakedness, and kingdoms thy shame.

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6 And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and defile thee, and will render thee a dirt-heap. 7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that see thee shall flee from thee, and say, Laid waste is Nineveh; who will condole with her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee? 8 Art thou better than No-amon, that was situated on the rivers, that had water round about her, the rampart of which was the sea, and the walls of which rose out of the sea? 9 Ethiopia the numerous, and Egypt that was without end, Put and Lubim were thy helpers. 10 Yet also she was exiled, was carried away into captivity; also her young children were dashed in pieces at the corners of all streets: and for her honorable men they cast lots, and all her great ones were bound with chains. 11 Thou also shalt be made drunken, thou shalt be hidden from view: thou also shalt seek refuge because of the enemy. 12 All thy strong-holds shall be like fig-trees with the first ripe figs, which, if they be shaken, will fall into the mouth of the eater. 13 Behold, thy people are become women in the midst of thee: unto thy enemies are the gates of thy land set wide open; the fire hath devoured thy bars. 14 Water for the siege draw for thyself, fortify thy strongholds: go into the clay, and tread the mortar, make strong the brick-kiln. 15 There shall the fire devour thee: the sword shall cut thee off, it shall devour thee up like the cankerworm: [though] thou make thyself many as the cankerworm: make thyself many as the locusts. 16 [Though] thou hadst multiplied thy merchants more than the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spreadeth itself out, and flieth away. 17 Thy crowned ones are like the locusts, and thy leaders like the swarms of locusts, which camp in the hedges on a 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 valiant men are at rest: scattered are thy people upon the mountains, and there is none that gathereth them. 19 There is no healing for thy breach; fatal is thy wound: all that hear the report of thee will clap their hands over thee; for over whom did not thy wickedness pass continually?

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# Habakkuk

foresaw. 2 How long, O Lord, have I entreated

therefore [always] empty his net, and continually slay nations without sparing?

f 1 The prophecy which Habakkuk the prophet f 2 Upon my watch will I stand, and place myself upon the tower, and will watch to see what he Itheel, and thou wouldst not hear? [how long] shall I will speak with me, and what I shall answer to my cry out unto thee [because of] violence, and thou wilt reproof. 2 And the Lord answered me, and said, not save? 3 Why wilt thou let me see wickedness, and Write down the vision, and make it plain upon the wilt look on trouble, and the robbery and violence [that tables, that everyone may read it fluently. 3 For there are] before me: while there is strife, and contention is yet a vision for the appointed time, and it speaketh lifteth up [its head]? 4 Therefore is the law powerless, of the end, and it will not deceive: though it tarry, and justice cometh not forth victorious; for the wicked wait for it; because it will surely come, it will not encompasseth about the righteous; therefore doth be delayed. 4 Behold, disturbed, not at rest is the justice come forth perverted. 5 Look ye about among soul of [the wicked] in him; but the righteous ever the nations, and behold and be astonished and liveth in his [trustful] faith. 5 And though the wineastounded; for [God] will fulfill a work in your days. [drunken] traitor, the proud man, whose house will not ye would not believe it, if it were only told you. 6 stand, who enlargeth his desire as the grave, and is For, lo, I will raise up the Chaldeans, that bitter and like death, which cannot be satisfied, —though he impetuous nation, that march to the wide spaces of the gather unto him all the nations, and assemble unto earth to conquer dwelling-places that are not theirs. him all the people: (Sheol h7585) 6 Will not all these 7 Terrible and dreadful are they; from themselves take up a parable against him, and a proverb and a go forth their judicial laws and their dignity. 8 And satire concerning him? and they will say, Woe to him swifter than leopards are their horses, and fiercer that increaseth what is not his! for how long? and than the evening wolves; and their horsemen spread to him that loadeth himself with a burden of quilt! 7 themselves abroad: and their horsemen will come Behold, suddenly will rise up those that afflict thee, from afar; they will fly like the eagle hastening to and awake those that plague thee, and thou shalt eat. 9 They all will come for violence: the front of become a booty unto them. 8 Because thou hast their faces is like the east wind, and they gather despoiled many nations will all the remnant of the captives as the sand. 10 And they will make sport people despoil thee; because of the blood of men, with kings, and princes will be a play unto them: at and the violence against the land, the town, and all every strong-hold will they laugh, and they will cast that dwell therein. 9 Woe to him that obtaineth an up earth-mounds and capture it. 11 Then doth their evil gain for his house, that he may set his nest on spirit become arrogant, and they are surpassingly high, that he may be delivered from the grasp of the proud, and offend, [imputing] this their power unto wicked! 10 Thou hast counselled shame to thy house, their god. 12 Art thou not from everlasting, O Lord my by cutting off many people, and sinning [against] thy God, my Holy One? we shall not die. O Lord, thou soul. 11 For the stone will cry out of the wall, and the hast ordained them for judgment; and, O Protector, beam out of the wood [-work] will answer it. 12 Woe thou hast appointed them to correct [nations]. 13 to him that buildeth a city with blood-quiltiness, and Thou, who art too pure of eyes to behold evil, and layeth the foundation of a town by wrong-doing. 13 canst not look on trouble, wherefore wilt thou look Behold, is it not from the Lord of hosts that people upon those that deal treacherously, be silent when shall labor for the very fire, and nations shall weary the wicked swalloweth up him that is more righteous themselves for naught but vanity! 14 For the earth than he? 14 And [why] makest thou men as the shall be filled with knowledge of the glory of the Lord, fishes of the sea, as the creeping things, that have as the waters cover the sea. 15 Woe unto him that no ruler over them? 15 All of them he bringeth up maketh his neighbors drink, [to thee] that pourest out with the angle, he draggeth them up in his net, and thy poisonous [wine], and makest them also drunken, gathereth them in his drag: therefore he rejoiceth and in order to look on their nakedness! 16 Thou art filled is glad. 16 Therefore he sacrificeth unto his net, and with shame instead of glory; drink thou also, and let burneth incense unto his drag; because through them thy nakedness be uncovered: there shall be turned is his portion fat, and his food marrowy. 17 Shall he around thee the cup of the Lord's right hand, and filthy spittle shall be on thy glory. 17 For the violence of beasts, which he terrified away; because of the waters. 16 I heard it, and my inmost parts trembled; blood of men, and the violence against the land, the at the report my lips guivered; rottenness entered into town, and all that dwell therein. 18 What profiteth my bones, and I trembled in my place, that I should the graven image that its maker hath graven it? the rest till the day of distress, till the withdrawing of the molten image, and a teacher of falsehood? that the people that will invade us with its troops. 17 For the maker of his image trusteth therein, while making fig-tree doth not bud, and no fruit is on the vines; the dumb idols? 19 Woe unto him that saith to the wood, productiveness of the olive deceiveth, and the fields Awake! Rouse up to the dumb stone. Shall this teach? yield no food; from the fold the flocks are cut off, and Behold, it is overlaid with gold and silver, and no there are no herds in the stalls. 18 Yet will I rejoice in breath whatever is in its bosom. 20 But the Lord is in the Lord, I will exult in the God of my salvation. 19 his holy temple: be silent before him all the earth.

3 A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet upon Shigyonoth. 2 O Lord, I have heard thy fame, [and] was afraid: O Lord, thy work—in the midst of the years [of sorrow] revive thou it, in the midst of the years make it known; in wrath remember mercy. 3 [When] God from Theman came, and the Holy One from mount Paran, (Selah) his glory covered the heavens, and of his praise the earth was full. 4 And [his] brightness was like the sunlight; rays streamed forth out of his hand unto them; and there was the hiding of his power. 5 Before him went the pestilence, and burning coals went forth in his steps. 6 He stood forward, and made the earth tremble: he looked and dispersed nations: and there burst asunder the everlasting mountains; there sunk the perpetual hills: the ways of the world are his. 7 In affliction I saw the tents of Cushan: they trembled-the curtains of the land of Midian. 8 Was the Lord wroth against the rivers? yea, was against the rivers thy anger [kindled]? was against the sea thy wrath that thou rodest upon thy horses, thy chariots of victory! 9 Laid guite bare is thy bow, like severe rods of punishment [goeth forth] thy word, (Selah) into rivers thou splittest the earth. 10 The mountains saw thee, they trembled; the flowing waters passed along: the deep issued forth its voice, the height lifted up its hands. 11 The sun and moon stood still in their dwelling: at the light of thy arrows they walked along, at the shining of the flaming glitter of thy spear. 12 In indignation thou marchest through the earth, in anger thou treadest down nations. 13 Thou wentest forth to the assistance of thy people, to the assistance of thy anointed: thou didst wound the head out of the house of the wicked, destroy the foundation with the high-towering walls. (Selah) 14 Thou didst strike through with his own spears the chiefs of his villages, who rushed out furiously to scatter me; who rejoiced greatly as though they were to devour the poor in secret. 15 [But] thou didst pass along over the sea

against Lebanon shall cover thee, and the destruction with thy horses, over the piled up billows of great The Lord Eternal is my strength, and he maketh my feet fleet as those of the hinds, and he will cause me to tread upon my high places. To the chief musician of my songs.

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# Zephaniah

1 The word of the Lord which came unto Zephanyah the son of Cushi, the son of Gedalyah, the son of Amarvah, the son of Chizkivah, in the days of Josiah the son of Amon the king of Judah. 2 I will remove, utterly remove all things from off the face of the earth, saith the Lord. 3 I will remove man and beast; I will remove the fowls of the heaven, and the fishes of the sea, and the stumbling blocks together with the wicked; and I will cut off man from off the face of the earth, saith the Lord, 4 And I will stretch out my hand over Judah, and over all the inhabitants of Jerusalem; and I will cut off the remnant of Ba'al from this place, the name of his ministers with his priests: 5 And those that bow themselves down on the roofs of houses to the host of heaven; and those that bow themselves down that are sworn [to be true] to the Lord and still swear by Malkom; 6 And those that are turned away from following the Lord; and those that have not sought for the Lord, and have not inquired of him. 7 Be silent in the presence of the Lord Eternal; for nigh is the day of the Lord; for the Lord hath prepared a slaughter, he hath bidden his invited guests. 8 And it shall come to pass on the day of the Lord's slaughter, that I will inflict punishment on the princes, and on the king's sons, and on all such as are clothed in garments of a foreign land. 9 And I will inflict punishment on all those that leap over the threshold on that day, who fill the house of their master with violence and deceit. 10 And it shall come to pass on that day, saith the Lord, that there shall be a loud cry of lamentation from the fish-gate, and a wailing from the second, and [that of] a great breach from the hills. 11 Wail, ye inhabitants of the mortarstreet, for destroyed are all the trading people; cut off are all that were laden with silver. 12 And it shall come to pass at that time, that I will search Jerusalem through with lights; and I will inflict punishment on the men that are at rest on their lees, that say in their heart. The Lord will not do good, nor will he do evil. 13 And their wealth shall become a booty, and their houses shall be made desolate; and they will build houses, but they shall not inhabit them; and they will plant vineyards, but they shall not drink their wine. 14 Nigh is the great day of the Lord, it is nigh, and hasteneth greatly, [there is] the noise of the day of the Lord: bitterly crieth there the mighty man. 15 A day of wrath is that day, a day of distress and anxiety, a day of wasting and desolation, a day of darkness and

obscurity, a day of clouds and tempestuous gloom, 16 A day of the cornet and alarm, against the fenced cities, and against the high battlements. 17 And I will bring distress upon men, that they shall walk about like the blind, because against the Lord have they sinned: and their blood shall be poured out like the dust, and their flesh like the dung. 18 Neither their silver nor their gold shall be able to deliver them on the day of the Lord's wrath; through the fire of whose zeal the whole land shall be devoured; for destruction, yea, quite sudden, will he prepare for all the inhabitants of the land.

2 Gather yourselves together, yea, gather together, O nation without desire [for repentance]; 2 Before the decree is brought forth—like the chaff the day passeth away-before yet there be come over you the fierce anger of the Lord, before yet there be come over you the day of the anger of the Lord. 3 Seek ye the Lord, all ye meek of the earth, who have fulfilled his ordinances; seek righteousness, seek meekness: perhaps ve will be protected on the day of the Lord's anger. 4 For Gazzah shall become forsaken, and Ashkelon a desolate place: Ashdod shall they drive out at the noon of day, and Ekron shall be rooted up. 5 Woe unto the inhabitants of the district by the sea, the nation of the Kerethites! the word of the Lord is against you, O Canaan, the land of the Philistines, I will even destroy thee, that no inhabitant shall remain. 6 And the district by the sea shall become places for pens of shepherds, and folds for flocks. 7 And this district shall be for the remnant of the house of Judah; thereupon shall they feed their flocks: in the houses of Ashkelon shall they lie down in the evening; for the Lord their God will think of them, and bring back their captivity. 8 I have heard the reproach of Moab, and the revilings of the children of 'Ammon, wherewith they have reproached my people, and made themselves great against their border. 9 Therefore as I live, saith the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel, Surely Moab shall become like Sodom, and the children of 'Ammon like Gomorrah, overgrown with nettles, and [filled with] salt-pits, and a desolation to eternity; the residue of my people shall plunder them, and the remnant of my nation shall possess them. 10 This shall they have in recompense for their pride; because they have reproached and made themselves great against the people of the Lord of hosts. 11 Terrible will the Lord [appear] over them; for he will cause to vanish all the gods of the earth; and then shall prostrate themselves before him, every one from its place, all the isles of the nations. 12 Also remaining in the midst of thee a humble and poor hiss, and shake his hand.

**3** Woe to her that is rebellious and polluted, to the oppressing city! 2 She hearkened not to any voice; she accepted no correction: in the Lord she did not trust: to her God she drew not near. 3 Her princes in her midst are roaring lions; her judges are evening wolves, they leave not a bone for the morning. 4 Her prophets are thoughtless men of treachery: her priests have profaned the sanctuary, they have done violence to the law. 5 The just Lord is in her midst, he will not do wrong; morning after morning doth he bring his justice to the light [of day], it never faileth; but the unjust knoweth no shame. 6 I have cut off nations: destroyed are their battlements: I have laid in ruins their streets, so that none passeth through: their cities are wasted, without a man, without an inhabitant. 7 I said, Surely thou wilt fear me, thou wilt accept correction; so that her dwelling should not be cut off, all that I had decreed to bring over her; but they rose up early, they acted corruptly in all their doings. 8 Therefore wait but for me, saith the Lord, for the day that I rise up to the prey; for my judgment [cometh] to gather the nations, for me to assemble the kingdoms, to pour over them my indignation, all the fierceness of my anger; for through the fire of my iealousy shall all the earth be devoured. 9 Yea then will I change unto the people a pure language, that they may all call on the name of the Lord, to serve him with one accord. 10 From beyond the rivers of Cush shall they bring my suppliants, even the assembly of my dispersed, as an offering unto me. 11 On that day shalt thou not be ashamed because of all thy doings, whereby thou hast transgressed against me; for then will I remove out of the midst of thee those that rejoice in thy pride, and thou shalt never more be haughty again on my holy mount. 12 And I will leave

ye Ethiopians shall be those slain by my sword. 13 people, and they shall trust in the name of the Lord. And he will stretch out his hand against the north. 13 The remnant of Israel shall not do injustice, nor and destroy Assyria; and he will make Nineveh a speak lies; and there shall not be found in their mouth desolate place, dry, like the wilderness, 14 And there a deceitful tongue; for they shall feed and lie down, shall lie down in the midst of her flocks, all the beasts with none to make them afraid. 14 Sing, O daughter of the nations; both the pelican and the hedgehog of Zion; shout, O Israel; rejoice and be glad with all shall lodge in the capitals of her columns; singing-thy heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! 15 The Lord hath birds shall sing in the windows; ruin shall be on the removed thy punishment, he hath cleared away thy thresholds; for the cedar wainscoting shall be torn enemy: the king of Israel, the Lord, is in the midst of away. 15 This is the joyful city that dwelt in security, thee: thou shalt not see evil any more. 16 On that day that said in her heart, I am, and there is none else shall it be said to Jerusalem, Fear thou not: [to] Zion, beside me; how is she become desolate, a resting- Let not thy hands become weak, 17 The Lord thy God place for beasts! every one that passeth by her will is in the midst of thee, the mighty one who will save: he will be glad over thee with rejoicing; he will be silent in his love, he will exult over thee with song. 18 Those that mourn far away from the festive assembly do I gather, those that were separated from thee. [that have borne] for thee the burden of reproach. 19 Behold, I will deal [severely] with all that afflict thee at that time: and I will save her that halteth, and her that was driven off will I gather; and I will render them a praise and a famous name on all the earth where they have been put to shame. 20 At that time will I bring you back, even in the time that I gather you; for I will make you for a name and for a praise among all people of the earth, when I bring back again your captives before your eyes, saith the Lord.

# Haggai

1 In the second year of king Darius, in the sixth month, on the first day of the month, came the word of the Lord through means of Haggai the prophet unto Zerubbabel the son of Shealthiel, the governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, saying, 2 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, saying, This people have said, The time is not yet come, the time for the Lord's house to be built. 3 And the word of the Lord came by means of Haggai the prophet, saving. 4 Is it time for you. O ve. to dwell in your ceiled houses, while this house lieth in ruins? 5 Now therefore, thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Direct your heart unto your ways. 6 Ye have sown much, and bring in little; ve eat, but it doth not satisfy hunger: ve drink, but it doth not appease thirst: ve clothe yourselves, but no one is warm; and he that earneth something earneth it for a bag with holes. 7 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Direct your heart to your ways. 8 Go up to the mountain, and bring wood, and build the house: that I may take pleasure in it, and be glorified, saith the Lord. 9 [Till now] ye looked for much, and lo, it came to be little; and when ye brought it home. I blew upon it. For what cause? saith the Lord of hosts. Because of my house that lieth in ruins, while ve run every man unto his own house. 10 Therefore do the heavens for your sake withhold the dew, and the earth withholdeth her products. 11 And I called for a drought over the land, and over the mountains, and over the corn, and over the new wine, and over the oil, and over what the ground bringeth forth, and over men, and over cattle, and over all the labor of the hands. 12 Then hearkened Zerubbabel the son of Shealthiel, and Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, with all the remnant of the people, unto the voice of the Lord their God. and to the words of Haggai the prophet, as the Lord their God had sent him, and the people were afraid of the Lord. 13 Then said Haggai the messenger of the Lord by the Lord's message unto the people saving. I am with you, saith the Lord. 14 And the Lord stirred up the spirit of Zerubbabel the son of Shealthiel, the governor of Judah, and the spirit of Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and the spirit of all the remnant of the people, and they came and did work on the house of the Lord of hosts, their God. 15 On the four and twentieth day of the sixth month. in the second year of king Darius.

In the seventh [month], on the one and twentieth day of the month, came the word of the Lord by means of Haggai the prophet, saving, 2 Do sav to Zerubbabel the son of Shealthiel, the governor of Judah, and to Joshua the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and to the residue of the people, saying, 3 Who is there yet left among you that hath seen this house in its first glory? and how do ve see it now? is it not in comparison with it as nothing in your eyes? 4 Yet now be strong, O Zerubbabel, saith the Lord, and be strong O Joshua, the son of Jehozadak, the high priest, and be strong, all ye people of the land, saith the Lord, and do; [for I am with you, saith the Lord of hosts. 1 5 [In accordance with] the word that I covenanted with you when ve came out of Egypt, so [will] my spirit remain among you: fear nought. 6 For thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Yet one thing more [will I do], it is but little, when I will cause to quake the heavens, and the earth, and the sea, and the dry land; 7 And I will cause to quake all the nations, and the precious things of all the nations shall come [hither]: and I will fill this house with glory, saith the Lord of hosts. 8 Mine is the silver, and mine is the gold, saith the Lord of hosts. 9 Greater shall be the glory of this latter house than that of the former, saith the Lord of hosts: and in this place will I give peace. saith the Lord of hosts. 10 On the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, in the second year of Darius. came the word of the Lord by means of Haggai the prophet, saying, 11 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Do ask the priests concerning the law, saying, 12 Lo! if one should carry holy flesh in the corner of his garment, and touch with his corner bread, or pottage. or wine, or oil, or any food, shall it become holy? And the priests answered and said, No. 13 Then said Haggai, If one that is unclean by a dead body shall touch any of these, will it become unclean? And the priests answered and said, It will become unclean. 14 Then answered Haggai, and said. So is this people. and so is this nation before me, saith the Lord; and so are all works of their hands; and what they offer there is unclean. 15 And now direct, I pray you, your heart from this day and upward, before the time that a stone was laid upon a stone in the temple of the Lord: 16 Since those days were, when one came to a heap of sheaves of twenty [in number], and there were but ten; when one came to the winepress for to draw off fifty measures out of the vat, and there were but twenty. 17 I smote you with blasting and with mildew and with hail in all the labors of your hands: yet ye [turned] not [back] to me, saith the

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Lord. 18 Direct, I pray you, your heart from this day and upward, from the four and twentieth day of the ninth month, even from the day that the foundation of the Lord's temple was laid, direct your heart [to this]. 19 Is the seed yet in the barn? yes, as yet the vine, and the fig-tree, and the pomegranate, and the olivetree, have not brought forth; [but] from this day will I bless you. 20 And the word of the Lord came the second time unto Haggai on the four and twentieth day of the month, saying, 21 Speak to Zerubbabel the governor of Judah, saying, I will cause to quake the heavens and the earth; 22 And I will overthrow the throne of kingdoms, and I will destroy the strength of the kingdoms of the nations; and I will overthrow chariots, and those that ride in them; and the horses and their riders shall come down, every one by the sword of his brother. 23 On that day, saith the Lord of hosts, will I take thee, O Zerubbabel, the son of Shealthiel, my servant, saith the Lord, and I will place thee as a signet; for of thee have I made choice, saith the Lord of hosts.

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# Zechariah

1 In the eighth month, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechvah, the son of 'Iddo the prophet, saving, 2 The Lord hath been greatly angry with your fathers. 3 And [now] say thou unto them. Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Return ye unto me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I will return unto you: so hath said the Lord of hosts. 4 Be ye not like your fathers, unto whom the former prophets proclaimed, saying, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Do return from your evil ways, and your evil doings; but they did not hear, nor listen unto me, saith the Lord. 5 Your fathers, —where are they! and the prophets. — could they live for ever! 6 But my words and my decrees, which I commanded my servants the prophets, behold, they did overtake your fathers: and [then] they returned and said, Just as the Lord of hosts had purposed to do unto us, in accordance with our ways, and in accordance with our doings, so hath he dealt with us. 7 On the four and twentieth day of the eleventh month, which is the month of Shebat, in the second year of Darius, came the word of the Lord unto Zechariah, the son of Berechvahu, the son of 'Iddo the prophet, saving, 81 saw this night, and behold there was a man riding upon a red horse, and he was standing among the myrtle-trees that were in the deep valley; and behind him were red, pale, and white horses. 9 And I said, What are these. O my lord? Then said unto me the angel that spoke with me, I will show thee what these are. 10 And the man that stood among the myrtletrees answered and said. These are those whom the Lord hath sent to traverse the earth. 11 And they answered the angel of the Lord that stood among the myrtle-trees, and said, We have traversed the earth, and, behold, all the earth is inhabited quietly, and is at rest. 12 Then commenced the angel of the Lord, and said, O Lord of hosts, how long yet wilt thou not have mercy on Jerusalem and on the cities of Judah, against which thou hast been indignant these seventy years? 13 And the Lord answered the angel that spoke with me with good words and comforting words. 14 And the angel that spoke with me said unto me, Proclaim thou, saying, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, I am jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion with a great jealousy. 15 And with a great anger will I be angry with the nations that are at ease; for I was but a little angry [with Zion], and they helped forward the mischief. 16 Therefore thus

hath said the Lord. I am returned to Jerusalem in mercy: my house shall be rebuilt in it, saith the Lord of hosts, and the measuring-line shall be stretched forth over Jerusalem, 17 Proclaim vet [farther], saving, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. My cities shall again overflow with prosperity: and the Lord will again comfort Zion, and make choice again of Jerusalem. 18 And I lifted up my eyes, and saw, and behold, there were four horns. 19 And I said unto the angel who spoke with me, What are these? And he said unto me. These are the horns that have dispersed Judah, Israel, and Jerusalem. 20 And the Lord showed me four carpenters. 21 Then said I, What are these coming to do? And he said as followeth, These are the horns that have dispersed Judah, to the extent that no man could lift up his head; but these are come to terrify them, to cast off the horns of the nations, that have been lifting up their horn over the land of Judah to disperse it.

2 And I lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold, there was a man with a measure-cord in his hand. 2 Then said I. Whither art thou going? And he said unto me. To measure Jerusalem, to see what is her breadth, and what is her length. 3 And, behold, the angel that spoke with me went out, and another angel came out to meet him; 4 And he said unto him, Run, speak to this young man, saying. Without walls shall Jerusalem be inhabited because of the multitude of men and cattle in her midst. 5 But I—I will be unto her, saith the Lord, a wall of fire round about, and for glory will I be in the midst of her. 6 Up! up! and flee away from the land of the north saith the Lord: for as the four winds of the heaven have I spread you abroad, saith the Lord. 7 Up, Zion, escape, thou that dwellest with the daughter of Babylon. 8 For thus hath said the Lord of hosts, For the sake of [your] glory hath he sent me unto the nations that have despoiled you; for whoever toucheth you, toucheth the apple of his eye. 9 For, behold, I will swing my hand over them, and they shall be a spoil to those that served them: and ye shall acknowledge that the Lord of hosts hath sent me. 10 Sing, and rejoice, O daughter of Zion; for, lo, I am coming, and I will dwell in the midst of thee, saith the Lord. 11 And many nations will join themselves to the Lord on that day, and they shall be unto me for a people: and I will dwell in the midst of thee, and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto thee. 12 And the Lord will take Judah as his inheritance upon the holy land; and he will again make choice of Jerusalem. 13

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up out of his holy habitation.

3 And he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and the accuser standing at his right hand to accuse him. 2 And the Lord said unto the accuser. The Lord rebuke thee. O Accuser: yea, the Lord rebuke thee that hath chosen Jerusalem: 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 commenced and said unto those that stood before him, saving: Take away the filthy garments from him. And he said unto him, Behold, I have caused thy iniquity to pass from off thee, and I clothe thee with festive garments. 5 And I said. Let them place a clean mitre upon his head. So they placed the clean mitre upon his head. and clothed him with garments: rind the angel of the Lord stood by. 6 And the angel of the Lord forewarned Joshua, saying, 7 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, If thou wilt walk in my ways, and if thou wilt keep my charge, then shalt thou also judge my house, and shalt also keep my courts, and I will give thee places to walk among these that stand by, 8 Do but hear. O Joshua the high priest, thou, and thy fellows that sit before thee; for distinguished men are they; for, behold. I will bring my servant Zemach [[the Sprout]]. 9 For behold [here is] the stone that I have laid before Joshua; upon one stone shall be seven eyes: behold, I will engrave thereon its inscription, saith the Lord of hosts. And I will remove the iniquity of that land in one day. 10 On that day, saith the Lord of hosts, shall ye call every man to his neighbor under the vine and under the fig-tree.

▲ And the angel that spoke with me came back again, and waked me up, as a man that is wakened up out of his sleep: 2 And he said unto me. What art thou seeing? And I said, I have looked, and behold, there is a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon its top, and its seven lamps are thereupon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon its top: 3 And two olive-trees are by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. And I commenced and said unto the angel that spoke with me, saving. What are these, my lord? 5 Then the angel that spoke with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not what these are? And I said. No. my lord. 6 Then answered he and spoke unto me, saying, This is the word of the Lord unto Zerubbabel, saving. Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of hosts. 7 Who art thou, O great mountain?

Be silent, all flesh! before the Lord; for he is waked before Zerubbabel thou wilt become a plain; and he shall bring forth the headstone with shoutings of Grace, grace unto it. 8 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saving, 9 The hands of Zerubbabel have laid the foundation of this house, and his hands shall complete it: and thou shalt know that the Lord of hosts hath sent me unto you. 10 For whoever even despised the day of [its] small beginning: yet will they rejoice when they see the plummet in the hand of Zerubbabel, with those seven; they are the eyes of the Lord, which hold a survey through all the earth. 11 And I began, and said unto him. What are these two olive-trees upon the right side of the candle-stick and upon its left? 12 And I began a second time, and said unto him. What are these two olive-branches. which are close by the two golden pipes which empty out of themselves the gold-colored oil? 13 And he said to me as followeth. Knowest thou not what these things are? And I said, No. my lord. 14 Then said he. These are the two sons of the clear oil, that stand by the Lord of the whole earth.

> 5 And I again lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold there was a flying roll[-book]. 2 And he said unto me. What seest thou? And Lanswered, I see a flying roll, its length is twenty cubits, and its breadth ten cubits. 3 Then said he unto me. This is the curse that goeth forth over the face of all the earth; for every one that stealeth as it is on this side shall be in an equal degree entirely destroyed, as also every one that sweareth [falselv] as it is on that side shall be likewise entirely destroyed. 4 l bring it forth, saith the Lord of hosts, and it shall enter into the house of the thief, and into the house of him that sweareth falsely by my name: and it shall remain in the midst of his house, and shall consume it with its timber and its stones. 5 Then went forth the angel that spoke with me, and said unto me, Do but lift up thy eyes, and see what is this that goeth forth. 6 And I said, What is it? And he said. This is an ephah that goeth forth. He said moreover. This is their appearance through all the earth. 7 And, behold, there was lifted up a heavy [cover] of lead: and there was a certain woman sitting in the midst of the ephah. 8 And he said, This is the wickedness. And he cast her into the midst of the ephah; and he cast the weighty lead cover upon the mouth thereof. 9 Then did I lift up my eyes, and looked, and, behold, there came out two women, having the wind in their wings, and they had wings like the wings of a stork; and they lifted up the ephah between the earth and the heaven. 10 Then said I

661 **7echariah**  to the angel that spoke with me, Whither are these the fourth day of the ninth month, in Kislev: 2 When bearing away the ephah? 11 And he said unto me, To they had sent unto Beth-el Sherezer and Regembuild for it a house in the land of Shin'ar: and when melech, and his men, to make entreaty before the this is erected, then will the other be set there upon Lord, 3 [And] to say unto the priests who were in its own base.

**6** And I again lifted up my eyes, and looked, and behold, there came out four chariots from between two mountains: and the mountains were mountains of copper. 2 In the first chariot were red horses; and in the second chariot, black horses: 3 And in the third chariot, white horses; and in the fourth chariot, grizzled, ash-colored horses. 4 And I began and said unto the angel that spoke with me, What are these, my lord? 5 And the angel answered and said unto me, These are the four spirits of the heavens, which go forth after having stood before the Lord of all the earth. 6 The [chariot] on which are black horses—these go forth into the north country; and the white go forth after them; and the grizzled go forth toward the south country. 7 And the red-colored were gone forth, and sought to traverse the earth: and he said, Go, traverse the earth. So they traversed the earth. 8 Then cried he loudly unto me, and spoke unto me, saying, Behold, these that are going toward the north country, have guieted [the indignation of] my spirit in the north country. 9 And the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, 10 Take from the exiles, from Cheldai, from Tobiyahu, and from Yeda'yah, and thou shalt come on the same day, and go into the house of Josiah the son of Zephanyah, whither they have arrived from Babylon; 11 Take also silver and gold, and make crowns, and set them upon the head of Joshua, the son of Jehozadak the high priest; 12 And thou shalt say unto him as followeth, Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, saying, Behold a man, Sprout is his name; since out of his own place shall he sprout up, even he shall build the temple of the Lord: 13 Yea, he shall build the temple of the Lord; and he shall bear the glory, and shall sit and rule upon his throne; and a priest shall be upon his own throne; and the counsel of peace shall be between both of them. 14 And the crowns shall be for Chelem, and for Tobiyah, and for Yeda'yah, and for Chen the son of Zephanyah, as a memorial in the temple of the Lord. 15 And distant ones shall come and build on the temple of the Lord, and ye shall know that the Lord of hosts hath sent diligently hearken to the voice of the Lord your God.

**7** And it came to pass in the fourth year of king Darius that the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah on

the house of the Lord of hosts, and to the prophets. saying, Shall I weep in the fifth month with abstinence, as I have done already these many years? 4 Then came the word of the Lord of hosts unto me, saying, 5 Say unto all the people of the land, and to the priests, as followeth, When ye fasted and mourned in the fifth and in the seventh [month], already these seventy years, did ye in anywise fast for me, yea, for me? 6 And if ye do eat, and if ye do drink, are ye not yourselves those that eat, and yourselves those that drink? 7 Are not these the words which the Lord hath proclaimed by means of the former prophets, when Jerusalem was inhabited and in prosperity, with her cities round about her, when [men] inhabited the south, and the lowlands? 8 And the word of the Lord came unto Zechariah, saying, 9 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, saying, Execute true justice, and show kindness and mercy every man to his brother; 10 And defraud not the widow, or the fatherless, the stranger, or the poor; and imagine not evil in your heart one against the other. 11 But they refused to listen, and turned away rebelliously the shoulder, and stopped their ears, so as not to hear; 12 And their heart they rendered as an adamant, so as not to hear the law, and the words which the Lord of hosts had sent through his spirit, by means of the former prophets: wherefore came a great anger from the Lord of hosts. 13 And it is come to pass, that as he proclaimed, and they would not hear: so had they to call, and I would not hear, saith the Lord of hosts; 14 And I resolved to scatter them with a storm-wind among all the nations that they had not known; and the land was left desolate after them, without any one to pass through it forward or backward; and the pleasant land have they changed into a desert.

And the word of the Lord of hosts came, saying, 2 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, I am jealous for Zion with a great jealousy, and with great fury am I jealous for her. 3 Thus hath said the Lord, I return unto Zion, and will dwell in the midst of Jerusalem: and Jerusalem shall be called. The city of truth; and the mount of the Lord of hosts, The holy mount. 4 me unto you. And this shall come to pass, if ye will Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, Again shall there sit old men and old women in the streets of Jerusalem. and every one with his staff in his hand because of their multitude of years. 5 And the streets of the city

6 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. If it should be many people and strong nations shall come to seek marvelous in the eyes of the remnant of this people in the Lord of hosts in Jerusalem, and to pray before those days, should it also be marvelous in my eyes? the Lord, 23 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. In saith the Lord of hosts. 7 Thus hath said the Lord of those days [it shall happen], that ten men out of all hosts, Behold, I will save my people from the east the languages of the nations shall take hold—yea, country and from the country of the setting of the sun; they shall take hold of the skirt of him that is a Jew, 8 And I will bring them [back], that they may dwell in saying. Let us go with you; for we have heard that the midst of Jerusalem; and they shall be unto me for God is with you. a people, and I will be unto them for a God, in truth and in righteousness. 9 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts. Let your hands be strong, ye that hear in these days these words out of the mouth of the prophets. who [spoke] on the day that the foundation of the house of the Lord of hosts was laid, when the temple was to be built. 10 For before those days there was no reward for man, nor any reward for beast; and for him that went out or came in there was no peace. because of the oppressor: and I let loose all men, every one against his neighbor. 11 But now I am no more as in the former days unto the residue of this people, saith the Lord of hosts. 12 For the seed shall be undisturbed: the vine shall give its fruit, and the ground shall give her production, and the heavens shall give their dew: and I will bestow on the remnant of this people all these things. 13 And it shall come to pass, that, in the same degree as ye have been 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; let your hands be strong. 14 For thus hath said the Lord of hosts, As I had purposed to do you evil, when your fathers incensed me, saith the Lord of hosts, and I bethought myself not: 15 So do I again purpose in these days to do well unto Jerusalem and to the house of Judah; fear ye not. 16 These are the things that ye shall do, Speak ye the truth every man to his neighbor; [with] truth and the iudgment of peace judge ve in your gates: 17 And let none of you think evil in your hearts against his neighbor; and love not a false oath, for all these are what I hate, saith the Lord. 18 And the word of the Lord of hosts came unto me, saying, 19 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, The fast of the fourth, and the fast of the fifth, and the fast of the seventh, and the fast of the tenth [month], shall become to the house of Judah gladness and joy, and merry festivals: only love ye the truth and peace. 20 Thus hath said the Lord of hosts, [A time] shall yet be! when there shall come people, and the inhabitants of many cities: 21 And the inhabitants of one [city] shall go to another. saying, Let us only go to pray before the Lord, and to

shall be full of boys and girls playing in her streets. seek the Lord of hosts: I too will likewise go. 22 And

**9** The prophecy of the word of the Lord concerning the land of Chadrach, and Damascus his restingplace: for unto the Lord [will look] the eve of men, and Ithat of all the tribes of Israel: 2 And also concerning Chamath that is bordering thereon. Tyre, and Zidon. though it be very wise. 3 And though Tyre have built herself a strong-hold, and heaped up silver as the dust, and fine gold as the mire of the streets: 4 Behold, the Lord will drive her out, and he will strike down her power into the sea; and she herself shall be devoured with fire. 5 Ashkelon shall see it, and fear; Gazzah also, and tremble greatly: and 'Ekron, for her trust will be made ashamed; and the king shall vanish from Gazzah, and Ashkelon shall not be inhabited. 6 And aliens shall dwell in Ashdod. and I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. 7 And I will remove their bloody [-sacrifices] out of their mouth, and their abominations from between their teeth: and their land also shall be left for our God. and it shall be as a prince's [dwelling] in Judah, and 'Ekron shall be like Jebusi. 8 And I will encamp about my house against armies, against those that pass to and fro, and there shall not pass over them any more an oppressor; for now do I look [on them] with my eves. 9 Be greatly glad. O daughter of Zion; shout. O daughter of Jerusalem! behold, thy King will come unto thee, righteous and victorious is he, lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of a sheass. 10 And I will cut off chariots from Ephraim, and horses from Jerusalem, and there shall be cut off the battle-bow, 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 the earth. 11 As for thee also, because of the blood of thy covenant. do I send forth thy prisoners out of the pit wherein there is no water. 12 Return you to the strong-hold, ye hopeful prisoners: even today do I declare, that I will recompense twofold [good] unto thee. 13 For I do bend Judah for me. grasp Ephraim [as] a bow: and I will stir up thy sons, O Zion, against thy sons, O Javan, and I will render thee as the sword of a

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mighty man. 14 And the Lord will appear over them, and into the land of Gil'ad and Lebanon will I bring and then will go forth like the lightning his arrow: them, and it shall not be sufficient for them. 11 And and the Lord Eternal will blow on the cornet, and he he will pass through the sea [with] distress, and he will go along in the tempests of the south. 15 The will smite in the sea the waves, and there shall dry Lord of hosts will be a shield over them; and they up all the deeps of the stream: and there shall be shall devour [the prey], and subdue the sling-stones; brought down the pride of Assyria, and the sceptre and they shall drink, make a noise as one [drunken of Egypt shall depart away. 12 And I will strengthen with] wine; and they shall be filled like the offering- them in the Lord, and in his name shall they ever bowls, like the corners of the altar. 16 And the Lord walk, saith the Lord. their God will save them on that day as the flock of his people; for [like] the stones of a crown, will they elevate themselves over his land. 17 For how great will be [that generation's] happiness, and how great its beauty! corn shall make the young men sing joyfully, and new wine the virgins.

land of Egypt, and out of Assyria will I gather them; annul the brotherhood between Judah and Israel. 15

11 Open thy doors, O Lebanon, and the fire shall eat on thy cedars. 2 Wail, fir-tree; for fallen is the cedar: those that were mighty are despoiled: wail. O ve oaks of Bashan; for the impervious forest is come down. 3 [There is] the noise of the wailing of the shepherds; for wasted is their glory: [there is] **1** Ask from the Lord rain at the time of the latter the noise of the roaring of young lions; for wasted rain, [from] the Lord who maketh lightning- is the pride of the Jordan. 4 Thus hath said the clouds: and he will give unto them showers of rain, to Lord my God, Feed the flocks [that are destined every herb in the field. 2 For the Theraphim speak for] the slaughter; 5 Whom their buyers slay, and vanity, and the diviners foresee a lie, and those that hold themselves guiltless; and whose sellers say, have dreams speak what is false, with nought do Blessed be the Lord, for I am rich: and none of whose they comfort: therefore do they move about like a shepherds have pity on them. 6 For I will no more flock, they bleat, because [they have] no shepherd. 3 have pity on the inhabitants of the land, saith the Lord: Against the shepherds is my anger kindled, and on but, lo, I will deliver the men every one into the hand the he-goats will I inflict punishment; for the Lord of of his neighbor, and into the hand of his king: and hosts thinketh of his flock, the house of Judah, and they shall beat down the land, and I will not deliver maketh them as his elegant horse in the battle. 4 out of their hand, 7 And I had fed the flocks [that were Out of him cometh forth the corner [-stone], out of destined for] the slaughter, —indeed, the poorest of him the tent-nail, out of him the battle-bow, out of the flocks; and I had taken unto me two staves; the him every ruler [of others] together. 5 And they shall one I called Mildness [[No'am]], and the other I called be like mighty men, treading down [their enemies] in Concord [[Choblim]]; and I fed the flocks. 8 And I the mire of the streets in the battle, and they shall removed the three shepherds in one month; and my fight, because the Lord is with them: and the riders soul was tired of them, and also their soul abhorred on horses shall be made ashamed. 6 And I will me. 9 Then said I, I will not feed you: what is dying strengthen the house of Judah, and the house of may die; and what is to be lost may be lost; and those Joseph will I save, and I will bring them again to their that are left may eat every one the flesh of the other. own homes; for I have mercy upon them, and they 10 And I took my staff, namely. Mildness, and cut it shall be as though I had never cast them off; for I to pieces, to annul my covenant which I had made am the Lord their God, and I will answer their prayer. with all the tribes. 11 And when it was annulled on 7 And they of Ephraim shall be like a mighty man, that day, then knew they well, truly the poorest of the and their heart shall rejoice as though from wine: and flocks that waited for me, that it was the word of the their children shall see it, and be rejoiced; their heart Lord. 12 And I said unto them, If it be good in your shall be glad in the Lord. 8 I will call for them, and eyes, give me my reward; and if not, forbear. So they gather them; for I have redeemed them: and they weighed out as my reward thirty pieces of silver. 13 shall increase as they have increased [formerly]. 9 And the Lord said unto me, Cast it unto the treasurer, And when I shall have scattered them among the the precious price which I am prized at by them. And people, they will remember me in the far-off countries: I took the thirty pieces of silver, and cast them in therefore shall they live with their children, and return the house of the Lord unto the treasurer. 14 Then I again. 10 And I will bring them back again out of the cut in pieces my second staff, namely, Concord, to

Zechariah 664 And the Lord said unto me, Take unto thee yet the bitterly for him, as one weepeth bitterly for the firstinstruments of a foolish shepherd. 16 For, lo, I raise born. 11 On that day will the lamentation be great in up a shepherd in the land, who will not think of those Jerusalem, like the lamentation at Hadadrimmon in that are lost, nor seek for that which is gone astray, the valley of Megiddon, 12 And the land will mourn. nor heal that which hath [a limb] broken; who will not every family apart by itself; the family of the house care for that which hath stood still; but who will eat of David apart, and their wives apart; the family of the flesh of the fat, and devour all even to their claws. the house of Nathan apart, and their wives apart; 13 17 Woe to the worthless shepherd that leaveth the The family of the house of Levi apart, and their wives flock! the sword shall be upon his arm, and upon his apart; the family of Shim'i apart, and their wives apart; right eye: his arm shall utterly wither, and his right 14 All the families that remain, every family apart by eve shall be completely blinded.

12 The prophecy of the word of the Lord concerning 13 On that day shall there be a fountain opened Israel, Saith the Lord, who stretcheth forth the Jerusalem, the spirit of grace and of supplications: my God. and they will look up toward me [for every one] whom they have thrust through, and they will lament for him, as one lamenteth for an only son, and weep

itself, and their wives apart.

to the house of David and to the inhabitants of heavens, and layeth the foundation of the earth, and Jerusalem, for cleansing from sin and for purification. formeth the spirit of man within him: 2 Behold, I 2 And it shall come to pass on that day, saith the Lord will make Jerusalem a cup of confusion unto all the of hosts, that I will cut off the names of the idols out people round about; and also against Judah, who will of the land, and they shall not be remembered any have to be at the siege against Jerusalem. 3 And more: and also the prophets and the unclean spirit it shall come to pass on that day that I will make will I remove out of the land. 3 And it shall come to Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all the people; all pass, if any one should yet prophesy, that his father that burden themselves with it shall be severely cut; and his mother who have begotten him shall say unto yet then will be gathered together against it all the him, Thou shalt not live; for falsely hast thou spoken nations of the earth. 4 On that day, saith the Lord, will in the name of the Lord: and his father and his mother I smite every horse with dizziness, and his rider with who have begotten him shall thrust him through when madness: but over the house of Judah will I open my he prophesieth. 4 And it shall come to pass on that eyes, while I will smite every horse of the people with day, that the prophets shall be ashamed every one blindness. 5 And the chiefs of Judah will say in their because of his vision, when he prophesieth; and they heart, A strong support for me are the inhabitants shall not clothe themselves with a hairy cloak in order of Jerusalem through the Lord of hosts their God. to deceive. 5 But he will say, I am no prophet, a man 6 On that day will I make the chiefs of Judah like that tilleth the ground am I; for some one hath taught a fire-hearth among the wood, and like a torch of me to keep cattle from my youth. 6 And should some fire among sheaves; and they shall devour on the one say unto him, What are these wounds between right hand and on the left all the people round about; thy hands? Then will he say, Those with which I have and Jerusalem shall be inhabited again in her own been wounded in the house of my [vicious] friends. 7 place, even in Jerusalem. 7 The Lord also will save Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, and against the tents of Judah first: in order that the glory of the the man whom I have associated with me, saith the house of David and the glory of the inhabitants of Lord of hosts: smite the shepherd, and the sheep Jerusalem shall not become boastful over Judah. shall be scattered; but I will turn my hand toward the 8 On that day will the Lord be a shield around the feeble ones. 8 And it shall come to pass, that in all inhabitants of Jerusalem: and the feeblest among the land, saith the Lord, two parts [of those] therein them shall be on that day like David; and the house shall be cut off, shall perish; but the third part shall be of David shall be like divine beings, like an angel of left therein. 9 And I will bring the third part into the the Lord before them. 9 And it shall come to pass on fire, and I will refine them as one refineth silver, and that day, that I will seek to destroy all the nations that will probe them as gold is probed: they will call on are come against Jerusalem. 10 But I will pour out my name, and I will answer their prayer; I will say, over the house of David, and over the inhabitants of They arc my people; and they will say. The Lord is

> 14 Behold, a day is coming unto the Lord. when thy spoil shall be divided in the midst of thee. 2 And I will assemble all the nations against Jerusalem

665 Zechariah other half of them toward the western sea: in summer more any trader in the house of the Lord of host. and in winter shall it be so. 9 And the Lord will be king over all the earth: on that day shall the Lord be [acknowledged] one, and his name be one. 10 All the land shall be changed as it were into a plain from Geba' to Rimmon to the south of Jerusalem; and she herself shall be elevated, and be inhabited on her former site, from the gate of Benjamin unto the place of the first gate, up to the corner gate, and from the tower of Chananel unto the king's wine-presses. 11 And men shall dwell in it, and no destruction shall any more take place; but Jerusalem shall be inhabited in safety. 12 And this shall be the plaque wherewith the Lord will afflict all the people that shall have come to battle against Jerusalem: The flesh of every one shall consume away while he standeth upon his feet, and his eyes shall consume away in their holes, and the tongue of every one shall consume away in his mouth. 13 And it shall come to pass on that day, that a great confusion from the Lord 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 also Judah will have to fight against Jerusalem: and there shall be gathered together the wealth of all the nations round about,

gold, and silver, and garments, in great abundance.

to battle; and the city shall be captured, and the 15 And thus shall be the plague of the horses, of the houses plundered, and the women ravished; and half mules, of the camels, and of the asses, and of all of the city shall go forth into exile, and the residue the beasts that will be in these camps, just like this of the people shall not be cut off from the city. 3 plaque. 16 And it shall come to pass, that every one Then will the Lord go forth, and fight against these that is left out of all the nations who will have come nations, as on the day when he fought on the day against Jerusalem, yea, these shall go up year by of battle. 4 And his feet will stand on that day upon year to bow down before the King, the Lord of hosts, the mount of Olives, which is before Jerusalem on and to celebrate the feast of tabernacles. 17 And it the east, and the mount of Olives shall be split in shall happen, that whoso will not come up out of the twain in its middle eastward and westward, making a families of the earth unto Jerusalem to bow down very great valley; and half of the mount shall remove before the King, the Lord of hosts, —even upon these northward, and half of it southward. 5 And ye shall there shall be no rain. 18 And if the family of Egypt go flee [from] the valley of my mountains; for the valley not up, and come not, then shall not [any rain fall] of the mountains shall reach unto Azal; and ye shall upon them also: this shall be the plaque, wherewith flee, just as ye fled from before the earthquake in the Lord will afflict the nations that will not come up to the days of 'Uzziyah the king of Judah: and then celebrate the feast of tabernacles. 19 This shall be the will come the Lord my God, and all the saints with punishment of Egypt, and the punishment of all the thee. 6 And it shall come to pass on that day, that nations that will not come up to celebrate the feast of there shall be no light, but fleeting light and thick tabernacles. 20 On that day shall [every thing], even darkness; 7 But it shall be one particular day which to the bells of the horses, be holy unto the Lord; and shall indeed be known as the Lord's, neither day nor the pots in the Lord's house shall be like the bowls night; but it shall come to pass, that at evening-time before the altar. 21 And every pot in Jerusalem and in there shall be light. 8 And it shall happen on that Judah shall be holy unto the Lord of hosts; and all day, that living waters shall go out from Jerusalem, those that sacrifice will come and take some of them, the half of them toward the eastern sea, and the and seethe therein: and on that day there shall be no

## Malachi

1 The prophecy of the word of the Lord to Israel by means of Malachi. 2 I have loved you, so hath said the Lord: vet ve say. Wherein hast thou loved I loved Jacob: 3 And Esau I hated: and I rendered his mountains a desert, and his heritage a dwelling for the monsters of the wilderness. 4 Should Edom even say. We are impoverished; but we will return and build the ruined places: thus hath said the Lord of hosts. They may indeed build, but I will surely throw down; and men shall call them, The territory of wickedness, and, The people against whom the Lord hath indignation to eternity. 5 And your eyes shall see it; and ve shall then say, The Lord will be magnified beyond the territory of Israel. 6 A son honoreth his father, and a servant his master: if then I be a father, where is my honor? and if I be a master, where is my fear? saith the Lord of hosts unto you. O priests. that despise my name; and ye say, wherein have we despised thy name? 7 Ye offer upon my altar polluted bread; and ye say, Wherein have we polluted thee? In that ye say. The table of the Lord is contemptible. 8 And if ve bring near the blind to sacrifice it, is this not evil? and if ve bring near the lame and the sick, is this not evil? do but present it unto thy governor, will he be pleased with thee, or receive thee with favor? saith the Lord of hosts. 9 And now, I pray you, beseech the presence of God that he may be gracious unto us: from your hand hath this thing come: will he receive one of you with favor? saith the Lord of hosts. 10 Oh that there were some one among you that would lock up the doors [of the sanctuary], that ye might not light up my altar for nought: I have no pleasure in you. saith the Lord of hosts, neither will I accept in favor an offering from your hand. 11 For from the rising of the sun even unto his going down my name is great among the nations; and in every place incense is burnt and there is offered unto my name, even a pure offering: for great is my name among the nations. saith the Lord of hosts. 12 But ye profane it, in that ye say. The table of the Lord is polluted, and by the assertion, Its food is contemptible. 13 And ye have said, Behold, what a wearisome task is it! and ye have left it to famish, saith the Lord of hosts; and ye have brought what was robbed, and the lame, and the sick, and thus ve have brought an offering: should I accept this in favor from your hand? saith the Lord.

a male, and voweth, and sacrificeth a corrupt thing unto the Lord; for I am a great king, saith the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared among the nations.

2 And now, this commandment is for you, O ye priests. 2 If ye will not hear, and if ye will not us? Is not Esau brother to Jacob? saith the Lord: yet lav it to heart, to give glory unto my name, saith the Lord of hosts: I will even send out against you a curse, and I will curse your blessings; yea, I will curse the same, because ye do not lay it to heart. 3 Behold, I will destroy unto you the seed, and spread dung upon your faces, even the dung of your festive offerings; and one shall take you away with it. 4 And ye shall thereby know that I have sent out unto you this commandment, that my covenant might be with Levi, saith the Lord of hosts. 5 My covenant was with him life and peace; and I gave them to him for the fear wherewith he feared me, and because of my name he had dread. 6 The law of truth was in his mouth, and falsehood was not found on his lips: in peace and equity he walked with me, and many did he turn away from iniquity. 7 For the priest's lips are ever to keep knowledge, and the law are they to seek from his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts. 8 But ye are indeed departed out of the way; ye have caused many to stumble in the law: ve have corrupted the covenant of the Levite. saith the Lord of hosts. 9 Therefore have I also made vou contemptible and low before all the people, in the same measure as ye do not keep my ways, but act with partiality in the law. 10 Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? [then] why shall we deal treacherously every man against his brother, to profane the covenant of our fathers? 11 Judah hath dealt treacherously, and an abomination hath been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem; for Judah hath profaned the sanctuary of the Lord which he loveth, and hath married the daughter of a strange god. 12 The Lord will cut off unto the man that doth this, son and grandson, out of the tents of Jacob, and him that bringeth near an offering unto the Lord of hosts. 13 And this do ye secondly, covering the altar of the Lord with tears, with weeping and with loud complaint, so that he turneth not any more his regard to the offerings, nor receiveth it with favor at your hand. 14 Yet ye say, Wherefore? Because the Lord hath been witness between thee and the wife of thy youth, against whom thou hast indeed dealt treacherously: yet is she thy companion, and the wife of thy covenant. 15 And not one doth so who hath 14 But cursed be the deceiver, who hath in his flock a remnant of a [good] spirit; for what desireth such

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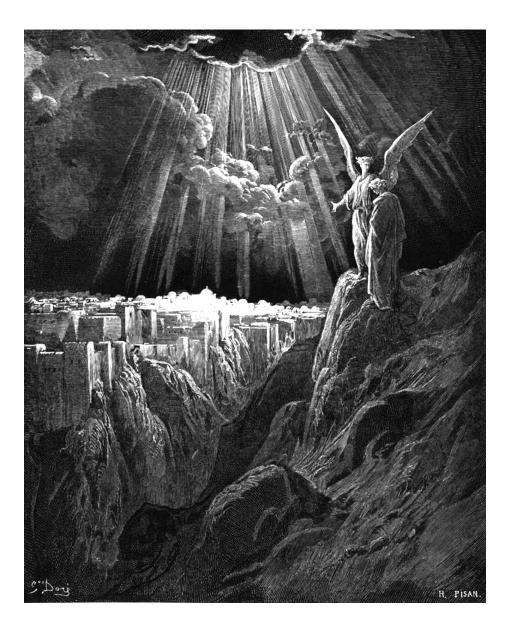
else, Where is the God of justice!

🔁 Behold, I will send my messenger, and he shall clear out the way before me: and suddenly will come to his temple the Lord, whom ve seek; and the messenger of the covenant, whom ye desire for, behold, he is coming, saith the Lord of hosts. 2 But who can sustain the day of his coming? and who can stand when he appeareth? for he is like the fire of the melter, and like the lye of the washers: 3 And he will sit as a melter and purifier of silver; and he will purify the sons of Levi, and refine them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and in curse. heave-offerings. 9 With the curse are ye cursed, and yet me do ye rob, O ye entire nation! 10 Bring ye all the tithes into the store-house, that there may be provision in my house, and prove me but herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open for you the windows of heaven, and pour out for you a blessing, until it be more than enough. 11 And I will rebuke for you the devourer, and he shall not destroy for you the fruit of the ground: and the vine shall not cast its fruit for you before the time in the field, saith the Lord of

a one? he seeketh [to possess] a godly posterity: hosts. 12 And all the nations shall call you blessed; for therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none of you ye shall be a land of delight, saith the Lord of hosts. deal treacherously against the wife of his youth. 16 13 Your words have been strong against me, saith the For he hateth putting away [the wife], so hath said Lord; but ye say, What have we spoken among us the Lord the God of Israel, and him who covereth against thee? 14 Ye have said, It is vain to serve God: his garment with violence, so hath said the Lord of and what profit is it that we have kept his charge, hosts: therefore take heed to your spirit, and deal not and that we have walked contritely before the Lord of treacherously. 17 Ye have wearied the Lord with your hosts? 15 And now we call the presumptuous happy: words: yet ye say, Wherein have we wearied him? By yea, built up are those that practise wickedness; yea, your saying, Every one that doth evil is good in the they have even tempted God and are [yet] suffered to eyes of the Lord, and in them he findeth delight; or escape. 16 Then conversed they that fear the Lord one with the other; and the Lord listened and heard it. and there was written a book of remembrance before him for those who fear the Lord, and for those who respect his name. 17 And they shall be mine, saith the Lord of hosts, on that day which I create as a special treasure: and I will spare them, as a man spareth his son that serveth him. 18 And ve shall return, and see the difference between the righteous and the wicked, between him that serveth God and him that hath not served him.

▲ For, behold, the day is coming, which shall burn as an oven; and all the presumptuous, yea, and in righteousness 4 And then shall be pleasant unto all who practise wickedness shall be stubble: and the the Lord the offerings of Judah and Jerusalem, as in day that is coming shall set them on fire, saith the the days of old, and as in former years. 5 And I will Lord of hosts, who will not leave them root or bough. come near unto you to [hold] judgment; and I will be 2 But there shall rise unto you that fear my name the a swift witness against the sorcerers, and against the sun of righteousness with healing in his wings: and adulterers, and against those that swear falsely, and ye will go forth, and grow fat as calves of the stall. against those that withhold the wages of the hired 3 And ve will tread down the wicked; for they shall laborer, [oppress] the widow, and the fatherless, and be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day that do injustice to the stranger, and fear me not, that I create, saith the Lord of hosts. 4 Remember ye saith the Lord of hosts. 6 For I the Lord, —I have the law of Moses my servant, whom I commanded not changed: and ye sons of Jacob—ye have not on Horeb for all Israel, statutes and ordinances. 5 ceased to be. 7 From the days of your fathers did Behold, I send unto you Elijah the prophet before ye depart from my statutes, and did not keep them; the coming of the day of the Lord, the great and the return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the dreadful. 6 And he shall turn back the heart of the Lord of hosts; but ye say, Wherein shall we return? fathers to the children, and the heart of the children 8 Can a man rob God, that ye will rob me? But ye to their fathers: lest I come and smite the earth with a

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### The New Jerusalem

"I saw the holy city, New Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared like a bride adorned for her husband. I heard a loud voice out of heaven saying, 'Behold, God's dwelling is with people, and he will dwell with them, and they will be his people,

and God himself will be with them as their God."

Revelation 21:2-3

# Reader's Guide

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The Aionian Bible republishes public domain and Creative Common Bible texts that are 100% free to copy and print. The original translation is unaltered and notes are added to help your study. The notes show the location of eleven special Greek and Hebrew Aionian Glossary words to help us better understand God's love for individuals and for all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies.

Who has the authority to interpret the Bible and examine the underlying Hebrew and Greek words? That is a good question! We read in 1 John 2:27, "As for you, the anointing which you received from him remains in you, and you do not need for anyone to teach you. But as his anointing teaches you concerning all things, and is true, and is no lie, and even as it taught you, you remain in him." Every Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible! Now that does not mean we will all agree. Each of us is still growing in our understanding of the truth. However, it does mean that there is no infallible human or tradition to answer all our questions. Instead the Holy Spirit helps each of us to know the truth and grow closer to God and each other.

The Bible is a library with 66 books in the Protestant Canon. The best way to learn God's word is to read entire books. Read the book of Genesis. Read the book of John. Read the entire Bible library. Topical studies and cross-referencing can be good. However, the safest way to understand context and meaning is to read whole Bible books. Chapter and verse numbers were added for convenience in the 16th century, but unfortunately they can cause the Bible to seem like an encyclopedia. The Aionian Bible is formatted with simple verse numbering, minimal notes, and no cross-referencing in order to encourage the reading of Bible books.

Bible reading must also begin with prayer. Any Christian is qualified to interpret the Bible with God's help. However, this freedom is also a responsibility because without the Holy Spirit we cannot interpret accurately. We read in 1 Corinthians 2:13-14, "And we speak of these things, not with words taught by human wisdom, but with those taught by the Spirit, comparing spiritual things with spiritual things. Now the natural person does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him, and he cannot understand them, because they are spiritually discerned." So we cannot understand in our natural self, but we can with God's help through prayer.

The Holy Spirit is the best writer and he uses literary devices such as introductions, conclusions, paragraphs, and metaphors. He also writes various genres including historical narrative, prose, and poetry. So Bible study must spiritually discern and understand literature. Pray, read, observe, interpret, and apply. Finally, "Do your best to present yourself approved by God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, properly handling the word of truth." 2 Timothy 2:15. "God has granted to us his precious and exceedingly great promises; that through these you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world by lust. Yes, and for this very cause adding on your part all diligence, in your faith supply moral excellence; and in moral excellence, knowledge; and in knowledge, self-control; and in self-control patience; and in patience godliness; and in godliness brotherly affection; and in brotherly affection, love. For if these things are yours and abound, they make you to be not idle nor unfruitful to the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ," 2 Peter 1:4-8.

# **Glossary**

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The Aionian Bible un-translates and instead transliterates eleven special words to help us better understand the extent of God's love for individuals and all mankind, and the nature of afterlife destinies. The original translation is unaltered and a note is added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. Compare the meanings below to the Strong's Concordance and Glossary definitions.

#### Abyssos g12

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 9 times in 3 books, 6 chapters, and 9 verses

Meaning:

Temporary prison for special fallen angels such as Apollyon, the Beast, and Satan.

**aïdios** g126 Greek: adjective

Usage: 2 times in Romans 1:20 and Jude 6

Meaning:

Lasting, enduring forever, eternal.

**aiōn** g165 Greek: noun

Usage: 127 times in 22 books, 75 chapters, and 102 verses

Meaning:

A lifetime or time period with a beginning and end, an era, an age, the completion of which is beyond human perception, but known only to God the creator of the aions, Hebrews 1:2. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

#### **aiōnios** g166 Greek: adjective

Usage: 71 times in 19 books, 44 chapters, and 69 verses

Meaning:

From start to finish, pertaining to the age, lifetime, entirety, complete, or even consummate. Never meaning simple endless or infinite chronological time in Koine Greek usage. Read Dr. Heleen Keizer and Ramelli and Konstan for proofs.

#### **eleēsē** g1653

Greek: verb, aorist tense, active voice, subjunctive mood, 3rd person singular

Usage: 1 time in this conjugation, Romans 11:32

Meaning:

To have pity on, to show mercy. Typically, the subjunctive mood indicates possiblity, not certainty. However, a subjunctive in a purpose clause is a resulting action as certain as the causal action. The subjunctive in a purpose clause functions as an indicative, not an optative. Thus, the grand conclusion of grace theology in Romans 11:32 must be clarified. God's mercy on all is not a possibility, but a certainty. See <a href="https://documercy.new.org.">ntgreek.org</a>.

## Geenna g1067

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 12 times in 4 books, 7 chapters, and 12 verses

Meaning:

Valley of Hinnom, Jerusalem's trash dump, a place of ruin, destruction, and judgment in this life, or the next, though not eternal to Jesus' audience.

#### Hadēs q86

Greek: proper noun, place

Usage: 11 times in 5 books, 9 chapters, and 11 verses

Meaning:

Synonomous with Sheol, though in New Testament usage Hades is the temporal place of punishment for deceased unbelieving mankind, distinct from Paradise for deceased believers.

# **Limnē Pyr** g3041 g4442

Greek: proper noun, place

*Usage:* Phrase 5 times in the New Testament

Meaning:

Lake of Fire, final punishment for those not named in the Book of Life, prepared for the Devil and his angels, Matthew 25:41.

#### **Sheol** h7585

Hebrew: proper noun, place

Usage: 66 times in 17 books, 50 chapters, and 64 verses

Meaning:

The grave or temporal afterlife world of both the righteous and unrighteous, believing and unbelieving, until the general resurrection.

## **Tartaroō** q5020

Greek: proper noun, place Usage: 1 time in 2 Peter 2:4

Meaning:

Temporary prison for particular fallen angels awaiting final judgment.

# **Glossary** +

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Glossary references are below. Strong's Hebrew and Greek number notes are added to 64 Old Testament and 200 New Testament verses. Questioned verse translations do not contain Aionian Glossary words and may wrongly imply *eternal* or *Hell*. \* The note placement is skipped or adjusted for verses with non-standard numbering.

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Ephesians 3:21

Ephesians 6:12

Philippians 4:20

 Matthew 13:22
 Galatians 1:4

 Matthew 13:39
 Galatians 1:5

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 Matthew 28:20
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Jude 1:21

Romans 11:32

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Matthew 5:22 Matthew 5:29 Matthew 5:30 Matthew 10:28 Matthew 18:9 Matthew 23:15 Matthew 23:33 Mark 9:43 Mark 9:45 Mark 9:47 Luke 12:5 James 3:6

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Matthew 11:23
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# Revelation 20:14 **Limnē Pyr**

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#### Sheol

Genesis 37:35 Genesis 42:38 Genesis 44:29 Genesis 44:31 Numbers 16:30 Numbers 16:33 Deuteronomy 32:22 1 Samuel 2:6 2 Samuel 22:6 1 Kings 2:6 1 Kings 2:9 Job 7:9 Job 11:8 Job 14:13 Job 17:13 Job 17:16 Job 21:13 Job 24:19 Job 26:6 Psalms 6:5 Psalms 9:17 Psalms 16:10 Psalms 18:5 Psalms 30:3 Psalms 31:17 Psalms 49:14 Psalms 49:15 Psalms 55:15 Psalms 86:13

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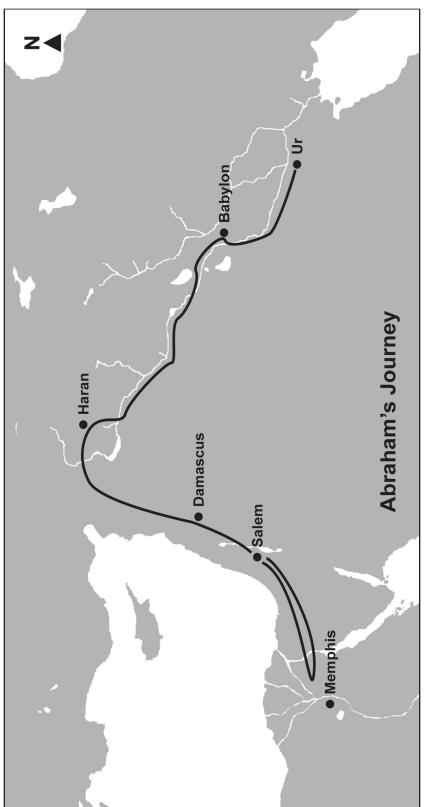
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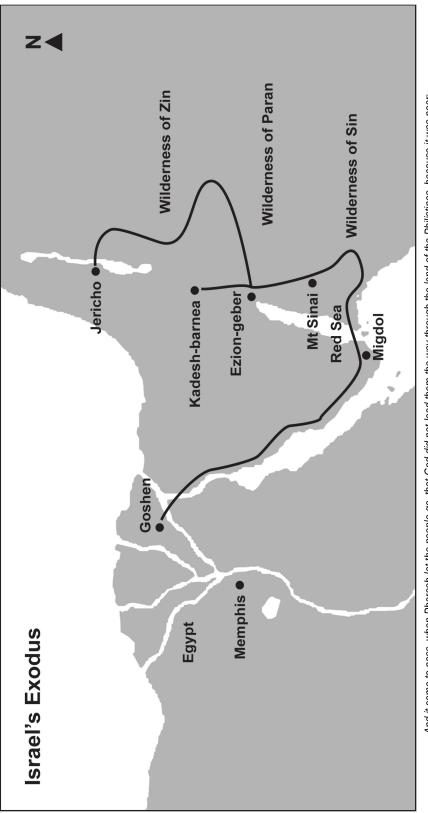
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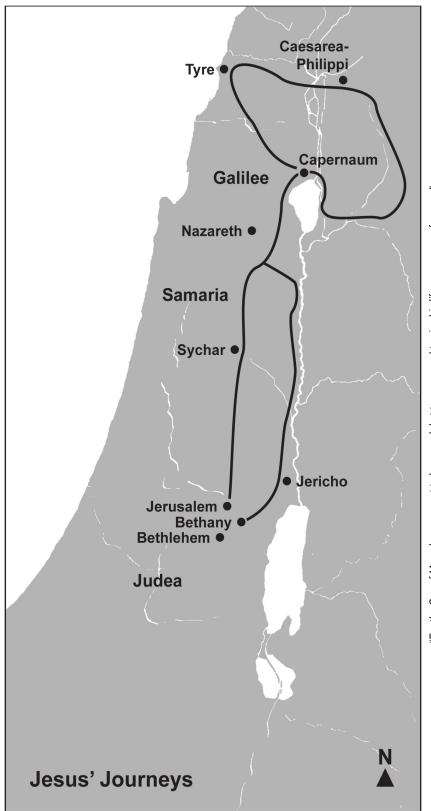
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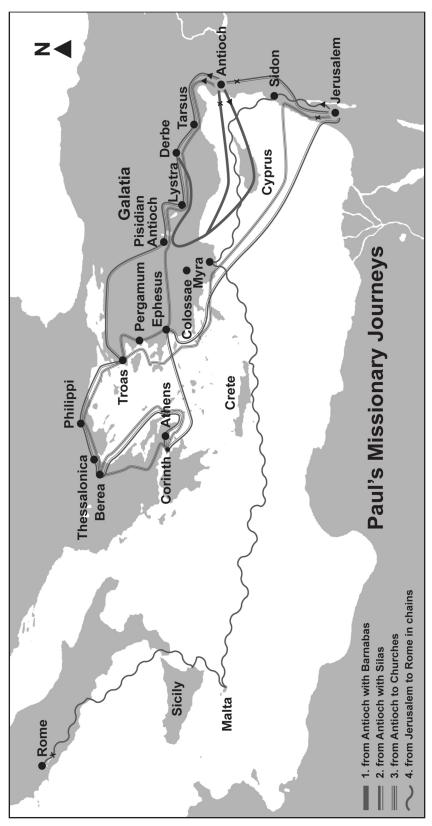
"By faith, Abraham, when he was called, obeyed to go out to the place which he was to receive for an inheritance. He went out, not knowing where he went" Hebrews 11:8



And it came to pass, when Pharaoh let the people go, that God did not lead them the way through the land of the Philistines, because it was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and return to Egypt. - Exodus 13:17



"For the Son of Man also came not to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many"



"Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the Good News of God"

Romans 1:1

# Creation 4004 B.C.

Adam and Eve created	4004	
Tubal-cain forges metal	3300	
<b>Enoch walks with God</b>	3017	
Methuselah dies at age 969	2349	
God floods the Earth	2349	
Tower of Babel thwarted	2247	
Abraham sojourns to Canaan	1922	
Jacob moves to Egypt	1706	
Moses leads Exodus from Egypt	1491	
Gideon judges Israel	1245	
Ruth embraces the God of Israel	1168	
David installed as King	1055	
King Solomon builds the Temple	1018	
Elijah defeats Baal's prophets	896	
Jonah preaches to Nineveh	800	
Assyrians conquer Israelites	721	
King Josiah reforms Judah	630	
Babylonians capture Judah	605	
Persians conquer Babylonians	539	
<b>Cyrus frees Jews, rebuilds Temple</b>	537	
Nehemiah rebuilds the wall	454	
Malachi prophecies the Messiah	416	
Greeks conquer Persians	331	
Seleucids conquer Greeks	312	
Hebrew Bible translated to Greek	250	
Maccabees defeat Seleucids	165	
Romans subject Judea	63	
Herod the Great rules Judea	37	,

Jesus Christ born 4 B.C.

(The Annals of the World, James Uusher)

# **New Heavens and Earth**



Resurrected 33 A.D.

What are we?		Genesis 1:26 - 2:3		
How are we sinful?		Romans 5:12-19		
Where are we?		Innocence		
		4	Eternity Past	Creation 4004 B.C.
Who are we?		Father	John 10:30	
	God	Son	God's perfect fellowship	Genesis 1:31  God's perfect fellowship with Adam in The Garden of Eden
		Holy Spirit		
		Living		
	Mankind	Deceased believing		
		Deceased unbelieving		
	Angels	Holy	Genesis 1:1  No Creation  No people	
		Imprisoned		Genesis 1:31 No Fall No unholy Angels
		Fugitive		
		First Beast		
		False Prophet		
		Satan		
Why are we?		Romans 11:25-36, Ephesian 2:7		

Mankind is created in God's image, male and female He created us

Sin entered the world through Adam and then death through sin

When are we?					
	Fallen			Glory	
Fall to sin No Law	Moses' Law 1500 B.C.	Christ 33 A.D.	Church Age Kingdom Age	New Heavens and Earth	
1 Timothy 6:16 Living in unapproachable light				Acts 3:21	
John 8:58 Pre-incarna	ate	John 1:14 Incarnate	Luke 23:43 Paradise	Philippians 2:11 Revelation 20:3	
	Psalm 139:7 John 14:17 Everywhere Living in believers			God's perfectly	
Ephesians 2:1-5 Serving the Savior or Satan on Earth			restored fellowship with all Mankind praising Christ as Lord in the Holy City		
Luke 16:22 Blessed in Paradise					
Luke 16:23, Revelation 20:5,13 Punished in Hades until the final judgment					
Hebrews 1:14 Serving mankind at God's command					
2 Peter 2:4, Jude 6 Imprisoned in Tartarus					
1 Peter 5:8, Revelation 12:10  Rebelling against Christ Accusing mankind		Revelation 20:13 Thalaasa	Matthew 25:41 Revelation 20:10		
		Revelation 19:20 Lake of Fire	Lake of Fire prepared for the Devil and his Angels		
		Revelation 20:2 Abyss	, 11g010		

For God has bound all over to disobedience in order to show mercy to all

# **Destiny**

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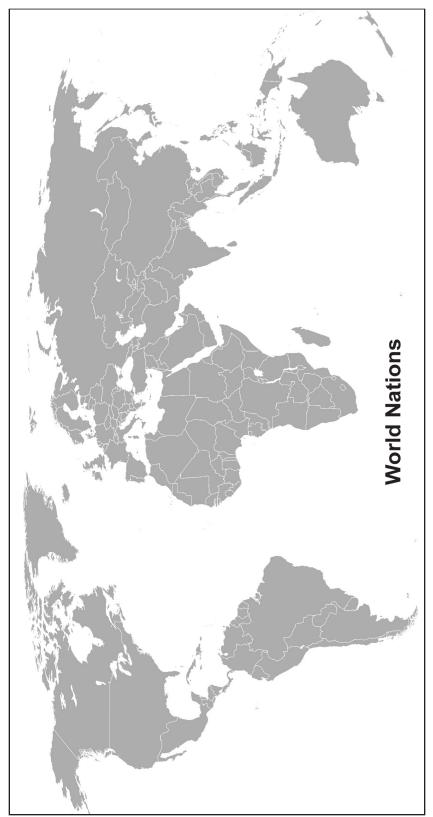
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The key observation is that fallen angels will be present at the final judgment, 2 Peter 2:4 and Jude 6. Traditionally, we understand the separation of the Sheep and the Goats at the final judgment to divide believing from unbelieving mankind, Matthew 25:31-46 and Revelation 20:11-15. However, the presence of fallen angels alternatively suggests that Jesus is separating redeemed mankind from the fallen angels. We do know that Jesus is the helper of mankind and not the helper of the Devil, Hebrews 2. We also know that Jesus has atoned for the sins of all mankind, both believer and unbeliever alike, 1 John 2:1-2. Deceased believers are rewarded in Paradise, Luke 23:43, while unbelievers are punished in Hades as the story of Lazarus makes plain, Luke 16:19-31. Yet less commonly known, the punishment of this selfish man and all unbelievers is before the final judgment, is temporal, and is punctuated when Hades is evacuated, Revelation 20:13. So is there hope beyond Hades for unbelieving mankind? Jesus promised, "the gates of Hades will not prevail," Matthew 16:18. Paul asks, "Hades where is your victory?" 1 Corinthians 15:55. John wrote, "Hades gives up," Revelation 20:13.

Jesus comforts us saying, "Do not be afraid," because he holds the keys to unlock death and Hades, Revelation 1:18. Yet too often our Good News sounds like a warning to "be afraid" because Jesus holds the keys to lock Hades! Wow, we have it backwards! Hades will be evacuated! And to guarrantee hope, once emptied, Hades is thrown into the Lake of Fire, never needed again, Revelation 20:14.

Finally, we read that anyone whose name is not written in the Book of Life is thrown into the Lake of Fire, the second death, with no exit ever mentioned or promised, Revelation 21:1-8. So are those evacuated from Hades then, "out of the frying pan, into the fire?" Certainly, the Lake of Fire is the destiny of the Goats. But, do not be afraid. Instead, read the Bible's explicit mention of the purpose of the Lake of Fire and the identity of the Goats, "Then he will say also to those on the left hand, 'Depart from me, you cursed, into the consummate fire which is prepared for... the devil and his angels," Matthew 25:41. Bad news for the Devil. Good news for all mankind!

Faith is not a pen to write your own name in the Book of Life. Instead, faith is the glasses to see that the love of Christ for all mankind has already written our names in Heaven. Jesus said, "You did not choose me, but I chose you," John 15:16. Though unbelievers will suffer regrettable punishment in Hades, redeemed mankind will never enter the Lake of Fire, prepared for the devil and his angels. And as God promised, all mankind will worship Christ together forever, Philippians 2:9-11.



"Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit" Matthew 28:19